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'Minnie Belle' Author
On History Conference

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The author of "Minnie Belle" will provide pointers on writing church history during the joint Writers' Conference and Historical Commission Conference week at Ridgecrest, N. C., June 9-15.

She is Mrs. Ollin J. (Loulie) Owens, wife of a Greenville, S. C., Baptist minister. Her column, "Minnie Belle," appears monthly in the magazine, Baptist Program, and describes the ups and downs of parsonage life of an imaginary pastor and his wife.

Mrs. Owens is a leader in the South Carolina Baptist Historical Society and has written several books and articles on Baptist historical subjects.

Joining Mrs. Owens as program leader at Ridgecrest will be Lynn E. May, Jr., Nashville, research director for the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Writers' Conference is sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board and offers instruction on writing various types of religious material.

The Writers' Conference and Historical Conference coincide again Aug. 4-10 at the Baptist assembly in Glorieta, N. M. There, Davis C. Woolley, Nashville, executive secretary of the Historical Commission, and William A. Carleton, Mill Valley, Calif., vice-president and professor of church history at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, will lead the program.

Both the Ridgecrest and Glorieta Conference weeks will emphasize the writing of church histories and histories of other religious groups, according to Woolley.

"These programs are designed for those who are to write histories of churches, associations, conventions, and other institutions and organizations. They are also for persons interested in writing historical dramas and biographies," he said.

"The two conferences will provide training in the basic fundamentals of historical research and writing."

Carleton has written several books and articles on Baptist history themes. He also lectures on this theme at assemblies and conferences. The Convention's Home Mission Board will soon publish his book on Luther Rice, pioneer organizer and fund-raiser for foreign missions among Baptists in the United States.

Programs of the history writers and the general writers' conference are arranged so that persons attending the assemblies may participate in both programs.

Woolley appealed to churches and other Baptist groups to send representatives to the conferences. "Their attendance will be a profitable investment for the service of their history interests," he declared.

Reservations may be obtained by writing the managers of the two assemblies, giving dates of attendance.

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New Yorkers Form
New Association

(5-7-60)

NEW YORK CITY--(BP)--Southern Baptists' newest association was formed at a meeting in New York City with five churches and seven chapels affiliating.

The new Northeastern Baptist Association is affiliated with the Maryland Baptist Union Association. Churches and chapels from eastern New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Eastern Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts make up the association.

Manhattan Baptist Church in New York City, Delaware Valley Baptist in Levittown, Pa., Madison Baptist in Madison, N. J., Park Baptist in Irvinton, N. J., and Screven Memorial

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Baptist in Portsmouth, N. H., were the five churches affiliating. The association elected Paul S. James, pastor of Manhattan Church, as moderator.

The seven chapels are expected to be constituted as churches by October, when the new association will have its first meeting, according to A. B. Cash, Atlanta, secretary of pioneer missions for the denomination's Home Mission Board.

Technically, one of the churches, Madison Baptist in New Jersey, was still a mission when the association was formed; it became a church two days later.

To show the speed of things in pioneer missions, said Cash: A family joined the mission in New Jersey Sunday morning and were members of Manhattan Baptist, the sponsoring church, for three hours before becoming charter members of the Madison Church.

The new church copied the first New Testament church at Jerusalem in numbers, with 120 charter members. The year-and-a-half-old mission celebrated the first anniversary of their mission pastor, Howard Hovde, whom they also called as pastor.

Presently meeting in a school at Florham Park, N. J., the church has purchased property in Madison and will begin building immediately.

Over in western New York, where churches are affiliated with the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, another mission became a church. Grace Baptist Church in Rome, became the 207th church of the Ohio convention. The new church called J. T. Davis as pastor. A mission of First Southern Baptist Church, Syracuse, their first action was to assume sponsorship of a mission of their own.

Another mission of the Syracuse Church, at Massena, N. Y., will become a church May 28, according to R. Z. Burroughs, pastoral missionary for that area.

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Mission Designations

Hike April Receipts

(5-7-60)

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Designated offerings of \$874,777---all but a few thousand dollars to foreign and home missions---boosted April financial receipts for the Southern Baptist Convention to \$2,336,351.

Treasurer Porter Routh of Nashville said that \$1,461,574 came in from co-operating state Baptist groups through the Cooperative Program, undesignated financial plan used to support all Convention agencies.

The April monthly total increased receipts for the calendar and budget year to \$14,384,957, up 9.81 percent over the January-April sum in 1959.

Cooperative Program receipts rose to \$5,813,146, up 6.55 per cent. Designations are up 12.14 per cent and total \$8,571,811 for the first four months of 1960.

The missions designations were about evenly divided between foreign and home missions. The Foreign Mission Board, feeling the last of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings in the Convention's nearly 32,000 churches, received \$424,116 in designations.

The Home Mission Board, backed by the surge of Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions in the spring, received \$445,464 in designations.

Disbursements for the year to date, following a normal pattern, are heaviest to the missionary agencies--\$10,573,283 to Foreign Mission Board and \$1,546,473 to Home Mission Board. Other agencies are below \$400,000 each.

Texas led states in amount forwarded with \$469,630. It was followed by Georgia with \$231,436. Nine other states exceeded \$100,000---Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

Receipts at the Southern Baptist Convention treasurer's office represent only funds forwarded for Convention use. They do not include the much greater amounts kept by local churches for their programs and by state conventions and general associations to support state missions and education.

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Carl Halvarson Takes
Golden Gate Position

MILL VALLEY, Calif.--(BP)--Carl M. Halvarson, missionary to Japan since 1952, will become assistant to the president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Halvarson, a graduate of Golden Gate, will have public relations and student recruitment as his major responsibilities, according to President Harold K. Graves.

In deciding to leave foreign mission service, Halvarson said he felt he could best serve the cause of missions by accepting the call of the seminary. In his new position, effective June 1, he will help direct students interested in foreign missionary appointments.

Harry R. Koontz of Mill Valley, the seminary's present director of publicity, will remain on the seminary staff. In the future, Koontz will give more attention to promotional work.

The growth of Golden Gate Seminary since its relocation in Mill Valley and the increase expected in enrolment have made necessary the addition of Halvarson to the staff, seminary leaders said.

The seminary moved last year from Berkeley across the bay to Strawberry Point, across Golden Gate Bridge from San Francisco.

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Mississippi Laymen
Witness in Colorado

(5-7-60)

DENVER, Colo.--(BP)--Forty Mississippi Baptist laymen will preach in the Southern Baptist churches of Denver the week of July 27-31.

Known as the Denver Baptist Laymen's Crusade, the laymen will pay their own expenses and witness for a full week in more than 25 Southern Baptist churches.

The project has the full support of Baptist leaders in Colorado.

Chester L. Quarles, of Jackson, executive secretary-treasurer of Mississippi Baptist Convention board, will accompany the group and serve as chaplain. Owen Cooper, Yazoo City layman and member of the Executive Committee, is coordinator.

A city-wide rally has been scheduled in Denver for Saturday night, July 30.

A special issue of the Rocky Mountain Baptist, official publication of the Colorado Baptist General Convention, will be devoted to the crusade.

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Missouri Sets 1960
Goal of \$3 Million

(5-7-60)

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.--(BP)--The executive board of Missouri Baptist Convention adopted a recommended Cooperative Program goal of \$3 million for 1961. The action is subject to approval by the convention in its annual meeting the last of October.

Percentage of distribution for all 1961 Cooperative Program funds between Missouri convention and Southern Baptist Convention causes would be 65 and 35 per cent. There are no preferred items before distribution. The new goal exceeds the current years goal by \$200,000.

Action was also taken to acquire 436 additional acres for Windermere Baptist Assembly, making 1053 acres now in the assembly tract. The convention has just completed a half-million dollar development at the assembly, adding a large dining hall,

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auditorium, and 80 modern housing units with added capacity for 320 persons.

The assembly property is valued at more than a million dollars and is completely modern with air-conditioning for year-round activities. Further developments and expansion of the assembly's housing facilities and auditorium are anticipated within the next two to three years.

The main assembly program began in May with the annual state Brotherhood convention, followed by eighteen statewide conferences through Dec. 1. Windermere Assembly is located at Roach, Mo., on famed Lake of the Ozarks. It has some of the most modern and efficient facilities to be found.

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Prime Minister Among
Those To Be Honored

(5-7-60)

By The Baptist Press

The prime minister of Canada, the mayor of a Louisiana city, a prominent network newscaster, and the editor of a non-denominational Christian magazine will be among persons given honorary degrees this year by Southern Baptist colleges and universities.

Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla., will confer the doctor of humanities degree on John George Diefenbaker, prime minister of Canada. The prime minister is a Baptist. He will receive the degree at the golden jubilee convocation of the Oklahoma college Sept. 22:

The doctor of laws degree will go to Daniel A. Poling of New York, editor of the magazine, Christian Herald. William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., will confer it May 30.

The mayor is Clyde Fant of Shreveport, La., who'll receive the honorary doctor of laws from East Texas Baptist College at Marshall, Tex., on May 30. The mayor is an alumnus of the college.

The network news commentator is Paul Harvey of American Broadcasting Company (ABC), Chicago. Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex., will confer the honorary doctorate.

A Mississippi College professor will be honored twice.

Other degrees and the schools granting them are:

Oklahoma Baptist University--Doctor of divinity to Calvin Murray Fuquay, pastor, First Baptist Church, Midwest City, Okla.; Lowell D. Milburn, pastor, First Baptist Church, Shawnee, and John W. Dowdy, president, Southwest Baptist (Junior) College, Bolivar, Mo. Doctor of letters to Hugh Meglone Milton, II, undersecretary of the Army, Washington, D. C. All conferred May 28.

William Jewell College--Glenn W. Hendren, Liberty, Mo., physician, doctor of laws; Homer E. Delozier, superintendent, St. Louis (Mo.) Baptist Association, doctor of divinity. At May commencement.

East Texas Baptist College--Deckert Anderson, pastor, Eastview Baptist Church, Kilgore, Tex., doctor of divinity, on Aug. 24.

Wayland Baptist College--Mori Hiratani, president, Hawaii Baptist Convention, and pastor Pearl City (Hawaii) Baptist Church, an alumnus of Wayland, at May commencement.

University of Corpus Christi, Tex.--Kenneth E. Hiner, pastor, Forrest Park Baptist Church, Corpus Christi, doctor of divinity at May commencement. Joe Amerine, missionary, district five, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Alice, Tex., in August.

Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.--A. E. Wood, head of the college's chemistry department, doctor of laws and letters, after 40 years with Mississippi College faculty, May 29.

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William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss.--Cecil Slaton Johnson, dean of general college, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C., doctor of laws, May 27. His father was president of William Carey College from 1912 to 1932.

Quachita College, Arkadelphia, Ark.--Robert L. Smith, pastor, First Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark., doctor of divinity, and Birkett L. Williams, Cleveland, Ohio, business-man, doctor of laws. At May graduation.

Furman University, Greenville, S. C.--Honorary Degrees, doctors of law, to three members of the Duke endowment board April 26--George G. Allen, chairman of the board; Norman A. Cooke, and Alexander H. Sands, Jr. Much of the cost of the \$1,788,000 Duke Library building on the Furman campus came from Duke Endowment funds.

Mercer University, Macon, Ga.--Joe S. Holliday, pastor, First Baptist Church, Columbus, Ga., and James T. Burrell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Bainbridge, Ga., doctor of divinity; W. C. Lee, Macon banker, doctor of laws, and A. E. Wood, retiring head of the chemistry department, Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., doctor of science.

Union University, Jackson, Tenn.--W. Fred Kendall, Nashville, executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, doctor of divinity, and Lawrence T. Lowrey, retiring president of Blue Mountain College (Baptist), Blue Mountain, Miss., doctor of humanities. On May 30.

Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Tex.--Mrs. Joe A. Wessendorf, Richmond, Tex., first woman to serve on state board of education, active in Parent-Teachers Association and former state president of it, at September convocation.

Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex.--Thomas G. Barnes, one of the state's leading physicists and professor at Texas Western College, El Paso, doctor of Science, at May 29 exercises.