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Scripture Coincides
With Cosmonaut Name

By the Baptist Press

Readers of the Training Union daily Bible passage for Monday, Aug. 7, may have wondered at the coincidence between the Russian Cosmonaut circling the globe and the day's Scripture.

The text was Obadiah 4, which reads:

"Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord."

The Russian cosmonaut called himself "the Eagle."

A Baptist editor explained passages are selected in advance to cover a five-year cycle. Commentaries are prepared at least nine month in advance.

The devotional quarterly, Open Windows, added these comments:

"Living literally in the cleft of the rocks, high up among the eagles' nests and near to the stars, they (the Edomites to whom Obadiah preached) were proud and haughty....Because they believed themselves above the reach of men they thought themselves to be above the reach of God."

Editor Donald F. Ackland of Nashville footnoted it with this word: "Before anyone is too quick to apply the reference to the Russian 'Eagle,' he needs to remember the eagle is the symbol of the United States also."

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Local Draft Boards
To Interpret Status

(8-10-61)

NASHVILLE (BP)--Is a commissioned minister serving as church administrator, minister of education or minister of music eligible for draft exemption?

"Each case is decided on its own merits by the local draft board," Col. Dee Ingold of national Selective Service headquarters, Washington, wrote Porter Routh, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, here.

Col. Ingold then restated verbatim several sections of the Selective Service law concerning ministerial exemptions but did not give his interpretation on how they applied to commissioned ministers.

This may mean local Selective Service offices will give differing interpretations to the law.

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Robert E. Craig New
Southwest President

BOLIVAR, Mo. (BP)--Robert E. Craig of Riverside, Calif., will be new president of Southwest Baptist College here.

The junior college is supported by Missouri Baptist Convention. Craig will take the administrative office Nov. 1, succeeding John W. Dowdy, who resigned May 31.

Craig has been dean of California Baptist College, a sister Southern Baptist institution since 1958.

J. E. Rains of Jefferson City, Mo., has been on leave from his post as director of retirement plans for Baptist workers in Missouri, to serve as interim president.

Before that Craig, a layman, was chairman of teacher education division and director of the demonstration school at the University of Corpus Christi, Baptist school in Texas.

The 34-year-old president-elect is a graduate of East Texas Baptist College, Marshall. He received his doctor's degree from North Texas State College, Denton, with a major in education administration. He is a native of Mena, Ark.

He is listed in Who's Who in American Education.

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Indiana Votes 1962
Budget; 50-Cent Paper

(8-10-61)

PLAINFIELD, Ind. (BP)--The State Convention of Baptists in Indiana will vote this fall on a \$128,500 Cooperative Program goal for 1962.

It would be divided 75-25 with the larger percentage staying in Indiana for state work. The one-fourth would support Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

Executive board members of Indiana convention approved the budget here. It requires final approval by the convention proper in annual session.

Including funds from SBC agencies for jointly-supported work, the Indiana budget for 1962 would be \$167,940. This compares with \$150,380 for the current year, of which \$121,000 is Cooperative Program.

The board voted also to place the state monthly newspaper, Indiana Baptist, on a different footing financially. It will ask the churches to pay for subscriptions--each 50 cents a year--for every family in the churches beginning Jan. 1.

Till now, the paper has not charged its subscribers. The costs have come from Cooperative Program receipts and advertising entirely, according to E. H. Moore of Plainfield. Moore is editor of the paper as well as executive secretary of the convention.

No other change in policy or frequency of printing the paper was planned.

The board elected a three-member survey committee to study services rendered by each convention department. The budget would be determined by services provided.

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Folks and Facts.....

(8-10-61)

.....Fred T. Moffatt, pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Ky., has been appointed executive director of the Kentucky State Parole Board. He was pastor of the church in Frankfort, the state capital, from 1937 until this year. Moffatt, 63, will have administrative duties in the board office in Frankfort. (BP)

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Missionaries Those
Who Say 'Send Me!'

By Jacqueline Durham

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP)--The mission concern of 9-1/2 million Southern Baptists waits for the few individuals who willingly say, "send me."

The executive secretary of the denomination's Home Mission Board, Courts Redford of Atlanta, reports there are 2030 missionaries. The personnel secretary says that 230 have been appointed since January.

But who is the missionary?

He works in cities--with juvenile delinquents, underprivileged, derelicts, the crowded and lonely. He works in rural areas, with language groups, with Negroes and in pioneer areas where Southern Baptist work is new.

This is the work of the home missionary. But what is he like? How does he feel about where he is, and how did he get there?

"All the money that can be given, all the plans that can be made--these wait on that man, led of the Lord, to use those things to carry out his will," says Glendon McCullough as he presented five candidates for appointment during Home Mission Week at Glorieta, N. M.

McCullough, personnel secretary, took his seat. One by one, new appointees for mission service told of the courses which led them to say those words--"Send me."

"He called me to preach and I didn't know how. He gave me a church when none was available," said Jon Lurtz of Oklahoma City who was 34 years of age before he followed Christ.

Lurtz told of open doors which made college and seminary study possible even at that age--and of the open door to Kansas where there are more people without Christ than claim him. There Lurtz will serve as a pastoral-associational missionary. His task will be starting new churches and leading them in their development.

He stood, serious and determined, and closed with a quotation from poet Robert Frost, "But I've got promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep."

A young couple who looked like college "kids" followed the older man--but their conviction seemed no less real that God has a task for them.

Doug Pringle was the only person to join his church in St. Petersburg, Fla., during a revival 10 years before. Some faithless, number-conscious minds asked, "Was it worth the effort?"--proving that man can not conceive of God's plan.

Doug Pringle told of his constant search from that time to find God's purpose for his life--and now the culmination of that search in mission service among Spanish-speaking people of Park View, N. M.

His wife knew mission work from the day she was born--her parents, the Herbert Caudills, have been missionaries in Havana, Cuba for 30 years. Yet she knew that God's call to her was her own.

"God calls some to service in a dramatic way," the young mother said. "But he speaks to others throughout the years."

The tall slender man who followed was leaving a successful pastorate in Milledgeville, Ga.--he could be assured of bigger churches, more prestige and larger salary in future years.

He is going as an associational missionary to Omaha and eastern Nebraska, where Southern Baptists have few churches; none of them is large.

"I want my life to count for the most," says Quentin Lockwood, "and I feel that by going to the mission field, I can make it count for more than anything else I could do with it."

Who is the missionary? He is man--in God's hands.

With Aug. 4 story dateline Glorieta, N. M., on home mission loans. Please add the following paragraphs:

"The Home Mission Board action at Glorieta in no way contradicts that of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee last February," reports a Baptist leader in Nashville.

John H. Williams, financial planning secretary for the Executive Committee, added:

"The Home Mission Board has implemented action previously taken by the Southern Baptist Convention to establish a funded reserve to accelerate loans to churches.

"The Home Mission Board is seeking means of further conference with the finance committee of the Executive Committee to determine ways and means of additional expansion of the loan fund program to meet the requests and needs before it.

"An attempt is being made to bring the loan committee and finance committee together before September, when the Executive Committee meets again."

In February the Executive Committee rejected the board's proposed \$3 million church loan corporation on grounds it did not meet the business and financial plan of the SBC.

Jim And Pat: Love On
A (Teletype) Impulse

JACKSON, Miss. (BP)--Southern Baptists' new teletype circuit may claim a new distinction: a romance by electronics.

It was summed up in the announcement by Miss Pat Tullos here that she and James R. Newton of Dallas will marry in nearby Clinton, Miss., Oct. 7.

Pert Pat is the editorial assistant and chief teletype operator for the Baptist Record and Mississippi Baptist Convention office in Jackson.

Journalist Jim is writer of news copy for the public relations office of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and a frequent author of Baptist Press news releases from Texas.

As such, Jim also directs the operation of the Baptist teletype outlet in the convention's office in Dallas.

He and Pat met soon after the circuit began operating Mar. 1, 1960. To help people on the circuit get acquainted, the teletype traffic center in Nashville asked all operators to give their full names and the stations where they would be working.

In the summer of 1960, Pat got an assignment--cover an assembly at the Mississippi Convention's shoreside encampment at Pass Christian, Miss. She asked Jim Newton, along with others experienced in newspaper reporting, for writing tips.

Jim responded generously.

In January, 1961 the Baptist Brotherhood Commission--another teletype member--contributed its bit to the romance. Jim was invited to Memphis for a writers' conference for those preparing material for Royal Ambassadors.

Jim, knowing a sharp right angle (the definition of angle is left to the reader) is the shortest distance between two points, flew to Memphis via Jackson.

Pat met Jim personally for the first time at the Jackson airport.

Soon after, Jim bought a car. Dallas and Clinton and Jackson have one thing in common...U. S. Highway 80. Unable to get lost easily, therefore, Jim was sighted several weekends making the nearly 500-mile (one-way) trip.

Both worked in the pressroom at the annual Southern Baptist Convention last May in St. Louis. Despite the morning, afternoon and evening demands of a news-hungry press corps, the two found some quieter moments for Jim to teach Pat his course in advanced interpretive reporting.

At last having worked out a mutually satisfactory interpretation, they made a report and a new writing assignment for Pat: a society item on her engagement and forthcoming marriage.

Jim is a graduate of Baylor University (Baptist) in Waco, Tex., and comes from Bishop, Tex. Miss Tullos is a native of Clinton and a graduate of Mississippi College (Baptist) in that community.

Joe Abrams, public relations director for the Mississippi convention and one of Pat's "bosses," will tie the knot at Clinton's First Baptist Church.

Friends are expected to substitute bits of oiled green ticker tape for the traditional rice thrown on newly-weds.

They plan a honeymoon at an undisclosed spot--sure to be free of purple typing ribbons, canary-colored teletype paper and a noisy machine that won't be still all day long.