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Herring To Direct  
Seminary Extension

(Picture to come)

By Marse Grant

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. (BP)-- Ralph A. Herring, pastor of First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, for 25 years until his resignation July 1, has accepted a position as director of the Seminary Extension Department of Southern Baptist Convention seminaries.

This is an adult theological education service provided by the six SBC seminaries. The department provides theological and religious education for pastors and other Christian workers who cannot avail themselves of existing colleges and seminaries.

Herring said, "This is in keeping with my intention to extend my ministry and to write a new chapter in my life's work." He and Mrs. Herring planned to move to Jackson, Miss., Aug. 1 or soon thereafter. He succeeds R. Lee Gallman who resigned last November to join the Howard College staff.

"I have felt distinctly a sense of God's leading in accepting this offer," the well-known Winston-Salem pastor said. "This work is directed toward filling one of the greatest needs in the Southern Baptist Convention, especially in view of the 30,000 Movement and its need for more trained leaders.

"It is a matter of regret that our new responsibilities will take us from our many friends in Winston-Salem and North Carolina but we shall find others in Jackson, I am sure. I look upon this as an opportunity of service to the entire Southern Baptist Convention."

The director and his five associates direct extension work in 42 states and five locations outside the continental United States. A curriculum of 34 courses is offered. In the fall of 1960, centers opened in 107 locations, enrolling 1867 persons in 2648 courses.

Each of the six seminaries contributes \$15,000 for the support of the department.

Speaking on behalf of the six seminary presidents, H. Leo Eddleman of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, said: "Our nominating committee had scanned the entire Convention, interviewed executives in several categories, as well as a number of theologians.

"The committee's recommendation of Dr. Herring was received with unanimity and enthusiasm by the officers of the Seminary Extension Department as well as by the six presidents." The nominating committee was composed of Duke K. McCall, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, chairman; Stewart Newman of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., and Eddleman.

"The extension department which Dr. Herring leads will continue to major on bringing seminaries to men who cannot come to a seminary.

"A curriculum of studies is set up in numerous communities. Courses are taught by pastors and others of known academic qualifications. Pastors who cannot go to the seminary get extensive training comparable to that offered by the seminary.

"The extension work under Dr. Herring is a major phase of the vast seminary program of Southern Baptists. Twenty-nine per cent of all theological students in America enrol annually in six SBC seminaries. It is felt that Dr. Herring's coming to the extension department will add both enthusiasm and scholarship to an already accepted and growing work," Eddleman continued.

Nation's Capital Site  
Of Congress For Boys

MEMPHIS (BP)--The third nationwide Royal Ambassador Congress will be held Aug. 13-15, 1963 at Washington, D. C., George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission here, announced.

The three-day event is expected to attract about 5000 boys between 12 and 17 and 1000 men who work with boys to the nation's Capital, Schroeder said.

The Congress is sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission, which provides a missionary education program for boys 9 through 17.

Purpose of the Congress, Schroeder said, is to deepen boys' concepts of Christianity, show them how they can relate their lives daily to Christ and to provide the boys opportunities to associate with Christian youths from other parts of the country.

The boys will be challenged through music, testimonies, dramatic presentations and addresses by outstanding Christian leaders, he said.

Edward Hurt Jr., Memphis, director of Royal Ambassador work for the Brotherhood Commission, has been named director of the Congress.

Hurt pointed out the Congress will be opened only to boys in the pioneer (12-14 years) and ambassador (ages 15-17) programs of Royal Ambassadors and adult leaders.

Day sessions will be held in the meeting rooms of the major Washington hotels and night sessions near National monuments in the city.

The first Congress was held in Atlanta, Ga., in 1953 and the second in Fort Worth, Tex., in 1958.

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Church, Social Work  
Meet Planned In 1962

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LOUISVILLE (BP)--Two Southern Baptist Convention agencies will sponsor a Church and Social Work Conference here next April 9-11.

Sponsors are Carver School of Missions and Social Work, on whose campus the conference will meet, and the Christian Life Commission, with offices in Nashville.

The conference is planned for child care executives, pastors, denominational leaders, social workers and those engaged in institutional ministries of Southern Baptists.

Among the program personnel will be O. T. Binkley, dean, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.; Douglas M. Branch, general secretary, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Raleigh.

Clarence W. Cranford, pastor, United Baptist Church, Lewiston, Me., and former president, American Baptist Convention; Mrs. Kate B. Helms, regional foster care consultant, Children's Bureau, United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, and Henry Whiting, director, division of welfare, National Lutheran Council, New York City.

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Illinois Elects Queen  
To Bible Chair Post

CARBONDALE, Ill. (BP)--A. C. Queen, secretary of stewardship and promotion for the Illinois Baptist State Association here, has been elected president of Southern Illinois College of the Bible.

He will also hold the newly-created post of secretary of the department of higher education for the association. Directors of the association elected him at their meeting.

Queen will succeed George L. Johnson of Carbondale, who retires Aug. 31. The College of the Bible is located on Baptist property surrounded by Southern Illinois University here, a public institution.

The Baptist college offers Bible, religious education and music courses, many of which the university permits to be taken for elective credit by students.

Queen holds a bachelor of arts degree from William Jewell College (Baptist), Liberty, Mo., and bachelor of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

A former teacher at East Texas Baptist College in Marshall, Queen joined the Illinois association as stewardship secretary in 1957 after serving Temple Baptist Church in Champaign. While there he worked with the chair of Bible students at the University of Illinois.

Queen also was pastor of churches in Missouri and Texas. He served as a missionary to Cuba, under appointment of the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board, from 1949-1953.

In another action related to Bible chairs, directors voted to buy a \$15,000 tract at Edwardsville, Ill., to house a chair and Baptist student work at a new branch campus of Southern Illinois University. Edwardsville adjoins East St. Louis.

The directors took under study a recommendation from the benevolent committee that the state Baptist children's home be placed under the Cooperative Program budget. The benevolent committee supervises the children's home's operation.

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Hospital Contract  
For Nursing School

(7-22-61)

ATLANTA (BP)--Georgia Baptist Hospital is signing a contract for construction of a 13-floor dormitory for its school of nursing.

Construction cost will be \$2,617,350. The dormitory, accommodating 500 students, will rise over and to the rear of the school's classroom building erected in 1959 which provided for the addition.

Administrator Edwin B. Peel also announced he had received notice of accreditation for the school from the National League for Nursing, Inc. It already was approved by the Georgia Accrediting Agency.

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James C. Austin Takes  
Stewardship Position

(Picture coming by mail)

NASHVILLE (BP)--James C. Austin, Louisville, has been elected director of stewardship development here for the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Austin, who planned to take his new duties Aug. 21, has been assistant to the president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary since 1958. The Stewardship Commission elected Austin on recommendation of Merrill D. Moore, Nashville, its executive director.

Austin, 36, is a native of Appomattox, Va., with degrees from the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, and from Southern Seminary. At Southern, he handled alumni relations, public relations, publication and fund-raising for the seminary.

As pastor before 1958, he served churches in Charlottesville, Va.; English, Ky.; Hendersonville, Tenn., and Tulsa, Okla. He is former president of Baptist Pastors' Conference in Nashville and Tulsa.

He will work with state Baptist conventions or associations in stewardship development. He will also edit and promote tracts, pamphlets, films and other material on this theme. Austin's responsibilities will include promoting the Forward Program of Church Finance, a plan used by Southern Baptist churches during their yearly budget drives.

The duties further include preparing stewardship articles for Baptist magazines and working with other SBC agencies "to secure the right long-range emphasis on stewardship."

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Seminar Leaders Chosen  
For Men's Conference

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MEMPHIS (BP)--Five well-known Southern Baptists have been selected to lead seminars at the Second National Conference of Southern Baptist Men Sept. 14-15 here.

They are C. E. Autrey, director of the evangelism division of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Dallas, Tex.; C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C.; Lowell D. Milburn, pastor of First Baptist Church, Shawnee, Okla.; Dale Moody, professor of Christian theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, Nashville.

At least 8000 men are expected to participate in the two afternoon seminars. The conference attendance goal is 10,000.

Autrey will lead the seminar on "Christian Witnessing"; Carlson, "What Is Separation of Church and State?"; Milburn, "Our Partnership with God"; Moody, "The Layman as Theologian," and Valentine, "The Church and the Aging."

During one seminar period the men will gather in vocational-interest groups such as businessmen, professional men, laboring men, self-employed men, and men of science. Each will search for ways to apply seminar topics to his vocation.

Reports on the seminar findings will be made at general sessions of the men's conference by John J. Hurt Jr., of Atlanta, editor of the Christian Index, Georgia's denominational newspaper.

Besides the seminars, there will be five major addresses, panoramas, forums, dramatizations and panels, all aimed at acquainting men with important Christian issues of the day.

The conference is sponsored by the Convention's Brotherhood Commission and state Baptist Brotherhood departments.

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