

July 24, 1960

**Texas Pastor Goes
To New York Area**

FARMINGDALE, N. Y.--(BP)--The past president of the pastor's conference in Dallas, Tex., will become mission pastor at Farmingdale, (Long Island) Aug. 28.

Don Miller, N. Y., pastor of Dallas' Forney Ave. Baptist Church for eight years, will pastor the 120-member Farmingdale Baptist Chapel. The chapel began in 1959 under sponsorship of Manhattan Baptist Church in New York City with assistance of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The chapel property was the first to be purchased by Southern Baptists in the greater New York area.

Miller, a native of Pennsylvania, is a graduate of Baylor University at Waco, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Tex.

-30-

**Missionaries
Leave Congo**

(7-24-60)

NEW YORK--(BP)--Most American Baptist Convention missionaries in the riot-torn Congo are being evacuated to the United States as quickly as they get to points outside of the Congo, according to officials of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies here.

Eleven of the missionaries plus six children already have arrived in the United States, and transportation home is being arranged for about 40 others who have been evacuated from mission stations in the lower Congo to Accra, Ghana.

All of these missionaries were evacuated by Belgian military helicopter from Kimpese.

About 30 other missionaries at four stations in the interior Kwango area, who first reported they felt it would be safer to stay where they were, are now being evacuated.

Dana M. Albaugh, director of the foreign societies' overseas department here, said most American Baptist missionaries in the Congo probably would be brought home. "Brazzaville in the French Congo and Accra in Ghana are too crowded with refugees to keep our missionaries there," he said. "Besides, we don't know at this point how soon or under what conditions missionaries can return," he added. Albaugh said the societies would want missionaries to return to Africa as soon as possible.

Missionaries returning to the United States reported that, except for a small minority, African leaders had been exceedingly reluctant for them to leave. There are more than 90 American Baptist Convention missionaries assigned to eight stations in the Congo, but some were already in America on furlough when rioting began.

-30-

**Newton Says Religion
Issue Of Campaign**

(7-24-60)

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Louie D. Newton, president of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church (POAU), said in a formal statement here that Presidential Candidate John F. Kennedy's promises of independence cannot be reconciled with the declarations of the Roman Catholic Church to which he belongs.

-more-

Newton's statement was prompted by an editorial in the Atlanta Constitution saying "Georgians will do credit to themselves and the state if they will rule the issue of Sen. Kennedy's religion out of bounds now."

Quoting from Osservatore Romano, Vatican City newspaper, which said last May 17 that in "every sector of his activities he (a Catholic) must inspire his private and public conduct by the law, orientation and instruction of the hierarchy," Newton said:

"The senator and the press insist on keeping the religious issue in this campaign, through his protestations that he will not be bound by his allegiance to his church."

He suggested Shakespeare's "Hamlet" had a lesson in that "The lady doth protest too much, me thinks."

The statement added that the Wall Street Journal, July 30, 1959, "expressed the concern of many people" with the thought, "It is not the individual Catholic candidate that so many Americans fear, but the the Church to which he belongs."

-30-

1961 Budget Proposed
To Illinois Baptists

(7-24-60)

CARBONDALE, Ill.--(BP)--Directors of Illinois Baptist State Association will recommend a 1961 state budget of \$754,000 to the association in its annual session in the fall.

The new proposed budget exceeds the 1960 budget of \$495,000. The Cooperative Program goal for 1961 is \$700,000, to be split on a 65-35 per cent basis between state Baptist work and that of the Southern Baptist Convention, respectively.

Taking the first step in transition from dormitory care to cottage type housing, the board approved construction of a boys' cottage at Illinois Baptist Children's Home at Carmi.

It will be named for Mrs. Laura B. Garrison, East St. Louis, who bequeathed \$36,000 of the \$52,798 needed for construction. The cottage is expected to be completed by Mar. 1.

The board also voted to borrow \$500,000 to finance construction of a Baptist student center and chair of Bible at University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. The contractor has already cleared the site for the new structure. Ground-breaking ceremony will be on Aug. 9.

Miss Eva Marie Kennard was employed as Baptist Student Union secretary at University of Illinois. She comes from a student secretaryship at Texas State College for Women in Denton. Miss Kennard is a native of Euless, Tex., and a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Woman's Missionary Union of Illinois, which is a department of the Illinois state association, has been placed in the 1961 state budget for an amount to cover all expenses. The board voted to do away with what has been known as the "Illinois apportionment" for W M U work.

-30-

Roland P. Hood
Earns Promotion

PORTLAND, Ore.--(BP)--Roland P. Hood has been promoted to associate executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington here.

He will continue to serve as secretary of missions and stewardship for the convention.

C. E. Boyle, who has been assistant executive secretary in addition to serving as editor of the twice-monthly Pacific Coast Baptist, convention newspaper, will devote his full time to the editor's role.

Both changes are effective with the 1961 budget.

The convention's executive board, which voted these personnel changes, approved a 1961 budget of \$243,000 of which \$165,000 is expected through the Cooperative Program. It is subject to adoption by the convention.

The 1960 budget is \$242,144 with \$152,092 anticipated through the Cooperative Program. The Southern Baptist Convention share of Cooperative Program receipts is 15 per cent.

A committee of the board will study the Pacific Coast Baptist to recommend improvements. Possible changes include increasing the page size of the newspaper and increasing the number of pages of each issue.

The board accepted the resignation of Miss Rebecca Tarry as youth secretary of Woman's Missionary Union work in the two states. No successor was elected.

-30-

Correction on page one, second story. Please add this paragraph.

NOTE:

There are no Southern Baptist Convention missionaries in the Congo. Queries recently have indicated keen interest in the welfare of other Baptist missionaries. It is due to this interest that we relay a news item from the American Baptist Convention News Service (above).--Baptist Press, Nashville

-30-

Correction on page one, third story. The third line from the bottom should read:

United for Separation of Church and State (POAU), said in a formal statement....