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**Hardin-Simmons Revamps  
Athletics, Coaches Resign**

ABILENE, Tex. (BP)--The athletic director, head football coach, and two assistant coaches at Hardin-Simmons University here have resigned "in a sincere effort to reduce the cost of the athletic program."

The school's athletic program had been plagued with mounting deficits, and the football team had lost 22 consecutive games.

In the wake of the coaches' resignations, the executive committee of the Hardin-Simmons board of trustees revamped financial support of the Baptist school's total athletic program.

Hardin-Simmons will continue its intercollegiate athletics program in all sports, provided all support of the program will come from "friends and patrons," the committee said.

Existing athletic scholarships and game contracts will be continued, but new scholarships will be granted only if direct contributions are received for that purpose.

The trustee group, empowered to act for the full board of trustees, combined the offices of athletic director and head football coach.

A few days earlier, athletic director Bill Ledbetter and head football coach Howard McChestney submitted their resignations to Hardin-Simmons President Evan A. Reiff.

President Reiff said that Ledbetter might be re-assigned to some other area, but new duties for him have not yet been defined.

Associate coach Carlos Berry and backfield coach John T. Ford also submitted resignations effective with the terminations of their contracts.

Reiff said that it was with genuine regret that he received the resignations, and said that he greatly appreciated the cooperation of the athletic staff members for the good of the university.

"We will carry on as fine a program of athletics as our friends and patrons will support," said Reiff. "And if our friends let us down, we will carry on as good a program as we can," he said.

The school's trustees had earlier authorized a complete study of the athletic program and told the executive committee to take whatever action it felt necessary to bring the athletic program into line with the school's total liberal arts program.

John J. Hurt Sr.  
Dies In Atlanta

ATLANTA, Ga. (BP)--Dr. John Jeter Hurt Sr., veteran Baptist minister and educator, died Dec. 26 in a private hospital in Atlanta. Death followed a heart attack after exploratory surgery. He was 88.

Dr. Hurt retired from the presidency of Union University, Jackson, Tenn., in 1945. He moved to Atlanta where three of his sons lived in 1948 and served as a supply minister in various churches of the southeast until age confined his activities to writing.

He published three books after reaching the age of 84--"This Is My Story;" "My Fifty Favorite Stories;" and "Sermons, Short, Medium and Long."

Dr. Hurt was a native of Richmond, Va. He was educated at the University of Richmond and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was editor of the Baptist Advance, Arkansas Baptist publication now extinct, from 1900-03.

Pastorates followed at Conway, Ark.; First Baptist of Durham, N.C.; First Baptist of Wilmington, N.C.; and First Baptist of Jackson, Tenn. He went to the presidency of Union University in 1932, serving 13 years.

Dr. Hurt received the doctor of divinity degree from Union University (1914) and Wake Forest College (1921). George Town College conferred the doctor of laws (1932) upon him.

He served as vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1935 and was on numerous convention boards and agencies. He successfully nominated six presidents of the SBC.

His wife, nee Ethelyn Lovell of Arkansas, died Jan. 31, 1958.

Survivors include John J. Hurt Jr., editor of the Christian Index, Atlanta; Harry H. Hurt, president of Georgia Distributors, Inc., Atlanta; James L. Hurt, salesman, Atlanta; George T. Hurt, Camden, S.C.; and one daughter, Mrs. Howard C. Bennett, wife of the president of East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Tex.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 28, at Atlanta's Second-Ponce De Leon Baptist Church.

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Maryland State Paper  
Becomes A Weekly

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BALTIMORE (BP)--The Maryland Baptist, publication of the Baptist Convention of Maryland, became a weekly with the issue of Jan. 4.

Under the editorship of Gainer E. Bryan Jr., the paper had already moved from a monthly to semi-monthly publication.

Circulation of the eight-page weekly is now 15,000, reports Bryan. The paper dates from Feb. 1, 1917.

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Folks and facts.....

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.....H. B. Ramsour, president of the Mexican Baptist Bible Institute in San Antonio, Tex., has been named chairman of the division of religion and philosophy at Howard Payne College (Baptist), Brownwood, Tex. Ramsour is a former Southern Baptist missionary to Japan, Argentina and Hawaii and is a graduate of Howard Payne College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, with both master and doctor of theology degrees. Ramsour succeeds D. D. Tidwell who has been appointed research professor of religion. Ramsour will begin his duties in the fall of 1962. (BP)

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Baylor Professor Finds  
Test-tube Cure For TB

DALLAS (BP)--A test-tube cure for deadly tuberculosis has been discovered here by a professor at the Graduate Research Institute of Baylor University.

Dr. Ivan Kochan, chairman of the microbiology department of the Baptist university's graduate branch here, has found a way to kill the deadly tuberculosis bacteria in the laboratory.

Although Dr. Kochan has not yet killed the tuberculosis bacilli the human bloodstream, he estimates that within 18 months to two years the proper dosage can be determined to kill the bacteria in human beings.

He said that without a doubt the Tuberculostatic Factor, his name for a combination of proteins and peptides, can kill the tuberculosis bacilli and rid the world of the dread disease.

"This is the way," he said. "I would not be spending my life in it if it were not."

During more than seven years of research on the cure for tuberculosis, Dr. Kochan discovered that about 90 per cent of the people have the Tuberculostatic Factor in their bloodstream that prevents them from having the disease.

Research showed that persons who are susceptible to tuberculosis do not have enough of the proteins-peptides combination in their bloodstream.

His proposed cure for tuberculosis would be to take peptides from persons who have a high Tuberculostatic Factor and inject the peptides into the bloodstream of the susceptible persons.

He explained that taking the peptides from the donor would cause no danger of the donor's getting TB because his cells would produce more peptides.

Sure that the Factor will kill the tuberculosis bacilli by starving it to death, Dr. Kochan must next determine the dosage necessary to kill the bacilli once it is engulfed in a "protective cell."

The tuberculosis bacillus, a tough, rod-shaped bacteria, often is absorbed by protective cells called macrophages. The macrophages reach out and engulf the bacilli, but cannot kill it. Once inside the macrophage, the bacteria is very difficult to kill.

When the proper dosage has been determined to kill the germ inside a protective cell, the discovery will be put into active use at TB sanatoriums.

Twelve students in the Baylor graduate program have worked with Dr. Kochan in finding the cure.

The Baylor Research Institute here is a part of the J. K. and Susie L. Wadley Research Institute and Blood Bank. The Institute has produced 22 Baylor graduates, five of them obtaining doctor of philosophy degrees in chemistry and microbiology.

Dr. Kochan, 38, was born in the Ukraine where he obtained his high school education and first studied medicine. He is now a United States citizen.

He has also studied at the University of Munich, Germany, and at the University of Manitoba, Canada, where he received his master of science degree in 1955. He received the Ph. D. degree from Stanford University in California where he worked as research associate of Stanford's medical microbiology department.

He came to the Baylor Research Institute in 1959, and has been investigating the cause and cure for tuberculosis on a three-year \$60,000 grant from the National Institute of Health awarded in 1960.

Golden Gate Seminary  
Fully Accredited

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP)--Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary has received full accreditation by the American Association of Theological Schools.

Harold K. Graves, president of the Southern Baptist seminary, called the announcement of accreditation "the result of long years of effort on the part of so many."

An associate member of the association since 1954, the seminary is also an associate member of the American Association of Schools of Religious Education.

The seminary will be placed on the accredited list of seminaries throughout the U.S. and Canada, Graves said.

The school's academic standards and quality of work were examined carefully by the inspectors of the accrediting association, the president said. The association requires that a school first become an associate member and report its status to the commission on accrediting, using biennial report forms and other supporting materials.

Following accreditation, a school must maintain standards as defined by the association.

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College Trustees Name  
Posey To Position

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (BP)--The California Baptist College board of trustees has employed S. G. Posey, emeritus executive secretary-treasurer of the California Convention, as college evangelist and field representative.

Also, they elevated Floy S. Wise to the academic deanship; endorsed the proposed construction of a "book of life building;" and approved a "friends of the library" project.

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