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L. L. Carpenter Given Recognition Service

GREENSBORO, N. C.--(BP)--The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina held a special recognition service at its session here for Dr. L. L. Carpenter, who is retiring editor of its weekly newspaper.

Dr. M. A. Huggins, who retired earlier this year as general secretary of the convention, paid tribute to Carpenter. The editor retires Dec. 31 after 17 years of service.

North Carolina convention publishes the Biblical Recorder at Raleigh. It has a circulation of 62,000 and recently adopted printing by offset.

Carpenter is a native son of North Carolina. In addition to filling the role of editor, he has been with the denomination as a pastor and educator.

He served churches in North Carolina and was a chaplain in the Army at the close of World War I. Later, he was chaplain at the University of South Carolina.

Carpenter taught at Furman University in South Carolina and Baylor University in Texas, both operated by Baptists.

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Billy Cannon Speaks To Laymen's Meeting

(11-13-59)

NEW ORLEANS--(BP)--Billy Cannon, All-American back from the highly-rated Louisiana State University (LSU) Tigers, spoke to 2500 Baptist laymen here. The state Baptist Brotherhood convention preceded sessions of Louisiana Baptist Convention.

Cannon, who scored his team's only touchdown with a long run in a crucial game against Mississippi, left the practice field at Baton Rouge late in the afternoon to hurry to New Orleans for his address.

Cannon is a Baptist, as are several other members of the LSU squad.

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Alabama Picks New Financial Secretary

(11-13-59)

MONTGOMERY, Ala.--(BP)--Henry D. Strickland has been elected financial secretary for the Alabama Baptist state executive board, effective Jan. 1, 1960.

A native Alabamian, Strickland now serves as an associate in the Sunday school department of the Baptist state executive board, where he began in 1952. He is a graduate of Howard College, Alabama Baptist school, and served as part-time education director at the 85th St. Baptist Church in Birmingham.

As financial secretary, Strickland will have the responsibility of recording and distributing all funds for the Alabama Baptist state executive board. In the coming year, this will amount to more than \$4 million. He will also supervise all financial records and reports for the executive board.

For 10 years, he was secretary-treasurer of a wholesale brokers firm in Dothan, Ala. From 1938-1950 he owned and operated a wholesale brokerage and bonded warehouse firm in Dothan.

In 1950, Strickland sold his business and entered Howard College to prepare for full-time religious work.

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Folks & facts.....

.....Baptist beginnings in America were led by the best educated men of the Colonies; for example, Roger Williams was a graduate of Cambridge and the author of five books. (p.1502, Encyclopedia of S. B.)

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Church To Finance
Student Center Cost

(11-13-59)

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.--(BP)--First Baptist Church here will back financially the new Baptist student center to be erected at Jacksonville University.

Homer G. Lindsay, pastor of the church, said a contract has been let for the center at a cost of \$80,600. Price of land and equipment will extend the center's construction figure to over \$100,000.

Eventually, Lindsay reported, the center will be deeded to Florida Baptist Convention to become a part of its student center program at colleges and universities in the state.

Contractors expect to complete the two buildings at the center in eight months.

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Shreveport Businessman
Presides In Louisiana

(11-13-59)

NEW ORLEANS--(BP)--A Shreveport businessman presided over sessions of Louisiana Baptist Convention here, the first layman to do so since 1952.

H. C. Abbott inherited the presidency of the convention when Paul Roberts, Lake Charles, La., minister, accepted a pastorate in Little Rock, Ark.

Roberts was serving as president and Abbott as first vice-president.

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Sunday School Board
Recovers Its Sputnik

(11-13-59)

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The Baptist Sunday School Board, which launched its own Sputnik 50 days ago, has recovered it.

Sputnik, in case you're wondering, happens to be a cat--- one which was considerably restricted in orbit since it spent its time trapped underneath the 12-story Baptist office building here.

How the cat got there is a story itself. Mrs. Agnes Ford, Sunday School Board press representative, gets many a laugh with a speech she has devised on publicity tricks.

She performed for the Southern Baptist Promotion Conference Sept. 22. At the close of the talk, as she spoke of "letting the cat out of the bag," an associate dumped Sputnik from a burlap bag onto the stage of the chapel.

The kit-napped cat scrambled through arms of several would-be captors and darted through a small hole backstage. No amount of "Come back Sputnik" or "Here Kitty" could lure it out. A can of sardines succeeded only in making the whole building smell like fish. A cate-schism developed as everyone advanced a theory on what befell the cat. Time wore on.

On Nov. 9, a workman spied the dieted-down animal while renovating a section of the building, but the cat was beyond reach and moving.

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Maintenance workers set a trap, baited with sardines. A night later, an elusive and hungry Sputnik fell for it. The cat appeared none the worse for its ordeal-- except for its loss of weight and streak of wildness.

It was heard to mew-se as it was carried away, "The Scripture makes some reference to 'tarry ye here for 50 days,' but I must have misinterpreted it."

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CAUTION: a news story on this release is enclosed with this feature. The entire article is being sent only to Baptist State papers, while the news release is sent to all on the Baptist Press mailing list.

The 30,000 Movement
"Plenty of Time?"

by C. C. Warren
director, 30,000 Movement
of the Southern Baptist Convention

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first public announcement that C. C. Warren has made since his heart attack and reveals his great concern for the 30,000 Movement.)

Never before have such high premiums been placed upon time. On every hand we hear the complaint, "no time for this - no time for that" or "I simply don't have time." What a mad rush most of us are forced to live in. I confess that I have always been one of those creatures who never seemed to be able to crowd into today all that should be done before tomorrow.

On October 15, 1959, following a rather severe heart attack, my doctors rushed me to the hospital and gave specific instructions, in no uncertain terms, that I was to do absolutely nothing for one solid month. Apart from the physical discomfort which I suffered, it was a rather shocking revelation for me to realize that for the first time in my life I had plenty of time.

For several years I couldn't be satisfied to recline in a beach chair or rest awhile at some mountain retreat, when the "Macedonian Calls" were coming so thick and fast. I simply didn't have time. But with the assistance of my wife and the doctors, I've "un-scheduled" myself and now I have plenty of time; time to pray, time to think, time to study, time to check up on the 30,000 Movement, time to meditate upon God's will for the rest of my life. How much time do I have left? That is entirely in his hands.

My chief concern is that which gripped my heart when I left the pastorate, that which was so beautifully expressed by the Great Apostle in Acts 20:24: "But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God."

Because of the prayers of so many of his people, I am convinced that the Lord has more work for me to do and that he will supply all needful grace and strength for the unfinished task before me.

While I am thinking of having plenty of time personally, I cannot forget that time for the 30,000 Movement is fast running out. Had it occurred to you that in spite of all that we have accomplished we are running over a year behind schedule in the achievement of our goal? Can we do anything about this? We certainly can.

While every Southern Baptist should feel the weight of the challenge in the world crises through which we are passing, it seems to me that God has especially singled out, commissioned, and equipped five groups now to bear the leadership responsibility of the gigantic undertaking, namely:

1. The Joint SBC's Promotion and the 30,000 Committee.
2. Pastors
3. The State 30,000 chairmen
4. The Associational Missions Committees
5. The Church Missions Committees

I honestly believe if those listed in the above mentioned groups will take this challenge seriously and dare to do the "extra" which they can do, that they will find that Southern Baptists meant what they said in 1956 and by God's help the goal of 10,000 new churches and 20,000 new missions can be reached. However, we simply must bear in mind that there is not plenty of time for the 30,000 Movement, but rather, time is running out fast.

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A Chinese Church Enters The 30,000

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.--BP--When a foreign group of Baptists sponsors a mission for another foreign group, that's missions and in the spirit of the 30,000 Movement.

"Our people will sponsor the newly organized Japanese Baptist Mission in San Francisco," says Peter Chen, pastor of the Chinese Southern Baptist Church there. "We believe that there is no difference whether Chinese or Japanese; we are all children of God. We rejoice that we are able to do it. This is the first mission of our church."