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**Jewell Gives Degree
To Lyndon Johnson**

LIBERTY, Mo. (BP)--The importance of trusting in God was emphasized by Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson at a speech in Achievement Day ceremonies at William Jewell College (Baptist) here.

"No matter how much we develop scientific training in our institutions of higher learning," he said, "we shall never forget, as you here can never forget, our trust in God."

The vice president was the principal speaker at the event. He and Gov. John M. Dalton of Missouri received honorary law degrees and six alumni of the college were honored. About 1200 persons heard the address by Johnson, entitled, "Education in the Space Age."

Johnson said if every college did as well for its graduates as William Jewell, "I can assure you that a tremendous and a massive victory will have been won for the free world.

"This is education not merely in terms of ladling out information. It is education in terms of character building. It is education in Godliness. It is education in the humanities.

"It is education for free men, born into a free world, to live as free men should live. It is my conviction that none of this concern with religion, with literature, with humanities generally, should ever be dismissed," he continued.

"It is as wrong in my judgment to neglect the humanities as it is wrong to neglect science. The peril of this neglect is great in either case. In fact, I hold such neglect either of the humanities or of science to be fatal."

Alumni honored included Lt. Gov. Hilary A. Bush of Missouri, class of 1927; Chester B. Cunningham, director of satellite tracking stations in Lima, Peru and Santiago, Chile, class of 1932; Missouri State Sen. William B. Waters, class of 1937; and Claude H. Rhea Jr., dean of church music at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

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**Sims, Hammett Accorded
Honors At Greenville**

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GREENVILLE, S. C. (BP)--The 1961 South Carolina Baptist Convention here bestowed honors on its retiring general secretary and his assistant.

Charles F. Sims, Columbia, completing his executive leadership Jan. 1, was elected president of the convention. The convention also voted him a \$2500 appreciation gift, agreed to continue his housing allowance of \$1500 a year after retiring and will name a chapel for him.

The chapel will be located in the new Baptist Building, yet to be constructed in Columbia.

His assistant for 11 years, Horace G. Hammett of Columbia, was elected to succeed Sims as general secretary.

Hammett, a South Carolina native, studied at Furman University, local Baptist school.

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(Picture of Hammett to be mailed.)

Home Mission Theme
For Assemblies Told

ATLANTA (BP)--"Sharing Christ in the Homeland" was announced here as the 1962 theme for Home Mission Weeks at Ridgecrest, N. C., and Glorieta, N. M., Southern Baptist assemblies by L. O. Griffith of Atlanta, director of the education and promotion division of the Convention's mission board.

The theme, a tie-in with the theme for the 1963 Baptist Jubilee Advance "Sharing Christ in the World," is part of an effort to promote world missions in 1963 through all Baptist organizations.

Kenneth L. Chafin of the department of evangelism, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, will be principal speaker at the conference to be held Aug. 2-8 at Glorieta, N. M. Leading the Bible study will be Courts Redford of Atlanta, executive-secretary of the Home Mission Board. Music director for the week will be Donald E. Barks of First Baptist Church, New Orleans, La.

Aug. 16-22 has been designated as Home Mission Week at Ridgecrest, N. C. Principal speaker for the week will be Warren C. Hultgren of the First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla. W. Morris Ford of Longview, Tex., will conduct the Bible study during the conference. Directing the music program will be Dwight F. Phillips of First Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga.

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Georgia Baptists
Authorize Expansion

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COLUMBUS, Ga. (BP)--The Georgia Baptist Convention in annual session here authorized three of its institutions to enlarge their facilities while hearing reports of enlarged programs from all others.

Baptist Village, the institution for the aged, was authorized to borrow \$600,000 from the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency. Mercer University was given permission to borrow a similar amount for an apartment project and Norman (Junior) College will borrow \$300,000 for a dormitory.

Minor debate developed over whether the loans involve church-state violation but the convention decided, as in former years, there was no subsidy since the loans were at the interest rate which the government pays.

The Cooperative Program budget for next year was fixed at \$3,317,600, an increase of \$114,000. Of the amount, \$1,468,500 is for the Southern Baptist Convention and a similar sum for Georgia causes. There is \$380,600 for administration, promotion and the denominational retirement program.

The Georgia convention restored its Christian Life Commission, which was abolished last year after a controversy on the race issue. A one-sided vote last year substituted the commission report, which some had described as too conservative, for a declaration in behalf of maintaining public schools.

In restoring the agency, its name was changed. The agency abolished in 1960 was the Social Service Commission. The new name was picked to be the same as the name of the Southern Baptist Convention agency.

The Executive Committee, governing board in Georgia Baptist matters between conventions, will outline responsibilities of the new commission and the convention's Public Affairs Committee. It is expected to work this out in its December meeting.

Dick H. Hall Jr., pastor of Decatur's First Baptist Church, was reelected to a second term as president. Macon was awarded the 1962 convention, meeting Nov. 12-14.

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**Kansas City Council
Allows Liquor Lease**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)--The City Council has authorized negotiations to be started for a liquor concession at the Municipal Air Terminal here. The vote was 6 to 3 on the controversial ordinance which had found local Baptist laymen and ministers in the forefront of a protest movement against the action.

The ordinance permits the aviation director to work out a lease arrangement for a cocktail lounge in the building. The ordinance was opposed by Mayor H. Roe Bartle and Councilmen Charles C. Shafer Jr. and Harry S. Davis.

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