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### Tentmaker Movement Honors Seven Workers

ATLANTA, Ga.---(BP)---Seven Southern Baptists have been cited for their outstanding contributions to the Tentmakers Movement, sponsored by the Home Mission Board.

Recognized as Tentmaker Contact of 1959 is George Kendall, a California superintendent of missions.

Tentmaker Regular of 1959 is Miss Vondell Gerald of Bogalusa, La., now serving in Seattle, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Tentmaker Regular are Mr. and Mrs. W. L. White of Kansas City, Mo., serving in Phoenix, Ariz.

Tentmaker Reserve of 1959 is William Powell Osborn of Charleston, Miss., serving in Canyonville, Oregon, and Mr. and Mrs. Tentmaker Reserve are Mr. and Mrs. Price Mathieson of Waco, Texas, who served in Sacramento, Calif.

The movement, which follows the example of the Apostle Paul who supported himself as a tentmaker, utilizes adult Baptists who are willing to work in secular tasks in pioneer areas of Southern Baptist work. Their support of tithes and talents go through local churches.

The citations, an annual recognition since 1957, cover three categories: (1) Contact, a pastor, denominational worker, or another who guides the worker in finding employment and in doing church work, (2) Regulars, workers who serve the year round, and (3) Reserves, workers who serve only in the summer.

"Since the starting of the movement in 1951, there have been more than 1,200 men and women who have become Tentmaker Reserves and Regulars," said Fred A. McCaulley of Atlanta, director of the movement. "During this same period 375 pastors, missionaries, denominational and institutional leaders, and other workers have served as Tentmaker contacts. This program has operated in 26 states, the District of Columbia, and Canada."

The seven honored this year were selected by a committee in Atlanta from nominations made by other tentmakers and their contacts.

"Tentmakers have started many new missions and churches, strengthened many more, and now after these few years, some of the earlier Reserves, having completed their formal training, have returned to the fields of their Tentmaker service as pastors and other denominational leaders," McCaulley said.

Delaware Chapel  
Constituted As Church

DOVER, Del.--(BP)--The Baptist chapel at Dover, Del. was constituted as a church and called the pastor of its sponsoring church as pastoral missionary for the area.

Walter Agnor became pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church of Dover which began with 141 charter members; it had been a mission of Greensboro Baptist Church in Maryland for 16 months. The new church already has two missions in Delaware.

Colonel John L. Parker, base commander at Dover Air Force Base, a layman, had served as interim pastor of the chapel which is composed primarily of civilians and military from the base.

The group, presently meeting in a Seventh Day Adventist church, has purchased property with a loan from the Home Mission Board and plans to build in the immediate future, according to A. B. Cash, Atlanta, secretary of the pioneer missions department of the board.

Prior to the constitution of this church and the Bethany Baptist Church in Wilmington, Del., there were only 17 Baptist churches in the state, according to Cash. Now there are three Southern Baptist churches and four missions which expect to organize as churches during 1960. The Southern Baptist churches are affiliated with the Maryland Baptist Convention.

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New Hampshire Mission  
Gets First Pastor

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PORTSMOUTH, N.H.--(BP)--The Newington Chapel of Portsmouth, N.H., called Eugene Trawick of Bethel Baptist Church in the Washington Association of Georgia, as pastor and the Home Mission Board approved him as a pastoral missionary.

Trawick, the first pastor of the mission, plans to leave his church at the end of the year.

The chapel has an attendance of 135 and is surrounded by mission potential. Trawick, a graduate of Mercer and Emory Universities, has taught school and pastored a 500-member church.

The chapel in Portsmouth is one of six missions of Manhattan Baptist Church in New York City. Paul S. James serves as pastor of that church and director of the expanding work in the greater New York area. Elmer Sizemore, former associational missionary in the Washington Association, is his assistant.

Other missions of Manhattan Baptist are in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Long Island, and two in New Jersey. Three fellowship groups are now meeting in other New England states.

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Good Wishes In Action,  
Missionary Gets Typewriter

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GRACEVILLE, Fla.--(BP)--"Tell us what you need and we will try to get it for you," Dean Martin V. McKinster of the Baptist Bible Institute here wrote to Frank Wilber, a native San Blas Island missionary, and former student at the Institute.

Wilber took his time before replying some weeks later. Dean McKinster already had led the Institute family to get a 12-horse-power motor for the mission boat.

The Woman's Missionary Union of Tallahassee, Fla., area,  
had secured a sewing machine for Mrs. Wilber, at the dean's request.

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"Since you asked," Wilber wrote, "I really need a typewriter."

Miss Elizabeth Provence, Jacksonville, state Young Woman's Auxiliary worker for the Florida Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, saw the letter.

"Don't look any further," she said. "We have two good typewriters at Woman's Missionary Union headquarters that nobody is using. We'll send him one of those."

So, if the Wilbers on San Blas Island get a typewriter for Christmas, he can thank several persons. But mostly he must thank the man who, sitting behind his desk, put good wishes to work.

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#### State Department Rejects Georgia "Oppression" Request

ATLANTA--(BP)--The Department of State has turned down a request of the Georgia Baptist Convention that it intervene to stop "oppression of the pastor and members of the Second Baptist Church in Madrid, and other evangelical churches throughout Spain."

The Department described the conviction of Pastor Jose Nunez for breaking a government seal on the door as "a purely internal Spanish matter" since he is a Spanish citizen.

Maurice S. Rice, director of the Office of Public Service for the Department, wrote:

"The fact that an observer from our Embassy in Madrid was present at the trial of Pastor Nunez is a clear indication of the interest of the Department in this question.

"Our Ambassador in Madrid has discussed the Protestant question with Spanish officials and others on a number of occasions."

Mr. Rice added that the Ambassador has stressed with Spanish officials "the adverse impact which the difficulties encountered by Spanish Protestants have on American public opinion, both Protestant and Catholic."

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