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NASHVILLE--(BP)--One of the best-known women among Southern Baptist, Mrs. Frank H. Leavell of Nashville, will be honored at a testimonial dinner here June 2. She is retiring.

Although Mrs. Leavell calls Nashville home, she spends little time here. She has spoken to thousands of individuals across the Southern Baptist Convention about problems of Christian marriage and home-building.

At the testimonial dinner, Joe W. Burton, Nashville, secretary of the home education department, Baptist Sunday School Board, will present Mrs. Leavell a scroll recognizing her devotion to strengthening Christian family life.

Others on the program include G. Kearnie Keegan, Nashville, secretary, student department of the board; Gaye L. McGlothlen, pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville; W. F. Powell pastor emeritus, First Baptist Church, Nashville; and Don Minton and Reuben Herring, home education department, Nashville.

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Editor, Seminary  
President Speakers

PINEVILLE, La.--(BP)--H. Leo Eddleman, president of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and James F. Cole, Alexandria, La., editor of The Baptist Message, delivered the principal addresses here at Louisiana College's 53rd annual commencement exercises.

Eddleman, who assumed his New Orleans Seminary duties in February, delivered the baccalaureate address. Cole, who has edited the state denominational weekly since January, 1958, preached the baccalaureate sermon.

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Western Kentucky  
Hospital Accredited

PADUCAH, Ky.--(BP)--Western Baptist Hospital here has received full accreditation. The board of commissioners of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals has approved the recommendation that Western Baptist Hospital be accredited for a period of three years or until a subsequent survey is conducted.

Dr. Kenneth B. Babcock, director of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, commended Western Baptist Hospital for maintaining standards of accreditation and for constant effort to improve the quality of patient care.

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Methodist Slate Week  
Of 175th Anniversary

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The 175th anniversary of the organization of The Methodist Church in American will be celebrated the week beginning Dec. 27, 1959.

A special observance is being planned for Baltimore, Md., where the church was formally organized in 1784. Also, it is expected that Methodist churches across the country will have ceremonies to commemorate the event.

The Methodist Church in American was organized in a now famous "Christmas Conference" of young ministers at Baltimore's Lovely Lane Chapel.

Most of the celebration in Baltimore is expected to center around the Lovely Lane church. A part of the observance will be a modern-day "Christmas Conference" of young Methodist ministers from across the country. It will be sponsored by the Methodist General Board of Evangelism.

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Wingate Honors Five  
For Their Services

WINGATE, N. C.--(BP)--Baptist-operated Wingate College here will pay tribute to five outstanding state and national leaders with honorary citations. One citation is made posthumously.

The junior college has selected:

Ed Gaskins, president of American Bank and Trust Co., Monroe, N. C.

John M. Austin, realtor, Wadesboro, N. C.

Clyde E. Baucom, pastor, First Baptist Church, Wilson, N. C., who was chairman of the committee which nominated a new general secretary for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Charlie Hunley, Monroe, N. C., manager of a department store.

James Long, Roanoke, Va., graduate of Wingate College, posthumously.

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Folks & facts.....

.....President John L. Plyler of Furman University, Greenville, S. C., president of the Southern University Conference for 1959-60 at its 22nd annual meeting at St. Petersburg, Fla. He succeeds President A. Hollis Edens of Duke University, Durham, N.C.

Made up of a selected group of 53 leading institutions in the South, the Conference considers matters pertaining to the upper division of college work, to graduate work, and to all common interests of its members. -30-

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## Michigan's Largest Building Program On

FLINT, Mich.--(BP)--Lincoln Park Baptist Church here will have the largest completed building of any Southern Baptist church in the state when it dedicates a \$165,000 auditorium in August.

The new building, of colonial structure and buff brick similar in appearance to First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., will seat 625 worshipers.

Coupled with an educational unit built last year to accommodate 500 persons in Sunday school, the total property evaluation of the church will be \$310,000.

A spire on the new auditorium must be hoisted into place. It will reach 87 feet, making it the tallest church spire in the city.

Pastor L. Vernon Sisco said that construction was financed chiefly through sale of Broadway bonds, of which about one-fourth was bought by church members and the remainder by companies involved in the construction.

The eight-year-old church was originally sponsored by Greene County Association of Baptist churches in Arkansas, and its charter membership came from Arkansas and Missouri folk who moved to this auto-manufacturing city.

It is now affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of Michigan which was recently organized. There are 10 Southern Baptist churches in Flint and 71 in the state of Michigan.

Membership of the church is over 500 and Sunday school enrolment is 489. It has been the only church in Michigan whose entire Sunday school organization was standard.

Out of Lincoln Park Church have come six missions, now all independent churches. The church plans to establish two new missions by the end of 1960.

Another unit in the building program will be started this year. A nursery-recreation building, it will cost an estimated \$30,000.

Wall-to-wall carpeting and chandeliers are part of the interior decorating of the new auditorium.

Sisco came to the church as pastor 1-1/2 years ago from pastorate of Maplewood Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.

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