

Appeals denied, missionaries go from Lebanon

The U. S. government has again turned down appeals that Southern Baptist missionaries be allowed to keep working in Lebanon.

"To allow the people to stay over there on valid passports would not really be consistent with our responsibilities to safeguard the safety and lives of U. S. citizens," State Department official William Wharton said Mar. 3. Wharton is the department's director of citizen appeals.

The U. S. ban on travel and residence there will remain in effect for one year, after which it will be reviewed and either lifted or renewed. "We're always hopeful that we might be able to lift the ban," he said, "but I have no information as to when that might occur."

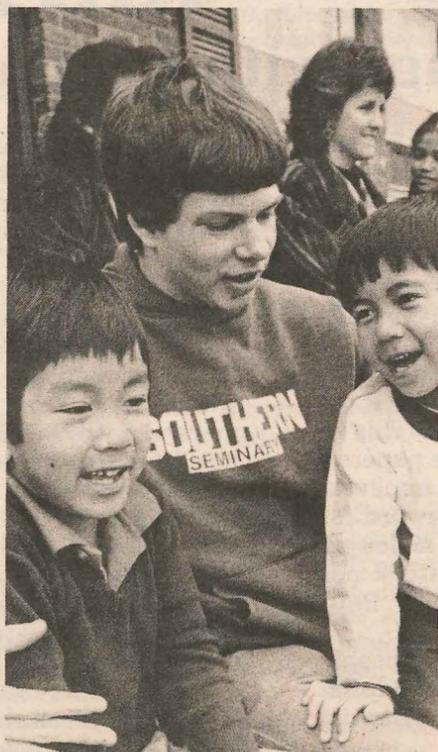
Groups of Southern Baptist missionaries in Lebanon already were departing for Cyprus in late February and early March.

Wharton reported the State Department had received "quite a few" appeals from American humanitarian and religious workers in Lebanon for exemption from the U. S. government's Jan. 28 order that all Americans leave the embattled country. All such appeals have been turned down, he said.

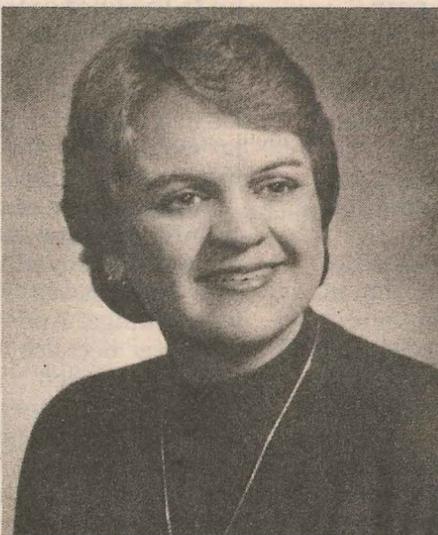
Wharton said the government does recognize the valuable work done by American missionaries in Lebanon but repeated the State Department's refusal to risk more kidnappings or deaths of U. S. citizens in Beirut.

In applying for exemption, Southern Baptist missionaries insisted most of their work was carried out in the relative safety of Christian East Beirut and asked for the right to make their own decisions about personal risk in service to God and the Lebanese people.

Their applications were turned down Feb. 12. R. Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board, then appealed directly to President Reagan, asking that a skeleton force of 13 missionaries be allowed to remain. The White House forwarded the appeal to the State Department. (BP)



LIFE COMMITMENT MONTH is scheduled in many Southern Baptist churches in April. Tim Nichols, a freshman at Anderson (S. C.) College, feels God is calling him into children's or youth ministry. Here he sings "Jesus Loves Me" with David Smithong (l) and Phonet Chittavong, who attend the Baptist Mission Center in Spartanburg, S. C., where Nichols was a summer missionary last summer and now works with Laotian children and youth.



Cathy Howle resigns from state WMU staff

Cathy Howle, Acteens/Campus Baptist Young Women consultant for Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Kentucky Baptist Convention, is resigning effective Mar. 31.

Miss Howle plans to work with exceptional children.

She was Acteens consultant and camp director from Sept. 1, 1979 to Nov. 1, 1985 when she began her present position.

Miss Howle spoke with warmth of her years with Acteens, emphasizing the positive impact of today's missions program.

She reflected upon memories of Camp Cedar Crest with the Acteens and their leaders, taking pride in their spiritual growth during her years as director.

Miss Howle took the opportunity to thank the of people who have given meaning and direction to her work in WMU.

"I will be praying for you," she said.

BJCPA panel okays membership changes

by Stan Haste

Alterations in the size and composition of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs moved a step closer to actuality Mar. 2 as the executive committee of the Washington-based agency approved a necessary bylaw change. Final approval of the proposal is expected when the full Baptist Joint Committee meets in October.

A key component of the new representation formula is an increased Southern Baptist presence on the committee charged by eight cooperating U. S. Baptist bodies with monitoring religious liberty and separation of church and state.

The number of Southern Baptists on the BJCPA will rise from 15 to 18 under the new plan. According to a formula approved by the SBC Executive Committee last month, the SBC representatives will be the SBC president, the president of the Executive Committee, the presidents of the Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Annuity Board and Sunday School Board, and 12 at-large members elected by messengers at the annual convention. In addition, the executive director of the SBC Christian Life Commission will be an ex-officio, non-voting member. The new formula must be approved by messengers to this year's SBC meeting in St. Louis.

At present the 15 Southern Baptists on the BJCPA include the convention president, nine heads of denominational agencies and five at-large members.

A proposal to alter the size and composition of the Public Affairs Committee emerged from last year's SBC meeting in Atlanta, where the SBC committee on boards asked the SBC Executive Committee to study the matter and recommend changes. The proposal later was assigned to a fact-finding committee that has spent the last nine months conducting an investigation of the BJCPA.

More than a year before those actions, however, the BJCPA appointed a three-person task force to recommend changes in representation from all eight member bodies. Last October the full committee approved that panel's recommendation, including that of increasing the number of Southern Baptists from 15 to 18.

Other features of the new representation plan include a provision that no proxy voting is to be permitted in the future and that no participating body may have more than one-third of the total membership. Overall, the new plan provides for up to 54 members.

Besides the SBC, other member bodies

given additional seats on the committee are the Baptist General Conference, from its present to three to eight, and the North American Baptist Conference, from three to six.

Those losing seats will be the American Baptist Churches, from 15 to nine, and all three participating black bodies. Both the National Baptist Convention of America and the National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Inc. will lose members, from the present allotment of 15 seats each to three and one, respectively. The Progressive National Baptist Convention will drop from five to three. The Seventh Day Baptist General Conference also will drop, from three to one.

The new formula is based both on membership and financial contributions, with the incentive that smaller groups may increase their representation by contributing larger amounts.

In other action, the BJCPA Executive Committee approved a proposed 1987-88 budget of \$632,625. Of that amount, 71 percent is anticipated from the SBC Cooperative Program, with another five percent coming from the Southern Baptist Foundation on earnings from a capital fund.

These figures follow a pattern in recent fiscal years of a slight percentage decrease in SBC contributions as compared to those of the other member bodies. Two of the other bodies—the Baptist General Conference and the North American Baptist Conference—outdistance the SBC in per-capita gifts to the BJCPA. (BP)

Spring Conferences Scheduled in State

Important conferences are set for Cedarmore, Jonathan Creek and Georgetown College during March and April, according to John Lepper, director of the Family Ministry and Church Administration Department of the KBC.

The first is a Single Adult Retreat at Cedarmore Mar. 20-22 with Anne Davis (Southern Seminary) and Edna Woofter (Baptist Homes for Children) as speakers. Another single adult conference is set for Jonathan Creek Apr. 10-11.

The second conference will be held at Georgetown College Mar. 16-17 and is billed as "a Southern Baptist emphasis designed to bring new joy and vitality to the preaching task."

The conference is called Preach the Word in Love and Power and will feature Jon Stubblefield, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville; Charles Page, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.; Raymond Bailey, professor of preaching at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; James Berry, consultant in the Church Administration Department, BSSB; Jim Cordell, associate in the Church Music Department, KBC; and Lepper.

Further information is available from Lepper at the KBC, P. O. Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243.

Hull named provost at Samford University

William E. Hull, a Southern Baptist pastor and former provost of Southern Seminary, has been named provost of Samford University, Birmingham, Ala.

A Samford graduate and Birmingham native, Hull will assume the position at the Baptist university June 1.

Hull has been pastor of First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., since 1975 and was on the staff of Southern Seminary from 1958-75. (BP)

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Using tags with brothers

In early meetings of the Peace Committee discussion centered around what to call members of the factions operating in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Out of those discussions the terms "Fundamental/Conservative" and "Moderate/Conservative" emerged. These were not terms the Peace Committee adopted nor did they suggest these terms be used by anyone. However, no other designation seemed appropriate so Baptist Press adopted the Fundamental/Conservative terminology. This in turn was picked up by the Baptist state papers.

Now, after many months of usage it is apparent the terms are offensive to some and awkward for others. Therefore Western Recorder will no longer use the terms Fundamental/Conservative nor Moderate/Conservative to describe fellow Baptists.

Fundamental is perceived by some of our people as a bad word when applied to a Southern Baptist and we do not intend to demean any of our Baptist people nor insult anyone.

Moderate does not seem to carry such a negative connotation, but what is good for the goose is good for the gander, so both will be dropped from the lexicon of Western Recorder.

We wish no terms were necessary. Yet there are divisions among us and our people are in at least two different camps and some differentiation must be made at times to clarify the issues being debated. What are we to do about this?

Our solution is to use the terms Conservative and Moderate when we feel it is necessary to use any term at all. We will continue to use Baptist Press terminology whenever we print material which comes from Baptist Press but this will be marked with the BP logo so you will know this is not Western Recorder making designations or identifying people. All of us pray the day will come when we refer to each other as brothers and sisters, fellow Christians and find no need for tags of any kind. That day has not come. We will make every attempt to treat all persons with respect and will not knowingly use any terminology which would demean any brother or sister in Christ.

We would like to hear from you on this matter. If you have ideas about this dilemma which would help us be more accountable to all Baptists or suggestions on how we can better serve the cause of peace in our Baptist family we would welcome a word from you.

Lord, teach us to pray

Those words set forth the only thing the Disciples requested Jesus to teach them.

They did not ask to be taught how to witness, nor to endure hardship, nor how to share their possessions. They asked to be taught to pray.

It has been said the Disciples made this request because they recognized the power of Jesus came from his prayer life. Perhaps that is true for surely the prayer life of Jesus enriched his spirit and strengthened his purpose to be what God meant him to be. I believe they made such a request because there is power in prayer and those first followers of Jesus knew that.

In 1958 I had my first contact with L. W. Carlin, beloved pastor of Bellview Baptist Church in Paducah. This brother was 35 years my senior and had 40 years more experience in ministry than I had. I thank God that even in my youth I was smart enough to know I could learn from someone who had been down the road.

I learned the power of prayer from Brother Carlin. I had fallen into the religious language trap so many of us adopt. I had told people, "I will pray for you," or "I have you on my prayer list," or "I am praying for you." When in reality I did not always do that for I simply would forget to whom I had made those pious remarks.

Not so L. W. Carlin. I had heard him tell many people he would pray for them or that he was praying for them and I assumed he was just being nice. Until I had opportunity to visit his study. Scraps of paper were everywhere. On the desk. On the floor. Shoved into cracks in the bookcase. On each scrap of paper was a name and often some notation, such as, "Her son is lost," or "His father is sick," or "He needs a job."

When I asked Brother Carlin about those scraps of paper he told me those names were people for whom he was praying and each day he would gather up all the little pieces of paper and hold up to the Lord each person whose name was written on those scraps.

Needless to say this man was a beloved pastor and a respected man throughout the community. He had learned to pray and when he told someone he would pray for them, they knew he was not just making religious conversation.

Perhaps some of the power to be like Christ and to influence our world toward God would come to us if we prayed like that. God has promised to hear and answer. He has commanded us to pray in all things. And all of us know there is power in prayer because we have both seen it in others and experienced it in our own life.

Perhaps the most barren desert in our spiritual life is in the matter of prayer. We talk about it. We study about it. We commend it to others. Yet how many of us take seriously the opportunity to lay hold of the power of God through prayer?

Our abysmal baptism record, our constant squabbling among ourselves and our lack of power to shape the culture of our day all speak of a lack of spiritual depth and power. Perhaps it is because we have not learned to pray.

Jesus took the Disciples seriously and taught them how to have the power of God. Is it possible he could and wants to do the same for us? I believe he does if we are willing to walk with him in the discipline of prayer.

L. W. Carlin did and though he has gone to be with the Lord, his memory and influence will never die because he was a man of spiritual power who had learned to pray.

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Disturbed at what is happening

I write in regard to several things that have been bothering me for a long time.

I have been pastoring for 13 years in Graves County Association. I graduated from Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College.

Number one is the fact that God's people are ignoring the scripture according to God's word. Women are being ordained and given places of authority contrary to I Tim. 2:11.

Number two, we are fast going away from letting the Holy Spirit direct in calling a pastor to a church. I am hearing reports of directors of missions trying to place so-called qualified men in churches. If this is so, we are becoming like the Methodist and other religious organizations that practice this. I have always been proud of the name Baptist and what it stood for. Let us continue to lift Jesus and his word by being what we are supposed to be. If anyone doesn't like what we are built on let them get out and go their own way.

Third, let us join together as a denomination in prayer and fellowship and accomplish what God wants done, that is to win the lost. Education won't do it. Modernism won't do it. Holy Spirit filled and led people will.

Michael B. Farmer, pastor
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
Hickory

1984 resolution not biblical

A letter in the Jan. 27 Western Recorder about the Home Mission Board and women pastors referred to the 1984 resolution stating that "we interpret the Bible to say that women should not fulfill a pastoral or deacon leadership role."

I want to address two of the many issues raised.

The first is the curious policy implied in the letter. If the HMB is bound by a resolution, then, by implication, all agencies are bound by resolutions. There is some logic in distinguishing between a church's and an agency's relationship to resolutions. But what of the next logical step? Do we really expect all SBC agencies to "jump at the beck and call" of resolutions? Resolutions only express the general attitude of a simple majority of messengers and they, in theory, represent only themselves. If resolutions are made binding then we are leaving ourselves open to having agencies dictated to by any majority every year.

The other issue is "deacon leadership role." The core texts relating to deacons are Acts 6 and I Tim. 3. The word "deacon" comes from the Greek "diakonos" which refers to those who run errands, cook, wait table and do other menial chores. They are servants.

Until the early 1900s Baptists had many women deacons. When the diaconate became a high status office of leadership and administration the number of women declined. Recently the biblical model has been rediscovered and the number of women deacons is increasing.

It seems to me our early and recent history is far closer to Rom. 16:1 than the 1984 resolution. "But I commend you Phoebe, our sister, being diakonos of the assembly at Cenchrea."

Larry Riedinger
Louisville

Baptist Alliance comes to Kentucky

After a long and sober look at the continuing fundamentalist takeover of the SBC, a group of courageous Baptist leaders launched the Southern Baptist Alliance.

The SBA is being organized nationally with affiliate chapters in each state. The Kentucky Baptist Alliance will hold its first informational meeting Thursday, March 19 at Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville. All interested persons (ministers and laypeople) are invited to attend.

The time has arrived to create a loyal but prophetic opposition within Southern Baptist life. The primary goal of SBA is to keep our historic Baptist principles in the forefront of the SBC dialogue. The SBA will provide SBC moderates a platform for expression that is increasingly denied within the convention.

Let it be clear the SBA does not advocate nor does it anticipate advocating the diversion of Cooperative Program funds or mission offerings.

The SBA pledges cooperation with those leaders and structures, both in Kentucky and elsewhere, already attempting to generate a representative turnout of messengers for the St. Louis convention.

It is my hope that you will pray earnestly regarding your posture in our current denominational crisis. People all over the SBC are taking a public stand against the abuse of our great denomination by joining the Southern Baptist Alliance. Can you do any less?

James W. Watkins
Taylorsville

SBTS receives fundamentalist

Labeling is a routine occurrence in Southern Baptist life and one must decide to use or be abused by the system. When individuals choose labels for themselves they often reduce the risk of being misunderstood.

Thus stated, I am an inerrantist fundamentalist conservative and have been active in the convention for eight years. I also am tenaciously loyal to the SBC and a student at Southern Seminary. It is from this platform that I speak concerning my seminary experience.

No professor or student was allowed to speculate my position; I made certain they knew it. Suffering from "martyr syndrome," I attended classes and chapel with an argumentative, critical spirit. The following experiences are indicative of what I found my first year at Southern. (1) Instead of resisting me instructors asked me to make conservative presentations to the class. (2) When doing an exegesis on Balaam's speaking donkey I informed the professor I believed the historicity of such passages. He said, "That's all right, begin where you are and deal with the text." (3) I even found Dale Moody and told him I was from a fundamentalist background. To my surprise he said loudly, "That's the best background to come from!"

On record I must say no professor has intimidated, insulted or used me as an object of ridicule in class, though I have deserved it often. To say I have been treated with integrity leaves too much unsaid. I have not been treated, I have been received; there is a difference. I have not been shown integrity but rather love in abundance.

I realize there will be those who refuse to believe even when confronted with

insurmountable evidence. Unfortunately, like me, these confuse skepticism with fundamentalism. In lieu of the blatant mistrust prevailing throughout our convention I can only join in the chorus sung by Nathaniel, the angel at the empty tomb and the Samaritan woman, "Come and see!"

Keith Garris
Louisville

Let us support chosen SBC leaders

As a grassroots Southern Baptist I was appalled to read the letter about the so-called "heretical conservative entity" in a recent edition of Baptist Forum.

It seems to me the pastor who wrote the article has lost all faith in the messengers of the SBC. He stated that leaders elected for the past eight years are not Southern Baptists. I beg to differ! One of the things that sets the SBC apart is the *people* has an active voice. We are not like some groups that have every action dictated to them.

So what about the Genesis Commission? If the leaders intend to divert money that is going to the Cooperative Program, I hope they do not succeed; however, if they are interested in telling the lost about Jesus, then praise the Lord!

I haven't read any negative comments thus far about the newly formed Southern Baptist Alliance. What is the purpose of this group? Do they intend to try to take control of the messengers who are elected to the SBC each year? It has become increasingly clear the past eight years that the voice of this convention has been heard. Let us resolve to quit bickering and to support those that have been chosen to lead us. Maybe it is not too late for us to unite together and accomplish what we as Southern Baptists call *Bold Mission Thrust*.

Dwight D. Bond, pastor
Bellview Baptist Church
Elkton

Hollywood teaches evil lessons

As we enter 1987 let us count the ways we are wiser than we were 100 years ago.

Hollywood, a source of much of our learning, is 100 years old this month. It is surely the greatest institution known, recognized world-wide as the leader of fashionable dress as well as fashionable behavior. It is going all out to celebrate, as it should.

In just 100 years Hollywood has taught our nation that to smoke is the height of sophistication, premarital sex is the only way to go and that marriage was passe. We were slow to learn that cigarettes kill, premarital sex has created a disease that will soon equal the great plagues of the last century. But the lesson to disregard marriage as a God given gift could well be the costliest lesson yet. It has placed 54 percent of the children in America in single parent homes.

It is fashionable and glamorous for rich and famous movie stars to make the headlines with their love child. The glamor ends when the less wealthy unwed mother finds herself and her fatherless child on welfare, living in poverty, many times with little hope for a decent future. What does Hollywood have in store for the next 100 years? Where were you and I as Christians in a Christian nation while these lessons were so well taught?

Virginia Crowe
Winchester



Leon Simpson
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clear creek comment

Happy Purim

Purim is one of the most exciting holidays celebrated in the Jewish community. It is celebrated in March and commemorates the victory of Esther and Mordecai over wicked Haman.

Today in Jewish synagogues when the *Megillah* (the Book of Esther) is read, the sounds of joy and happiness reverberate throughout the entire congregation. As often as the name of Haman is mentioned, the congregation stamps on the floor, saying, "Let his name be blotted out. The name of the wicked shall rot." Children will dress in costumes and there will be *Purim* pageants. It is a time of great rejoicing and festivity.

The story of *Purim* took place in Persia when King Ahasuerus (or Xerxes) ruled. This epic, recorded in Esther, demonstrates that God is sovereign. His love, his protection and his praise are not limited to any geographical location. Even in exile, God is there and God cares.

This year at Clear Creek I have been preaching from Esther in the monthly president's chapel. The Christian can learn so many lessons from this book. God's sovereign guidance and his providential care are seen clearly.

God's people are unknown and unsung by the world for the most part. But God has placed each of us strategically and has plans to use us mightily. Mordecai said to Esther, "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (4:14).

The truth of this verse is as poignant now as it was then. We who have placed our faith in Jesus Christ can see God's hand at work in history and in our lives. We are in a royal position. We are children of the heavenly king. We are the bride of Christ. God has brought each of us to the place of his choosing for such a time as this.

Clear Creek has been producing leaders for the past 60 years. Pray for us as we celebrate God's deliverance for this people. Happy Purim!

"I bind unto myself today/The power of God to hold and lead,/His eye to watch, His might to stay,/His ear to hearken to my need,/The wisdom of my God to teach,/His hand to guide, His shield to ward,/The word of God to give me speech,/His heavenly host to be my guard./Praise to the Lord of my salvation,/Salvation is of CHRIST the LORD."

Ascribed to St. Patrick

baptist news in brief

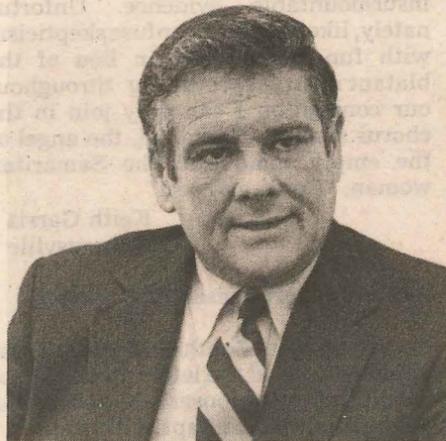
Peace Committee works on report

The Peace Committee spent much of its 13th meeting working on instructions to a drafting subcommittee about the content of the group's final report, according to chairman Charles Fuller. The 22-member committee met Feb. 18-19, immediately following the February meeting of the SBC Executive Committee.

In addition to working on the "concept and precept" of the final report, and giving "information and input" to the drafting subcommittee, Fuller told Baptist Press the group spent "a large portion of time focusing on addressing some of the political problems in the denomination."

Fuller said the drafting subcommittee, chaired by Bill Poe, an attorney from Charlotte, N. C., will meet twice in March and will submit a first draft of the report to a meeting April 2-3, in Nashville, Tenn. Other members of the drafting subcommittee are Albert McClellan, Nashville; Jerry Vines, Jacksonville, Fla.; Ed Young, Houston; Daniel Vestal, Midland, Tex.; and Bill Hull, Shreveport, La.

"By and large this meeting was invested in determining some general content, but we did give special emphasis to the political matter," Fuller said. (BP)



Charles Fuller

Past presidents meet with historical society

The Kentucky Baptist Historical Society will hold an extended meeting Mar. 20 in Franklin Owen Chapel, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown.

The program will commence at 10 a.m. and adjourn at 4 p.m.

Several past convention presidents will participate in the program. Theme is "A glimpse of the past/a vision for tomorrow." Panel discussions, music and other features will be offered.

Reservations are \$5 and due by Mar. 13.

HMB responds to policy on women

The executive committee of the Home Mission Board has voted to respond to letters concerning a new policy that no financial support be given in the future to a woman serving as pastor of a local church.

The motion was presented by Barbara Fain, Dunwoody, Ga., who asked that the board of directors as a whole respond to letters referring to the policy adopted by the board in October.

The new policy neither prevents ordained women from being appointed as missionaries or endorsement of ordained women chaplains, nor does it withdraw financial support from any woman currently receiving Home Mission Board support.

During the January meeting of the board's executive committee, Fain said she and other board members had received a number of letters from associations, churches and individuals concerning the policy. The board should have an overall consistent response to such letters, rather than each board member writing a personal reply, she

noted.

The board's executive committee voted to acknowledge letters addressed to the trustees with an official response expressing appreciation for their writing and encouraging continued prayer support for the Home Mission Board and the directors. No response statement, however, was adopted by the directors, other than the brief motion by Fain. (BP)

Heart attack claims life of missionary

Marion Hayes, former president of the Baptist General Association of New England and Southern Baptist home missionary for 19 years, died Feb. 21 of a heart attack.

Hayes, a church starter on the staff of Dunwoody Baptist Church since 1980, previously had been pastor of the Providence Baptist Church, Providence, R. I., for 13 years. The church was located only a few miles from the site of the founding of the first Baptist church in America by Roger Williams in 1639.

During the last six years, Hayes had been instrumental in starting three new missions in fast-growing Atlanta suburbs sponsored by Dunwoody Baptist Church as a church extension missionary of the Home Mission Board. (BP)

Former Texas WMU president dies

Inez Hunt, former president of Texas Woman's Missionary Union, died Feb. 19 in Gregory, Tex. Memorial services were held Feb. 21 at First Baptist Church there.

Mrs. Hunt, 76, served as Texas WMU president from 1968 to 1972. She represented Texas on the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission 1976-1980 and served three terms on the board of trustees of Valley Baptist Academy, Harlingen, Tex. She was the author of *Century One: A Pilgrimage of Faith*, the centennial history of the Texas WMU, and was well known as a book reviewer and speaker. (BP)

Ministers' Wives luncheon planned

The conference of Southern Baptist ministers' wives will meet at the Sheraton St. Louis Ballroom June 16 for their annual luncheon. Main speaker will be Mrs. Susan Baker, wife of Secretary of the Treasury James Baker. Information and tickets are available from Karen Hayner, 203 Whitehall Way, Cary, NC 27511.

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Parents to act early for child care during SBC

Parents who plan to take their preschool children to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting June 16-18 in St. Louis have been encouraged to act soon if they want to use convention sponsored child care.

"It is time now to preregister preschool children for SBC child care," announced convention manager Tim A. Hedquist. For convention purposes, preschoolers are defined as children who have not yet started first grade.

Preschool children will be allowed on the convention floor when accompanied by their parents, he reported. Older children in grades 1-6 will not be allowed on the floor unless they are registered messengers. Day care will be provided for these children by the Brotherhood Commission, and preregistration is not necessary.

Preschool child care will be provided for all seven business sessions of the annual meeting, said child care director Lucille Shrimpton. Cost will be \$5 per child per session, not to exceed \$25 for all seven sessions.

Parents will be required to pick up their children after each session, even those interrupted only by mealtimes. Meals will not be included as a child care service.

The child care operation will be staffed by volunteers from area churches, and directors will be convention-approved preschool workers from the Illinois and Missouri Southern Baptist state conventions.

Preregistration packets are available by writing: SBC Preschool Child Care, c/o Fee Fee Baptist Church, 11330 St. Charles Rock Rd., Bridgetown, MO 63044.(BP)



Geneva Head, a Sunday school teacher from Hendersonville, Tenn.; Sandy Wideman, a vacation Bible school teacher from Portsmouth, N. H.; Kathryn Chapman, a professor of childhood education at Southern Seminary, Louisville; and Gary Foil, a preschool Sunday school associate director for the South Carolina Baptist Convention, developed frameworks for 1990-91 preschool curriculum in a recent session.

Cooperative Program aims at \$140 million

The Executive Committee has proposed a record \$140 million budget for the 1987-88 SBC Cooperative Program.

Messengers to the convention's annual meeting will vote on the budget when they meet in St. Louis June 16-18. If approved, the budget—a 2.9 percent increase over the current \$136 million budget—will go into effect Oct. 1.

The Cooperative Program budget is used to support evangelistic, missionary and educational enterprises around the world. Money is channeled from church members to their congregations, to state conventions and to national and international causes.

Allocation of the budget is divided into three sections: a first-phase basic operating budget of \$132 million, a cap-

ital needs budget of \$6.45 million and a second-phase operating budget of \$1.55 million. Funds will not be allocated to the capital needs budget until the first-phase operating budget is met, and funds will not be allocated to the second-phase operating budget until all capital needs budgets are met.

The lion's share of the operating budget is designated for the convention's Foreign Mission Board, which is to receive \$66 million, or 50 percent of the total. The next-largest recipient is theological education, with the six SBC seminaries set to receive more than \$26.8 million, or 20.32 percent of the goal. The SBC Home Mission Board is to receive almost \$25.8 million, or 19.54 percent.(BP)

Coworker to Wallace dies at age 92

Retired Southern Baptist missionary Lucy Wright Parker, whose long and fascinating life mirrored 20th century Christian missions, died Feb. 18 in St. Petersburg, Fla., after a long illness. She was 92.

The native Georgian outlasted Japanese occupation forces, World War II, cancer, several other near-fatal illnesses and decades of upheaval during 42 years as a missionary nurse in China and South Korea.

Her 17-year stint in China started in 1923 and spanned the Japanese occupation of the region in the 1930s. She worked through bomb raids, and once assisted in 20 consecutive surgeries as bullets riddled the hospital.

As war raged in 1943, she headed back to China from the United States, determined to help legendary missionary doctor Bill Wallace. It took her two years to reach him—by way of Europe, across Africa and India and "over the hump" of the Himalayas.

In 1971 she married retired missionary Earl Parker, a widower who had also worked in China and South Korea for 36 years. They traveled together extensively before his death in 1980. She later lived with her sister, Emily, in a St. Petersburg nursing home.(BP)

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Say it with letters

The late Southern Baptist pulpiteer J. Winston Pearce, writing in *Church Administration* magazine two decades ago, claimed that the United States postage stamp was one of the best bargains then available. Despite its rising cost, I believe it still is. Pearce observed that, even with the inflated prices, this little piece of gummed paper continues to be within the reach of every American. Lightweight, portable, readily available and democratic to use, the postage stamp serves people of all walks, without distinguishing between classes. Respected and honored worldwide, it utilizes global skill, manpower and wealth in its delivery. When you write a few lines, attach a stamp and mail it, the results can be incalculable.

Have you ever heard someone say, "If I had the money, I would really help people?" Maybe you've said it yourself! Yet, every one of us has the power to offer riches more precious than jewels in ability to meet the needs of other people. Pearce inquires: "What legal document, social code or religious franchise gives you the right to leave unwritten a word that would encourage, comfort, enlighten and bring happiness and faith to another human being?"

Personal letters and notes—written expressions of any kind—can transform spirits. You can cause people to smile, offer them hope, impart fresh courage and trust to them, instill self-confidence and faith through a written word. By becoming sensitive to people and appreciative of them and the worthwhile things they do, you can bring joy into their lives as you communicate it in words.

That person is rare who fully utilizes the ministry of letter writing. Typical reasons for not doing so are that they are "too busy," "have nothing to say," "don't know how to express myself," and "think no one would want to read it." Written expressions don't have to be polished gems to impart cherished thoughts. The fact that you took a few moments to express what was on your heart says enough.

Pearce offers six letter-writing suggestions in his encouraging little paperback *Say It with Letters* published by Broadman in 1981: be prompt, be timely, be brief, be natural, be legible and be warm.

The answer to many a person's problems and needs may lie in our own minds, and may be resolved through our own fingers. What a wealth of good will may be extended through the words we write. Indeed, the pen is mightier than the sword.

To paraphrase Prov. 25:11: "Like apples of gold in settings of silver, so is a word written at the right moment" (NBV).

christian education

Pinnock to deliver SBTS Gheens lectures

Theologian Clark H. Pinnock, a keynote speaker for the Southern Baptist Conference on Biblical Inerrancy in May, will deliver the spring 1987 Gheens Lectures at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Apr. 14-16. Each lecture begins at 10 a.m. in Alumni Chapel.

Pinnock, professor of systematic theology at McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, Ontario is the author of nine books, including *A Defense of Biblical Infallibility*, *Biblical Revelation*:

Foundation of Christian Theology, *The Scripture Principle and Reason Enough*. He formerly taught at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and Regent College.

Pinnock also is scheduled to speak at the inerrancy conference, May 4-7, at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center. The meeting is being sponsored by the six seminaries of the Southern Baptist Convention.



Pennebaker

Mrs. Wyatt

Wyatt joins staff at Cumberland college

Mrs. Beth Wyatt has joined the development staff of Cumberland College.

A native of London, she is a Baptist school graduate and a former news services director. Currently a state correspondent for Western Recorder, she is married to Robert Wyatt and is the mother of two sons, Robby and Tommy.

Pennebaker named to Campbellsville faculty

William J. Pennebaker has been appointed professor of education at Campbellsville College, according to W. R. Davenport, college president.

Pennebaker will teach Fundamentals of Secondary Education, Teaching Social Studies in Elementary Schools and supervise student teachers.

He holds a BA and MA from University of Kentucky. He holds an EdD from Wayne State University and has done additional work at University of Miami (Florida), and University of Florida.

He has been associate professor of education and director of summer sessions at University of Alaska. He has also been elementary principal at Naranja Elementary School, held an instructor internship at Wayne State University, was elementary principal at Florida City Elementary and other positions.

Campbellsville offers new scholarships

Campbellsville College has established a program entitled "excellence in action scholarship program," according to an announcement from the office of the president, W. R. Davenport.

The scholarship, which is sponsored by the Campbellsville College church relations council, will be awarded to a high school senior who is a Southern Baptist church member and who has demonstrated Christian commitment and leadership in church, school and community. Winners are selected on the basis of past and current Christian achievements, merit and potential for future service to Christ in any chosen career.

According to Davenport, the award will consist of one full tuition scholarship (a value of \$14,000 over four years), two half tuition scholarships (a value of \$7000 over four years) and 30 \$750 scholarships (a value of \$3000 over four years). The scholarships are renewable annually.

Each church should nominate one senior for every 250 church members. Applications should be sent to the college no later than April 25, 1987.

For further information contact Davenport or Philip Hanna, director of admissions, at (502) 465-8158, extension 218.

Kuriger spotlighted in March art show

Rozy Kuriger will present her senior art show at Campbellsville College March 2-27. The show is a requirement for graduation from the college with an art major. She has a minor in sociology.

A reception for Miss Kuriger was held Monday, March 2. Her work will be on exhibit at the gallery in the Gosser Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. or by appointment.

The public is invited to the exhibit featuring oil paintings, acrylics, sculptures, prints and drawings.

Georgetown hosts art from Kentucky schools

Georgetown College is hosting the central Kentucky regional art competition March 4-27, according to James McCormick, chairman of the school's art department.

This competitive exhibition is to recognize and reward excellence in Kentucky art students, art teachers and art programs at the high school level and to bring about higher degrees of understanding, support and cooperation between secondary and college art faculty and programs.

Art work is by students in grades nine

through 12 in public or private Kentucky schools. All work has been accepted and shown in a Kentucky college or university sponsored high school exhibition functioning as an All-State Regional during the 1986-87 school year.

The exhibit may be viewed Monday, Wednesday or Friday, March 4-14 and March 23-27, from 12:30-4:30 p.m. or by appointment by calling (502) 863-8106 or 863-4373 in the evenings.

Midwestern launches new mission program

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has launched a new program of missions involvement in partnership with the Foreign Mission Board.

Entitled "Professor on Mission," the program is designed to facilitate up to five Midwestern faculty members each year in regular, short-term teaching and ministry assignments overseas.

"The objective of the program is to meet specific missions needs by directly involving seminary faculty members in foreign missions and to impact the seminary community with the results of their firsthand experiences," said Midwestern president Milton Ferguson.

"This is a first," FMB president R. Keith Parks said, "in bringing together in a formal way a theological seminary and the Foreign Mission Board as a link to the mission fields of the world, providing a planned, consistent and regular exchange involving professors. We see it as a new exciting element in theological education around the world. We are equally confident that Midwestern Seminary will never be the same." (BP)

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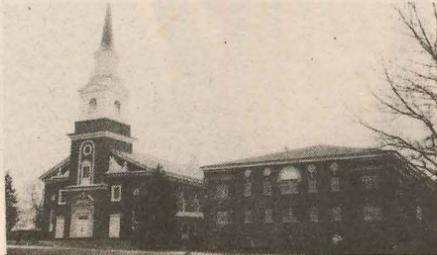
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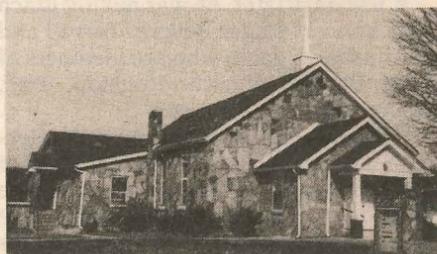
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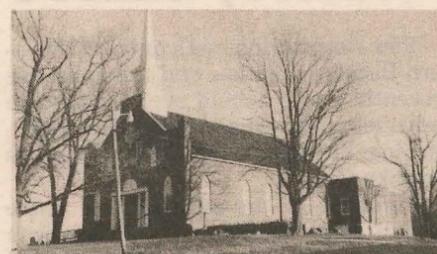
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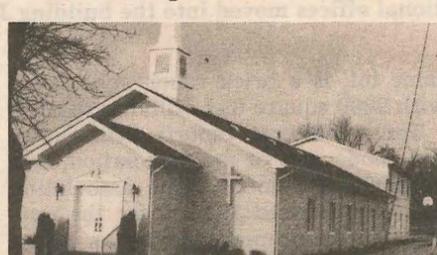
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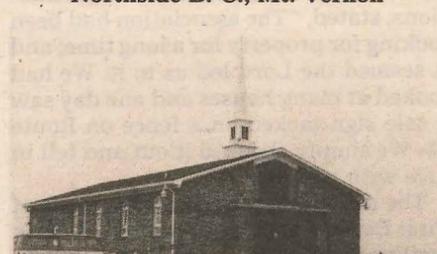
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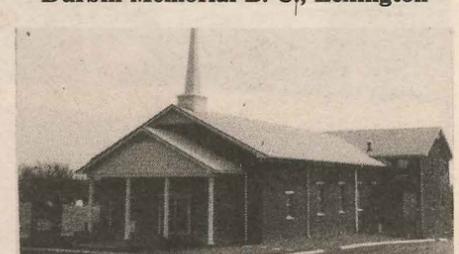
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Houston prayers send Kersey to Germany

by Pauline Stegall,
State Correspondent

"I believe God sent me to Germany in answer to the prayers of a group of people in Houston, Tex.," declared Bob Kersey, associate pastor, First Baptist Church, Paducah, West Union Association. Kersey spent several weeks last year as interim pastor of International Baptist Church, Munich, Germany.

For several summers, he has made mission trips overseas, including appointments to India and Trinidad. Last May he received a call from Glen Dyer, former First Baptist minister of education, now doing youth work for the European Baptist Convention.

He invited Kersey to serve in the interim pastorate in Munich. Reluctant at first, possibly because the nature of the work would be entirely different from that of third world countries, Kersey agreed to pray about it.

A short time later he received a call from the chairman of deacons at International Baptist. So after much praying, he agreed to go.

International is small—just over 100 members and truly international; 10 to 15 nationalities are represented, including Americans, Europeans, British, South Americans, Africans, Indians and Orientals. They have two things in common: they love the Lord and they speak English. The services are colorful as

many come in native costume.

They are varied in profession: some are with the military, some do architectural work, some are connected with industry.

They have no church building. On Sunday morning, services are held in a German Free Church building. Sunday night they meet in a chapel at McGraw Military Facility, and on Thursday evening, in another chapel at McGraw. Security at the Thursday meeting place has recently been upgraded because of terrorist activity. Members must either have a pass or clearance to enter.

Kersey lived in the parsonage and used a Volkswagen van owned by the Foreign Mission Board, which also pays the pastor's salary.

Kersey's wife, Joyce, and Charles and Jessie Spencer flew to Munich later in the summer. Mrs. Spencer, who is pianist at Kersey's home church, assisted at International as a musician.

"Germany is a difficult place to work," Kersey reflected. "There are lots of churches, but many do not have a vital ministry.

"Some of the people at International have not been Baptist before and are associate members. There is a large watch care program."

Among the membership was a man who was involved in underground evangelism. He distributes money and Bibles to Christians in restricted areas

and helps to get refugees out legally.

Kersey met three boys, political refugees, from Ghana, Africa. They would be allowed to stay in Germany for a limited time, then would have to leave. They were afraid to return to Ghana for fear of execution. First Baptist in Paducah is presently negotiating to bring them, under the sponsorship of the church, to the United States.

On the last Sunday of Kersey's ministry, he mentioned pre-marital counseling in his sermon. A handsome blonde couple, married only three weeks, came forward asking for counseling.

The woman, a European, had left the Catholic Church. The man was from Houston, Tex. They had been married in a civil ceremony, since marriages in Germany are official only if performed in the court house. Kersey suggested a religious ceremony. He knew they were seekers, and shared the plan of salvation with them.

The following Wednesday, they made professions of faith and were married at International Church. The members were excited because this was the first wedding in that church. Supportive in every way, they decorated and baked for the ceremony and the reception.

Relaxing in the plane on the way home, Joyce and Bob discussed the outcome of the trip.

"You know," mused Bob, "I believe God sent me to Germany specifically to



Joyce & Bob Kersey

witness to that young couple."

A few days later, he was having lunch with concert singer Beverly Terrell and her husband, Jack, who are members of First Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., where Terrell is a deacon.

The conversation centered on the German mission. When Kersey told them of his experience on the last Sunday, the Terrells realized that they knew the young man and were close friends of his parents.

"Our church has been praying for that young man!" they exclaimed. "Our prayers have been answered."

"This confirmed my belief," Kersey stated, "that I was sent to Munich for a specific purpose."

Association takes bold step in purchase of home, office

by Glenn Mollette,
State Correspondent

Some mountain folks for years have viewed Southern Baptist a little suspiciously. Southern Baptists are "the ones who have Sunday school, printed programs, meet every Sunday and, have mercy, even pay the preacher."

Some of the old regular Baptists once viewed Southern Baptists as being in the same camp with Catholicism.

However, Southern Baptists have been faithful to the word and the work and have more and more scratched out an identity for themselves in much of the mountains. There is a long way to go. Martin County still has only two Southern Baptist churches. Johnson County has only three.

Pike Association, with only 22 Southern Baptist churches and missions, has recently made a bold step forward in advancing the cause and further establishing the identity of Southern Baptists in Pike County.

Purchase of an associational office and director of missions home have been a bold step for Pike Association, located in the largest county geographically east of the Mississippi River.

The two floor office building provides office space for the director of missions and secretary. On the same floor is a spacious kitchen-work room and a comfortable reception room. On the bottom level is space soon to be remodeled into a meeting room for the executive board and an apartment for visitors to the association. The house, which is on the



Along with the DOM's home, Pike Association purchased a two story office building, with space for the DOM, a meeting room, work room and receptionist area. Associational offices moved into the building January 5.

same lot, is a brick ranch style home with 2800 square feet of living space.

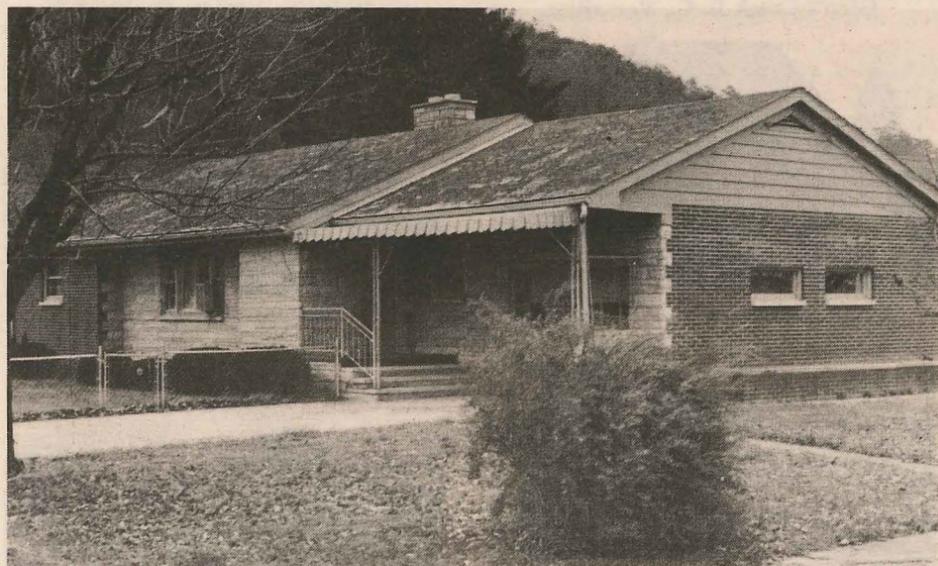
The initial cost, reports Gene Crowder, moderator of the association, was \$115,000. He noted, "The association had accumulated \$64,000 for the purchase of the property leaving us with a balance of \$51,000."

R. G. Shelton, interim director of missions, stated, "The association had been looking for property for a long time; and it seemed the Lord led us to it. We had looked at many houses and one day saw a sale sign tacked on a fence on Route 23. We simply checked it out and fell in love with it."

The associational office moved out of First Baptist, Pikeville, and into its new facility Jan. 5.

The property is in Coal Run Village, an incorporated community three miles

south of the Pikeville city limits. The location will provide easy access to those who wish to visit the office on Mayo Street via Route 23, a four-lane highway which passes by the new property.



Pike Association recently purchased a home for their director of missions. The brick ranch-style house is located just outside Pikeville.



mountains to the mississippi

ordinations

Donald Ray Davidson, Doty Maupin and Frederick Tilsley were ordained as deacons at Hays Fork Baptist Church, Tates Creek Association.

Edwin Trammell was ordained to the ministry Feb. 1 by Baptist Tabernacle, Paducah, West Union Association.

Sam Guess was ordained a deacon at Deer Creek Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, Feb. 22.

Terry Brown, Randall Garst, Andre Hawes, Wayne Reno and Jerry Wilcox were ordained as deacons by Mount Pisgah Baptist Church, Muhlenberg Association. Ken Abbott is pastor.

missions

Steve and Charla Baker were among 30 people named missionaries by the Baptist Foreign Mission Board Feb. 10 at Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.

They will live in Malawi, where he will start and develop churches and they will be involved in outreach ministries.

Baker received the MDiv degree from Southern Seminary. He is pastor of First Baptist Church, Kuttawa, Ky.

Mrs. Baker is a native of Amarillo, Tex., and received the MRE degree from Southern Seminary.

Dennis and Margaret McCall were appointed missionaries by the Baptist

Foreign Mission Board Feb. 10 at Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.

The McCalls will live in Zaire, where he will work in agriculture development and starting and developing churches. They will be involved in a variety of outreach ministries.

McCall was born in Vicksburg, Miss. and received the MARE degree from Southwestern Seminary. Mrs. McCall was born in Atlanta, Ga. but considers Louisville her home town. Her father, Robert Hill, is pastor of Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Louisville.

She has been a hospital and public health nurse in Ft. Worth and a maternity nurse consultant.

David and Marsha Smith, Baptist representatives to Israel, have completed furlough and returned to the field (Baptist Village, Mobile Post, Central Sharon, Israel).

Smith is a native of Birmingham, Ala., and his wife was born in Louisville. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1982.

Philip and Shelia Duncan, missionaries to Ecuador, have completed language study in Costa Rica and arrived on the field (Casilla 140 Portovejo, Ecuador).

They are Kentucky natives, appointed by the FMB in 1985. He considers Hopkinsville his home town and she is the former Shelia Foster of Owensboro.

Jim and Wanda Dobbins, missionaries to Chile, report a change of address (Casilla 88, Correo 29, Santiago, Chile).

The former Wanda Carpenter, she was born in Logan County, Ky. They were appointed in 1979.

associations

Northern Kentucky Baptist Association honored Mrs. Kimberly Gilkison at the executive board meeting for 11½ years of faithful service as secretary.

Mrs. Gilkison resigned to take a position with Louisville Trinity Corporation as a consultant for northern Kentucky.

Rockcastle Association has called Carl Hunter as director of missions.

Hunter is retired from Clear Creek School.

Christian County Baptist Association held an awareness conference in Hopkinsville. The conference is part of the New Work Awareness Conference held in conjunction with the Mission Kentucky effort to start 400 preaching points, missions and churches.

Twenty-six of the association's 37 churches were represented, and 57 people attended.

Ralph McConnell is director of missions for Christian County Association.

personnel

Lloyd Griffin has resigned the pastorate of Branham Grove Baptist Church, Freedom Association.

Ernest York has accepted the pastorate of Grace Union Baptist Church, Freedom Association.

Timothy Glass has accepted the call to pastor Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Russell Creek Association.

David Smith is the new minister of music, youth and education at Seven Hills Baptist Church, Owensboro, Daviess-McLean Association.

T. A. Prickett is pastor.

Larry Cook has been called by Eubank Baptist Church, Pulaski Association, as minister of music.

Duane Fitzpatrick has accepted the call as minister of music at Eastern Parkway Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Bill Chase has been called by Marion Baptist Church, Ohio River Association, to be minister of music.

Kyle Rudd has been called as pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church, West Union Association.



Rodgers



Montgomery

Tony Rodgers (see picture) has resigned as minister of youth and education at Elkhorn Baptist Church, Taylor County Association. He will be minister of youth at Ormsby Heights Baptist Church, Louisville, Long Run Association.

Kenneth Brown resigned as pastor of Baptist Tabernacle, West Union Association, to pastor First Missionary Baptist Church, Benton, Blood River Association.

Rudy Herrington has been called as director of Bus Ministry and **Wayne Hunsucker** as minister to adults at Farmdale Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Wyman Compass is pastor.

Allen K. Montgomery (see picture) has been named to the newly created position of in-house corporate counsel for Baptist Hospitals, Inc.

As BHI corporate counsel, Montgomery serves in an advisory capacity and coordinates legal affairs for the not-for-profit, multi-hospital system headquartered in Louisville.

Montgomery is a member of the Kentucky and Arizona bar associations and a 1985 graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law. He is a Sacramento native.

Keith Mull has resigned the pastorate of Round Top Church, Severns Valley Association, to pastor Old Town Hill Southern Baptist Church, Muncie, Ind.

Roy Sutton resigned the pastorate of Red Bird Baptist Church, South Union Association.

revivals

Russ Adkisson, state Brotherhood director, will be leading lay revivals at Hardinsburg Baptist Church, Breckinridge Association, Apr. 3-5; East Rhudes Creek Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, Apr. 10-12; and Calvary Baptist Church, Ft. Wayne, Ind., Apr. 24-26.



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How much should I give?

Beyond This Time is the challenging theme of our endowment campaign. This noble campaign, now underway, is the first ever for Baptist Homes for Children. In all of our 118 year history there has never been a state-wide campaign for endowment or to build a building.

Our efforts through the years have

been to provide quality care for dependent/neglected children and encourage people to give to meet the operating costs. Today we have come to an exciting time in our history, a time when our ministry is thrust into new challenges and opportunities. There is a feeling great things are about to happen. This is a time when bold and determined faith is surfacing for the sake of children and the glory of God, who loves children in a special way.

A small army of volunteers is closing ranks to work in this campaign. As we meet with our volunteers and talk with others about the campaign, there is a question I keep hearing: "How much should I give?" or "How much do you want me to give?" I want to give you my answer to this good question. It goes something like this.

Well, you know our goal is three million dollars, so we are looking for someone who could and would give us a million dollars or perhaps \$500,000. Such a gift or gifts would be such a challenge

to others that it would insure the reaching of the goal of three million dollars. However, there are many people who want to have a part in this endowment campaign who cannot give a large sum of money. So my answer is that I cannot say how much someone else should give. Each person must decide what his/her gift should be by seeking God's will. Ask what God wants you to do.

We cannot all give equal dollars, but we can all make a gift which is of equal sacrifice. Each person should consider these three things:

A gift should be worthy of the cause. What can be more important than the care of children?

A gift should be worthy of one's resources. The Bible teaches that we are to give according to what we have.

A gift should be worthy of Jesus Christ who loves children and said, "Allow them to come unto me."

How much should you give? Ask God and obey him. Next week I will suggest ways you can give.



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oneida journal

Hank—the rest of the story

Hank is the oldest of seven children. His mother has been blind from birth. But she does a remarkable job of caring for her children and husband, cooking and cleaning and washing clothes and dishes. It is a financial struggle for the father to care for so many.

Hank was accepted at Oneida on full scholarship. At the time he seemed not to care about anything or anybody including himself. It was not his idea to come here. He broke nearly every rule we had repeatedly, and we expelled him. Months later we agreed to take him back. But the second time was a repeat of the first. We expelled him again.

Nearly a year later at Christmas, 1983 he wrote:

"Dear Mr. Moore: My closest friend has wound up in prison. It takes such to humble a proud fool like me. I thought I'm playing cool. Nothing is going to happen. Who needs an education? After leaving Oneida (for the second time), my mother said there is no need to try to send you to school. I went but they kept sending me home. They told me you can go to the detention center. But all that go there have been in trouble with the law.

"I've got little education. I've not got enough good in me even to be at home. But my mother cares. But I've never brought her anything but a heartache. I want to make her proud. Staying home just isn't enough. I want to be a some-

body, not always a nobody like now.

"Please help me if I am deserving enough for a room at your school. Even though in my heart I know I am not. But I'm willing to show you, my mother, Mom Banks (an Oneida housemother) the young man in me, not the boy.

"My folks are still having problems financially. Can I work for my room? I just know I can do it. I can make you proud, sir. I can even make you a good hall monitor. I'm not all wishy-washy. I would love, sir, to get to prove to you and make my mother shout for glory.

"I know you care . . . Even though I've run away from home and everything else. I don't know how but my mother and father still love me. I don't know why I let you down, sir, and I don't know why I let myself down. Please help me."

After much thought and prayer, I said "yes" for the third time to this young man. Many who knew Hank and all that we had been through the two previous times he had been here shook their heads and wondered about my good judgment. Who could blame them?

But this time Hank behaved himself. He never did get really serious about studying, but he passed with average grades. He has the potential for much better.

But he did become serious about Jesus. Hank received him into his heart and one could see that in his daily life. He was very faithful at evening devotions and, of course, attended the daily morning chapel. He helped in vacation Bible school in the summers. He witnessed personally and by the hour in the dorm. He became a soul winner. Also we could give him responsibility as a hall monitor or as a work supervisor.

He graduated this past year from Oneida. He decided he wanted to go to college. He prayed and considered differing possibilities. He had no money and he did not have the grade average he could have had. He applied to Campbellsville College and, with strong recommendations from some of us, they agreed to give him a chance and a full scholarship.

A recent letter tells the rest of the story to date, six months into college: "You can be proud of me. I passed all my classes with nothing less than C. I know I will do even better this semester. I just want to thank everyone at Oneida for giving me all the encouragement that they did. Without it I wouldn't be here now."

Altogether we had Hank for nearly four years. All those who invested in our work then and before invested in him. Aren't you glad?



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sunday school lessons

LESSONS FOR MARCH 15, 1987

Life and work series

Considering the consequences

Luke 14:25-35 If anyone has a real desire to be a true disciple and a faithful follower of Jesus Christ, he should consider the costs and the consequences of doing so. It is a certainty that following Christ will bring blessings innumerable and joy unspeakable, but that he will also experience hardships, disappointments and real problems through doing so.

Christ was never concerned about numbers only. He wanted followers whose hearts were right, and whose loyalties were genuine, so his appeal was to the individual. Multitudes expressed an interest in following him, but he, knowing the fickleness of their hearts, brought them face to face with the demands of real discipleship. His requirement was unmistakable. True discipleship could not be experienced by those who expressed a desire to follow him without their making Christ the chief object of their lives, worship and service.

Christ plainly taught that if any man came to him unwilling to put him and his service before all other claims, however natural and strong they might be, he could not be his disciple.

Love for Christ must be above all love in the human heart. However, the word, "hate," as used here, does not carry with it any thought of malice or personal dislike. Christ was simply teaching that no personal loyalty or responsibility is to stand in the way of our devotion to him.

Christ wants learners who will follow him at any cost, builders who will labor and build regardless of the cost, soldiers who will battle regardless of the sacrifices involved, and witnesses who will testify for him with their lips and their lives at any cost.

International series

Love faces the cross

Luke 22:1-2 As the nation approached Passover, the chief priests were striving to put Christ to death without causing a riot.

Luke 22:7-18 Christ ardently desired to observe Passover with his disciples before he died on the cross. He designated Peter and John to make preparations for this occasion. They inquired as to where they should prepare for the Passover. Christ told them to enter the city and they would see a man carrying a pitcher of water.

The apostles found the man and asked him to point out to them the guest chamber in which Passover might be observed. They asked permission of the owner to use the guest chamber. The request was granted and they went to the Upper Room, where "they made ready the Passover," meaning they secured the roast lamb, unleavened bread and bitter herbs. During the meal, Christ informed the apostles he would not drink of the cup again until God established his reign.

Luke 22:19-23 At the close of the paschal meal, in the presence of 11 apostles (Judas having gone out to do his wicked work), Christ instituted "the Lord's Supper." The elements were unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine.

The Lord's Supper was a memorial to recall the death of Christ. As Christ's followers take the bread at the Supper, it speaks of his body wounded and bruised. As Christ's followers take the cup, the fruit of the vine speaks to them of the blood of Christ which cleanses the guilty soul and makes it as white as snow. Each time God's children partake of the emblems in remembrance of Christ, they are reminded of Calvary.

Every time we observe the Lord's Supper we proclaim to those who witness our action that Christ is coming again according to his own promise.



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on mission together

Not a Trivial Pursuit

• Although some Baptists hold that Baptist churches date back to the early church and John the Baptist, it was not until around 1644 (only 340 years ago) there were approximately 50 congregations which held the basic doctrines characterizing Baptists today.

• When Baptists organized a church in Boston on May 28, 1665, and later in Kittery, Maine they were greatly persecuted. This persecution "scattered" them to other places.

• It was 1707 (280 years ago) when five small churches organized the **Philadelphia Baptist Association**, the first in America.

• It took nearly 50 more years for the birth of the first Baptist association in the south, organized as the Charleston Association of South Carolina in 1751.

• In 1700, Baptists in America had no more than 17 churches and 600 members. But, because of emigration from the east and the revivals of the Great Awakening, their membership had grown to 73,471 by 1790.

• By 1814, Baptists had formed their first national Baptist body for **eliciting, combining and directing the energies of the whole denomination in one sacred effort, for sending the glad tidings of salvation to the heathen and to nations destitute of pure gospel light.**

• By 1843, Baptists had organized 25 state conventions or general associations, **including the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky in 1837.**

• Two years later, Baptists divided

over issues that had begun several years before, including the issue of slavery.

• On May 10, 1845, in Augusta, Ga., Baptists in the south created the Southern Baptist Convention.

• Since 1845, Southern Baptists have increased from **4126 churches** and about **350,000 members** to more than **37,000 churches** and over **14,600,000 members**, more than one-third of the world's total Baptist population.

• The membership of Kentucky Baptist Convention churches now numbers over **760,000**; one of every five persons in the state is a member of a Kentucky Baptist Convention church.

• With an estimated 1,000,000 unchurched persons in Kentucky, our mission as Baptists here is far from complete.

• And that is not a Trivial Pursuit.

40th birthday is a happy event

Home Life and offspring still going strong

by Terri Lackey

Take a deep breath, *Home Life*, make a wish and blow out the candles. You turn 40 in 1987.

Since 1947, you have offered monthly counseling and guidance to parents, young and old, senior adults, families and married couples. Your regular features, the monthly advice column and the daily devotionals have served as a ministry to 750,000 readers.

Your editor, Reuben Herring, acknowledges there have been several changes in the pages of your format over the last 40 years, but they have been changes for the better, changes he said have enhanced your story and sharpened your message.

"I think the focus of *Home Life* has been sharpened primarily because of the five new family periodicals," said Herring, *Home Life* editor since 1980 and the magazine's associate editor from 1953-1964.

Herring said *Home Life* served a broader audience before the publication of *Mature Living*, *Christian Single* and the *Living with* series for preschoolers, children and teenagers. All six magazines are produced by the Family Ministry Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

"In the beginning *Home Life* was very broad in scope, and it touched all bases on a kind of Saturday Evening Post approach," Herring said. "It's sharpened more now for a marriage and family enrichment approach."

Home Life began its metamorphosis in 1973 when the Family Ministry De-

partment began the *Living with Preschoolers* periodical. *Mature Living* first came out in 1977, with the other three magazines following in 1979, Herring said.

Although the magazine has always addressed family needs, Herring said it can focus on them more intently now.

But, by refining the *Home Life* audience, the new magazines cut into the magazine's circulation, Herring said.

Where *Home Life* once went into the homes of 900,000 families a month, it now reaches about 750,000.

"Its circulation was at its peak before the other five magazines came along," Herring said, "but the six magazines together do a better job of addressing the needs of families than just the one. And the combined circulation for all six magazines is more than one million.

"It makes me feel good that the other magazines are a spin-off of *Home Life*," he said.

It didn't take long after the first publication of *Home Life* to discover the magazine would be quite a popular item, Herring recalled.

"When *Home Life* was launched in 1947, it took less than five years before it became the second largest circulation of all Sunday School Board periodicals," Herring said.

"The magazine succeeded beyond the hopes of anyone," he added. "Average monthly circulation in the first year of publication was 260,309, and in less than three years *Home Life* was second only to *The Adult Quarterly* in total annual circulation."

Surprisingly, *Home Life* has had very

few editors considering the changes it has undergone, Herring said.

The late Joe Burton was the editor from 1947-72; George Knight was editor from 1972-80; and Herring, who will retire in July 1987, has been editor since 1980.

Herring said a survey inserted recently in the magazine revealed the most highly read features in the magazine are the letters to the editor, and 'Questions on Family Life,' a question-and-answer format with questions answered by Baptist counselor Myron Madden.

He said the 'Family Worship and Bible Study' section at the back of the magazine is also very popular.

Herring also attributes *Home Life's*

popularity to articles dealing with critical issues, including sexuality, runaway children, and unwed pregnancy.

Herring said he receives about 25-50 letters a month from readers. In addition, about 10,000 to 15,000 unsolicited articles are sent to the magazine each year.

"We are able to publish about 3 percent of those," Herring said, "but somebody reads them all."

Herring said his wish for *Home Life* as it approaches its 40th anniversary, is to see it continue. "*Home Life* is getting old as magazines go," he said. "I hope to see it continue into the year 2000 and beyond while retaining its vigor as a Christian magazine."

Cradle roll ministers before birth

by Frank White

As Renee Rand shops she watches for pregnant women and those with babies.

They are the prospects for the newest department of Mrs. Rand's preschool division, the cradle roll, at First Baptist Church, Las Vegas, Nev.

"I first heard of cradle roll at Glorieta. I thought it was something new. I didn't know it had been around all these years. But I knew we needed to start one," Mrs. Rand said.

Cradle roll is an outreach visitation ministry in which workers visit the homes of new parents with the eventual goal of enrolling the child and parents in Sunday school.

"Cradle roll workers develop a relationship with the family to minister to them," said Ann Liles, cradle roll consultant in the Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department.

By contacting expectant mothers, the cradle roll department can minister to the mother even before the child is born, Mrs. Liles pointed out.

The cradle roll literature provides activities for babies up to two years old. Cradle roll teachers visit the child and use the activities to help them become comfortable with things they would be doing in Sunday school, Mrs. Liles said.

Free literature is available for any church or mission interested in starting a cradle roll, Mrs. Liles said.

Selling 'product' is easy for convinced BSSB staff

by Terri Lackey

What better endorsement of a product could there be than when the manufacturers themselves use it?

That is the concept held by "manufacturers" in the Baptist Sunday School Board's Family Ministry Department who sent employees and other trained leaders to churches not only to promote Parenting by Grace products, but also to apply the principles to their own lives and in their churches.

The course trains parents how to develop better Christian parenting skills and how to guide their children more responsibly, the creators of the product say.

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"Using the Parenting by Grace course was no problem for me," said SuAnne Bottoms, editor of *Living with Preschoolers* and *Living with Children*, periodicals produced by the Family Ministry Department.

"I endorse it wholeheartedly. I not

only use the concepts in continuing to relate to my daughter who is now a young adult, I can teach the concepts enthusiastically because I have been there in the parenting role."

Parenting by Grace, a Lay Institute for Equipping (LIFE) course, was officially released in October 1986.

According to Gary Hauk, supervisor of the family enrichment section of the department, Parenting by Grace sales have topped 4600.

"Our goal for the entire year was 5000, so in three months, we have almost reached our goal," he said.

He said the number of state leaders trained to teach the course (590) has also surpassed the department's first year goal of 300.

Mrs. Bottoms said the course stresses the importance of parents affirming their children.

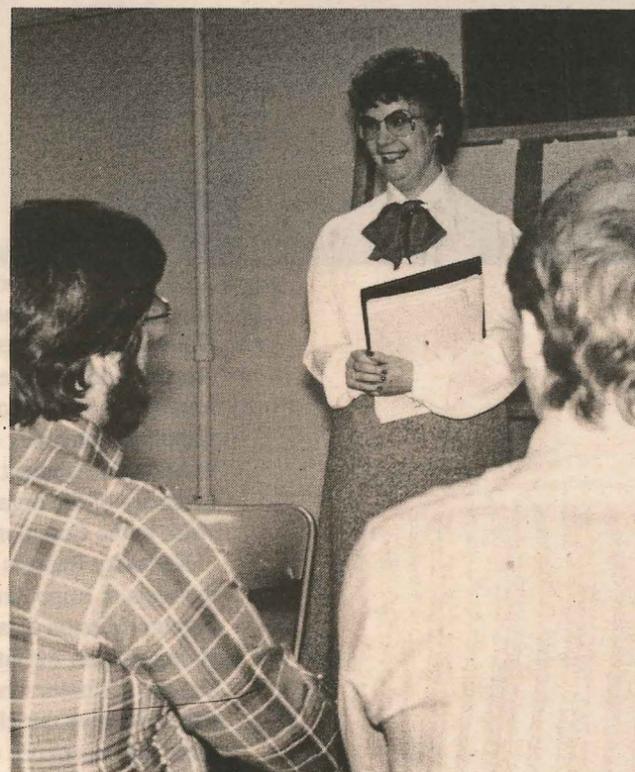
"In our discussions, parents agreed that affirmation is an extremely important factor in parenting effectively," although they said discipline is also necessary," she said.

Parents seem to get positive feelings about themselves and their parenting role from the course, Bottoms said.

Mrs. Bottoms said when parents work jointly on their roles as parents, they spend more time together.

"Parents tend to learn to agree about what is best for their children. Their principles are challenged, and they generally learn how to agree."

Mrs. Bottoms affirmed she frequently



SuAnne Bottoms, editor of family enrichment materials in the Baptist Sunday School Board's Family Ministry Department, teaches the Parenting by Grace course in her church, Parkway Church of Nashville.

distributed case studies from the leader's notebook to the participants, letting them decide how they thought the situations should be handled.

She stated parents should spend time with their children, learn about their

likes and dislikes and be there during seemingly minor events in their lives.

"If you do not take the time to mend your child's broken toy, then they will never come to you for help in mending a broken heart," she intoned.

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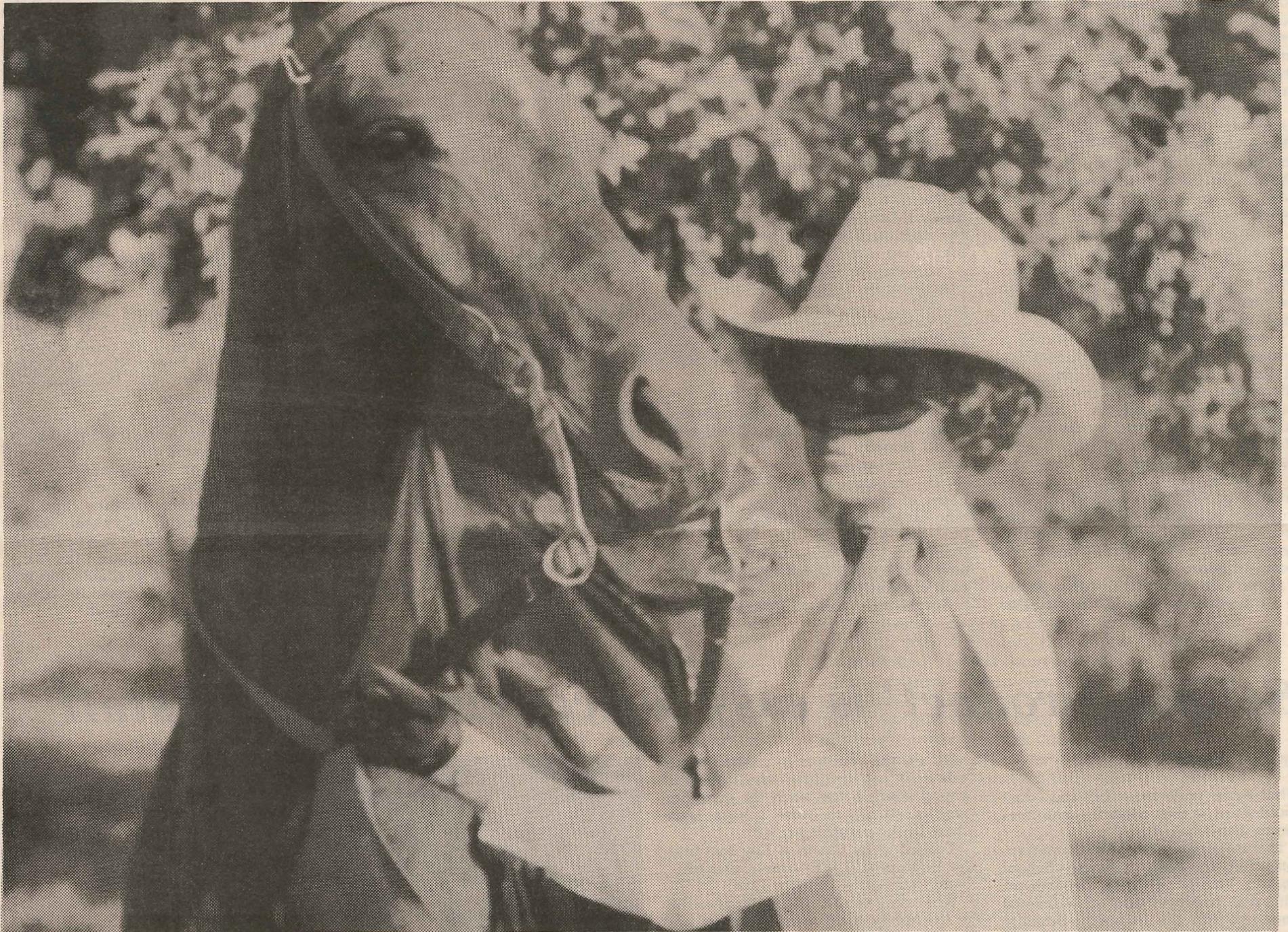


Photo by Ray Hayes

Tuesday evening, April 7, the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention conducts its Missionary Appointment service at Rupp Arena in Lexington. The honor of hosting this important ceremony comes to Kentucky in acknowledgement of the 150th anniversary of the organization of Baptist work in the Commonwealth.

Kentucky Baptists can and should fill the seats in Rupp Arena. We owe the Foreign Mission Board a showing of our strong support for international missions and the ministers who give their lives to them. We owe our children and each other the experience of seeing men and women commissioned to gospel mission work abroad.

Special music starts at 7:15 PM and the Appointment service at 7:30.

Won't you be a "Deputy for Recruitment" to make sure your church and association participates?

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