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"HONEST SUNDAY" IS TITHING APPROACH OF KENTUCKY WORKER

SOMERSET, Ky.--(BP)--"Honest Sunday" is the secret of Missionary George Grubbs in enlisting tithers among Kentucky's rural population.

"I put all I have in the invitation just as I do when appealing to lost people," explains the Rev. Mr. Grubbs, worker with the Rural Church Program of Kentucky Baptists, who pleads with farm people to be honest with God in tithing their income.

"If a person will be honest with the Lord just one week, he is likely to do so again," says Mr. Grubbs. On recent Honest Sundays observed in two rural churches of Pulaski Association, 39 farm people walked the aisles of their churches to pledge themselves to tithe. Twenty-five of these are members of Mt. Pisgah Church where gifts totaled \$155 on Honest Sunday. The other 14 are members of Bethany Church where the offering reached \$137.50.

Missionary Grubbs had his first experience with Honest Sunday in 1945 shortly after he went to Whitley City, Ky., as pastor. Announcement was made several weeks in advance of the special day, and the people who dared to bring a week's tithe on Honest Sunday gave the first \$100 offering at a regular service in the history of the church. Offerings for the year totaled \$4469.53 as compared with \$1991.74 the previous year. The second year gifts climbed to \$9424.48.

In the fall of 1947 when Southern Baptists were in the midst of the three-months tithing campaign, Mr. Grubbs moved to Benton Church, a small country pastorate. Honest Sunday was observed immediately, and 40 members signed tithing cards. The offering which reached \$100 on this special day grew to \$400 on a December Sunday two months later. Then in the spring when milk prices were good the little church went three months with the offering not falling below \$110. Within the associational year, this rural church gave \$7000 to missions.

"I have never used anything so effective as Honest Sunday to get people to tithe," concludes Mr. Grubbs.

RUSTON, LA., BAPTISTS
ESTABLISH KINDERGARTEN

RUSTON, La.--(BP)--The First Baptist Church here has purchased an 11-room house for use as a Nursery School and Kindergarten for pre-school children. A lot 70x120 feet will be fenced to furnish adequate play area for the children.

The project, which will be established as a part of the educational department of the church, has grown out of a demand created by the inability of the city's only public kindergarten -- the Nursery School of Louisiana Tech -- to care for all the children who need this training. It is to be community-wide and will include children of families of all faiths and those who have no church affiliation.

G. Avery Lee, pastor, announced these schools will meet the standards of the Department of Education and will have the best Christian education instruction. The program will be self-sustaining.

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SCHULMERICH CARILLONS TO PLAY
AT OKLAHOMA CITY CONVENTION

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.--(BP)--"Carillonic Bells" will extend a musical greeting to messengers attending the Southern Baptist Convention here, May 18-22. These Bells will be heard from the top of the Apco Tower, one of the tallest buildings in Oklahoma City and will be played daily before and after the Convention meetings.

In cooperation with the Sunday School Board and the Baptist Book Stores, Schulmerich Electronics, Inc., of Sellersville, Pa., exclusive manufacturers of "Carillonic Bells," obtained the cooperation of the management of Apco Tower so these Bells might be heard from the highest building over a wide area and which would add to the welcome extended by Oklahoma City citizens.

"Carillonic Bells" have been heard at state conventions and the last four annual sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention, and are installed in several hundred Southern Baptist churches. A special exhibit of the instrument will be shown in the Exhibit Hall of the Convention auditorium.

G. J. Schulmerich said the "Carillonic Bells" being installed on the Apco Tower will undoubtedly be the largest set of Bells ever used in Oklahoma, for they will be heard for a radius of at least five miles or more, depending on atmospheric conditions.

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