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Juvenile Workers
Form Association

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--Efforts of Southern Baptists to help teenagers in trouble will be intensified with the organization of the Southern Baptist Association of Juvenile Rehabilitation Workers.

Workers from six states met at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly here during Home Mission Week and elected officers for the new association. They are chairman, Charles Hawkes of Houston, Tex.; vice-chairman, Sherman Towell, of Louisville, Ky., and secretary, C. E. Scarborough of Atlanta, Ga.

"This voluntary organization will assist us in implementing and co-ordinating the Baptist juvenile rehabilitation programs in major cities throughout the convention," said J. V. James, Atlanta, secretary of the Department of Juvenile Rehabilitation of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

The program now operates in 13 cities and is designed to assist the local courts in rehabilitating youth with Baptist affiliation or no denominational preference who have come in conflict with the law. Workers with theological and social welfare orientation are employed by Baptist associations in each city to work as a liaison between the child, the church, and the local court officials.

Working in a supportive role to the staff of the court and the probation department, these workers recruit and train volunteer sponsors in Baptist churches who as interested and concerned friends help the delinquent and his family to rehabilitation.

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Southeastern Religious
Educators Elect Six

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--The Southeastern Baptist Religious Education Association has elected Wallace Parham, of Richmond, Va., as president. Parham is minister of education at First Baptist Church in Richmond.

Serving as two vice-presidents are Marion Hayes, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., and Robert Bingham, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Greenville, S. C.

Miss Margaret Saverance, youth director, First Baptist Church, Spartanburg, S. C., is the association's secretary-treasurer. Its chorister is Bill Morton, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and its pianist is Miss Emily Brown, minister of music and education, First Baptist Church, Cayce, S. C.

The association membership includes ministers of education and others in Baptist religious education work from southeastern states.

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Brantley Education
Commission Secretary

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Rabun L. Brantley, vice-president of Mercer University for three years, will become executive secretary of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

His office will be in Nashville. Rolph A. Phelps, Arkadelphia, Ark., chairman of the Commission, announced that Brantley will arrive here about Sept. 1.

He succeeds R. Orin Cornett who resigned in January to accept a federal education post.

The Education Commission is made up of 18 members representing as many states from California to Florida.

Brantley will have direction of the Christian education emphasis of more than 9 million Southern Baptists in the areas of surveys and studies; teacher recruitment and placement; publications including Southern Baptist Educator, Career News, and Campus Directory; conferences and workshops and the maintaining of a clearing house for information.

The Commission undertakes to render numerous services to the 71 seminaries, schools, and colleges operated by Southern Baptists. It has no operating control over any of them, however.

Brantley is a native of Sylvania, Ga., and was educated in the schools there and at Georgia Military College. He received his A. B. and M. A. degrees from Mercer University. He was awarded the Ph. D. degree by George Peabody College, Nashville. He has taught at Tift College and Mary Hardin-Baylor College (both Baptist), Georgia State College in Atlanta, and was for 11 years president of Virginia Intermont College (Baptist), Bristol, Va.

He has served in various other capacities as head of English and journalism departments, business manager, dean of men, dean and registrar, and as public relations director. For two and a half years Brantley edited Southern Automotive Journal, a trade magazine published in Atlanta and covering 20 states. He has contributed articles to the English Journal, Journalism Bulletin, Georgia Historical Quarterly, and Atlanta Journal Magazine.

He has written a history of The Macon (Ga.) Telegraph and "Georgia Journalism of the Civil War Period."

Other activities of the newly-elected executive secretary are: director of the National Council of Teachers of English and member of the board of editors of the English Journal, administrative committee of the American Association of Junior Colleges, president of the Southern Association of Colleges for Women, president of the Southern Association of Junior Colleges, chairman of committee on accreditation of Junior colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges, interim assistant executive secretary of the Higher Commission of the Southern Association of Colleges, member of the Education Commission of Southern Baptist Convention, president of Bristol (Va.) Kiwanis club, co-chairman Bristol Centennial Committee, director Virginia Advisory Committee on Schools and Colleges, vice-chairman Bristol Community Concert Association, and educational consultant to several colleges and universities.

In addition to his duties at Mercer, Brantley is a director of the Macon Kiwanis Club; deacon, choir member, and teacher of Victors Bible class at the First Baptist Church of Macon, and vice-president of the Georgia Foundation for Independent Colleges.

He is a Kappa Alpha, Phi Delta Kappa, Sigma Tau Delta, Sigma Mu, and Blue Key. He is listed in Who's Who in America, Who's Who in American Education, and International World Biography.

Brantley married Elizabeth Estes, Gay, Ga. They have two sons, Billy, 21, and Richard, 15.

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The Home 'Over Here

by Loulie Latimer Owens

Parson in the parsonage, have you given any thought to the "home over here?" No, I didn't say "the home over there." I assume you have one of those, plated with gold, air-conditioned, and with all conveniences. And some preachers have suites in the headquarters hotel. But "the home over there" isn't immediate enough to worry me now. I'm talking about "the home over here." Where are you going to move your books, magazines, gift silver from former pastorates, and that barrel of sermons when you retire? It all has to get out, you know, to make room for an energetic "under 35" who will take your place.

If you are living in one of those leaky, rickety old barns with Duncan Phyfe bath-tub, space heaters, and single sink, you're lucky because you're uncomfortable enough to be planning, and perhaps already buying, a house of your own. On the other hand, if you are living in one of these new, modern houses the state papers are always picturing -- you know: red brick, one story, semi-ranch type, seven rooms, including study with out-side entrance -- as I say, if you're living in one of those, brother, you're in mortal danger. You are being tranquilized by comfort. You need to get your eyes off the dials of all those built-in appliances and take a look at the calendar and at your balding or graying head. All this grandeur is short-lived for you. It belongs to the church.

Don't misunderstand me. I'm not saying a word against insurance, retirement plans, social security, or savings accounts. You need them all. But I am reminding you that the poor old dollar is worth only a third what it was 20 years ago. If shrinkage continues, by the time you retire, a three-pound roast will cost you \$12. Real estate, however, is something solid. It's a roof overhead. Your annuity and savings may feed and clothe you when you retire, but they sure won't cover you.

The burden of this message is to urge you to buy a house now -- start buying, I mean. If the church will give you an allowance, that is the best of all. If it won't, don't wait around and let the congregation get into a squabble over the subject. Go ahead and buy now. Nibble off a small house whose payments you can afford. When it's paid for, trade it in on a bigger one. I'm no economist, but I look around. This idea I've suggested is what a lot of the smart boys are doing. Don't wait until you're retired and out in the cold with nothing to cover you but a tent before you get shook up over this matter. Drafts are awfully hard on rheumatism. The Lord will take care of the home over there, but this one over here is up to you.