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Carver School Elects Gilmore To Faculty

LOUISVILLE, Ky.--(BP)--J. Herbert Gilmore has accepted an appointment to the faculty of Carver School of Missions and Social Work here. He will begin his teaching duties as professor of Applied Christianity with the opening of the fall semester, Sept. 13, 1960.

Gilmore leaves the pastorate of Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville, to come to the school. He has been pastor of the church four and one-half years. Prior to that time he had served other churches in Kentucky, Missouri, and Tennessee.

Gilmore, a native of Knoxville, Tenn., is a graduate of Carson Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn. He holds a master of arts degree from Peabody College, 1949. He received the following degrees from Southern Seminary: The BD degree, 1950, Th. M. 1951, and the Ph. D. in 1959.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore have four children, Victor, 9, Gale, 6, Winston, 4, and Joy Marie, 2 mo.

In his service to the denomination Gilmore is currently acting as the chairman of the board of managers of the Western Recorder, he is chairman of the public affairs committee of the Long Run Baptist Association, a member of the executive board, Long Run Association, and the general association of Baptists in Kentucky. He is a member of the missions committee of the Long Run Association and a member of the board of trustees of fellowship center in Louisville.

Prior to his acceptance of this faculty post he served as chairman of the board of trustees of Carver School of Missions and Social Work.

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(Photo for state editors to follow, available to others on request.)

Riots Fail To Dampen Spirit Of Missionaries

(8-20-60)

NEW YORK CITY--(BP)--Two missionary families en route to Southern Rhodesia and a missionary nurse just returned from the same country have lost none of their missionary enthusiasm as a result of recent riots there and in the nearby Congo.

Visiting Manhattan Baptist Church here, Miss Monda Marljar, Oklahoma City, Okla., the Baptist missionary nurse returning on furlough, said, "Some meetings have been halted but our religious services go on."

Attending the same service were two missionary couples and their children who were preparing to board a ship for Greece, from whence they would fly to southeast Africa.

Logan C. Atnip, of Marmaduke, Ark., said, "We are going back confident God will lead us. If the people build their lives and government on principles of Jesus Christ, they will make a contribution to world society. Pray that God's power may be used in guiding people there."

Joining the Atnip family were the James N. Westmorelands of Dyer, Tenn., where Westmoreland has been pastor. He felt the call to foreign missionary service while watching the Foreign Mission Board's presentation at the Louisville session of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1959.

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He said that at first he had felt the urge to foreign missions was only a momentary impulse. However, it persisted. Westmoreland said that he and his wife had considered several possible countries of service but feel that Southern Rhodesia is the field where they can serve best.

While Southern Rhodesia does not border on the Congo, it is in a federation with Northern Rhodesia, which does border the Congo. Southern Baptists have no missionaries in the Congo, but have them in several nations in southeastern Africa either touching or very near the Congo.

The American Baptist Convention has missionaries in the Congo, most of whom have been recalled to the States until conditions settle enough to permit their return.

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Church-State Resolution,
Budget Set By New Mexico

(8-20-60)

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.--(BP)--The state mission board of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico has approved a record budget of \$1,092,126.40 for 1961 and called upon voters to weigh carefully church-state relationships involved in the national elections.

The proposed budget sets a goal of \$540,000 for the Cooperative Program, 25 per cent for Southern Baptist Convention causes and 75 per cent for New Mexico causes. The budget must be approved by the annual state convention meeting in October.

In view of a Roman Catholic nominee for the presidency of the United States, the board adopted a resolution which said, "...that we recommend to our constituency that we examine the record of the influence of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in every country where they are now or have been in power, specifically in Columbia, and determine before we vote whether or not we are ready for the same things to happen in America."

The percentages adopted for distributing undesignated funds represented a change from the 30-70 division originally established for the 1960 budget. The new percentages were made retroactive to June 1, 1960 and will also apply to the 1961 budget.

Harry P. Stagg, executive secretary of the board, stated that gifts to Southern Baptist Convention causes thus far this year are larger than in 1959.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention will invest an estimated \$237,466 in New Mexico during 1961. The state mission board will pay 12 per cent of work carried on jointly with the Home Mission Board. In 1960 it has had an 11 per cent share.

The board accepted the resignation of Mrs. Evelyn Ingraham who has been serving on the staff of the department of Training Union and Music.

The full text of the resolution, adopted unanimously by the board, is as follows:

"Whereas one of our major political parties has seen fit to nominate a Roman Catholic candidate for president, and whereas we feel that we are facing a real crisis today and the principle of separation of church and state to be in jeopardy, and whereas this involves liberty of ^{Conscience} ~~conscious~~, freedom of the press, public school education and freedom of religion, and whereas our traditional Baptist concept has always been that of a free church in a free state, therefore be it resolved, that we recommend to our constituency that we examine the record of the influence of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in every country where they are now or have been in power specifically in Columbia, and determine before we vote whether or not we are ready for the same things to happen in America. Be it further resolved, that this board commend the editor of the Baptist New Mexican for his position already taken on this issue and pledge our full support to the editor and the convention staff as they continue to use their influence in this vital field of church-state relation."

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HMB Offering For 1961
May Include Church Sites

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--The 1961 Annie Armstrong offering for home missions will include an over-and-above designation to buy church sites, if the recommendation of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board is accepted by the denomination's Woman's Missionary Union, which promotes the offering.

The offering thus would provide the financial means for the start of new churches and missions in 1962, the year of church extension in the third jubilee movement.

The board underscored its concern for church site funds by adding \$160,304 to the nearly \$500,000 now in the church site fund.

"It is imperative that added funds for church sites be forthcoming in 1961," Courts Redford of Atlanta, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, said, "if we are to attain success in starting new churches and new missions in 1962."

The 1961 goal for the offering is \$2,470,000 as announced recently by Miss Alma Hunt of Birmingham, Ala., executive secretary of the WMU. This is a 14 per cent increase in the goal for 1960.

However, the 1960 offering, the largest in history, is expected to be \$150,000 short of the goal, but Redford anticipated it reaching \$2,200,000. At the present time the offering is \$100,000 ahead of receipts report at this time last year.

Redford noted that "exceptionally bad weather mitigated against the offering, but many of the churches continued their emphasis until goals were reached. Thirteen states have gone beyond their receipts of last year."

The recommendation adopted by the Home Board at its mid-year meeting read as follows: "It is recommended that this board express the hope to Woman's Missionary Union that such funds from the 1961 Annie Armstrong offering as are not required for operations and/or for mission buildings, be allocated for the church site fund and that this board pledge Woman's Missionary Union its whole-hearted support in making this offering exceptionally large in order that the very desperate need for added site funds may be more nearly met."

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Appointment Service
First At Ridgecrest

(8-20-60)

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--The first public appointment service for missionaries of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board ever held at Ridgecrest Baptist Ass mbly took place Aug. 18.

This was the second time an appointment service has been held for the public. The first such occasion took place two weeks ago at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Assembly.

Thirty persons were appointed to service on the Home Mission field by the board Thursday evening Aug. 18. Broken down into areas of service, the new missionary appointees include:

One literacy worker who will serve in Kentucky; four pastoral missionaries to serve in Indiana, Pennsylvania, Kansas, and New Hampshire; one associational missionary; a state director of work with national Baptists; twelve to serve in the city mission program directing good will centers (in Texas, Louisiana, Missouri, Maryland, Tennessee, Kentucky, and the district of Columbia); two couples for work among the language speaking groups; and one couple was appointed to serve in Cuba. Five missionaries who will serve in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois.

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Glendon McCullough, secretary of the department of missionary personnel, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., presented the candidates for appointment at Ridgecrest.

Courts Redford, executive secretary-treasurer of the board, charged the appointees with their new service, and W. Ramsey Pollard of Memphis, Tenn., president of the Southern Baptist Convention led the prayer of dedication.

This brings to a total 2107 missionaries under appointment by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, and 329 of these have been appointed since Jan. 1, 1960. In addition, there are 525 student summer missionaries and 181 tentmakers under appointment.

The missionaries of the Home Mission Board are also missionaries of the various state Baptist conventions in which they serve. Salary, appointment, and direction are on a co-operative basis.

The missionary appointment service at Ridgecrest was the first event of the annual Southern Baptist Home Missions conference. Some 1700 persons are expected to register for the conference, which continues through Wednesday noon.

The new missionaries will attend orientation conferences during the remaining portion of the week. In these conferences they will discuss fields of service, procedures of work by the Home Mission Board, and related items.

The theme of the Home Missions conference is "I Will Be Faithful." Convention President Pollard, who is pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, is speaking nightly at the 7:45 o'clock service.

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Top Financial Leaders
To Serve On Loan Group

(8-20-60)

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--Some of the nation's outstanding financial leaders will serve on the newly created church loans advisory committee of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. The committee will be expected to draft a plan which can multiply by ten money placed in a reserve fund for church loan operations of the Home Mission Board.

The reserve fund, authorized by the Southern Baptist Convention in its annual meeting last May, is designed to "create a market for its (the Home Mission Board's) church loans and bonds and to encourage other lending institutions to make loans to Southern Baptist churches."

In making the announcement to the Home Mission Board in its mid-year meeting at Ridgecrest, N. C., G. Frank Garrison of Atlanta, Ga., director of the board's church loans division said that four men of high caliber in the financial field have already agreed to serve on the advisory committee and positive replies are expected from others in the next few weeks.

Those named were: The current president of United States Savings and Loan League, Wallace O. Duvall of Atlanta, who is also president of the Atlanta Federal Savings and Loan Association; Ben H. Wooten of Dallas, Tex., chairman of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Dallas, Frank P. Samford, Birmingham, Ala., chairman of the board of directors of Liberty National Life Insurance Company; and the executive vice president of Mississippi Chemical Corporation, Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss., who is also chairman of the board of the First Mississippi Corporation.

Garrison anticipates a meeting of the advisory committee on church loans in early fall to work out and approve plans for the implementation of the funded reserve for presentation to the annual meeting of the board, Nov. 20, 1960.

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According to the action of the Southern Baptist Convention the funded reserve must be "equal to a minimum of 10 per cent of the total church loans secured thereby, but may be on such higher percentage as the board may find desirable" in creating a market for loans and bonds. Limitations set on the board by the SBC were that it not make itself or the SBC liable for more than the corpus of the funded reserve to be established and maintained, and that the plan proposed or followed be in keeping with SBC's business and financial plan. The fund holds a potential of multiplying many times money available to Southern Baptist Churches through the fund for sites and buildings.

The 51-member board, made up of Southern Baptist pastors and laymen, expressed a feeling of urgency toward the implementation of the reserve fund.

The board's executive secretary-treasurer, Courts Redford of Atlanta, reported to the board a corpus of \$5,900,000 in loan funds, of which nearly \$500,000 is designated as the church site fund and an additional \$160,304 was placed in the site fund at this board meeting. In addition, \$592,770 in memorial funds are invested in church loans and church bonds.

The board adopted Redford's recommendation that the board ask Woman's Missionary Union, which sponsors an annual offering for Home Missions, to allocate to the church site fund all of the 1961 offering not required for operation and mission buildings. The goal set for the 1961 offering by WMU is \$2,470,000.

The division of church loans closed 194 loans and bond purchases in the amount of \$2,102,525 between Nov. 15, 1959, and July 31 of this year, according to Garrison. In reporting the expansion of church loans operations Garrison quoted the amount closed during the six-month's period as being equal to the total amount existent in the church building loan fund in 1954. He apprised the board of the selection of Thomas V. Haynes of Atlanta as escrow officer in the church loans division.

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Plans Laid For Big
Church Extension Year

(8-20-60)

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--Plans were unveiled by Courts Redford of Atlanta, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board meeting at Ridgecrest, for a big year of church extension in 1962.

Plans included (1) an appeal for funds for church sites, (2) new methods of providing church loans, (3) the placing of 350 to 400 ministerial students on the field in the summer of 1961 to start missions that will become churches in 1962, (4) a request that hundreds of laymen use their summer vacations to hold revivals, take surveys, or build buildings.

The emphasis follows the themes of the Baptist Jubilee Advance and the 30,000 Movement. If plans materialize, Redford said it would be the biggest year of starting new churches Southern Baptists have ever seen.

According to Redford, these plans are all in addition to work presently done by the board in starting new missions and churches. This year 525 summer missionaries and 181 tentmakers were placed on the field. The increase would send more than 800 summer missionaries out.

Commenting on the special call to laymen, Redford said this would not only "get a great job done, but it would sell missions to the laymen as few projects would and the results will be seen in their future support of missions."

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ATTENTION EDITORS:

Correction on Baptist Press release, Aug. 18, 1960, page 2, story 2.

The headline should read: Wichita Church Minority
Takes Case To Court

Home Board Keeps
Evangelism In Dallas

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--The evangelism division of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board will stay in Dallas, Tex., at least until 1964.

The decision was made by the board at its mid-year meeting in Ridgecrest, N. C., when it adopted the recommendation of a special committee that has studied the board's organization and administration procedures for the past year.

A new department, Special Missions Ministries, was also created and placed in the missions divisions. The department will include the summer missions program, tentmakers program, correspondence Bible courses, and Woman's Missionary Union work in pioneer areas. All of these have been directly under the Executive secretary-treasurer, Courts Redford of Atlanta.

The proposal to move the evangelism division of the board has been under consideration for some time, and a recommendation to move was deferred only at the last moment. The recommendation adopted read as follows:

"Because of the vital relationship of the division of evangelism to the Baptist Jubilee Advance program, we recommend that offices of the division of evangelism be retained in Dallas, at least for the duration of the Third Jubilee Advance program ending in 1964. While we recognize that the present board has no right to dictate to a future board what its action on this matter should be, we respectfully suggest that after the close of the Baptist Jubilee Advance the board at that time re-examine this proposal in the light of accomplishments and development in the field of evangelism during the intervening period."

Other shifts in administration moved the work of information on Catholicism to the City Missions Department and field workers serving primarily in schools of missions and camps to the department of missionary education.

Other recommendations set salary scales for all employees, suggested business procedures, and dealt with numerous minor items that will serve to increase the efficiency of the board's operation.

The study was made by M. Richard Felts of Atlanta, Ga., and a special committee of the board then classified his recommendations as to their urgency. This meeting dealt only with the first portion of the study and the remaining will be considered at following board meetings.