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Marse Grant Elected  
By Biblical Recorder

(picture accompanies)

RALEIGH, N. C.--(BP)--J. Marse Grant of Thomasville, N. C., editor of *Charity and Children* at the Baptist children's homes for the past 10 years, is new editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, state Baptist paper here.

The 39-year-old layman was elected by the Recorder board to succeed Dr. L. L. Carpenter, who retires Dec. 31 after 17 years in the post. A special five-member committee from the directors recommended Grant's election to the 16-member body.

Grant becomes the first layman to edit the *Biblical Recorder* since 1907 when the late U. S. Senator Josiah W. Bailey served as editor. There are only three other laymen among the state editors in the Southern Baptist Convention. They are John J. Hurt, Jr., Georgia; Joe Novak, Kansas; and Gainer E. Bryan, Jr., Maryland.

A native of High Point, N. C., Grant was in secular newspaper work and industrial editing before becoming editor of the *Baptist Children's Homes* weekly publication in 1949.

He is a magna cum laude graduate of High Point College where he was named the best all-round male graduate in 1941. During his four years in college, he worked an eight-hour night shift in a High Point mill, in addition to serving three years as college publicity director and editor of the campus weekly his senior year.

Under his editorship, *Charity and Children*, a children's home publication, has reached a record high circulation of 52,000, increasing from 34,000 in 1949.

Grant is president of the Southern Baptist Public Relations Association, and has been a member of the public relations advisory committee of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee. For the past five years he has been chairman of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention's committee on publicity.

In this capacity, he has been an unofficial public relations man for the convention, particularly at its annual sessions. His feature stories and pictures have appeared regularly in most of the state's dailies.

The former Marian Gibbs of Greensboro, N. C., Mrs. Grant has worked closely with her husband in publishing *Charity and Children*, writing a women's column, handling special features, and taking pictures. She is recording secretary of the state Woman's Missionary Union. Last May in Louisville, Ky., she received a citation from the Southern Baptist Convention Conference of Ministers Wives for making the most outstanding contribution (even though a layman's wife) to the organization during the year.

The Grants have three daughters--Susan, 14; Marcia, 11; and Carol Ann, 6. They plan to move to Raleigh the latter part of December or early in January.

The new Recorder editor toured the Holy Land and Europe in 1955 prior to attending the Baptist World Congress in London. Last January, he made a three-week tour of South America, making arrangements for the party he and Mrs. Grant will direct to the Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro next summer.

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.....U. S. Sen. Herman Talmadge (D., Ga.) and Gov. Ernest Vandiver of Georgia will be the principal speakers at Mercer University's annual "law day" in Macon, Ga. Nov. 6.

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