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## Baylor Meets Florida In Gator Bowl Classic

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.--(BP)--The drama of the Three Bears comes off when Baylor University meets the University of Florida for the annual Gator Bowl classic.

Baylor's Bears claim that the story will end as told through the centuries, with Florida, playing the part of Goldilocks, running home crying when the bowl is empty.

Florida's Gators, however, don't really resemble the sweet little-girl-Goldilocks, and say they will eat their fill of the Bear's porridge.

Playing the leading roles in the drama will be Baylor's Three Bears---all named Ronnie.

Ronnie Bull, Baylor's top ground gainer, is the leading scorer in the Southwest Conference and the big daddy of the Three Bears.

Ronnie Goodwin, the Bear's sophomore halfback, is the Conference's leading pass receiver, snatching 25 passes for 407 yards and three touchdowns.

Ronnie Stanley, Baylor's flashy quarterback, is the leading passer in the Southwest Conference, connecting with 75 tosses in 134 attempts for a total of 1,150 yards and a percentage of .559.

All three Ronnies belong to the same church---Columbus Avenue Baptist Church in Waco.

Florida's biggest offensive weapon is one of the smallest quarterbacks in the nation, Larry Libertore.

Although Libertore may be small (5 ft. 8 in., 138 lbs.), Florida coach Ray Graves says he consistently comes up with the big plays that have given the team their best season in 31 years.

Statistically, the two teams are evenly matched, with a possible slight edge going to Baylor.

Both have won eight games, lost two this year, and both are ranked second in their respective conference.

Baylor has scored 169 points to their opponents' 78, compared to Florida's 144 total over their opponents' 76 points.

The game will be Florida's third appearance in the Gator Bowl, and Baylor's second.

Florida beat Tulsa 14-13 in the 1953 Gator Bowl, and lost to Mississippi 7-3 in the 1958 contest. Baylor lost to Auburn in the 1954 Gator Bowl by a 33-13 margin.

In addition to the Auburn game, Baylor defeated Wake Forest, another Baptist school, by 20-7 score in the 1949 Dixie Bowl at Birmingham, Ala.; was beaten by a last-minute Georgia Tech field goal in the 1952 Orange Bowl; and whipped Tennessee 13-7 in the 1957 Sugar Bowl.

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Only three Southern Baptist colleges--Baylor, Wake Forest College in Winston-Salem, N. C., and Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex.--have ever played in a major bowl game.

Wake Forest has played in the 1946 Gator Bowl and the 1949 Dixie Bowl, and Hardin-Simmons has played in the Sun Bowl, El Paso, Tex., on four different occasions.

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Drys Stage Debate  
On Liquor Election

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DALLAS--(BP)--Something new has been added in the strategy of a local-option liquor election here---a public debate of the issues.

When "dry" forces proposed the debate, leaders of the "wet" group were all in favor of it, but when the actual show-down came the wets never showed up.

The wets refused to send a representative to the "debate" because the event was staged at a church, thus giving the drys a victory by default.

While showers were pouring down outside, nearly 1,500 enthusiasts gathered at Cliff Temple Baptist Church for the "debate", and most of them were definitely dry.

Wallace Bassett, pastor of the Cliff Temple Church and chief spokesman for the drys, said that several people offered to debate with him, "but we wanted someone that represented them (the Oak Cliff local option committee), not just anyone who wanted to make a speech."

"I think I've got everything here they've ever said anyway," Bassett said. He then began to blast away at the wet arguments one by one.

Bassett argued against wets' claims that (1) "alcohol will let you alone if you let it alone," (2) that prohibition interferes with a man's personal right to take a drink if he wants it, (3) that Oak Cliff has been hurt economically by prohibition, (4) and that dry forces are led by "professional prohibitionists."

He and other speakers hit hardest at what they called "the ruinous effects of alcohol on families and young people."

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### New Rule Liberalizes Retired Pastors' Work

DALLAS--(BP)--A new rule that liberalizes the amount of time a retired minister may serve as an interim pastor and still draw his retirement income will take effect Jan. 1.

R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board here, said the new rule follows a stair-step formula which lets the minister decide how long he can serve after he retires.

The rule states:

If a minister retires at age 65 or earlier, he may serve any one church for three months during a 12-month period; if he retires at age 66, he may serve five months; age 67, seven months; age 68, nine months; age 69, 10 months; age 70, 11 months; and age 71 or above 12 full months.

Reed said the new rule will accomplish two things.

"Primarily, it will let the retired minister keep busy in the service of the Lord, especially during the vast 30,000 Movement, and it will allow him to supplement his retirement income."

The new rule is the third major modification of the provision in the pastor's protection plans. Both previous changes in the rule were liberalizations designed to help solve a need for more ministers in pioneer areas and for more pastors of churches started in the 30,000 Movement.

An actuarial firm was consulted to determine how the rule could be liberalized without increasing the cost to the various state plans. The actuary calculated the risks premiums involved in the plans to give the maximum protection for the lowest cost.

"Taking all the actuarial statistics into consideration, the stair-step formula is the finest procedure that can be offered," Reed said.

Each minister now receiving retirement benefits will be notified by mail how many months he may serve as interim pastor under the new ruling.

A minister thinking about retiring soon can figure out how long he may serve after retirement by the formula. The age nearest the time of his retirement will determine his term of interim service eligibility, Reed said.

The state board of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona had earlier asked the Annuity Board to loosen the regulation on retired preacher's interim service.

### Graham Leads Seminary Evangelism Emphasis

FORT WORTH--(BP)--Evangelist Billy Graham, during an "evangelism emphasis" meeting at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here, urged young preachers to stick to the Gospel, considered an invitation to conduct a city-wide crusade here in 1962, and cautioned the students against pride and worldly materialism.

Graham indicated that he would return to the Seminary again next year for a similar meeting and said he would consider making it an annual affair.

Fort Worth pastors voted unanimously to invite the famed evangelist to conduct a city-wide crusade in 1962, but Graham did not give a definite yes or no to the invitation.

He indicated that his team faced a heavy schedule, with revivals in Germany, India, Japan, the Philippines and nearly every major city in the United States.

An overflow crowd of Seminary students lined the halls and stood in the aisles of the Seminary auditorium to hear Graham speak on three occasions during the meeting.

He urged the students to stick to the Gospel and forget about clever preaching "We are living in a day of clever preaching," he said "and brother, it's not working."

"There is power in preaching when we preach the cross," he said. "Don't rob the cross of its power."

Graham asked the students if they had ever got up to preach "and had your sin slap you in the face and then cause you to cry out what a sinner you are? There is nothing more miserable than a Christian living out of fellowship with Christ," he asserted.

"It is possible to go through the Seminary and never have a knowledge of Christ. You may have an academic head knowledge of Him and never really be converted," he said.

Earlier he had told the students "there is a planned, master attack against the Protestant clergy today to try to discredit the leaders of our churches and to picture them as idiots, fools and immoral men."

He cited the emphasis on sex and alcohol in television and movies as contributing to the minister's increasingly complex role but warned that pride is the greatest stumbling block in the ministry because the minister has been placed on a pedestal.

"Satan will trip you up with pride," he said. "This is the danger of the Southern Baptist Convention today. We used to be a denomination of all classes, but today we are losing that distinction and becoming more of an upper-class group and leaving the lower-class people behind."

More than 2,000 students, faculty members and their wives attended the meeting, closed to the public because of the meager seating capacity of the Seminary auditorium.

Baptist Hospital Receives  
\$520,000 Construction Gift

BEAUMONT, Tex.--(BP)--Baptist Hospital of Southeast Texas here has received a \$520,000 gift to construct a new nurses home, a library and a swimming pool for students.

Space for 6,000 volumes will be provided in the proposed library, and the new nurses home will increase the hospital's capacity from 44 to 100 student nurses, said Guy C. Dalrymple, administrator of the hospital.

The gift came from Mrs. Harry C. Wiess of Houston, widow of a former Humble Oil and Refining Company executive.

The nurses home will be similar to one financed by a \$252,000 gift from Mrs. Weiss in 1951. The first home was named in honor of her mother, Mrs. Alic Keith.

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Baylor Hospital Gets  
Radiation Therapy Unit

DALLAS--(BP)--Baylor University Medical Center here has been given a new "short-range" radiation therapy unit for the treatment of cancer and non-malignant tumors.

The \$150,000 unit was given as a memorial in honor of the late Mrs. Mary Andrade of Dallas by friends of the family.

Cesium, a rare radio-active element, supplies the million-volt radiation for the compact unit.

It will supplement a larger \$150,000 cobalt unit which produces 3 million volts of radiation power.

The smaller cesium unit can operate six times as long as the big cobalt unit because the "half-life" of the cobalt machine is only five years as compared to the cesium's 30 years.

The smaller voltage of the cesium unit cuts in half the protection needed by doctors working with the cobalt machine. The shorter range also permits doctors to get the source close to the patient to administer radiation without an unnecessary depth dose.

Baylor's Charles A. Sammons department of irradiation therapy and nuclear medicine operates the units. Baylor Medical Center is the largest Baptist hospital in the world.

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Houston Pastors Campaign  
Against Sunday Business

HOUSTON--(BP)--Two Houston ministerial organizations have begun a campaign to discourage businesses from operating on Sundays.

The Houston Baptist Pastors' Conference and the Association of Ministers of Greater Houston, an interdenominational group, have approved resolutions calling for a boycott of merchants who do business on Sundays.

Baptist pastors urged members of their churches to patronize and support firms that voluntarily cooperate "in the effort to provide their employees with a day of rest and worship."

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The interdenominational group said that there has been a recent increase in the number of retail merchants open for business on Sundays.

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Baptists Seek Moving  
Members In February

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DALLAS--(BP)--Southern Baptists will seek in February to re-enlist their moving members, an estimated one out of every four.

February has been designated "transfer church membership month" by the evangelism division of the denomination's Home Mission Board, according to C. E. Autrey, director, of Dallas.

Many of these 2½ million never affiliate with the local church in the new city. To meet this alarming problem of non-resident membership, a plan has been presented to Southern Baptist churches.

In a booklet published by the evangelism division entitled "What Are You Doing About the Problem of Moving Members?" pastors and churches are urged to be aware of the problem.

The booklet stresses awareness of the problem of non-residency, awareness that they are involved in the problem, and awareness of their responsibility for alleviating the problem.

"It is as important to know who is moving out, as who is moving into your community. When a member moves," the booklet says, "it does not relieve the home church of total responsibility."

A method of communication between churches is suggested. The plan calls for introducing the moving member to a pastor and a church in the new area, encouraging the member to transfer his membership to a nearby church, and notifying the church and the pastor in the area that the member is moving into the community.

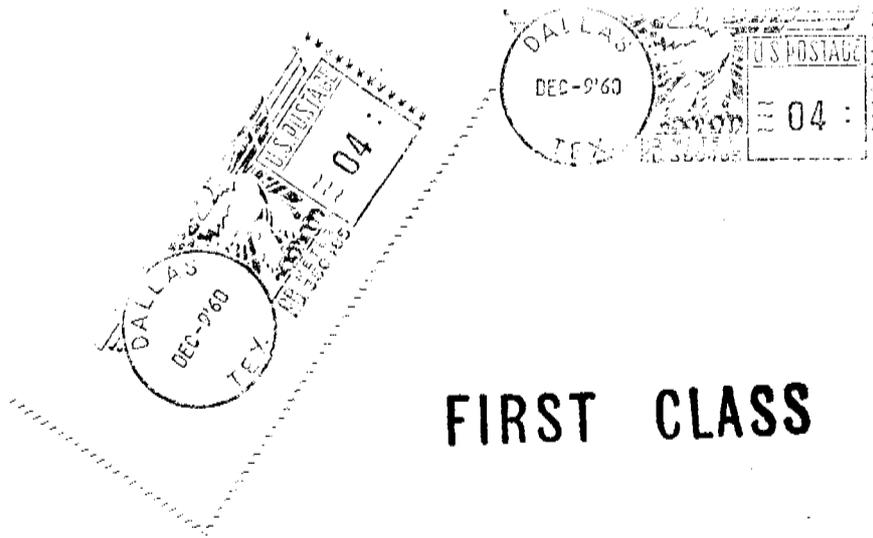
A schedule has been planned by the evangelism division to reach its peak in February. December---study church roll for non-resident members; January---correspondence to and about non-resident members, using introduction, encouragement, and notification cards; February---find, visit, win, enlist non-resident Baptists to transfer church membership.

After this initial drive, it is hoped that all churches will continue to emphasize membership transfer throughout the year, Autrey said.

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