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**Townsend-Warren
Wedding Planned**

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--C. C. Warren, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and director of its current 30,000 Movement, and Mrs. Sibyl Brame Townsend, Baptist writer and teacher, plan to marry sometime in January, it was learned.

The private wedding ceremony will take place in Yazoo City, Miss., officiated by Mrs. Townsend's father, Dr. Webb Brame, retired former pastor of the First Baptist Church there.

Warren makes his home in Charlotte, N. C., where he served as pastor of First Baptist Church until he retired. Mrs. Townsend is a member of the staff of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here, where she is hostess of a residence hall for women and an instructor.

Warren and Mrs. Townsend said they have known each other in Baptist circles for "25 or 30 years." Her late husband, Carl Townsend, was also a pastor in North Carolina.

Mrs. Warren died a year ago.

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**New Manuals For Boys
In Second Printing**

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MEMPHIS (BP)--If acceptance of materials is any yardstick, the new Royal Ambassador program is a resounding success.

George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Brotherhood Commission, said here he has already ordered five manuals used in the new boys' program reprinted.

The new Royal Ambassador program was introduced to about 15,000 Royal Ambassador chapters in the Southern Baptist Convention on Oct. 1. Books setting out the new program went on sale in Baptist Book Stores a few weeks earlier. The supply of 125,000 books is almost exhausted.

"Reception of the program is beyond our wildest dreams," Schroeder said. "We thought we had ordered at least a six-month supply of the books."

Ample book stocks are expected before Jan. 1, Schroeder said.

What's so popular about the program?

Royal Ambassadors are acquiring missionary education through activities--mental, emotional and physical--instead of reading, memorization and recitation, Schroeder said.

The new boys' program provides for three age groups--Crusaders (boys 9-11), Pioneers (boys 12-14) and Ambassadors (boys 15-17). A distinct program keyed to the characteristics, needs, abilities and interests of each group has been prepared, Schroeder said.

Materials for Crusaders and Pioneers are already in use. Books for Ambassadors will make their debut next spring.

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Illinois Directors
Assign Music Work

CARBONDALE, Ill. (BP)--Directors of Illinois Baptist State Association approved here two staff assignments in the state's church music program.

They elected Charles Gray, working toward a master of music degree at Baylor University, Waco, Tex., professor of music at two colleges of Bible maintained by the state association. He was expected to come in January.

They are adjacent to local Southern Illinois University and to University of Illinois, Urbana--both public colleges.

Gray will teach music and church music, with courses at both universities being accredited for use toward a student's degree. The courses will be taught in the colleges of Bible, however.

Gray will probably live in Carbondale and commute between the 150-mile distant campuses.

Acting because of the loss of Earl Wayne Morris as secretary of music for the state association, directors temporarily assigned music promotion to Bluford M. Sloan of Carbondale. Sloan is Training Union secretary.

Morris resigned a month ago to teach at Southern Illinois University while working on his doctorate.

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McGee To Fill New
Chaplaincy Position

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ATLANTA (BP)--L. L. McGee of Houston, Tex., was elected to the newly created position of secretary of hospital chaplaincy here by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

According to George Cummins of Atlanta, director of the division of chaplaincy, McGee will work with the 7000 registered hospitals of the United States and with Southern Baptist ministers serving as chaplains in hospitals.

The 7000 includes 210 military, 176 veterans, 16 public health service, 502 state, and several thousand county, municipal, denomination and private hospitals.

Cummins said McGee will work with the administrations of the hospitals in establishing chaplaincy programs. He will help bring the qualified Southern Baptist chaplain in contact with opportunities of service.

His work will include information, promotion, conferences and workshops.

McGee, a native of Petersburg, Va., is completing work on a master's degree in theology from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth and clinical pastoral training at the Institute of Religion at the Texas Medical Center in Houston.

His earlier education was received at the University of Richmond (Baptist), Richmond, Va., and at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

He has 12 years' experience as pastor in Kentucky and Virginia, including five years at Glebe Baptist Church in Arlington, Va. He is presently serving as acting chaplain supervisor at the Memorial Baptist Hospital in Houston. McGee received his accreditation from the Southern Baptist Association for Clinical Pastoral Education.

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Big Cities Plan Tabled
As Mission Funds Fall

ATLANTA (BP)--No city will be singled out for special mission treatment in 1962 by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, breaking a precedent of five years.

In those years Chicago, San Francisco, New York, Baltimore, Seattle and Detroit were provided with special funds, each \$100,000 or more, for loans for church sites and buildings. These were interest free for two and a half years.

The announcement was made here at the board's annual meeting by Courts Redford of Atlanta, executive secretary, in presenting a \$4-1/2 million budget for 1962 operations that will support 1950 missionaries.

The plan, known as the "Big Cities Program" was dropped for this year because the denomination's Cooperative Program, its unified mission budget, would provide an estimated half million dollars less for home missions than last year.

"Our Big Cities appropriations have always come from the Cooperative Program advance section (gifts after the SBC budget was reached) or from operating surplus funds. This year we have neither," Redford said.

He added, "It is increasingly apparent to all the agencies belonging to our denomination that the hope of adequate support is largely dependent upon the revitalization and promotion of the Cooperative Program."

On Redford's recommendation, the board expressed its desire to cooperate with the SBC Stewardship Commission, and others interested in the Cooperative Program, in plans and programs designed to increase the support of "this lifeline of our denominational agencies."

However, the \$4,535,000 budget adopted by the board was an increase over 1961 of more than \$100,000. This was possible because it is based, for the most part, on funds already received or assured.

The Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions taken this year has provided \$2,125,000; Cooperative Program receipts will provide \$2 million. Other sources, such as trusts and general designations, make up the balance.

The budget will distribute \$260,000 for administration, \$375,000 for general mission ministries such as the 30,000 Movement, \$175,000 for the division of education and promotion, \$170,000 for the division of evangelism, \$90,000 for the division of chaplaincy and \$3,435,000 for the division of missions.

The funds of the division of missions will be supplemented by budgets of state conventions in carrying out the mission work. The board and the state conventions enter into cooperative agreements which spell out the ratio of financial assistance and working arrangements.

In the division of missions, these funds will be allotted \$38,000 for surveys and special studies, \$558,000 for pioneer missions, \$278,000 for work with National Baptists, \$1,277,000 for language groups ministries, \$482,000 for city missions, \$390,000 for associational missions and \$412,000 for general items.

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Folks and Facts.....

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.....Roy Johnson, 72-year-old retired Baptist minister of Kansas City, Mo., gave \$25,000 to William Jewell College to help "those young preachers and their families to have a decent place to live." Johnson graduated from the Baptist college in Liberty, Mo., in 1913. (BP)

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