

July 10, 1960

**Southwestern Given
Second \$25,000 Grant**

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Foundation here announced it has received a second installment of \$25,000 from the will of an Amarillo, Tex., woman. It will be invested with earnings to go quarterly to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

The funds were provided in the bequest of Ethel H. Proper. The first \$25,000 installment, with earnings to benefit Southwestern Seminary, came last Mar. 10. The foundation is trustee.

J. W. Storer, Nashville, executive secretary of the Foundation, said that a third installment with similar provisions may come on final settlement of the estate.

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**Louisiana Weighing
Church Control Bill**

(7-10-60)

BATON ROUGE, La.--(BP)--The Louisiana Senate overrode appeals from Methodist Church leaders and voted unanimously for a bill to give local churches control of church property.

The bill was amended to exclude Roman Catholic Church educational, charitable, or religious trusts. The amendments were sent back to the House for concurrence.

Sen. Harold Montgomery, Koyline, who steered the bill to Senate passage told senators"

"Under our present church setup, even through we as members of that church have built, paid for and used that church . . . that church building when paid for becomes the property of the Methodist Conference.

"It no longer belongs to us who have worked and paid for that property. When some of the forces from up above come to tell us that we must integrate The Methodist Church, if we refuse to do that, gentlemen, they can say, 'Boys, get out of that church, it belongs to us.'

"We are asking you when we vote a two-thirds vote of the membership of that church, we can transfer, so to speak, it belongs to us. I know that each and every one of you . . . agree it is the democratic way," he concluded.

Sen. Lamar Adcock, Monroe, suggested backers of the bill would have no trouble it they would join a Baptist church.

Montgomery said, "I am a Methodist, but if some changes are not made, then I am going to join with my fellow senator there in the Baptist church."

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**Construction Started
At Valley Forge Site**

(7-10-60)

VALLEY FORGE, Pa.--(BP)--The American Baptist Convention broke ground here for its \$8½ million, circular office building which will bring under one roof agencies now located in Philadelphia and New York.

The new office building will house the Convention's printing operation also the site covers 55 acres close to the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

The agencies plan to occupy the building in spring of 1962.

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Ohio Baptists Dedicate
Assembly Facilities

SENECA LAKE, Ohio--(BP)--Southern Baptists in Ohio dedicated new accommodations at their summer assembly grounds here.

The new facilities included an auditorium which will seat 200, dining facilities for an equal number, a kitchen, and several motel-type housing units. They cost about \$50,000.

The 172-acre assembly site overlooks Seneca Lake in east central Ohio. Joe Waltz, Pittsburgh, Pa., president of the State Convention of Baptist in Ohio, presided and Charles Magruder, Athens, Ohio, chairman of the assembly committee of the state executive board, brought the dedicatory message.

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Folks and facts.....

.....Missionary Jerry Hobbs, serving in Thailand (formerly known as Siam), has appropriately named his mimeograph letter to Baptists back home, "Siamese Chat."

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5 Baptists Among
Top Rural Pastor

(7-10-60)

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Five Southern Baptist ministers were among 13 recognized as rural ministers of the year in their states by the annual church and community workshop at Emory University here.

The recognition, made jointly with Progressive Farmer magazine, provided a scholarship for the ministers to attend the workshop. Southern Baptists named were R. B. Patterson, Sr., of Amory, Miss.; H. N. Ernest of Cairo, Ga.; Marion H. Childers of Edmond, Okla.; Carroll Jones of Mathis, Tex., and J. Ed Deal of Start, La.

In Atlanta for the 10-day interdenominational workshop, meeting for its 15th annual session, the ministers took part in seminary discussions or heard lectures which emphasized the work of the local church, the analysis of communities, the changing patterns of the South, and the distinctive features of urban and rural life.

The workshop attracted ministers from 19 states. Enrollment is limited to 100.

Georgia's rural minister of the year, H. N. Earnest is an ex-marine who heard the call to preach during the Korean War. Now pastor of Midway Baptist Church in Cairo, he has boosted the membership from 107 to 437 in little more than a year. The church discarded an old wooden building for a new concrete block structure and has added 13 acres of land.

Mississippi's rural minister of the year, R. B. Patterson, Sr., is an area missionary of the Baptist convention board, serving 23 north Mississippi counties. He has been a leader in Mississippi's rural church program, helping to organize a state fellowship which assists Mississippi State University in serving rural churches.

Oklahoma's rural minister of the year, Marion H. Childers, is pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church near Oklahoma City, and was the third Southern Baptist from the state to receive this honor. Childers' recognition came for work in building, both at his church and at a mission, for growth in Sunday school, and missions contributions. Oklahoma recognized him in 1958 as the rural minister of the year.

Louisiana's rural minister of the year, J. S. Deal, retired from the ministry in 1956 but has continued preaching almost every Sunday. From Start, La., he has a preaching record of 41 years and has served 26 rural churches.

Texas' rural minister of the year, Carroll Jones, has been pastor of Cadiz Baptist Church near Mathis for 28 years, and was pastor of four rural churches simultaneously for many years. All four now employ their own pastor. Both Texas Baptists and civic organizations have recognized him as rural pastor of the year.

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