

KBC committee fills personnel slots

Smoot named Student Work associate;
Curry joins Cedarmore Assembly staff

The Administrative Committee of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Board, meeting Mar. 24, in Middletown, approved the hiring of two persons to fill vacancies on the Executive Board staff. Tom Smoot, already an Executive Board Staff member and presently Campus Minister at the University of Louisville, will move to the Kentucky Baptist building to become associate director of the Student Work Department. He will be under the super-

vision of Don Blaylock, Student Work Department director. Gary B. Curry, a customer service representative for Kentucky Utilities, will join the staff of Cedarmore Baptist Assembly as associate manager. He will be under the direction of Marshall Phillips, manager of the Bagdad assembly.

Smoot, 44, a native of Louisville and a 1965 graduate of Georgetown College, earned the Master of Religious Education degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and joined the staff of Eastwood Baptist Church, Bowling Green, as minister of youth and education in 1970. He became a campus minister to six schools in western Kentucky in 1974 and moved to U of L in 1977. He is married to the former Jennifer Lynn Newman and has two children: Heather Lynn, 16 and Holly Ann, 12.

Smoot, who replaces retired Dwight Lyons on the Student Work staff, is a deacon at Westport Road Baptist Church, Louisville. He is noted, especially for his work with BSU drama and summer missions. His writing credits include numerous magazine articles, four plays and a book, *Recreation for College Students*, published by Convention Press. His work with the Student Work Department will include, among other things, coordination of the Louisville Metropolitan Baptist Campus Ministry



Smoot



Curry

and the Youth Week programs at Kentucky Baptist assemblies.

Gary Curry, 27, a native of Greenville, graduated from Central City High School and Eastern Kentucky University in Construction Technology. He served as a civil engineer technician with the U. S. Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station before joining Kentucky Utilities as a residential service advisor in 1982.

Curry is a deacon and adult Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church, Richmond. He and his wife, Lisa, have one son, born Mar. 1, 1988.

At Cedarmore, Curry will serve in the capacity from which Eugene Hamilton retired last November. His duties will include, among other things, supervising Cedarmore's maintenance program, engineering the assembly's waste water treatment plant, training and evaluating housekeeping, building and grounds personnel and assisting the manager with general administrative responsibilities. (KBP)

Lexington church starts mission work in YWCA facilities

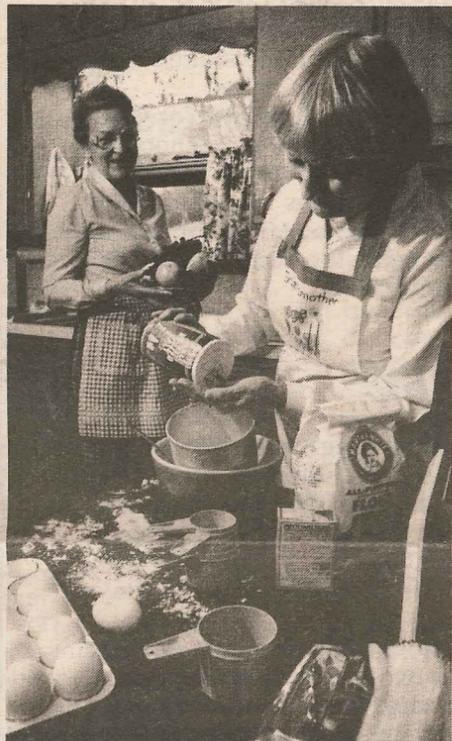
Immanuel Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, held a commissioning service Mar. 27 for 20 persons who will go from the 3600-member suburban church to start a mission at the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) facilities in the Lexington Ice Center.

Glen Cummins, minister of education at Immanuel, reported that the idea for the new mission arose when an Adult Sunday school class studied a lesson which stressed the need for outreach and helping people. The congregation appointed Debbie Jagers, daughter-in-law of William D. Jagers, associate in the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Direct Missions Department, as mission committee chairman.

John Toby, a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, has been called as pastor of the mission. He goes to Lexington from Hedgeville Baptist Church, South District Association.

Toby begins duties at the new work Apr. 10, with worship for youth and adults as well as Sunday school for children.

Immanuel has also initiated a ministry to Japanese and now has about 20 people meeting in the church's educational building. Ted Sisk is pastor at Immanuel.



Kathryn Isaacs (l) and Margaret Sutherland (r), members of Wytheville Baptist Church for about 40 years, find pleasure in preparing food for fellow church members. "Achieving Wholeness in Later Life" is the theme for 1988 Senior Adult Day to be observed May 1 in many Southern Baptist churches. Senior Adult Day is sponsored by the Baptist Sunday Board's Family Ministry Department.

James Petigru Boyce:

Voice from the past, vision for the future

by Timothy George

Southern Baptists this year will observe the centennial anniversary of the death of James Petigru Boyce, one of the most prominent leaders in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention. The founder and first president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Boyce continues to give us, Southern Baptists, a vision for the future through his life, work and words.

Born in Charleston, S. C., in 1827, the son of the wealthiest man in that state, Boyce could have pursued a career in law or business. Instead he chose the ministry. After study at Brown and Princeton, he worked as a pastor in Columbia, S. C., and then as a professor at Furman University.

In 1856 Boyce delivered his inaugural address to the Furman faculty on "Three Changes in Theological Institutions." It was a virtual manifesto for Baptists in the South. He advocated the policy of open admission—a seminary for everybody called of God regardless of social status or academic background; academic excellence—a program of scholarly research and ministerial training second to none in its quality; and confessional identity—a set of doctrinal principles which all seminary professors would heartily accept and teach. Boyce's vision was realized in 1859 when Southern Seminary opened for its first session.

During the difficult days of the Civil War and Reconstruction, Boyce single-handedly kept the seminary alive. He exemplified the words of his colleague, John A. Broadus, who at the first meet-



Boyce, first president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

ing of the seminary's professors after the war said, "Suppose we quietly agree that the seminary may die, but we'll die first." In an age when there was no endowment and no Cooperative Program, the seminary lived from hand to mouth. Time and again, Boyce used his own dwindling resources to pay professors' salaries and to help needy students through another school term. The inscription on his grave appropriately reads: "To him, under God, the Seminary owes its existence."

As a theologian, Boyce proclaimed the sovereignty of God and salvation by grace alone. His *Abstract of Systematic Theology* (1882) was a clear, concise summary of historic Christian or-

thodoxy. While Boyce believed strongly in God's providence and election, he had a great compassion for the lost and was an ardent supporter of Baptist missionary and evangelistic efforts. For instance, when D. L. Moody brought his revival campaign to Louisville in 1887, Boyce allowed him to pitch his 5000 seat tent on seminary property. The professors and students worked as counselors in the inquiry rooms. Boyce saw no contradiction in affirming God's sovereignty and also proclaiming the good news to all.

Boyce was not only a great educator and theologian he was also a dedicated churchman. He preached often in local congregations and at associational meetings. He served eight terms as president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Above all else, he was a person of prayer. His former students came back to the seminary "just to hear Dr. Boyce pray again."

Boyce's life and theology, his sacrifice and devotion to Christ remind us of the great heritage we have received from our Baptist forbears. Boyce would rejoice in the evidence of God's blessings on Southern Baptists in the 100 years since his death. But he would also call us back to our reformed and evangelical roots, to an unflinching confidence in God's word and God's grace, to a renewed commitment to the missionary task and outreach to the lost. In each of these ways, Boyce is a model for the renewal of the Baptist vision.

George is associate professor of church history and historical theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

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Tribute to a good man



Jack D. Sanford

The resignation last week of Clear Creek Bible College president Leon Simpson provides an opportunity to pay respect and offer tribute and honor to a man who has served Kentucky Baptists for many years.

Simpson's introduction to Kentucky Baptist life began in 1977 at Cumberland College where he served 12 years as director of ministerial training. After a brief absence from Kentucky he returned to take up his work as president of Clear Creek in 1982. In both these Kentucky Baptist institutions, as well as in hundreds of our churches, Simpson has touched thousands of men and women for good in his role as administrator, educator and preacher of the Word.

Among his achievements at Clear Creek mention must be made of several that surely would have tried the proverbial patience of Job. A new academic curriculum Simpson introduced to the college comes to mind as a thorny problem which must have taken not only patience but courage and foresight to put into place. Yet a new curriculum has been instituted and along with it came the coveted accreditation for the school which every educational administrator wants for his institution.

Another impressive achievement for the school during Simpson's tenure was the introduction of a 3-day and a 2-day class schedule which permitted commuting students to carry as much class work as possible on a limited schedule. Men and women who had job responsibilities and demanding home and family schedules could still study at Clear Creek and finish their work in minimum time.

Physical improvements Simpson pushed through included a new 22,600 square foot family life center for use by the entire college community, extensive remodeling of campus buildings, installation of new phone, computer and water systems for the school and, perhaps most difficult of all, he helped raise endowment to more than \$1.6 million, which means funds for future students are secure and will flow for years to come.

We join many Kentuckians in prayer for Clear Creek and the trustees who run the school for Kentucky Baptists. We also pray for Leon Simpson and his family. He has served us well. We will miss him and we pray our God will supply all his needs according to the riches of Christ, whom Leon served faithfully.

Go with the flow...or else

One of the things an editor learns early on is that the tide of public opinion is a strong current which can sweep away reason and right, just as it can overcome prejudice and wrong.

There are many times when the public is absolutely correct in its understanding of certain factors which impact society, even when the leaders have a different opinion. If the editor happens to be on the side of the public in such matters that is good.

However there are times when the public is not right and leaders must take unpopular stands to uphold what is right. If the editor happens to stand with the leaders then fire can fall and the current can run strongly against him.

Thus the temptation is ever present to "go with the flow," follow the crowd, cater to the prevailing view and avoid unpleasant encounters with persons whom you would like to number as friends and supporters.

That is a temptation all of us grapple with all the time. Our character is determined by how well we succeed in exorcising the demon desire to "go with the flow" and avoid trouble.

Nevertheless the primary demand upon an editor, especially an editor of a Christian publication, is to tell the truth as best he can and let the chips fall where they will. This is where the pain comes and often it is intense.

None of us wants to antagonize the people whom we love and respect and none of us wants our friends to become our enemies. Yet that is exactly what often happens whenever we take a position which is not the popular view.

Nothing in any of the rules says an editor is always right. Far from it! Yet nothing in the rules

says an editor is always wrong either. We are just as human as any other person and we are just as subject to fallibility as other persons. The only difference is we are on the spot publicly because we commit our thoughts to the written page and are held accountable for all we say for all the days which remain.

Being an editor has its high moments because most people who read what is written are generous, forgiving and willing for someone else to have an opinion which may be different. For this we thank God.

But there are low moments as well for we are blessed with an abundance of people whose mind is made up on all subjects; whose spirit has no room for difference of opinion; and whose attitude toward persons who differ is acidic and corrosive. These are the ones who help create the pain.

In the case of this editor the critics are overshadowed by those who are willing to grant the editor the right to express his mind, even when they think he is wrong. You are generous and gracious and we thank you and pray for your tribe to increase.

For those less generous we would never want you to leave us nor would we ever do anything to silence you. We pray for you too. In our prayer we ask the father to soften your heart and help you see that all his creatures are less than perfect and in need of help from time to time.

Being an editor is an interesting way to spend the days God gives. Sometimes it is warm and bright, sometimes it is dark and cold. In spite of what the season may be, there is never a season when an editor can just "go with the flow" if he is true to his calling as a servant of the living God.

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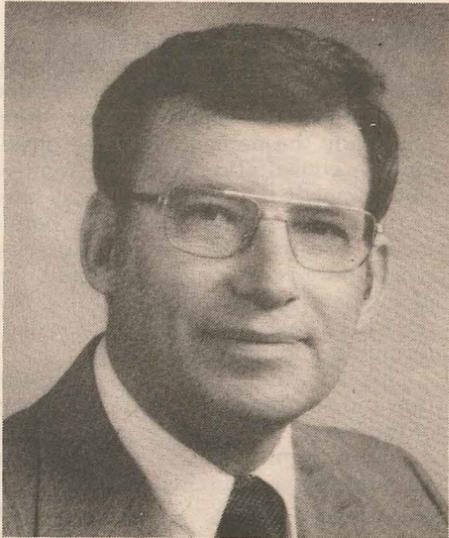
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baptist news in brief



Lolley

Lolley to fill pulpit of First Baptist, Raleigh

W. Randall Lolley, the third president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., will be recommended to be the next pastor of First Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C., announced Charles D. Barham, chairman of the church's pastor search committee.

"The committee is unanimous in its excitement and enthusiasm for the recommendation of Dr. Lolley," Barham said in announcing the decision. "He met every qualification we had set in advance in the profile the committee developed for the next pastor of our church.

"The highest priority in our profile was integrity and there is no question about Randall Lolley's integrity. That has been indisputably proven in recent months," the Raleigh attorney said. "His gifts for preaching and personal relationships with individuals as well as churches made him very attractive to us, out of the more than 100 resumes we considered in our careful and prayerful search.

"We are excited about what our old, downtown church can become in witness and ministry under Lolley's leadership."

The church will sponsor a dialog session with Lolley and his wife, Lou, Apr. 6. The church will vote on the new pastor that evening immediately following the dialog session. If the church calls Lolley as pastor, he is expected to assume his duties July 1 and will fill the pulpit on Mother's Day, May 8.

Lolley was pastor of First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., from 1962 until 1974, when he accepted the Southeastern presidency. All of his ministry has been in the pastorate except the 14 years at Southeastern. (BP)

Ministers' wives to focus on S. B. heritage

"Heritage—Ours to Give" will be the theme for the 1988 Southern Baptist Ministers' Wives luncheon in San Antonio, Tex., Tuesday, June 14.

The luncheon, to be held in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting, will begin at 12:15 p.m. in the Hilton Palacio del Rio. The hotel is across the street from the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, site of the SBC meeting.

"We want to be remembering our past and exploring the heritage we want to leave to future generations," said Nelle Agee, president of the SBC Conference

Gallup encourages exploration, not alarm

The Southern Baptist statistical stall in 1987 is not a cause for alarm, but should be fully discussed and explored, pollster George Gallup claimed.

In the last church year, which ended Sept. 30, 1987, some denominational programs reported small changes and had gains or totals smaller than have been seen in decades.

For example, membership and baptisms, two long-time standards of progress for Southern Baptists, had the lowest totals for 52 and 38 years, respec-

tively. Sunday school and church training, the two largest church programs, stood still for the year, with virtually no enrolment changes.

"Southern Baptist statistics appear to represent a leveling out rather than a reversal or sudden turnaround," Gallup said when asked to evaluate the denomination's most recent statistical results. "Compared to other mainline denominations in the United States, Southern Baptists have defied trends nationally for years.

SBA president states group's 'nots'

The Southern Baptist Alliance is not planning a split from the Southern Baptist Convention, is not fielding an SBC presidential candidate, and is not planning to begin a new seminary, according to the organization's new president.

The possibility of a split in the Southern Baptist Convention is "a minor issue with the Southern Baptist Alliance now," said John Thomason, the Mississippian elected in mid-March as president of the national organization for Baptist moderates.

Thomason, pastor of Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., told the Baptist Record, newsjournal of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, in an interview: "We are far more concerned with being an advocate for disenfranchised groups and to get the word out about the Baptist heritage of freedom which we feel is being squandered."

The new president noted the Alliance does not plan to field a candidate at the next SBC meeting—June 14-16 in San Antonio, Tex. "We are not supporting candidates, not drawing swords, we are simply trying to reaffirm the basic prin-

ciples of our Baptist heritage," said Thomason.

Asked how he would describe the mood of the SBA meeting in Macon, Ga., Thomason said it was "one of gratitude and celebration. There is such a sense of relief and joy at being at a Baptist gathering where there are no axes to grind and no one to regard with suspicion. It feels like a family reunion of kindred spirits."

Thomason said he wanted the SBA "to get beyond the image of being a small narrow group in the Eastern Seaboard closely tied to the crisis at Southeastern (Baptist Theological) Seminary. What we want to do this next year is to reach out to the average traditional loyal conservative Baptist. We feel when they hear and understand the SBA message they will want to identify with it." (BP)

Postal rate increases to affect state papers

A new across-the-board postal rate increase could dramatically affect non-profit publications, including state Baptist newspapers.

The rate increase, which is to take effect April 3, was recommended by the Postal Rate Commission and unanimously approved by the U. S. Postal Service board of governors.

Although the Postal Rate Commission's rate increase report indicated second-class non-profit rates would go up 18 percent, editors of Baptist newspapers said the actual increases will be greater.

Presnell H. Wood, editor of the Baptist Standard, newsjournal of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, said the rate change will increase his publication's mailing costs by 24 percent, pushing those costs to \$22,000 each week. Wood—whose publication has the largest circulation of any state newspaper in the Southern Baptist Convention—said this most recent increase contributes to an overall mailing cost increase of almost 100 percent in less than two years.

For Jack E. Brymer Sr., editor of the Florida Baptist Witness, newsjournal of the Florida Baptist Convention, the rate change will mean a 28 percent increase, or an additional \$61,100 annually.

Brymer said he has been unable to get any answers from the Postal Board of Governors as to why the increase for his publication is 10 percent higher than the figure that had been publicized.

Both Brymer and Wood predicted the postal rate increase will force them to raise their subscription rates, which in turn will cost them readers. Brymer said he most likely will ask his publication's governing commission to approve a subscription increase in July. Wood said he plans to wait until the beginning of 1989 to implement higher charges. (BP)

"For instance, in a 1987 question about the importance of religion, 53 percent of the general populace said religion was 'very important' in their lives. This is compared to the Southern Baptist response of 74 percent to the same question," explained Gallup, who for years has tracked the religious habits and preferences of Americans.

Another constant for Southern Baptists that is ahead of the norm for the general populace in religion is the church membership rate of Southern Baptists, which was 80 percent in 1986, compared to 68 percent nationally.

Also of significance for the denomination is that 79 percent of people who identify themselves as Southern Baptists are classified as 'churched,' compared to a national percentage of 67 percent. (BP)

North Carolina women favor WMU as auxiliary

The "historic status of Woman's Missionary Union as an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention" was affirmed in a statement adopted in mid-March by the executive board of the North Carolina WMU.

The WMU executive board, during a called meeting at the annual session of the North Carolina WMU in Greensboro, N. C., also noted it "goes on record as opposing any suggested changes in its pattern of organization."

Nancy Curtis, executive director of the North Carolina WMU, told more than 1300 women attending the annual meeting the executive board drafted its statement in response to a suggestion the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention should become an agency of the SBC with its governing board elected by the SBC in annual session.

Earlier in the meeting, Alma Hunt, retired executive director of the Birmingham, Ala.-based WMU, said: "From its beginning, WMU was wise to function as an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. We avoided the societal concept which would have meant the WMU would commission and send missionaries. We elect our own officers, raise our own funds, own property and support missions at home and abroad."

Curtis, also in an earlier address, told North Carolina WMU members and friends Southern Baptists have lost their sense of missions during the nine-year conflict in the SBC. She urged the women to go home and get serious about straightening out the situation. (BP)

50 year veteran pastor, Lovelace, dies

Kermit A. Lovelace, 73, died Mar. 3 of a heart attack. He had been a Baptist minister for 50 years, serving several churches in Hopkins, Muhlenberg and Christian counties. He was a member of the executive board of Little Bethel Association.

In addition to his work in ministry, he was a retired bookkeeper and lumberman. He was a local historian and had written articles on local history and a history of two local churches.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Blandford Lovelace; two daughters, Mrs. Steven L. (Susan) Ramsey, White Plains, and Mrs. James W. (Gail) Yonts, Louisville; five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

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Retirement excitement

Approaching the time to retire brings mixed feelings. I am anticipating the joy of freedom to do some things that time did not previously allow. Yet there is the realization that the larger portion of one's productive life has been spent. I look forward to not having to make hard administrative decisions, but I also have felt concern about who will take the reins of leadership.

As you are aware, I have announced my retirement effective July 1, 1988. I could not feel more positive about the rightness of this decision. This brings me to another phase of life and ministry with great anticipation. Of course, I am not retiring from God's call to the ministry. I will continue to serve in various ways. My service can be more flexible and at a less pressured pace.

Retirement for me marks an exciting goal. My service stretches across 45 years; 28 years in two pastorates and 17 years in three denominational responsibilities. We have come to the right place in the life of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children for a new leader. This ministry is rooted deeply in the hearts of Kentucky Baptists and it will continue to bless children in a marvelous way.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention has provided this agency with a strong, capable board of trustees who are charged with the responsibility of giving policy and direction to the work of Baptist Homes for Children. For almost seven years it has been my joy to work with these 21 board members as their executive director.

It is the responsibility of the trustees to elect a new executive director as my successor. They have just completed their search and have unanimously called Curtis Mooney to this position. I could not be more proud of our trustees for this wise choice, and I could not feel better about the person who will follow me.

Curtis Mooney and his wife SuEllen are native Kentuckians who feel God's call to child care ministry. They are deeply dedicated Christians. He is a Baptist by conviction and by choice, and has excellent preparation for the task. Not only is he well trained in the field to which God has called him, he has excellent experience. I look forward to placing this ministry in his capable hands and introducing him to you.

Pray for the Mooney family as they leave Buckner Baptist Benevolences in Texas and come home to Kentucky.

One student overlooked

I thoroughly enjoyed the article on those from Kentucky who served in Calgary. I am familiar with some who served through their association with my daughter, Susan Quisenberry.

I was disappointed you were not made aware of another Kentuckian serving. Susan is a Mission Service Corps volunteer at the Winter Olympics.

She is the only volunteer serving on the Winter Games Volunteering Team and was financially supported by Christian friends. She left for Calgary Jan. 7, and will return to Lexington Mar. 26. This enabled her to be involved in the olympic preparatory work as well as the follow-up that is necessary in a project of this magnitude.

Susan is a member of Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, and a 1987 graduate of Western Kentucky University. The fall of 1987 she traveled for the

Home Mission Board as a student mission publicity director. She visited college campuses and BSUs encouraging students to become involved in mission projects. It was during this time she was approved for service in Calgary. After a year's delay, Susan will enter Southern Seminary in 1988.

Mrs. Robert Quisenberry
Lexington

Editor's note: We regret we did not know of the work of Miss Quisenberry. She is to be commended for her dedication to the service of the Lord and we offer her our prayers for much success in witnessing to lost people.

Support Living Will efforts

Over 30 states already have passed Living Will legislation. Kentucky HB 595 is needed legislation for two reasons:

One, that people may die with dignity. I have served as a hospital chaplain for over 25 years and have seen many people put on "machines" and kept alive, sometimes for months, with no awareness of life—certainly no quality of life. Many have had heroic measures to keep them alive when they did not want it.

Two, physicians need some legal means that will allow them to practice "ethical medicine" without fear of being sued. Physicians are sued for almost everything. It is unethical to use heroic measures to keep a patient who has been

dying for weeks a living corpse.

The purpose of the Living Will is not designed to give a physician permission to withdraw life support systems (that is already the prerogative of the physician in consultation with the family), but primarily that the patient may have a right to determine whether heroic means are used to prolong suffering when there is no longer the possibility of the natural continuation of life. Nor does it in any way apply to "assisted" termination of life (euthanasia).

This is an important piece of legislation and anything you can do in support of the legislation will help many people die with dignity and save their loved ones from heavy financial burdens.

Harley C. Dixon
Paducah

Praise for WMU

I applaud your editorial concerning Woman's Missionary Union. Fortunately this one will not be decided by Paige or Paul or Adrian or you or me! The women, who more than any group among us, of any persuasion, have simply "stayed the course" and kept the rest of us at least aware that someday soon we must get back to concentrating on our main business—missions at home and abroad. They will make their own decisions about the structure of their organization. I thank the Lord that in this troubled decade for our denomination their structure has been such as to allow no one to take over. Happy 100th, WMU.

Dick Allison
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BSU schedules seminar for leadership training

A leadership training conference for Baptist Student Union groups from across Kentucky is set for Apr. 8-10 at Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville.

Twenty-five different conferences will be conducted ranging from personal devotions and ministering to internationals to such diverse subjects as peer counseling, student planted churches, fund raising and creative skits. Outstanding leaders in several fields have been enlisted.

Principal speaker for the three-day event will be John Lee Welton, professor of communication arts and director of drama at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn. He will speak Friday night and Saturday morning.

Harold Wainscott, church starter-strategist for the Kentucky Baptist Convention will challenge BSUs with the task of starting churches in Kentucky.

Conferences dealing with feelings and peer pressure will be conducted by Richard M. Greer, director of counseling services and associate professor at Western Kentucky University.

Angie Lewis, Christian recording artist from Nashville, Tenn., will present a concert Friday night.

Benton Williams, director of the KBC Missions and Church Services Division, will lead a service in which BSU summer missionaries are commissioned for service across the world.

True Vine, a BSU musical group from the University of Kentucky, will present special music as a part of the Friday night program, and Jubilate, a BSU singing group from Western Kentucky University, will sing during the Saturday morning program.

A Sunday morning worship service will close the meeting.



Miss Lewis



Welton



Greer



Wainscott

Woman's club bestows Georgetown scholarships

The Woman's Association of Georgetown College will provide 10 scholarships for women attending the school for 1988-89.

The \$350 scholarships will be awarded on the basis of financial need, academic standing, recommendations from the applicant's minister, and an official from her high school or college.

The scholarship winners are eligible for renewal of this award in succeeding years. Applicants may be freshmen or upperclassmen. They must maintain a B average.

The deadline for scholarship applications is Apr. 10. More information and application forms may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Horace T. Hambrick at Georgetown College, 400 E. College Street, Georgetown, KY 40324.

the Foreign Mission Board, ministering 34 years in the same country.

Leitch retired last year as director of Southwestern's physical plant, where he has been influential among hundreds of students.

Fanning is pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in San Antonio, where he has ministered 29 years. In addition to leading his church's local ministries, Fanning has preached across the United States and in 29 foreign countries.

Butt is president of H. E. Butt Foundation and vice chairman of the board of H. E. Butt Grocery Co., Kerrville, Tex. He is a lay preacher and chairman of the board of Christian Men Inc.

Bonham is executive director-treasurer of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. He previously was director of evangelism for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma and pastor of several churches. He is a Christian humorist and has published eight books.

NOBTS claims 'conservative institution'

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary wants to be "known as a conservative institution," trustees said during their Mar. 17-19 annual meeting.

The statement was included in an eight-point response to the Southern Baptist Convention's Peace Committee, which was adopted unanimously by trustees.

"It is our considered judgment that we have been extremely careful in discharging our responsibility to preserve doctrinal integrity of the institution. We have carefully screened all professional staff concerning their belief in the in-

Mission trip ends in tragedy for BSUs

Two Baylor University representatives on their way home from a spring break mission trip were killed Mar. 12 when their automobile was hit head-on about 40 miles north of Harlingen in Texas' Rio Grande Valley.

Killed were Sharla Jayne Smelley, 23, missions coordinator for the Baylor Baptist Student Union, who was driving, and Mike Lowery, 22, of Cypress, Tex., a graduate student.

The driver of the other vehicle, Joshua Lynn Martinez, 24, of Denton, also was killed.

Two other Baylor students were severely injured. Bobby Olsen, 20, of Euless, Tex., had head injuries and underwent surgery at Valley Baptist Medical Center in Harlingen. Adrian Farris, 20, of Beaumont, Tex., had a broken shoulder.

The Baylor students were part of an 18-car caravan returning more than 70 Baylor students from a week-long trip to South Texas, said George Louthback, BSU director at Baylor. Smelley, a Texas A&M graduate who joined the BSU staff last August, had arranged the trip. The students had spent their spring break in various mission projects at seven different locations in the Rio Grande Valley. (BP)

Campbellsville hosts Spring Preview Day

Campbellsville College is hosting a "Spring Preview and Pre-Registration Day" Apr. 9.

Phil Hanna, director of admissions for Campbellsville College, explained that the day's events are two-fold. The Preview Day Program is intended for prospective students who are high school juniors and seniors and have not yet applied for admission to Campbellsville.

The Pre-Registration Day is intended for fall 1988 semester applicants who have been accepted for admission.

Students wanting to attend Spring Preview and Pre-Registration Day should contact the admissions office at (502) 465-8158, extensions 6218 or 6311.

spiration of the whole Bible as a book that is 'truth without any mixture of error,'" the response says.

In his report to trustees, seminary president Landrum P. Leavell II expressed disappointment with Peace Committee members who have violated their own calls for peace and questioned whether the group still can serve as a catalyst for peace. "In my judgment, at this moment the Peace Committee is a colossal \$300,000 failure," he said.

Trustees also elected a slate of officers recommended by their three-member nominating committee: Earnest L. Carswell Jr., pastor at First Baptist Church, Taylors, S. C., chairman; Paul G. Moak, an automobile dealer from Jackson, Miss., vice chairman; Rueben F. Thomas, an oil company executive from Metairie, La., secretary; and James E. Davison, owner of a transport company in Ruston, La., treasurer.

In other action, seminary trustees: —approved a 1988-89 budget of \$6.6 million, which represents about a four percent increase from the current budget.

—elected Jerry Wayne Pounds as assistant professor in religious education ministries, effective July 1. Pounds, a native of New Orleans and a graduate of Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., and New Orleans Seminary, will receive a doctorate in May from Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

—promoted three assistant professors to associate professors: Jeanine C. Bozeman, social work; Charles S. Kelly Jr., evangelism and director of field education; and James E. Reed, history and philosophy of religious education.

—granted professor emeritus status to R. E. Glaze Jr., who retired after 32 years as professor of New Testament and Greek, and Stanley J. Watson, who retired after 34 years as professor of psychology and counseling.

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SWBTS honors distinguished alumni

Six men who have contributed to Southern Baptist life will be honored as 1988 Distinguished Alumni of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary June 15.

Award winners are Presnell Wood, Don Orr, James Leitch, Buckner Fanning, Howard E. Butt and Tal Bonham. They will be guests of honor at Southwestern's annual alumni reunion during the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in San Antonio, Tex.

Wood is editor of the Baptist Standard, weekly newsjournal for Baptists in Texas. He is a former pastor of Texas Baptist churches who has held volunteer denominational positions ranging from associational moderator to chairman of the Baptist Sunday School Board's trustees.

Orr is a retired missionary to Colombia. He and his wife, Violet, were the first music missionaries appointed by

Georgetown enrolment edges upward by 5%

Georgetown College's spring enrolment figures continue to edge upward.

The total for the 1988 spring term stands at 1349, a gain of 62 students over the year earlier. This represents a five percent gain.

The report indicates a wider representation of students from Kentucky. The student body is native to 92 of the states' 120 counties. Students of the college come from 20 states, with the largest number (90) coming from Ohio.

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Button-popping news!

Our seniors are safely back from Washington. It was our first time to take two buses. Students and staff were bubbling over when they returned. It takes a lot to get young people excited these days. The Sandersons, who have led the trip many years, reported this year's group was the most congenial ever. They wanted to see everything, do everything and do it all together.

On the day they received I received this letter from the pastor of the Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church in Silver Springs, Md.: "For the past 14 years, John and Hannah Sanderson have been bringing your senior class to worship with us at the time of their trip to Washington. This has been a long and very happy relationship. Your students have always been very good visitors: attentive, well-mannered, appreciative, etc.

"This year's group was especially so. They used our dining room for a luncheon after worship and left it exactly as they found it. You should know that your school was well represented by this group."

Will you forgive me when I tell you I nearly popped a button when I read that! I get a little kidding each year from staff and others who hear me say "best year yet." I don't just say it. I believe each year is better than the one before. Many facts bear this out including test scores, accomplishments, discernible spiritual growth.

A few days ago I received a letter from

the principal of a large school in Florida who attended our graduation ceremonies several years ago.

"I read with interest the recent Mountaineer. (Oneida's bimonthly publication). I appreciate very much your keeping me up-to-date on your school activities.

"Although my one visitation to your facility during the 1986 graduation was brief, I developed a very high regard and appreciation for the quality of your school and the work you are attempting to do. The decorum exhibited by your students was most refreshing to observe."

Several months ago this letter came: "I have just finished reading Darrell Richardson's book *Mountain Rising*. It is fascinating reading. I had no idea all that had gone on to establish the school at Oneida. I am 60 years old. It is hard to believe that not too many years ago to leave the area where I live east of Lexington and go to Oneida would have been almost like entering another world.

"About three years ago I decided that, as treasurer of our church, I wanted to see what we were doing with God's money even if our contributions were small. So one day my husband and I left home early. By the time we returned had visited several schools including Oneida.

"At Oneida we were received in the most friendly manner, lunch around the school and given lunch in the cafeteria. I was greatly impressed."

While I was a student at UK, I worked each day in the archives department of the library. One day I came across a postal card announcing a meeting of the newly formed Kentucky Mountain Club of Lexington. I was particularly interested in the card because it announced that the Lt. Governor of Kentucky would introduce the speaker "Burns of the Mountains," president of Oneida Baptist Institute. Being a recent graduate of OBI it was thrilling to see this bit of Oneida history.

I was reminded of this when I was invited to speak to the same club this past week. The lady presiding informed me that she rode in the wagon that brought Oneida's only woman president to us in 1922 from St. Helen's, Ky. She was a small child more than 65 years ago but remembers the trip. She hasn't been back since!

By the way, when are you coming to see us? If you've never been here, you have much catching up to do. If it has been six months, there is much to see!



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Without excuse

Rom. 1:18-20 Romans deals with humanity's need of a righteousness which they do not possess, and which they are incapable of producing. This righteousness, which makes him right with the Lord and with other people, must be imputed to him. Man has the choice between the righteousness of God, which was revealed in the gift of his son, and the wrath of God which falls upon those who refuse to believe on Christ.

The two forms of sin which God hates are ungodliness and unrighteousness. The former is the absence of conformity to the will of God, and the latter is living in the wrong relationship to God and to one's fellowmen.

Rom. 2:1-4 All are sinners by nature, by choice and by practice. "There is none righteous, no not one." "If we say that we have not sinned, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

Whether Jews or Gentiles, all sinners are alike in their need of salvation. All are not equally bad, but all are guilty of sin. The standard of God's judgment is revealed truth. God will not judge people by the standards which they choose, but by his own standards and

principles.

Rom. 2:11-13 God's standard of judgment will be the same for all; therefore, he will not show partiality to any because of their positions or possessions. God will not judge men according to their words of professions but according to their deeds. He will weigh accurately every thought, word and deed.

God expects all to live according to his righteous purpose. Anybody who is living without Christ, without God and without hope needs to be reconciled to God without delay.

International series

Disciples' commission

Matt. 6:24-34 When one is occupied with the Lord and the things which pertain to him one will be controlled by him and enriched by his presence. But if and when one is occupied with Satan and the things under his dominion, that life is tragically impoverished. Therefore, refuse to allow the good to become the enemy of the best. Give Christ preeminence in all things.

Two things harass the minds of people—*anxiety about today and fear of tomorrow*. Christ did not tell us that intelligent forethought and industry in providing for our needs and those of our loved ones are not good and proper, but he did warn us against indulgence in the sin of worry.

Christ worried about the fowls of the air, who neither sow nor reap, and yet they do not go hungry. They do not worry about what they shall eat and drink, yet God takes care of them. Since God takes care of the least of his creatures, he certainly will care for those who trust in him. Unless his command to "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness" is obeyed, the promise, "all these things shall be added unto you," will not be fulfilled.

Matt. 28:16-20 When the eleven apostles made their way to Galilee and worshiped him, Christ accepted their worship and gave them the Great Commission.

Matt. 28:18 Christ's power was announced. He said: "All authority is given unto me in heaven and on earth."

Matt. 28:19 Christ's program was advanced. As Christians go into the world, Christ has commanded them to make disciples, to baptize the saved and to teach them his truths.

Matt. 28:20 Christ's presence with us guarantees constant companionship, fullness of joy and comfort in sorrow.

other pastors and "vocal oppositionists" as just another "religious nut" bent on "saving our state from the ravages of evil."

Indeed, those of us who oppose it can count on being ignored, at worst, "snickered at," at best. The recent "televangelist" failures further complicate any certain sound from religious "zealots."

But, the idea of the state in which I live, making money from organized gambling to "run our state" is simply not in the best interests of the people of our commonwealth.

But it's out there now, for "the people to decide." And, decide they will come November.

Between now and then, many Kentucky Baptists, along with other religious groups who oppose the state-operated lottery, will neither be silent nor disinterested. Those who did their best to discourage the lottery at the legislative level will not now just tuck their tails and turn away in defeat.

Citizens Against A State Lottery (CASL) is alive and well. It can now turn its attention to November and helping people understand why a state-operated lottery is a bad bet for Kentucky.

Though folks speculate that many Baptists will vote for it, others would suggest that if Baptists are informed they will not vote for it. In my opinion, there are lots of folks who simply don't see this as all that important an issue. They will need convincing that it is.

Baptists tend to differ on many issues. It is my opinion, among Baptist leadership, this is an issue with a large majority who think the state-operated lottery is wrong and who intend to lead others to that same conclusion. November is still seven months away!

Yogi Berra, the colorful catcher for the New York Yankees, created what is now an oft-used saying about a baseball game: "It ain't over till it's over!"

A state-operated lottery is a "loser" and it ought not be given a "winner's" status.



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on mission together

It ain't over yet

There is no way I can disguise my disappointment with our state legislative and gubernatorial leadership!

With a governor who, from the beginning, has expressed his support of a state-operated lottery and enough legislators who either favored it or who didn't want to "buck" the governor, we are faced with the possibility that our Kentucky government will be in the business of operating organized gambling!

I'll be accused, along with all of the



Recreation ministry requires committed volunteers

Within the structure of any successful church recreation program, a foundation of committed volunteers can always be found, said Bobby Shows, director of activities at Park Hill Baptist Church, North Little Rock, Ark.

"I used to think no one could do the job quite as well as I could," Shows said, speaking in a seminar on "Volunteers: The Backbone of a Recreation Ministry," during Rec Lab, Glorieta, N. M. "There was no doubt in my mind that if it weren't for me the program would fold."

Shows said it was not until several years later that he began to understand what real ministry is and that everyone has a place.

"I believe we are all called according to our own special gifts, both staff and volunteers alike," said Shows. "No one staff person can do it all. If they try, program failure and burnout are most likely just around the corner."

As a program expands the need for volunteers increases rapidly. With the greater need, there may come the temptation to simply fill positions as quickly and easily as possible, Shows said.

"I've found it's always better to get a person with a solid commitment to God and a desire to minister to people. If they lack expertise in a particular area, their willingness to learn will always be blessed," he said.

The best volunteers are often those who have been brought up as a part of the program and later become the ones

who keep it going, Shows said.

Doug Holt, minister of youth at Hillcrest Baptist Church, Arlington, Tex. said that in addition to the volunteers' commitment to serve, he wants them to realize his commitment to them.

"A part of my calling is to equip those who are called out so they can serve more effectively," Holt avowed. "That may be through providing learning materials and programs or giving motivation and encouragement. I'm there

whenever they need me because I couldn't make it without them."

Evaluation of programing is essential in maintaining a dynamic volunteer ministry, said Shows. This process might indicate the need for changes in program design, additional leadership training or even a shift of volunteers to positions more suited to their gifts.

"The real test of a volunteer-led program comes when the staff person leaves that church," said Show. "Depending on

how well the leadership has been trained, a program will die quickly, flounder and then slip by the wayside or will continue on as a strong and vital ministry force."

Shows said, "One of the greatest thrills in ministry is to see someone who was once a part of a volunteer training program standing before another group teaching them to become leaders. Passing on the loving touch of Christ is what ministry is all about."

Puppets: tools for sharing the gospel

Not too long ago the only place a puppet ever showed its big round eyes and wide-mouthed smile was in the church's fellowship hall. And it always had high hopes of getting some laughs.

Puppets still bring smiles but now their primary value is evangelism and they are likely to turn up almost anywhere, according to Ev Robertson, drama specialist for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church recreation department.

"For several years we've been struggling to find ways to really reach people," said Robertson, speaking in a seminar on "New Directions in Puppetry" in Rec Lab, Glorieta, N. M. "Our traditional methods aren't working as well today. Puppets provide us a way."

Robertson said the greatest value of puppets is in planting gospel seeds.

"Puppets can get into settings tradi-

tional ministry methods wouldn't be allowed: city parks, malls, parking lots, grand openings—anywhere there are people. The possibilities are limitless," he said.

As the effectiveness of a puppet ministry is being recognized, the number of puppeteers and teams continue to grow.

"Each year more churches are getting involved," Robertson said. "A lot are still using the basics but now a great number are stretching themselves and becoming very innovative. New lighting and staging techniques, weekly puppet shows on local cable television and mobile theaters are just a few. We're limited by our own imagination."

Randy McFarland, minister of youth and education, Pawnee Baptist Church, Pawnee, Okla. said one of the greatest benefits of a puppet ministry is the growth within the team itself.

"It's as good for the puppeteers as it is for the church," he said. "The puppets help to break down the barriers and give the students added confidence to witness to someone."

Robertson said puppets don't have to be funny. They can provide a way to handle difficult subjects. "Marriage and family issues can be portrayed in such a way that it's almost like putting a mirror up in front of us."

Puppets can also act out timely church issues to educate and deepen understanding, he said. "When there's purpose in your program an audience can sense the message being presented and can apply it to their lives."

"Use of puppets is simply a technique to help us enhance what is already happening in the church. They help to communicate the message clearly," said Robertson.

Desk top publishing plays vital ministry role

Computers are certainly no longer the new kid on the block but there are plenty of churches out there that have yet to tap this remarkable resource, said Jake Malone, minister of activities at First Baptist Church of Augusta, Ga.

"If a church could just catch a glimpse of what they're missing, they'd jump at it."

"Sure, it's an investment but if a church could just catch a glimpse of what they're missing they'd jump at it," Malone asserted, speaking in a conference on "Computers in Recreation Ministry" at Rec Lab, Glorieta, N. M.

Malone said that within the last two years desk top publishing has made the computer much more than a great way to keep up with lists; computers are now a vital part of ministry.

"A church is one of the biggest publishers around on a weekly basis. If a church sends out 100 bulletins each week they could start out with a small computer, a printer and a copy machine and they'd save time and money—plus they would have total control," he said.

Most churches are still using computers only as a data base, a way to keep up with files, names and lists, noted

Malone. Some already have computers with desk top capability and don't even know it.

"It's amazing what you can learn when you read the instruction manual," said Malone.

Paul Stutz, minister of activities at First Baptist Church of Grand Prairie, Tex. said the church was already using a computer system but primarily as a data base.

"I'm sure with all the printed material we use in our church desk top publishing would be a tremendous asset. Providing a better way to get the word out about what we're doing seems to be one of its greatest advantages," said Stutz.

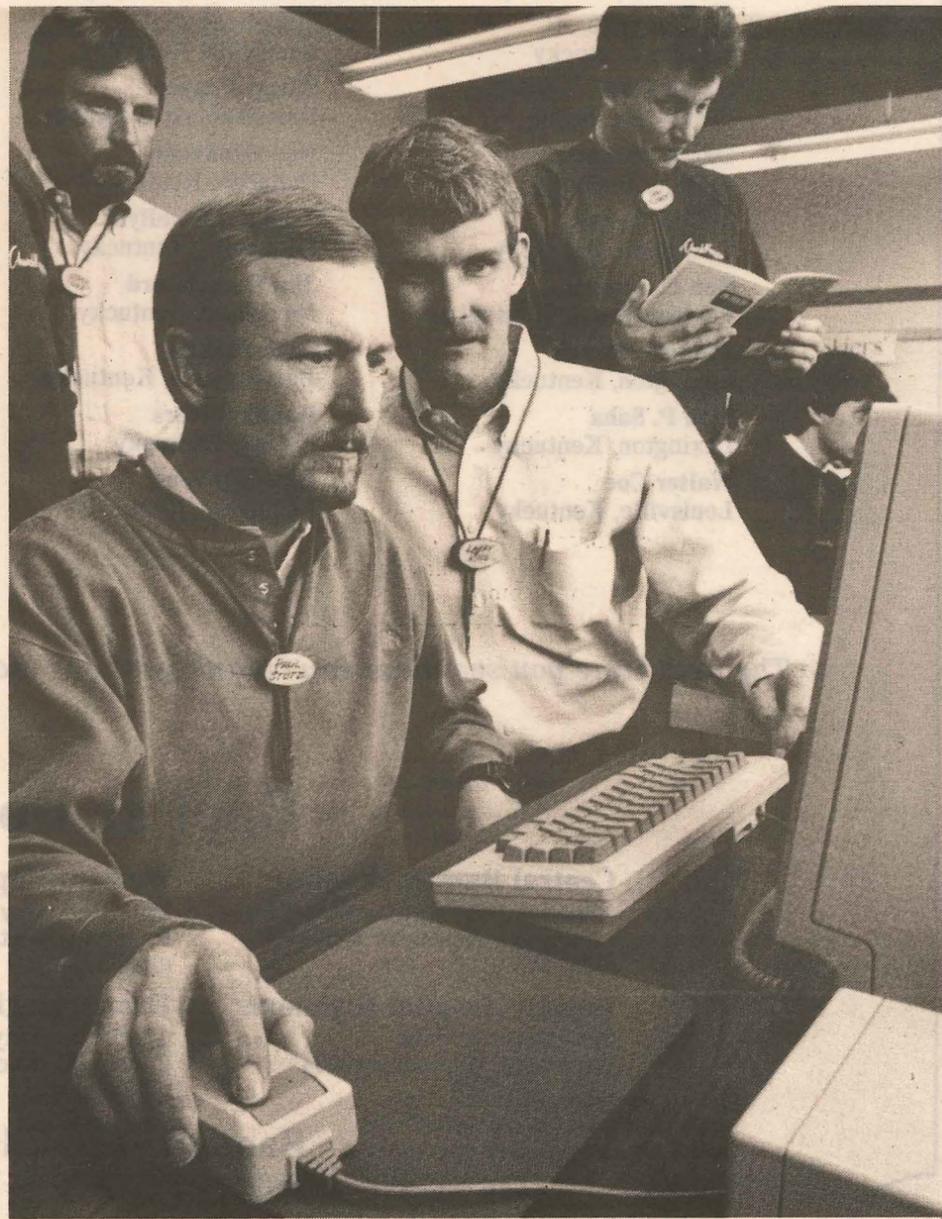
However, Malone warned, there are dangers. "A computer can allow you to do things you've never been able to do before, but if you're not careful it can separate you from your people," he said.

"There comes a point in communication where nothing can take the place of a handwritten letter, a phone call, or a warm embrace."

Larry King, minister of singles and recreation at Immanuel Baptist Church, Wichita, Kan. is among those who have yet to jump into computer-aided ministry.

King said, "I was told anything you can do with a pencil and paper you can do with a computer in a fraction of the time but now I see that it goes far beyond just saving time. If you've been cutting and pasting for as many years as I have, this is a dream."

It (desk top publishing) will provide a way for better publicity and communication with the membership and still save time and money," said King.



Paul Stutz, minister of activities, First Baptist Church, Grand Prairie, Tex., and Larry King, minister of singles and recreation, Immanuel Baptist Church, Wichita, Kan., discover the potential of desk top publishing.

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