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Carver Academic Hall  
Honors Theron Rankin

LOUISVILLE--(BP)--The new academic hall at Carver School of Missions and Social Work here will honor the memory of the late Dr. M. Theron Rankin.

Rankin was executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The academic hall will be ready for use during summer school which opens June 6. The naming of the hall was an action of Carver trustees at their annual session.

Trustees approved buying 2-1/2 acres adjoining the present school campus, they said.

They elected J. Herbert Gilmore, pastor, Deer Park Baptist Church here, as chairman of the board succeeding B. L. Williams, Jr., of Johnston City, Ill.

Frederick G. Schlafer of Birmingham, Ala., is the new vice-chairman of trustees and Mrs. Thurston Cooke of Louisville is the new secretary.

The previous secretary, Mrs. E. M. Nuckols of Louisville, had served on the trustees for 31 years, and as secretary for more than half of that time. She will continue as a trustee.

Trustees also voted to create a teaching museum, which will use the space vacated by Carver School library. The library recently moved into space in the new James P. Boyce Library on the campus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, next door.

Both Carver and Southern Seminary are operated by the Southern Baptist Convention.

The trustees will take steps later to increase the faculty of Carver School.

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Assembly Site Near  
Air Force Academy

(2-21-60)

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.--(BP)--Colorado Southern Baptists and the new Air Force Academy of the United States are near neighbors here.

Willis J. Ray, Denver, executive secretary, Colorado Baptist General Convention, announced the convention had bought 1433 acres of land 20 miles north of this resort city.

The land will be used for an assembly grounds. Since it is too large, some of the acreage will be sold, with the convention keeping about half the amount bought.

It cost \$100,000. The elevation of the property is from 7200 to 7800 feet. Three small mountains, part of the Rocky Mountain chain, lie on it.

The land also includes five springs and three lakes. It is one mile off federal highways 85 and 87 running from Colorado Springs to Denver. The Air Force Academy is five miles away, Ray said.

There are enough buildings on the site for a camp this summer for 200 to 300 boys or girls. The convention plans to conduct Royal Ambassador and Girls'

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Auxiliary weeks there, Ray continued.

The land is a former cattle ranch. Also near neighbors are encampments of American Baptists and Methodists, Ray said. Convention leaders are studying how to develop the property and also are considering a name for the assembly ground.

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Orphanage Assistant  
To Serve In Jackson

(2-21-60)

JACKSON, Miss.--(BP)--Marvin Ferrell, pastor, Hebron Baptist Church, Sardis, Miss., has been elected as administrative assistant at the Baptist Orphanage in Jackson. He has already begun his new duties.

He succeeds Billy Cuthriell who resigned recently to enter the Army chaplaincy.

Ferrell studied for three years at Belmont College, Nashville, and is completing his college degree now at Mississippi College (Baptist), Clinton. He was formerly pastor of Beck Memorial Baptist Church in Hughes, Ark.

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Roberts Is Named  
To Head Hospital

(2-21-60)

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark.--(BP)--Norman Roberts, Jr., administrative assistant at Arkansas Baptist Hospital in Little Rock, has been named administrator for North Little Rock's proposed Memorial Hospital.

The North Little Rock Hospital Commission chose Arkansas Baptist Hospital to operate the \$2,250,000 facility when it is finished. Roberts predicted the new hospital would not be open until January, 1962. Construction is scheduled to begin this summer.

Roberts, a native of Hernando, Miss., has been preparing himself for a hospital administrator's post for several years. After his graduation from Baylor University, Waco, Tex., in 1950 and his discharge from the Air Force in 1954, he went to the Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas for an "internship" in hospital administration.

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Foreign Mission Board  
Gets \$2 Million Check

(2-21-60)

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Southern Baptist Convention Treasurer Porter Routh said here he had forwarded a check for \$2,868,756 to the Convention's Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va. It is the largest check in the history of the board.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions taken in most Southern Baptist churches furnished \$2,409,773 of the total. The Cooperative Program portion was \$355,493 and the remainder was in other designations.

The Lottie Moon Offering figure represents only a part of the entire offering.

Baker James Cauthen, Richmond, executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board, said in response, "Thanks for largest check in history of Foreign Mission Board. We praise God for his blessings and leadership."

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6 Per Cent Brotherhood  
Gain 'Stepping Stone'

MEMPHIS, Tenn.--(BP)--"An increase in Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador enrolment to 617,263 reveals a growing desire of men and boys for a greater role in the work of their churches," George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission here, said.

This increase of 34,766 means almost 100 men and boys were added to Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador work each day during 1959, Schroeder added. He was commenting on statistics for 1959 released recently for the Southern Baptist Convention.

The 6 per cent increase in enrolment is one of the largest percentage-wise among the major Convention agencies. Already Brotherhood and Royal Ambassadors are the largest organizations of their type in the history of Christianity, Schroeder said.

He viewed the increase as a stepping stone to even greater enrolments with the introduction in October of the new Brotherhood organizational structure and in October, 1961, of the enlarged Royal Ambassador program.

To keep pace with the growth in 1959, the Brotherhood Commission introduced two new publications--Ambassador Leader and the Brotherhood Handbook.

The organization also gave Southern Baptists their first book on modern camping in Royal Ambassador Campcraft, published only this year.

Brotherhoods are church organizations for men and Royal Ambassadors are chapters for boys under their sponsorship.

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Survey Chief Evaluates  
Baptist State Activity

(2-21-60)

NEW ORLEANS--(BP)--H. Lawrence Wilsey of Chicago, who has a five-foot shelf of reports from surveys done for Southern Baptists, evaluated state Baptist activities before leaders here.

Wilsey is from the firm of Booz, Allen, and Hamilton of Chicago, which has surveyed the Southern Baptist Convention at large, several Convention agencies, and six state Baptist conventions or associations.

Southern Baptist strong points, found in surveys of the six state groups, according to Wilsey are: (1) unity of Baptists and "their ability to work together co-operatively"; (2) personal devotion to God and the work undertaken by Baptists; (3) persistent optimism--looking forward to the challenge of tomorrow; (4) the comprehensiveness of Baptist work, "to an extent true of no other denomination"; and (5) democracy in Baptist life.

The management consultant also cited improvements which Southern Baptists may make. They are: (1) more attention to establishing objectives within state conventions; (2) better program planning; (3) more self-evaluation; (4) "more can be organized to make democracy work"; (5) strengthen the administration of Baptist work, and (6) "leadership selection, development and use needs to be improved."

"Southern Baptists," Wilsey said, "are unique in serving a widely diverse membership--poor and rich, east and west, one political party and the other, with each state to meet its own situation. This is one of the greatest strengths of Southern Baptists."

In securing Baptist leaders, he said: "Devoted and capable people are selected, but being a good Baptist should be a minimum, and not an exclusive, qualification for selecting a person for leadership."

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Owen, Boone President  
Of State Leadership

NEW ORLEANS--(BP)--Richard N. Owen of Nashville and W. C. Boone of Louisville will serve as presidents of two Baptist leadership groups during the next year.

Owen, editor of the weekly Tennessee Baptist and Reflector, is new president of the Southern Baptist Press Association. Boone, executive secretary, General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, heads the group of state Baptist executive secretaries.

Their election concluded the simultaneous meeting of the two groups in New Orleans. The press association is comprised of state Baptist paper editors and editors of some other Baptist journals. The executive secretaries are the chief Baptist administrators of their respective state bodies.

The groups meet annually and recently have met at the same city and at the same time. They meet by separate groups for business but share fellowship periods.

Louisville will be host to the 1961 winter meeting of the two groups--Feb. 16-18.

Other officers of the two groups include:

Press association--E. S. James, Dallas, editor, Baptist Standard, vice-president, and Erwin L. McDonald, Little Rock, editor, Arkansas Baptist News-magazine, re-elected secretary and treasurer.

Secretaries--Robert L. Lee, Louisiana Baptist Convention, Alexandria, vice-president, and N. J. Westmoreland, Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists, Wichita, re-elected secretary and treasurer.

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Seminary Sets Budget;  
Professor Leaves Post

(2-21-60)

NEW ORLEANS--(BP)--A record operating budget of nearly \$1 million for 1960-61 was approved by trustees of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary at their annual meeting on the campus here.

This represents an increase of \$111,460 over the 1959-60 budget of \$888,540.

Plans for a new theology building to be constructed at a cost of approximately \$300,000 were also approved by the board. In addition to housing the school of theology, the new building will relieve the shortage of faculty and administrative offices as well as other crowded conditions on the campus.

In other actions, trustees voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the special committee of the board that Theodore (Ted) R. Clark be relieved of his status as associate professor of theology and his teaching responsibilities as of Mar. 12.

A statement released by the board said: "In the light of problems which the board has dealt with over a period of several years, it accepted unanimously the recommendation of a special committee that Theodore R. Clark be relieved of his status as associate professor, and his teaching responsibilities as of Mar. 12, 1960. His salary will be continued for 12 months, and the possible renewal of his relationship to the institution may be revealed on or before the expiration of a five-year period. His recently-published book is one of several instances in which the board has been confronted with questions as to limitations in the area of communication with students and hearers as well as content of lecture materials."

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The book referred to is Clark's "Saved by His Life," published last year by Macmillan.

A new student housing project and the construction of a new book store building also received favorable action from the board. The student apartment building will be three stories high, contain 36 apartments, and will be constructed at a cost of \$360,000. Early approval of a campaign among friends of the seminary to raise funds for construction of the building was given by the executive committee of the board.

The new building will be named Willingham Manor in honor of Dr. R. J. Willingham, corresponding secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board from 1893 to 1914.

The book store building will be constructed by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, and will be an expansion of the present book store facilities on the seminary campus. The new building will be designed to more adequately meet the needs of the entire New Orleans area.

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Honor Houston Chaplain  
At Hospital Gathering

(2-21-60)

COLUMBUS, Ohio--(BP)--Joe F. Luck, retiring president of the chaplains association of the American Protestant Hospital Association has been chosen a fellow of the organization. This honor comes to Luck as retiring leader.

For 12 years, Luck has been chaplain of Memorial Hospital, a Southern Baptist hospital in Houston, Tex. He has also served as president of the Southwide Baptist Association of Hospital Chaplains.

Luck presided over sessions of the Protestant chaplains association recently in Columbus, Ohio.

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2 Chaplains Approved  
By Special Committee

(2-21-60)

COLUMBUS, Ohio--(BP)--A special accrediting committee approved here the work of chaplains in institutions in Louisiana and Arkansas.

The accrediting committee is from the Southern Baptist Association for Clinical Pastoral Education. It accredits clinical supervisors.

Don Corley, chaplain, Arkansas Baptist Hospital, Little Rock, is chairman of the committee which gave approval as acting clinical supervisors to two chaplains. They are Forrest Hawkins, chaplain, Central Louisiana State Hospital, Pineville, and Jim Conrad of the Benton unit of Arkansas State Hospital. He serves at Benton, Ark.

This committee specifically passes on the qualifications of hospital chaplains to act as clinical supervisors of theological students and of pastors taking clinical pastoral education.

By definition, an acting supervisor is a chaplain approved to offer an accredited course up to 12 weeks. A fully-approved supervisor offers approved courses in clinical pastoral education for which credit is given by seminaries.

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Baptist Hospitals Not  
Considered A 'Business'

NEW ORLEANS--(BP)--"Southern Baptists are not in the hospital 'business' for hospitals offer a vital Christian ministry," a Southern Baptist hospital executive declared here.

T. Sloane Guy, Jr., of New Orleans, executive secretary of Southern Baptist Hospitals, sees the operation of hospitals as continuing the healing ministry begun by Christ.

The difference between secular and Christian hospitals is partly in comparison of the word "business" with the word "ministry."

In Guy's opinion, Baptist hospitals have four reasons for existing.

1. They "bring men into a saving relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ by means of a direct personal witness as the occasion presents."

They also give patients "a positive Christian interpretation of . . . disease, disability, and death," he added.

2. Baptist hospitals are "instruments of God's grace in enriching and prolonging human life within the scope of divine providence."

3. They are "educational institutions, although not widely recognized as such."

Baptist hospitals teach those "called to the healing arts," developing their talents and skills. Persons under training include interne physicians, future hospital administrators, nurses, and X-ray and laboratory technicians.

4. They provide charity and free service in the name of Christ. If charity cases are turned away, Guy believes, it is equivalent to meriting Jesus's rebuke, "I was sick and you visited me not."

Charity medical service must not make a person a "pauper," Guy said. "If the patient only has 50 cents and offers it as a payment, take it, even though the case may have cost hundreds of dollars," he added. By refusing to accept a token payment, you injure the feelings of the patient who wants to pay all he can, according to Guy.

Free service is that given to Baptist pastors and missionaries, either by writing off their entire account or by giving them a certain discount.

Southern Baptist Hospitals, through its board, operates Southern Baptist Hospital at New Orleans and Baptist Memorial Hospital at Jacksonville, Fla. They are institutions of the Southern Baptist Convention at large. Guy is chief administrative officer for these two hospitals.

Other Southern Baptist hospitals are operated either by state Baptist groups or by local associations of Baptist churches. They have no connection with the Southern Baptist Convention agency.