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### Illinois Bible Chair President Elected

CARBONDALE, Ill.--(BP)--Gilbert Waud of Peoria, Ill., has been elected first president of the Baptist chair of Bible at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana.

A native of Illinois, Waud attended Southern Illinois University here, Union University in Jackson, Tenn., and Southern and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminaries. He received the Th.D. degree from Southwestern.

He is pastor of Dayton Ave. Baptist Church in Peoria.

Taking office Sept. 1, Waud will help develop a relatively new Baptist educational venture. Illinois Southern Baptists have purchased property for a new Baptist student center and educational building and are currently raising funds for its construction.

The chair of Bible will pattern its program after the college of Bible at Southern Illinois University. The University of Illinois enroled more than 25,000 students last year.

The college of Bible at Southern Illinois University, in operation since 1938, offers Bible and religious education courses which the state-supported university accepts as elective credits toward a student's degree.

The Baptist college of Bible, however, is financed by the Illinois Baptist State Association, which owns the property and buildings.

Baptist student work and educational courses have been offered at Champaign-Urbana for the last few years under the direction of the state Baptist student secretary with teaching assistance from area pastors.

Waud was elected at a meeting here of the state association board of directors.

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### Young Men's Mission Conference Planned

GLORIETA, N. M.--(BP)--"I appreciated the opportunity to talk with the missionaries. The Young Men's Mission Conference helped me to really know what world missions mean."

"Visiting mission points was a highlight of the Young Men's Mission Conference for me because for the first time I saw missionaries in action."

Those are only two of the dramatic testimonies that have followed the Young Men's Mission Conference held annually at Glorieta Baptist Assembly. This year's event will be Aug. 13-19. The conference emphasizing missions is for young men 15 and older.

It will emphasize counseling in vocation guidance and teen-age living and include such special features as mission tours and conferences, and recreation.

C. W. Scudder, a professor in the department of Christian ethics at Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., will discuss the solution to teen-age problems.

Bill Cody, associate secretary for mission personnel for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, Va., will emphasize the importance of church-related vocations.

This special conference is designed to increase the missions interest of boys through actual contact with missionaries. It is sponsored by the Baptist Brotherhood Commission.

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\$495,000 Illinois  
Budget Proposed

CARBONDALE, Ill.--(BP)--A budget of \$495,000 for 1960 has been approved by the board of directors of the Illinois Baptist State Association here.

It will be submitted to the association in its annual session in the Fall for final adoption. The 1960 budget as recommended is nine per cent higher than the current budget, and is an all-time high.

Division of funds between state and Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program objectives will remain 65 per cent for state and 35 for SBC. There are no preferred items to be accounted for before applying the percentage.

A proposal adopted by the board may mean a higher per centage for SBC Cooperative Program objectives. A long-range planning committee, considering Illinois Baptist work for the next 25 years, was asked to study the board's proposal.

Under it, the SBC percentage would be one per cent greater for every two per cent increase in contributions to the Cooperative Program received from Illinois Baptist churches.

The 1960 budget provides for two new denominational workers---an area missionary in the Quincy, Ill., vicinity, and an associate editor of the Illinois Baptist who would also be in charge of public relations.

The two offices will not be operative until Jan. 1.

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Says Future Religion  
To Be More Spiritual

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C.--(BP)--A minister of The Methodist Church gave his predictions here about religion during the next half-century.

What will religion of the future be like? According to Mark Depp, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., "For the next 50 years and beyond, religion will not be primarily sacramental or doctrinal."

Addressing a ministers' conference at the Methodist encampment in the western North Carolina mountains here, he added, "There likely will be more emphasis on the psychological, or if you prefer, spiritual, meeting human life at the point of its greatest need."

"Of course," he added, "the psychological is spiritual, and the spiritual is psychological, Psyche being the Greek name for the soul."

"Religion in the future," continued Depp, "will have regard for the sacraments, such as baptism and the Lord's Supper, as means of grace when devoutly used, but they will not be regarded as possessing any magic in themselves.

"Doctrines or beliefs," he said, "will continue to have a very important place in religion, but they have their value not in themselves but in the meaning and purpose which they give to life."

As two examples of how religion is now moving toward more effectively meeting the "psychological, or spititual," needs of people, Depp said:

"More and more churches, especially in their religious education programs, are providing classes and seminars for discussion of the problems which their people are facing.

"More and more seminaries are training men not only to preach but to counsel with individuals."

He added, "It might be said that the test of a sermon is whether or not it brings some individual to the minister's study for discussion of personal problems in the light of the truth that has been proclaimed."

Depp has been pastor of Centenary church 14 years.

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Ouachita's Library  
Annex Being Built

ARKADELPHIA, Ark.--(BP)--Work will begin immediately on an addition to Riley Library at Ouachita Baptist College here.

The board of trustees approved plans for this library annex, two temporary dormitory buildings, and a new athletic field in a recent meeting.

The board also approved a plan to erect a Bible Building at the site of the old home of the president, which was recently torn down. This building will contain classrooms, offices, and a chapel.

Money for the library addition was donated by Miss Emma Riley of Little Rock and El Dorado, Ark. Reading-room space will be doubled and a periodical and reference room will be added.

The two temporary dormitories approved by the board, one for women and one for men, will house 40 students each.

Two permanent dormitories will be built when loans are secured from the federal Housing and Home Finance Agency. Estimated cost of the two, one for men and the other for women students, is \$625,000.

The new athletic field will include a football field, baseball diamond, a field house and track facilities. Football games this Fall will be played on the present athletic field but the new field should be ready to use in 1960.