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Tennessee President  
Pays Kennedy Respect

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The leader of Tennessee Baptists will respect president-elect John F. Kennedy but won't surrender his right to challenge Roman Catholic clericalism.

In his president's address to Tennessee Baptist Convention here, Gaye L. McGlothlen of Nashville, said:

"He's my President and your President. I shall respect him because of the office he holds. I shall respect his freedom to worship as a Catholic."

But he added the so-called religious issue during the election campaign was due to clericalism. He went on to define that term in these words:

"Clericalism is a term used to describe the use of political power by a religious hierarchy, Protestant or Catholic, for the purposes of social domination. The term needs to be a part of our vocabulary in the future."

McGlothlen claimed the Roman Catholic Church is the only denomination at present saying it is both a church and a state.

He said the recent election campaign "provided thinking citizens of our country an opportunity to study the differences between the devotional and worship practices of Roman Catholicism and the political and authoritative claims of Roman clericalism."

He predicted watchfulness over church-state separation would have also been necessary had Kennedy's opponent won the Presidency.

The Convention encouraged Shelby County Baptist Association to work toward a junior college in Memphis. It would likely be a branch of Union University in Jackson, Tenn., one of three senior colleges supported by the convention.

The Memphis Baptists were asked to acquire a 150-acre site and to put up \$3 million before asking the state convention to assume financial responsibility.

Memphis Baptists were also asked to assume responsibility for all initial and future capital investments for the school.

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Georgians Say Public  
Education 'Essential'

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SAVANNAH, Ga.--(BP)--The Georgia Baptist Convention described public schools as "essential" to democracy and petitioned state officials to "insure" their remaining open.

The future of Georgia's public education is clouded with state law requiring them to close in the event of integration. Atlanta's system is under Federal Court order to integrate in the lower grades next year and litigation is pending in other areas.

The convention accepted by an almost unanimous vote a resolution in behalf of public education as a substitute for the report from its social service commission. The commission's report said "forced integration for the races in public schools" would violate "our religious practice and sense of practical right."

This report had been under attack by the Christian Index, weekly publication of the convention, which described this section as objectional. The Index had also appealed for a statement in behalf of public education.

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Montague Cook, pastor from Moultrie, Ga., and chairman of the commission, mentioned the Index opposition several times in his 30-minute presentation and said the commission had refused to heed the appeal for public schools. "If you do not believe in integrated schools, you must face it," he said in the argument.

Three speakers spoke in opposition to the report before Louie D. Newton, Atlanta pastor and former president of both the Georgia and Southern Baptist Conventions, offered the substitute motion which permitted no vote on the commission report.

His substitute put the convention in position of "believing that our public schools are essential to the preservation of our democratic way of life." By it the convention's messengers asked state and local officials to "insure the continuing ministry of our public school system."

The substitute prevailed on a voice vote, with only a half-dozen audible negative votes. The first applause of the convention greeted announcement that the substitute had won. The commission's report was off the agenda.

Earlier, at the convention's first session, authority was given Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta to proceed with construction of a \$2½ million dormitory for nurses. Four gifts, totaling \$567,500 were announced, the largest being \$500,000 from the Warren P. Sewell foundation. The hospital will borrow \$1,750,000.

The convention adopted a Cooperative Program budget of \$3,203,560 for next year with \$1,424,030 for the Southern Baptist Convention.

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#### Mississippi Adopts Long-Range Program

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JACKSON, Miss.--(BP)--Mississippi Baptist Convention here has adopted a Cooperative Program budget of \$2,550,000 and a proposal to undertake a long-range study of its total work.

W. Douglas Hudgins, of Jackson, is the new president.

Purpose of the study would be to project a long-range program of development and progress, according to Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, state Baptist executive secretary-treasurer.

The proposed \$2,550,000 budget is a revision of a \$2,700,000 budget recommended by the convention board.

"The reason for this reduction is obvious," Hudgins said. "On our goal for 1960 of \$2½ million we actually received \$2,303,309.

"The figure we have arrived at for 1961 reflects a 10.7 per cent increase over 1960's receipts and we do not believe it is realistic to adopt a goal that goes beyond that rate of anticipated increase," he added.

"Out of necessity the capital needs allocation of \$1 million for the colleges, which, by action of the convention last year, was to have been given in four years, is now to be spread over a period of five years."

The proposal to undertake a long-range study of its total work and ministries would authorize the convention president to appoint a committee of 15 to make the study. It would require two years or more. Five of the committee would be lay men or women.

The committee would be expected to make a progress report to the convention next year.

Hudgins, the newly-elected convention president, is pastor of Jackson's First Baptist Church, the state's largest. He has been active in both state and Southern Baptist Convention activities

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He is president of the executive committee of the state convention board and led the recent campaign to raise \$100,000 for Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, state encampment on the Gulf of Mexico.

He is a member of the S B C Executive Committee and a former vice-president of the Southern Convention.

In the proposed budget, Southern Baptist Convention causes will receive \$852,500, an increase of \$2,500 over the past convention year.

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### Campus Site Selected For Dallas University

DALLAS--(BP)--A 100-acre site overlooking Mountain Creek Lake in southwest Dallas has been selected as the location for the new Dallas Baptist University.

Acceptance of the site, offered as a gift from Dallas industrialist John Stemmons, ended an intensive two-year search by the University's steering committee "for the best possible location to serve the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area."

The site, located nearer to the center of the vast Dallas-Fort Worth area than any other location considered, is easily accessible to students from both cities by the Dallas-Fort Worth Turnpike, U. S. Highway 80, Jefferson and Illinois Blvds.

A professional educational consultant firm, Associated Consultants in Education, recommended the site to the Dallas Baptist Association after an "impartial survey" of the entire metropolitan area to find the location which would best serve the school's long-range interests.

The firm considered population trends, accessibility, functional acreage and several other factors in selecting the Mountain Creek Lake site.

"With an unobstructed view of Mountain Creek Lake," said Chairman T. C. Bateson of the University's development committee, "the possibilities of developing a beautiful and unique campus are enhanced."

The four-year liberal arts college is scheduled to open in the fall of 1962 after a \$3 million fund drive is conducted to raise necessary capital for the school.

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Folks & Facts . . . . .

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. . . . Wendell Neeley, a Baptist minister and former technical writer for Albuquerque, N. M. electronic publications, has been named editorial assistant on the staff of the Baptist Standard. Neeley is the former pastor of the Lindreth Baptist Church in New Mexico. (BP)

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. . . . Olan Soule of Los Angeles, Calif., has been employed by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission to represent "MasterControl,"\* religious radio program on the West Coast. Soule, a deacon in the First Christian Church of Van Nuys, Calif., will interview personalities for the weekly radio show produced by the Radio-TV Commission in Fort Worth.

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Houston Baptist College  
Gets Charter from State

AUSTIN, Tex.--(BP)--The proposed Houston Baptist College has been granted a charter here by Texas' Secretary of State Zollie Steakley.

The charter was issued to Rex Baker, chairman of the school's finance committee.

Messengers to the Baptist General Convention of Texas, meeting at Lubbock in November, had approved the school's charter request giving the college the go-ahead on seeking the state-issued charter.

Baker, who heads the committee charged with raising \$3½ million needed to open the school, said the college would begin operation Sept. 1, 1962.

Already nearly \$3 million has been raised for endowment and building purposes, said Baker.

By opening date, four new buildings should be constructed and ready for use on the 200 acre campus just off the Southwest Freeway in the Sharpstown area of Houston.

The college's first structures will be a student center, physical education and health building, classrooms and administration building, and a maintenance building.

Enrollment the first year is anticipated at 300, but by 1970, more than 1,200 are expected to attend the college.

The school will open with a two-year curriculum, junior and senior courses being added "as the need develops." College leaders said, however, that plans at the outset are for a four-year liberal arts institution.

When opened in 1962, the school will be one of eleven schools owned and operated by the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

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SBC Radio-TV Commission  
Presented National Award

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FORT WORTH--(BP)--Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission here has been presented the Freedoms Foundation George Washington Honor Medal Award for the second time here.

M. E. Sadler, president of Texas Christian University here, presented the award for the Foundation.

Announced last February, the award is for a 30-minute dramatic film entitled "Gimmick" which was one of a series of religious dramas produced by the Commission under "The Answer" series of television films.

Freedoms Foundation, a non-profit, non-sectarian organization, cited the Commission for "outstanding achievement in helping to bring about a better understanding of the American way of life."

The drama tells the story of a cynic who suggests a "gimmick" which helps a newspaperman win his fight against vice and corruption in his hometown.

It is the second film produced by the Commission to win the Freedom Foundation's George Washington Honor Medal. An earlier film entitled "Rich Fool" won the award in 1955.

"Gimmick" also won an award from the National Safety Council last year for "exceptional service to safety."

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Billy Graham To Speak  
In Fort Worth-Dallas

By the Baptist Press

Evangelist Billy Graham will lead a two-day emphasis on evangelism at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth Dec. 8-9, and preach at his own church in Dallas Dec. 11.

Graham will speak twice daily to the students, faculty and their families at the world's largest Protestant theological seminary.

Seminary President Robert Naylor said that a seating problem at Southwestern's Truett Chapel where Graham will speak prohibits opening the meeting to the general public. The chapel seats only 1,500 persons.

In Dallas, Graham will preach during the 11 o'clock morning worship service at the First Baptist Church where he is a member.

Overflow crowds at the 12,000-member church, the largest Southern Baptist congregation in the world, are expected to flood the 3,200 seat auditorium to capacity.

W. A. Criswell, pastor, said that Graham's sermon would be televised locally over station WFAA-TV to thousands of others unable to crowd into the sanctuary for the service.

Graham's sermon at the Dallas church will be his first in the city since January of 1959 when an eye infection forced him to cancel two of four preaching engagements during Texas Baptists' annual Evangelism Conference.

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Average SBC Pastor  
Is 42.2 Years of Age

(11-18-60)

DALLAS--(BP)--The average age of Southern Baptist preachers, 42.2, places them in their prime if "life begins at 40," representatives of the denomination's Annuity Board said here.

Ohio has the youngest pastors among the 28 state conventions with an average age of 37.7, while New Mexico preachers stand on the 45.5 plateau.

The average ages were figured from the total number of pastors under 65 who are enrolled in the protection plans administered for the denomination by the Annuity Board. About 61 per cent of all pastors in the convention are in this denominational program.

Average ages by states are Alabama 41.8, Arizona 41.9, Arkansas 43.1, California 42.9, Colorado 42, District of Columbia 42.8, Florida 42.1, Georgia 43.4, Illinois 43.9, Indiana 40.3, Kansas 40.3, Kentucky 41.5, Louisiana 41.3, Maryland 41.2, Michigan 39.9, Mississippi 41.3, Missouri 41.3, New Mexico 45.5, North Carolina 43, Ohio 37.7, Oklahoma, 42.5, Oregon-Washington 41.9, South Carolina 43.3, Tennessee 44.4, Texas 40.7, Virginia 42.6 and Hawaii 38.8.

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Dramatic Features Hike  
Sunday Night Attendance

TAYLOR, Tex.--(BP)--A dramatic feature given by Pastor Samuel E. Tullock of the First Baptist Church here, has increased the church's Sunday night attendance by up to 90 per cent on the nights it was used.

Prior to the presentation, a layman takes charge of the service and asks members of the congregation to close their eyes for prayer. The house lights go out, and when the congregation looks up again, the pastor stands silhouetted by a spotlight garbed as a Biblical character.

He then brings a message as the character he portrays might do. Some of the presentations have included Paul, "I Was His Missionary;" Judas, "I Betraye Jesus;" Simon Peter, "I Denied Jesus;" and Pontius Pilate, "I Sentenced Jesus." An invitation is given following the presentation.

Tullock has also used the technique in revivals, youth encampments and Brotherhood meetings. Since he gave the first of his character portrayal sermons in Oct., 1959, more than 75 young people have made decisions for Christ at youth meetings where the feature was used.

Preparation for one such sermon takes from 25 to 30 hours, Tullock says. He started out renting the costumes, but now he and his wife do the costuming, studying paintings for ideas. Several women in First Church, Taylor, help with the sewing.

"Some people come thinking they are going to be entertained," Tullock said, "but they usually leave knowing it is a spiritual experience."

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Edmunds Named Speaker  
At Seminary Graduation

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FORT WORTH--(BP)--Ollie Edmunds, president of John B. Stetson (Baptist) University in Deland, Fla., has been named commencement speaker for the mid-winter graduation exercises at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

A total of 127 students will receive degrees during the ceremonies Jan. 20.

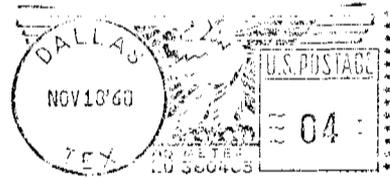
Eighty-five will earn degrees from the Seminary's school of theology, 43 from the school of religious education, and five from the school of church music.

Twenty states are represented in the mid-winter graduation class.

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