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Mississippi College  
'Doctors' 2 Alumni

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CLINTON, Miss.--(BP)--Mississippi College here awarded honorary degrees to a North Carolina scientist and a Georgia Baptist minister at its commencement exercises.

Walter Gordy, professor of physics at Duke University, Durham, N. C., received the doctor of laws degree. The doctor of divinity degree was conferred on Dick H. Hall, Jr., pastor, First Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga.

Both men are alumni of the Baptist school here, Gordy getting his bachelor of arts in 1932 and Hall his bachelor of science degree in 1919.

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Recount Says Second  
Greatest At Louisville

LOUISVILLE--(BP)--A recount on messenger registration at the 1959 Southern Baptist Convention here uncovered about 500 more and brought the total to 12,326 persons. Secretary Joe W. Burton of Nashville said this was the second largest registration in Convention history.

The largest was in 1953 in Houston, Tex., when the total was 12,976. The unofficial count at the close of the session here last week was announced as 11,814.

More than 10,000 messengers registered on Tuesday, opening day of the Convention, which Burton added was the heaviest first-day registration in the Convention's 114 years.

Kentucky, host state, led with 2117 messengers registered. Next were Texas with 1090 and North Carolina with 1038. Tennessee had 980 persons and Georgia, 907. Sixth was South Carolina with 853.

Other states and total registered messengers include: Virginia, 713; Alabama, 697; Florida, 574; Missouri, 564; Mississippi, 483; Oklahoma, 402.

Louisiana, 355; Illinois, 285; Arkansas, 278; Ohio, 181; Maryland, 152; Indiana, 125; California, 120; New Mexico, 69; District of Columbia, 61; Colorado, 59; Kansas, 55; Michigan, 51; Arizona, 47; Oregon-Washington, 20; and Hawaii and Alaska, each 3.

There were 44 miscellaneous registrations, which covers states not otherwise listed.

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Riles, Joe Coleman  
Lead Conferences

MEMPHIS--(BP)--Joseph R. (Joe) Coleman, Tulsa, Okla., architect, will address the Brotherhood Conference August 17 at Glorieta, N. M., Baptist Assembly on the topic of "God Calls Laymen Too."

Coleman recently returned from a three-month tour of England, France, Holland, and Russia. In England he took part in a two-week evangelistic crusade with 80 Southern Baptist ministers and laymen under the auspices of the Church Evangelistic Association of Corpus Christi, Tex.

John A. Riles, pastor of Rugby Hills Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., has been named a conference leader for the Brotherhood Conference June 18-24 at Ridgecrest, N. C., Baptist Assembly. He will direct the daily feature, "I've Seen This Happen In Brotherhood."

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Mars Hill Undertakes  
Senior College Study

MARS HILL, N. C.--(BP)--Study on the possibility and desirability of converting Mars Hill College here into a senior college was recommended to the board of trustees at its annual meeting.

The executive committee of the trustees of this western North Carolina Baptist school voted to recommend that the full board appoint a committee of trustees and members of the college administration to "explore the feasibility of the transition of Mars Hill College to a senior college."

The recommendation came after considerable discussion of the Baptist State Convention's approval at its special session in Raleigh, N. C., recently of a recommendation that the Mars Hill trustees "proceed to convert the school into a senior college as soon as it seems desirable and possible. . . ."

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Yale Alcohol Study  
Applications Due

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Applications should be forwarded here immediately by those desiring grants-in-aid to attend the summer school of alcohol studies at Yale University. The grants-in-aid amount to \$150 for persons whose applications are approved.

While the final decision on application does not rest with the Southern Baptist Convention, its office here makes known the availability of the grants and serves as a clearing house through which applications come.

Persons making application may write Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention, 127 Ninth Ave. No., Nashville.

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38 Leave For Europe  
And Near East Mission

JACKSON, Miss.--(BP)--Thirty-eight Baptists, mostly Mississippians, left the United States in late May for a five-week missions tour of Europe and the Near East, ending up with a simultaneous preaching mission in Spain and Italy.

Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, executive secretary-treasurer of Mississippi Baptist Convention board, and W. C. Fields, Jackson, editor of the Baptist Record, lead the party.

In Spain and Italy the party members will direct the first simultaneous evangelistic campaign ever attempted by the Baptist churches there. The crusade in the two countries will be conducted June 21-28.

The Baptist travelers include 29 ministers, seven laymen, and two wives. 30 of the 38 are Mississippians.

The group will return July 1. Their itinerary will take them through Great Britain, France, Switzerland, Greece, Lebanon, Syria (United Arab Republic), Jordan, Israel, Italy, Spain, and Portugal.

During the evangelistic crusade both laymen and preachers will speak in assigned Baptist churches. Two years in planning, the preaching mission is the outcome of the invitations from the two national groups of Baptists. Arrangements have been made with the counsel of Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention personnel in Richmond, Va., and overseas.

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