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**Students Of Professor  
Morton Plan Voyage**

KANSAS CITY, Mo.--(BP)--Professor William H. Morton and several Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary students here plan to visit the Near East this summer and parts of Europe also.

Morton, now Midwestern archaeologist, formerly was director and visiting professor at American Schools of Oriental Research in Jerusalem. They will leave for their visit abroad May 31.

Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Mount Sinai, Mars Hill, the pyramids of Egypt, and other places of both Old and New Testament history---Professor Morton and the students will visit these places.

The primary purpose of the trip is to acquaint Biblical students with the historical and geographical setting of the Bible. This will be accomplished by touring the Oriental sections of the major museums of Europe and the Near East; trips to the cities of important archaeological excavations such as Jericho, Gibeon, Tele El Farah, Shechem, Meggido, Bethshan, Hazor, and the Essene community and caves of the Dead Sea scrolls; lectures by Morton; and preparatory readings.

Students making the trip with Morton will be: Emmett Barnes of Potosi, Mo.; Gary Farley of Raytown, Mo.; John Hackworth of St. Louis; Ray McDonald of Bartlesville, Okla.; Bob Potter of Sedalia, Mo.; Carl Ryther of Belle Fourche, S. D.; Gerry Smith and Mrs. Smith of St. Joseph, Mo., and James Wright and Mrs. Wright of Knoxville, Tenn.

Also going on the journey will be Clayborn Landers, superintendent of missions for St. Joseph, Mo., Baptist Association, and Sigurd Bryan, Bible professor at Howard College, Birmingham, Ala. Joining the group in Europe will be J. Frank Hixson, superintendent of missions, Montgomery, Ala., John Riddle, pastor of Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., and Ira Gene Moss, chaplain, Air Force, stationed in Germany.

Midwestern Seminary offers four hours credit for the trip.

The cost of the eight weeks' tour will be about \$2000.

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**50 Ministers, Laymen  
In Jamaican Crusade**

By the Baptist Press

Under the leadership of a pastor from Texas and another from Louisiana, 45 Southern Baptist ministers and five laymen will conduct an evangelistic crusade in Jamaica Apr. 3-10.

The group, drawn from nine states, will be led by J. P. Owens of Nederland, Tex., and David E. Mason, of Jonesboro, La. The campaign is under sponsorship of Jamaica Baptist Union.

It will follow by a week the visit of W. C. Fields of Nashville, secretary of public relations for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee. Fields will have assisted the Baptist churches of Jamaica, a West Indies island, in stewardship education.

Crusades similar to that planned for Jamaica have been held in recent years. The entire group will board an airplane at New Orleans Apr. 2 and arrive at Montego Bay, Jamaica, that night. They will divide into two groups after arriving in Jamaica.

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Jamaica Baptist Union is the organization of Baptists on the island. It is an autonomous body with former connections with both British Baptist and the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Baptists are relatively strong on the island, campaign sponsors reported, and have played an important role in its history.

The Southern Baptist ministers and laymen will also confer with Jamaican leaders on stewardship, church administration, and promotional methods.

Mason said the island, largest in the newly-formed British West Indies Federation, is perhaps the most "rapidly-developing resort area in the world today. It is a strategic point in the Caribbean Sea."

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For Short Walks, Get  
Miami Reservations In

(3-25-60)

NASHVILLE--(BP)--If you want to be close to the auditorium in Miami beach for the 1960 Southern Baptist Convention, better get your reservations in right away.

This is the advice of John H. Williams of Nashville, who co-ordinates Convention planning for the Convention's Executive Committee.

He reports that there is plenty of hotel space left, but that space in the hotels closest to the auditorium is being filled rapidly.

Reservation forms have been published earlier in your Baptist paper and forms should be directed to Southern Baptist Housing Bureau, P. O. Box 1511, Miami Beach, 39, Fla.

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Woman's Union Getting  
Higher Up In World

(3-25-60)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.--(BP)--Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary of the Southern Baptist Convention, has moved into higher ground.

Members of its promotion division entered their private offices on the two floors recently added to the Union's building here.

The new addition, built at an estimated \$400,000, was paid for with income from sales of magazines and priced supplies. The two new floors provide private offices for professional personnel, four secretarial pools, an auditorium seating 165, enlarged art facilities, an electric kitchen, and reference library.

Space formerly occupied by the promotion division staff will be used for administrative offices and work areas for the business division.

The original building included two floors and a full basement. The building was constructed so two additional floors could be added with minimum expense and effort, according to W M U leaders here.

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Quick Thinking Leads  
To Church Membership

(3-25-60)

FAIRBANKS, Alaska--(BP)--A blind girl in Fairbanks wished to contact other blind children, hoping to develop interest in a special class in the public school.

Mrs. Bill Parson, wife of the pastor of Fairbanks' Calvary Baptist Church, read the girl's appeal. She called the girl's mother. "Bring your girl to our Sunday school," Mrs. Parson urged.

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"But I can't," replied the blind girl's mother. "I have two other children younger than she is."

"Then bring the whole family," Mrs. Parson said at once.

The following Sunday, the blind girl, her mother, father and two sisters all attended Calvary Church. A few Sundays later the mother and father accepted Christ as their Saviour.

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Kansas Observes 14th  
Anniversary Convention

(3-25-60)

WICHITA, Kans.--(BP)--Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists observed its 14th anniversary with the organization of two new churches which will become affiliated with the convention. This brought the number of affiliated Kansas Convention churches to 150.

Number 149 was Greenwood Heights Baptist Church, Shawnee, Kans., in metropolitan Kansas City. Robert Warren is pastor. It was sponsored by First Baptist Church, Eudora, Kans. which is in the Kaw Valley Baptist Association. The new church will affiliate with the Kansas City, Kans., Baptist Association.

There were 59 charter members. Eighty-five people took part in the organizational service. George E. Roberts, Jr., superintendent of missions in Smoky Hill and Kaw Valley Associations was moderator. Houston Lanier, superintendent of missions in Kansas City, Kans., Baptist Association was the clerk.

Church number 150 was the Plattsmouth Baptist Church, Plattsmouth, Nebr.--the sixth in Nebraska to affiliate with Kansas Convention. The organization was effected in the Lions' Club building in Plattsmouth, under leadership of Pastor V. T. Utley. Sponsored by First Baptist Church, Bellevue, Nebr. the new church began with 41 members. It is a grandchild of First Southern Baptist Church, Omaha, Nebr.

The convention's assistant executive secretary-treasurer and editor of the Baptist Digest, F. Paul Allison, was inspirational speaker at both organizational services.

Kansas Convention now has more than 30,000 constituent members; reports 17,742 baptisms during the 14-year period; has recorded \$1,642,945 in total receipts and \$806,118 through the Cooperative Program. Total gifts to all causes by the churches have passed the \$10 million mark.

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Howard Halsell New  
Kansas Agency Head

(3-25-60)

WICHITA, Kans.--(BP)--Howard Halsell of Phoenix, Ariz., will begin his work as secretary of the Sunday school department of Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists here May 3.

Trained at Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Ark., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., Halsell has served in the field of religious education in Arizona for 11 years.

Seven of these years, he was educational director of First Southern Baptist Church, Phoenix. From 1953 to 1957, he was secretary of the department of religious education of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona. Other experience in full-time Christian work includes: Baptist Student Union secretary, Ouachita College for one year, and state student secretary in Alabama for one year. He served four years in the U.S. Navy in World War II.

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