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Brotherhood Picks
Ambassador Helper

MEMPHIS, Tenn.--(BP)--Norman Godfrey, Royal Ambassador director of Tarrant (Texas) Baptist Association, will join the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission as an assistant secretary in the Royal Ambassador department here.

George W. Schroeder, Memphis executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, announced the appointment. Godfrey will begin his new duties June 15.

In his new position, Godfrey will serve as program co-ordinator for more than 200,000 Royal Ambassadors and their counselors. Heading the Royal Ambassador department is Edward Hurt, Memphis associate secretary.

For the last two years Godfrey has directed the work of Royal Ambassadors in Tarrant Association with headquarters in Fort Worth. Almost 3,000 boys are enrolled in that association's program.

While studying toward his bachelor of arts degree which he received in 1957 from Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, Godfrey did Royal Ambassador work as a member of the Arizona Brotherhood department.

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Atlanta Has All-Time
Easter Baptist Crowd

(4-21-60)

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Atlanta Baptist Association recorded an all-time high Sunday school attendance on Easter Sunday of 71,814 about 1,000 more than the previous record and about 9,000 more than in 1959.

Atlanta First Baptist Church had the highest church attendance--2,025--followed by Second Ponce de Leon with 1,997 and Decatur First Church with 1,747.

Seventeen of the association's 150 churches had more than 1,000 present.

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California Printing
Contracts Approved

(4-21-60)

FRESNO, Calif.--(BP)--The California Southern Baptist will be printed by a Baptist-owned publishing plant within the next two or three months.

The executive board of Southern Baptist General Convention of California approved a contract with the state Baptist Foundation to handle the convention's general printing as well as that of the weekly state Baptist newsmagazine.

The plant, valued at \$80,000, is already in operation here.

The executive board, meeting at Fresno, also reviewed the reorganization of the convention proposed by its long-range survey committee and Chicago business management consultants.

The survey will be placed before the convention for adoption at a specially-called session in May. Some requests for changing the report are expected from the floor of the convention.

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The executive board elected E. Dale Brister, on the staff of the state Baptist Foundation, as business administrative assistant to the convention's executive secretary. The survey committee has recommended employment of a convention business manager.

Two associational superintendents of missions were elected---Hubert O. Black for Santa Cruz-Monterey Associations and L. Bert Edward for Mojave Desert Association.

Black has been pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Baldwin Park, Calif., and Edwards, pastor of Silverado Baptist Church, Napa, Calif.

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Wood To Direct
Panamanian Work

(4-21-60)

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--L. D. Wood of Dallas, Co-ordinator of language missions in Texas, has been appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board as superintendent of work in Panama, the Canal Zone, and the San Blas Islands.

He succeeds R. G. Van Royen, who has led in the development of Southern Baptist Missions in the area for the past 10 years. Van Royen will become a field worker with language groups in the United States, according to Loyd Corder of Atlanta, secretary of the board's department of language group ministries.

Wood's service to his denomination has included work as pastor, missionary to Chile, chaplain, missions co-ordinator for an association, and then co-ordinator for the state of Texas.

His college education was at Mississippi College, and his seminary degrees, including a doctor of theology, came from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Tex.

Wood will be in Panama for two months before Van Royen's departure. Van Royen was president and teacher at the five-year-old Panama Baptist Seminary. He led in development of an encampment last year, and in the organization of a convention for the 35 churches and 27 missions. There are 86 missionaries and workers in the area, and only eight are not natives.

Van Royen will work under special assignments in the U. S., such as surveying the Navajo and other Indian reservations and investigating language group opportunities in cities.

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CORRECTION

In Dallas Baptist Press mailed date April 15, 1960, please change the dateline of "National Council Ties" story regarding American Baptist Convention from Nashville (as sent) to Rochester, N. Y.

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Flames Threaten
Huge Baptist Hospital

(4-21-60)

MEMPHIS, Tenn.--(BP)--The huge 920-bed Baptist Memorial Hospital here was seriously threatened by flames that engulfed a nearby baseball park. Only window damage was reported. The flames from Russwood Park across the street licked at the top of the 12-story building at times. Although heat knocked out 300 windows on the north side of the hospital, no patients were injured.

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"Only one thing saved us," said Drexel Toland, assistant administrator. "All the windows were double-paned with a vacuum in between. The outside glass burts, but most of the inside panes remained intact.

"We were lucky. The Lord was with us."

All but six rooms were back in service 12 hours after the blaze.

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Jamaican Preachers
Report 2900 Decisions

(4-21-60)

JONESBORO, La.--(BP)--The 50 Baptist preachers and laymen who took part in evangelistic activities in Jamaica reported 2952 decisions during the period.

The result was announced here by David E. Mason, pastor, First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, one of the crusade leaders.

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Folks & facts.....

.....Tower Grove Baptist Church now conducts five worship services each Sunday, according to Mack R. Douglas, pastor of the St. Louis church. There are three morning services --at 8:05; at 10:45 for juniors, and at 11:15. The Sunday evening services at 5 and 7:45. The auditorium seats less than 1000 but Sunday school attendance averages 1800, Douglas said.

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1960 Southern Baptist Convention
Miami Beach, Fla.
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For Information

Convention Week Dates, Miami Beach, Fla.

SATURDAY, May 14

Pre-Convention W M U board - 7:30 PM, Roney Plaza Hotel

MONDAY, May 16

Opening Session Pastors' Conference - 9:00 AM, Exhibition Hall

Church Music Conference executive council - 10:00 AM - 12:00 noon, Riverside Baptist Church, Miami

Opening Session W M U annual meeting - 9:30 AM, Miami Beach Auditorium

Brotherhood leadership meeting for state and Convention workers - 2:00 PM, Nautilus Hotel

Opening session Religious Education Association - 2:00 PM, Miami Beach Community Church

Committee on Boards (dinner meeting) - 5:00 PM, Saxony Hotel

Central committee meeting of Radio-TV Commission - 7:00 PM, Saxony Hotel

TUESDAY, May 17

Brotherhood leadership breakfast for state and Convention workers 7:00 AM, Nautilus Hotel

State paper editors, breakfast, 7:30 AM, Saxony Hotel

Relief and Annuity field men's seminar - 9:30 AM and luncheon, Delano Hotel

Executive Committee meeting - 9:00 AM, Veranda Room, Saxony Hotel

Southern Seminary Alumni Association, executive committee and presidents of state alumni association dinner - 4:30 PM, Shore Club Hotel

Christian Life Commission dinner - 6:00 PM, tickets, \$2.75

Opening session S B Convention - 6:30 PM, Exhibition Hall

WEDNESDAY, May 18

Southwestern alumni state presidents' breakfast - 7:00 AM, First Baptist Church, Miami Beach, Southwestern Seminary host

Carver School alumni breakfast - 7:15 AM, Surf Room, Shore Club Hotel, tickets, \$1.75

Golden Gate Seminary breakfast - 7:30 AM, Hotel Di Lido, tickets, \$2.00

Southern alumni luncheon - 1:00 PM, Hotel Seville, tickets, \$3.25

Southeastern alumni trustees' luncheon - 1:00 PM, Shelborne Hotel, tickets, \$3.00

New Orleans Seminary state alumni presidents' luncheon - 1:00 PM, Shore Club Hotel, New Orleans Seminary host

Southwestern alumni luncheon 1:00 PM, Le Grande ballroom, Saxony Hotel, tickets, \$2.75

Radio-TV Commission - 1:30 PM, Seville Hotel (luncheon)

Southern trustees- approximately 3:00 PM (following Southern Seminary alumni luncheon), Seville Hotel

Golden Gate trustees - 3:00 PM, Saxony Hotel

Southwestern trustees - 3:00 PM, LeGrande ballroom, Saxony Hotel (no meal)

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2-Convention Week Dates, Miami Beach, Fla.

Minister's Wives Conference - 3:00 PM, Miami Beach Auditorium

Ministers' wives tea - 4:00 PM, Miami Beach Auditorium

Midwestern trustees - 4:00 PM, Saxony Hotel

Foreign Mission reception - 3:30 -5:00 PM, Dolphin and Tropical Rooms, Miami Beach
Convention Hall

Home Mission reception - 3:30 - 5:00 PM, National Hotel

THURSDAY, May 19

New Orleans Alumni breakfast - 7:00 AM, Hotel Seville, tickets, \$2.00

Carson-Newman alumni breakfast - 8:00 AM, Surf Room, Shore Club Hotel tickets, \$1.25

Chaplains' luncheon - 1:00 PM, Toby's Cafeteria, 674 N. W. 54th St., Miami Beach

Historical Commission luncheon - 1:00 PM, National Hotel

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Additions

(Tuesday, May 17)

Association of Baptist Foundation Executives luncheon - 12:30 p.m., Shelborne Hotel

(Thursday, May 19)

Executive Committee Organization - Following adjournment of afternoon Convention session,
Flamingo Room, Convention Hall