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BROTHERHOOD COMMISSION
PLANS 50th BIRTHDAY

MEMPHIS, Tenn.--(EP)--At the annual meeting of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention held in Memphis recently, plans were made for observance of the 50th anniversary of Brotherhood work to be celebrated in 1957. Expansion of Brotherhood work will include a goal of 11,500 Brotherhoods by 1957 and an enrolment of a half-million.

Initial plans were also made to organize teams of laymen to visit mission fields to give their Christian testimony as to how God has been able to use them in their churches and communities as business and professional men. These tours will be carried out in complete co-operation with the Foreign Mission Board.

New Brotherhoods reported thus far in the year to the Memphis office by state Brotherhood departments total 766. The goal for the year is 1,288.

Officers re-elected were John W. McCall, president, W. H. Wood, Jr., recording secretary, and C. H. Heacock, treasurer. T. Gordon Ryan was elected vice-chairman and K. J. O'Banion, assistant recording secretary.

George W. Schroeder is executive secretary of the Commission and James M. Sapp and David T. Mashburn associates.

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FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH

ROCKWOOD, Tenn.--(EP)--A courageous minister completed his sermon from a chair Sunday morning, October 11, at the Eureka Baptist Church after suffering a heart attack in the pulpit and died later in Rockwood hospital.

John Lundy, pastor of the church, grasped the edge of the pulpit and appealed for help when the attack came. He was assisted to a chair where he haltingly told his congregation:

"This may be my last sermon and I want to complete it."

And he did. He said goodbye as he was carried from the church after the service was completed. He was then rushed to the hospital where he died at 5:30 p.m. He was 55.

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AMERICAN SEMINARY'S FINAL
FALL ENROLLMENT REACHES 63

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--American Baptist Theological Seminary enrolled sixty-three students from nineteen states and three foreign countries for the fall term. Sixty of these students are men and three women.

Tennessee leads the states with twenty-four enrolled. Other states represented are Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, and the foreign countries are British Guiana, Costa Rica, and the Bahamas.

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JOHN S. WIMBISH TO
MAKE 30,000 MILE TOUR

NEW YORK, N. Y.--(BP)--John S. Wimbish, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, New York was invited to make a 30,000 mile tour of the world with five other Christian men, mostly laymen.

The group will consist of a Baptist minister, a presbyterian minister, a legislator, an industrialist, and an educator. The tour will be guided by UN war correspondent Bob Pierce.

They are to visit and talk with top political leaders of the world concerning Christianity.

Leaving the first of the year, the group will be gone for about six weeks.

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MISSOURI COLLEGE
DEDICATES BUILDING

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.--(BP)--"We must continue to help young people make a life as well as a living," C. Oscar Johnson, pastor of the Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo., told a capacity crowd of 1,000 at the dedication of a new library and science building on the campus of Southwest College, Bolivar, Mo.

Dr. Johnson stated that the time has come when the scientists and the religionists can now walk hand in hand. "There was a time," he stated, "when members of the church condemned the scientists for their theories on evolution. The scientist was antagonistic toward the religionist. But I heard Dr. Compton, a member of the Atomic Energy staff, tell a group of ministers in St. Louis-- 'We've created this awful monster, the atomic bomb; can't you men of the church do something before we blow the very life out of the earth?' Today the scientist and the religionist are working hand in hand toward the same goal. You should be proud to have a building dedicated to the principles of seeking scientific truth and learning when you are also dedicated to guiding the student toward the principles of Christian living."

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
APPROVES SUGGESTION

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in a special meeting recently approved a suggestion brought by C. C. Warren, Charlotte, N. C., that the Advance portion of the Cooperative Program be dedicated to Dr. M. Theron Rankin, Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee, announced.

"It is expected that a total of \$8,192,000 for the Cooperative Program will be received by the middle of November, and all in excess of that will go 75 per cent to foreign missions, and 25 per cent to home missions," Routh said.

"This means that churches wishing to give to this Advance program, some of them perhaps an extra surplus they might have in their budget, should send it in to their state offices before December 1.

"By sending in an extra offering, this will mean advance for state causes, as well as for the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board, because the states divide all Cooperative Program funds before sending in their share to the Southern Baptist Convention causes through the Cooperative Program. Dr. Rankin realized there must be advance in state missions and Christian education if there were to be an advance in home and foreign missions, so it is fitting that this Advance be dedicated to him," Routh further stated.

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CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD
ELECTS FLORIDIAN SUPERINTENDENT

FRESNO, Calif.--(BP)--W. A. Herring, St. Augustine, Fla., was elected superintendent of the Baptist Children's Home, according to an announcement made by Sam Wilcoxon, chairman of the Home's board of directors.

A graduate of Stetson University, Herring studied at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., the University of Louisville, and Little Rock Junior College, Little Rock, Ark.

He served as pastor of the Osteen Baptist Church, Florida, and for the past three years was field representative of the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage, Monticello, Ark.

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BAPTIST JOINT COMMITTEE
ELECTS NEW SECRETARY

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WASHINGTON, D. C.--(BP)--C. Emanuel Carlson, dean, Bethel College, a school of the Baptist General (Swedish) Conference of America, St. Paul, Minn., was elected executive secretary of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs at the annual meeting of the Committee in Washinton, October 13.

Carlson was born in 1906 at Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada, of Swedish immigrant parentage, where he spent the early years of his life. In 1927 he began to teach at Bethel Academy and became a naturalized American citizen. In 1931 the Academy became a junior college and in 1946 the junior college was made a four-year college.

Dr. Carlson was appointed registrar of the college in 1932, then acting dean and later was elected dean. The development of Bethel is linked with Carlson's unusual scholastic, administrative, and public relations abilities.

He received the B. A. degree from the University of Alberta at Edmonton, and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Minnesota.

Carlson's fitness for his new task as successor to Dr. J. M. Dawson, who has held the position since 1946, is summarized in the following statements made available by the Public Affairs Committee:

1. He is exceptionally well trained in the field of social and political science and in history.

2. He is experienced in the field of research, which is one of the most important features of our committee's work. He has the fine intellectual, spiritual, and emotional balance of a man who has learned to look at facts without being afraid to study them, difficult though they may be.

3. He is an experienced educator, and understands communication. He is a very able writer and an excellent public speaker. Our committee also has a continuing or increasing educational task.

4. He has an appeal to youth. Our committee has done very little so far to make our subject matter attractive to youth in camps, assemblies, student groups, etc.

5. Coming from one of our small Baptist (Swedish) groups, known for its vitality and spiritual impact, he would probably belong to all of us regardless of the region in a way that could not be true if he came from one of the larger groups.

6. As a skilled administrator, Dr. Carlson could guide in the eventual structural changes which must be made in our Committee and its relationships. We honor Dr. Dawson for the great beginning he has made; we believe he would be the first to emphasize that it is only a beginning. We have problems of structure to be solved.