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Wichita Church Cuts  
All Convention Ties

WICHITA, KANS.--(BP)--The First Baptist Church of Wichita, failing in its effort to have the American Baptist Convention withdraw from the National Council of Churches, itself withdrew from the American Convention.

The Associated Press reported members of the church voted 739-294 to end the affiliation. The Wichita church is one of the largest in the American Convention. It has 4,300 members.

The church voted in the spring to tie up several thousand dollars of funds which would have gone to the American Convention. At Rochester, N. Y., it supported a move to have the denomination cease promoting the ecumenical (church union) movement in convention Sunday school literature and other magazines.

The motion failed by an overwhelming majority, and a layman in the church told reporters then it left the Wichita church's affiliation with the American Convention "in jeopardy."

There still was no indication if the church would seek affiliation with another Baptist convention or association.

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Texas Baptist Academy  
President Resigns Post

(7-22-60)

SAN MARCOS, Tex.--(BP)--Robert B. Reed, president of San Marcos Baptist Academy for the past 13 years, has resigned his position to devote time to farming and livestock production.

Reed became president of the academy in 1947. He had previously served as superintendent of Alamo Heights Schools in San Antonio, Tex., for 21 years.

During his administration the 53-year old academy increased the value of its physical plant four times. Property valuations now top the \$2 million mark. Enrollment grew from 260 to an average of 425 during the past five years.

Reed submitted his resignation in a letter to J. H. Bain, president of the academy's board of trustees.

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African TV Station  
To Run Baptist Films

IBADAN, Nigeria--(BP)--The first television station on the continent of Africa, opened recently here, will feature a monthly program showing Baptist films in "The Answer" series produced by the Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission in Fort Worth, Tex.

John E. Mills, secretary of missions and evangelism at Ibadan, requested six films from the Radio-TV commission for the program, sponsored by the Nigerian Baptist Convention which operates under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Mills is a native of Mexia, Tex., and was graduated from Baylor University, Waco, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. He has served in Nigeria for 12 years.

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Folks & facts. . . . .

(7-22-60)

. . . . .Girvin H. Sanderson of Austin, Tex., has been named assistant professor of marketing in the Baylor University Hankamer School of Business, Waco, Tex. Sanderson succeeds Professor Neil S. Foster who is retiring from the Baylor business faculty after 30 years service. (BP)

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Southern Baptist To  
Speak In Canada

(7-22-60)

GADSDEN, Ala.--(BP)--The Germain Street Baptist Church in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada, has come south for a speaker for the church's 150th anniversary services, October 16.

Pastor George W. Riddle of Dwight Baptist Church in Gadsden, Ala. has accepted the invitation. He led the Canadian church in revival services last fall during a simultaneous crusade.

The crusade was directed by Vernon Yearby of Dallas, associate in the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's Division of Evangelism. Ten Southern Baptist pastors went with Yearby for the crusade, and the Canadian churches baptized 321 during the two-weeks--five times more than during the previous year.

Riddle found the Germain Street Baptist Church last fall without a pastor and a membership which could not remember any public decisions ever being made in the church. During the revival 20 professions of faith and 125 rededications were made.

Since the fall meeting, the church has called as pastor W. Murray McLeod, a Scotchman who served in India as a missionary, first as a Presbyterian, then as a Baptist. McLeod will speak at Gadsden in August.

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Baptist World Congress  
Recordings Available

FORT WORTH--(BP)--Tape recordings of messages presented at the Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janiero, Brazil are available from the Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission here.

The commission recorded the tenth congress in its entirety. Tapes can be ordered through the commission or through the Baptist World Alliance.

Two special tapes are offered, featuring (1) highlights of the entire congress, and (2) messages by Theodore F. Adams, Baptist World Alliance president; Arnold Ohrn, BWA general secretary; and Billy Graham, famed world evangelist.

The tape recordings are approximately two hours long, recorded at 3 3/4 inches per second. The cost is \$5 each or both for \$8. A 10-inch 33 1/3 rpm record entitled "Sounds of Rio" is also being prepared for \$1.

A free picture booklet on the congress and Rio will be sent on request with the record or the tapes. Inquiries may be made to Baptist World Congress Recordings, Radio-TV Commission, P. O. Box 12167, Fort Worth 16, Tex.

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(7-22-60)

. . . . .Weldon Langley, superintendent of missions and hospital chaplain service for the Galveston, Tex., Baptist Association since 1954, has been named chaplain and head of the religion department at the Baptist Hospital of Southeast Texas, Beaumont, Tex. He succeeds B. J. Williamson who has accepted a position as Southern Baptist Chaplain at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn. (BP)

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Baptist Hour Slates  
Pearce As Speaker

(7-22-60)

FORT WORTH--(BP)--The "Baptist Hour," a world radio broadcast for nearly 20 years, will feature J. Winston Pearce, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Deland, Fla., as speaker during August and September.

Produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, the 30-minute modified worship program is currently broadcast weekly in 34 states and 10 foreign countries over 450 stations.

A native of North Carolina, Pearce was previously pastor of the First Baptist Church of Durham, N. C., the Seventh Baptist Church of Baltimore, Md., and has served his present pastorate since 1957. He is the author of three books.

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Texas Pastor Killed  
In Alabama Auto Crash

By the Baptist Press

M. R. Stanfield, 35, pastor of Harvey Street Baptist Church, Gainesville, Tex., was killed in an automobile-truck collision near Demopolis, Ala., on July 18.

Funeral services were held in Henderson, Tex., where Stanfield's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monty Stanfield, live and where he was in business before entering the ministry nine years ago.

Stanfield's wife was injured in the accident, but not critically. The couple was on the way to Petersburg, Va., where he was to begin a revival service July 19.

Survivors, in addition to his wife and parents, include four children. He had attended East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Tex., and pastored several churches in east Texas.

Before coming to Gainesville last January, he was pastor of the Old Boston Church near Texarkana, Tex.

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New Documentary Film  
Shows Medical Missions

(7-22-60)

FORT WORTH--(BP)--A new documentary film depicting a world journey made by several doctors who shared their knowledge and skills with medical missions is being produced by the Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission.

The film, provided through the co-operation of the Baptist World Alliance, is entitled "Project: Brother's Keeper." News commentator Paul Harvey will narrate the film.

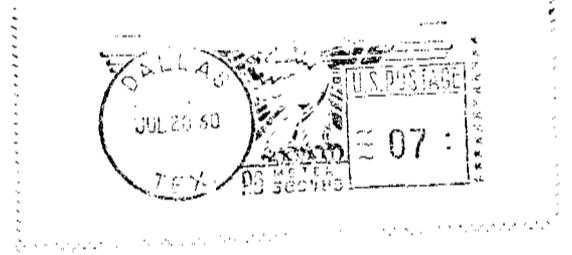
The documentary and three new dramatic films will be featured in the 1961 TV film series, "The Answer," produced by the Radio-TV Commission. Paul M. Stevens, Commission director, and Truett Myers, the agency's TV consultant are on the west coast completing the schedule for the TV film series.

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