

January 29, 1960

**Medical Missionary Given  
Supplies By Doug Firm**

MEMPHIS, Tenn.,--(BP)--A gift certificate for \$5,000 worth of drugs has been given to Dr. Ralph C. Bethea, Southern Baptist missionary appointee to Indonesia.

The 40-year-old Memphis physician received the gift at a meeting of the Brotherhood of First Baptist Church here. The donor was E. R. Squibb & Sons, drug manufacturing firm.

James L. Vance, representative for Squibb, said he had been impressed with Dr. Behtea's response to the need of service in Asia so he wrote to his home office and suggested the firm make the gift.

The authorization came through for a gift of \$5,000 worth of antibiotics, biologicals or any medicines Dr. Bethea may request.

Dr. Bethea gave up a medical practice worth an estimated \$60,000 a year to answer the call to the foreign mission field.

Dr. Bethea, a graduate of Johns Hopkins College of Medicine, will serve in his speciality--obstetrics and gynecology--at the Southern Baptist Hospital in Kediri, Java. He will be the fifth American doctor on the staff.

The Betheas, who have four sons, ages 12, 10, 8 and 2, will leave for Java as soon as the Republic of Indonesia sends their visas. American passports have already been obtained.

Dr. Bethea said Memphis doctors also have given him gifts toward items of hospital equipment.

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**Remains Of Mrs. Jesse Mercer  
Moved To Historic Site**

(1-29-60)

MACON, Ga.,--(BP)--The body of the first wife of Jesse Mercer, founder of Mercer University, is being moved to the historic Penfield Cemetery, where she will lie beside her husband.

Graveside services of memorial were held Jan. 24 at the Greene County cemetery, located on the grounds where Mercer University was founded in 1833 as Mercer Institute and where the Penfield Chapel still stands.

Mrs. Mercer died in 1826 at the age of 55, after 38 years of marriage. She was buried in Andersonville, S. C.

Other Mercer leaders who are buried at Penfield include Billington Sanders, the first president, and George B. Connell, Mercer president who died last April.

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**First Royal Ambassador  
Campcraft Book Out**

(1-29-60)

MEMPHIS, Tenn.,--(BP)--Royal Ambassador Campcraft, a book on camping written especially for Southern Baptist men and boys, has made its debut here.

Publisher of the 166-page book is the Brotherhood Commission. Author is Frank Black, assistant secretary in charge of Royal Ambassador work for the Southern Baptist Convention agency.

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Black described the book as "another avenue for teaching missionary education to boys the way they like to learn it--through experiences."

The book which has more than 200 illustrations deals with trip planning, fire-craft, toolcraft, cooking, first aid, safety, sanitation, ropecraft, equipment, shelter, nature, conservation, compass and maps.

Campcraft, new to many Southern Baptists, is part of an expanded Royal Ambassador program being developed by the Brotherhood Commission. Tentative target date for introducing the enlarged program to Royal Ambassador chapters is October 1, 1961.

The book permits Royal Ambassadors to earn four camping badges--Hiker, Camper, Woodsman and Adventurer.

Black drew on his extensive experience as a former Boy Scout executive in preparing the book. It is available from the offices of the Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar, Memphis, Tenn., for \$1 a copy.

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Mississippi Orphanage  
Superintendent To Retire

(1-29-60)

JACKSON, Miss.--(BP)--W. G. Mize, superintendent of Baptist Children's Home for the past 24 years, is retiring as head of the institution, according to the board of trustees.

At the request of Mize the board set the date for separation as the date of securing a successor, but not later than Oct. 15, 1960, which will mark the completion of 25 years in this post.

The board's statement praised Superintendent and Mrs. Mize for having put the orphanage "on a sound financial basis and making it one of the outstanding institutions of its kind in the Southern Baptist Convention." Mrs. Mize has served as assistant superintendent. Mize is currently a regional vice-president of the Child Care executives of the Southern Baptist Convention. He previously served as vice-president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and has been a deacon in the First Baptist Church of Jackson for 25 years.

Prior to becoming superintendent of the orphanage he was manager of the Baptist Book Store in Jackson. Earlier he served as educational director of the First Baptist Church, Brookhaven, Miss.

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Pollard To Speak At  
Golden Gate Seminary

(1-29-60)

MILL VALLEY, Calif.--(BP)--Ramsey Pollard of Knoxville, Tenn., president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be the featured speaker for Denomination Day, Mar. 10 at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary here, according to Harold K. Graves, president.

Denomination Day will climax the three-day program the seminary has planned for the official dedication of the new campus at Strawberry Point.

The seminary will observe Community Day on Mar. 8. On Academic Day, Mar. 9, representatives of colleges, universities, and theological schools throughout the nation will visit the campus. Special speaker for the occasion will be Walter Pope Binns, president of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

The dedication services mark the beginning of a new chapter in the history of the seminary since it moved to the new campus from its Berkeley, Calif., quarters last July.

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Microfilming Records  
Urged For Churches

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Every church in the Southern Baptist Convention is being urged to take prompt action in microfilming irreplaceable church records, according to a joint announcement made by Davis C. Woolley, secretary of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission, and Howard B. Foshee, secretary of the Church Administration Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

"Microfilming protects a church against loss of its records through disaster or carelessness," said Woolley. "When a church has its records duplicated by this process, a copy of its historical information is available to the state historical societies, and the Dargan-Carver Memorial Library in Nashville. Fruitful use can be made of these microfilms by historians of the future."

Foshee, whose department is responsible for the promotion of microfilming, added in the announcement, "This is a highly practical method of preservation of valuable church documents. It is inexpensive; it is a reasonable and practical procedure; the records are easily available, and the microfilm process has been proven for both economy and speed."

The work is done in the Microfilm Unit of the Baptist Sunday School Board by trained technicians. Records, when they are shipped to Nashville, are kept in a fireproof vault until the process is completed, after which they are carefully returned along with the microfilm copies to the church. Each five years, a reminder is sent to the church so that a new set of microfilms may be considered for the records that accumulate in that time.

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Newton To Reside At  
POAU National Conference

(1-29-60)

BOSTON, Mass.--(BP)--Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State will hold its 12th national conference in Boston Feb. 8-9.

Louie D. Newton of Atlanta, former President of the Southern Baptist Convention, is president and will preside at the two-day session which has as its theme "Religion and Public Affairs."

Among the speakers are E. S. James, editor of the Baptist Standard of Dallas, and John J. Hurt, editor of The Christian Index of Atlanta. "True and False Tolerance" is the subject for James while Hurt will speak on "Public vs. Private Education."

Glenn L. Archer, executive director of POAU, will deliver the closing address on "America's Finest Hour."

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