

September 7, 1960

R. J. Hastings Picked  
For Kentucky Office

MIDDLETOWN, Ky.--(BP)--Robert J. Hastings, for the past five years in stewardship promotion with the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee in Nashville, has been elected to head Kentucky Baptists' stewardship program.

W. C. Boone of Middletown, executive secretary of General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, said Hastings will become secretary of the department of stewardship promotion for the association here Oct. 15.

Hastings, a native of Illinois with a doctor of theology degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex., has been with the Executive Committee of S B C since 1955.

As assistant director of church finance, he has helped devise and carry forward the new Forward Program of Church Finance, a plan to assist churches in subscribing their annual budgets.

He visited South America early in 1960 to help launch a modified version of the church finance program among churches of Southern Baptist mission fields there.

Hastings is author of a forthcoming book on stewardship, "My Money and God," to be published in January, 1961, by Broadman Press.

In the work at Nashville, Hastings has assisted Merrill D. Moore, secretary of stewardship promotion for the Executive Committee and executive secretary-elect of the new Stewardship Commission. Speaking of Hastings' work, Moore said:

"R. J. Hastings has made significant contributions to the work of Southern Baptists in these five years he has been with us. He has participated significantly in the development and the promotion of the Forward Program of Church Finance, which has proven to be such a blessing to so many churches and so many Christians.

"His splendid skills will continue to make large contributions in the field of church finance in this new responsibility to which he goes."

"We are very happy that we have been able to secure him for this position and look forward to having him associated with us beginning about the middle of October," Boone said.

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New Orleans Employs  
Canadian Theologian

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NEW ORLEANS, La.--(BP)--New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary announced the faculty appointment of Samuel J. Mikolaski, a Canadian theologian, effective Sept. 1.

President H. Leo Eddleman said the former British Columbia pastor will teach theology and philosophy of religion. Mikolaski has been serving as pastor of Ruth Morton Memorial Baptist Church in Vancouver.

A native of Yugoslavia, Mikolaski has been a Canadian citizen since childhood. He is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario and the University of London.

He formerly taught at Central Baptist Seminary in Toronto, Ontario.

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.....Herbert Conway Gabhart will be installed as second president of Belmont College (Baptist) in Nashville, Tenn., in inaugural ceremonies Oct. 7.

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