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Folks and facts.....

.....Two officials at Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Jackson, have been advanced to membership in the American College of Hospital Administrators. They are Paul J. Pryor, administrator, and C. Chandler Clover, assistant administrator. (BP)

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Holmes Accepts
Post At Mercer

(7-14-60)

MACON, Ga.--(BP)--Thomas J. Holmes, pastor of Atlanta's Northside Drive Baptist Church, was named director of university development and alumni affairs at Mercer University here, President Rufus C. Harris announced.

Holmes' position, newly-created at Mercer, includes responsibility for the public relations program and all "university promotional endeavor," Harris said. Holmes will also teach in the department of Christianity. The appointment is effective Sept. 1.

The new Mercer executive, 43, has held several Georgia pastorates, three of them in the Atlanta area. He has served in positions of leadership in the Georgia Baptist Convention, and is a member of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Holmes, a Mercer graduate, received the bachelor of divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1956. He has been working toward the doctor of philosophy degree at Emory University in Atlanta.

Mrs. Holmes is the former Grace Bryan, daughter of Gainer E. Bryan, Sr., secretary of the Georgia Baptist Training Union department.

Mercer is affiliated with Georgia Baptist Convention.

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Home Missionaries
To Language School

(7-14-60)

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--The first missionaries of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to be sent to language school after appointment begin study this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendall C. Parker, who have served one term working with English-speaking people in the Panama Canal Zone, will study Spanish at the language school in Costa Rica. They will be reassigned to Spanish mission work after three terms of study.

"This is being done on a trial basis," said Glendon McCullough of Atlanta, personnel secretary of the Board. McCullough and the language group ministries secretary, Loyd Corder of Atlanta, chose the Costa Rica school after investigating several schools. This is the same Spanish-language school used by the denomination's Foreign Mission Board for missionaries to Spanish-speaking countries.

The board is also trying the private tutor plan with a missionary in Cuba in view of deciding which is the best procedure, according to McCullough. "The demand for Spanish missionaries is so great that we must train more Anglos. We can't begin to meet the need with those who already know the language," he said.

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Graham Praises
Missionary Work

RIO DE JANEIRO--(BP)--Evangelist Billy Graham, ready to preach before 150,000 people in the closing session of the Baptist World Congress here, handed this note to Executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, seated behind him on the platform:

"I shall have the privilege of reaping today whereupon I have bestowed no labor. Your missionaries must rejoice at what God has wrought their tears, labor, and sacrifice of many years."

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Student Director
Hired In Georgia

(7-14-60)

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--James R. Bergman, Baptist student director at Berea, Ky., College and student at Southern Baptist Theological seminary, was elected director at University of Georgia, effective Aug. 22.

He is a native Kentuckian, a graduate of Center College and University of Kentucky. He is completing requirements for a bachelor of divinity degree at Southern this summer.

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Arizonan Accepts
Extension Position

(7-14-60)

JACKSON, Miss.--(BP)--Paul R. Jakes of Phoenix, Ariz., has accepted the position as an associate of the Seminary Extension Department of Southern Baptist seminaries to begin work July 15.

He was pastor of Orangewood Baptist Church, Phoenix, and taught on a part-time basis at Grand Canyon College (Southern Baptist) there.

Jakes is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. He has done graduate work at Southwestern and also at Arizona State University.

The new associate comes to the department with experience in extension work. For the past two years, Jakes has promoted and supervised the extension program of Grand Canyon College in Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, and Nebraska. Forty-six centers were set up in these western states.

Jakes has served as a pastor and was an Army chaplain in World War II and also has served as part-time instructor in Bible and religious education at Grand Canyon College.

He is married to the former Maxine Conner and has two sons. He will continue to live in Phoenix and serve as representative for the Seminary Extension Department for the West Coast area.

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Baptists Said More
School-Conscious

(7-14-60)

NASHVILLE--(BP)--That Southern Baptists are becoming more conscious of their schools and colleges and are seeking information about them is evidenced by the demand for copies of the 1960 edition of the Southern Baptist Campus Directory.

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Over 4,000 copies have been sold in a period of three months, according to Rabun L. Brantley, executive secretary of the Education Commission of Southern Baptists, which published the directory.

"The directory is in wide use by pastors, ministers of education, and church libraries as they seek to answer the many questions posed by Baptist young people about colleges," Brantley said. The directory lists vital information about 71 Southern Baptist schools on such matters as curriculum, costs, scholarships and loans, and student activities.

The directory carries a brief history of education among Baptists, an analysis of subjects offered, two pictures of each school, a list of the state student secretaries, and a map locating the colleges.

Copies may be ordered from the Education Commission, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, 3, Tenn. Paper-bound sell for \$1, cloth-bound for 50 cents more.

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Carson-Newman Senior
Miss Universe Entry

(7-14-60)

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.--(BP)--Movie or television contracts or the opportunity to snag a husband in the \$100,000-a-year income bracket are not the aims of all the glamorous contestants in the Miss Universe pageant in Miami Beach.

For at least one of the beauties from over the world, such goals are a far cry from her desire to devote her life to church work and marry a preacher.

She is Christine McSwain, Miss Tennessee.

A five-foot seven-inch, appropriately proportioned Southern belle with authentic drawl, Christine has planned ever since she was little to be a religious education director in some church at perhaps \$75 a week.

"I'd really like to be a pastor's wife," confessed the hazel-eyed brunette with a broad grin. But the man in her life wouldn't have to be a minister as long as he "is a good Christian, like the boy I'm going with now.

In preparation for her life work, the 22-year-old senior at Carson-Newman College (Southern Baptist) in Jefferson City, Tenn., is majoring in English, for which she will receive a teacher's certificate, and minoring in religious education.

She already has quite a backlog of experience in church work, though. She has been a soprano soloist in choirs for years, has taken part in the better speakers contest sponsored each year by her denomination, has been a Sunday school teacher, and has been in charge of vacation Bible schools.

"I just wanted to be a Christian," is the motive Christine gives for her church work. The fact that she grew up in a Christian home and her uncle is a Baptist preacher have influenced her, too, she points out.

No one has ever questioned her participation in beauty contests as being inconsistent with her church activities, Christine said, and she sees no reason why they should. She and her sister both have been in the Miss South Carolina (her home is York, S. C.) contest for two years.

"The way you conduct yourself in the contests or anywhere else is what counts," says Christine.

She adds that she feels the contests help her be better equipped to meet people. And the glamor the contests add to her background will be helpful in her work, she feels.

"I want to show teenagers, especially, that Christianity does not have to be dull," explains Christine, who likes to play tennis, swim, and play the piano.

And faith plays a part in beauty too, she feels.

"I think a girl can be beautiful without any real belief," Christine said. "But she is more beautiful if she has strong faith because it gives her an inner radiance."

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Rio de Janeiro, Brazil---Joao Soren, for 26 years pastor of First Baptist Church of this city, and five times president of Brazilian Baptist Convention, is new president of the Baptist World Alliance. He succeeds Theodore F. Adams of Richmond, Virginia, United States.

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Rio de Janeiro, Brazil---An international Baptist leader has been elected general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. He's Josef Nordenhaug of Baptist Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland. He will leave the seminary presidency to become part of the Alliance staff at Washington, District of Columbia, United States. He succeeds Arnold T. Ohrn, who retires.

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Rio de Janeiro, Brazil---Evangelist Billy Graham reached a personal goal of preaching Christ on every continent when he addressed at least 150,000 persons in the huge Rio sports stadium here during the Baptist World Congress. The crowd was the largest Baptist meeting in history, the largest Graham has ever addressed, and the largest to come to the Rio stadium for a religious meeting.

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Rio de Janeiro, Brazil---From 125 to 150 delegates of the Baptist World Congress here arrived several days late, not of their choosing. They happened to be in Caracas, Venezuela, when an attempt was made to kill Venezuelan President Romulo Betancourt. Police sealed the country's borders, holding up the Baptists--most of them from the United States--until Thursday, when the Congress was more than half through.

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Atlanta, Georgia---Five Southern Baptist ministers were among 13 recognized as rural ministers of the year in their respective states. The awards, made annually by Emory University here, and a farm journal, included Baptist ministers in Mississippi, Georgia, Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana.

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Miami Beach, Florida---Miami Beach, which just played host to more than 15,000 attending the 1960 Southern Baptist Convention, will be site of the next Baptist World Congress. The 11th Congress will convene here in the summer of 1965.

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Nashville, Tennessee---Southern Baptist foreign mission leaders described plans here for establishing a Baptist university in Nigeria, becoming an independent nation in west Africa. They said some Southern Baptist college in the United States probably will need to grant affiliation to the new Nigerian college in order for it to meet academic stature. The target date for opening the school is 1962.

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Havana, Cuba---Cuban Baptists plan an increased evangelistic effort for the next nine months. After evangelism clinics in September, revivals will follow in Cuban churches in November and February, 1961.

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