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3 Seminary, 4 College Years Before Ordaining

CHICAGO--(BP)--To be ordained as a minister, a person should have at least four years of college and three years of study in a seminary. So said a commission of the American Baptist Convention.

The commission on the ministry set 1965 as the date on which it hopes to apply this minimum requirement for education. After that date, ministers should not be ordained unless they meet the educational standard.

Exempt from the new standard are ministers ordained before 1965.

In most seminaries, students who take the necessary courses can secure a bachelor of divinity degree after three years of study. The bachelor of divinity degree follows college education, but comes before master and doctor of theology degrees. At least another year is needed for a master's degree and at least two years for a doctor's degree.

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Pollard Chides About Concern Over Image

(12-10-60)

MEMPHIS, Tenn.--(BP)--Ramsey Pollard, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, chided other Baptists here for their great post-Presidential election concern about a proper Baptist image.

"Baptists ought to stand up and be counted in this day and time," the outspoken pastor and critic of President-elect John F. Kennedy said. "I'm not worried about what other people think about Baptists, but I am concerned about what God thinks about us."

"When the Godless people of this country and state start patting Baptists on the back, that's when we had better get on our knees and start praying."

Pollard was the principal speaker to an "M" night (Training Union) crowd of 2,993 at Bellevue Baptist Church here where he is pastor.

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Baptists To Pledge Soul-Winning Effort

(12-10-60)

ATLANTA--(BP)--Southern Baptists will be called upon to begin the new year by pledging to win souls during 1961.

Soul-Winning Commitment Day will be held in the majority of the 32,000 Southern Baptist churches and missions on Jan. 1, according to C. E. Autrey of Dallas, Tex., director of evangelism division of the denomination's Home Mission Board.

"If the world is ever brought to Christ it will be done by the 'one by one' technique. Men accept or reject Christ individually," said Autrey.

Church members will be asked to sign cards of commitment to personally lead others to Christ. The drive calls for sermons on soul-winning, training in soul-winning, visitation, and prayer for effective results.

A goal of four million soul-winners has been set, Autrey said. This is almost half of the total Southern Baptist membership of nine and one-half million.

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State Baptist secretaries of evangelism have distributed tracts and posters promoting the event. Books, visual aids, and tracts are available for teachers of soul-winning training classes.

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Folks & facts.....

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....Dean William Hugh McEniry of Stetson University, DeLand, Fla., has been chosen president-elect of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. He is the first dean to be picked in 10 years. The association, which met in Memphis, proposes accreditation standards for all high schools and colleges in the Southeast. (BP)

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School Matters Face
Board In Kentucky

(12-10-60)

MIDDLETOWN, Ky.--(BP)--Growing pains at two Baptist colleges, the traces of a bygone day at another Baptist school . . .

The executive board of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky faced these problems in its meeting here.

It approved a loan of \$400,000 to Georgetown College in the city of the same name. The government loan will enable the school to provide more dormitory space for students.

The board endorsed a bond issue of \$400,000 by Campbellsville College, at Campbellsville. The bond issue will secure needed funds for student housing.

In Magoffin Institute at Mountain Valley, Ky., the board confronted a different situation. In time past when paved roads were scarce, and when public school facilities were not as available, Magoffin was a boarding school for elementary and high school grades.

Students walked over the mountains in eastern Kentucky to live and study at the school. They went home on weekends. Paved roads and better public schools reduced the need for a boarding school such as Magoffin.

An effort to make Magoffin a part of the Kentucky Baptist child care program did not succeed. The 1800 acres of school property will revert to heirs of the donors if the school folds.

The executive board appointed a committee to study what to do about Magoffin.

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Georgia Approves Loan
For Shorter College

(12-10-60)

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--The Georgia Baptist executive committee authorized Shorter College at Rome, Ga., to borrow \$650,000 for dormitory construction.

The loan will cover a \$400,000 home for 125 boys and a \$250,000 renovation of existing girls' dormitories. Shorter President Randall H. Minor said his school's 1960 enrollment increase--43 per cent--was the highest percentage increase among all Southern Baptist schools.

The Georgia executive committee also adopted a 1961 state mission budget of \$498,652 and took legal steps to implement progress toward construction of a \$2,500,000 nurses home at Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta.

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Hospital Administrator Edwin B. Peel said construction will probably start in about six months. The Hospital will borrow \$1,750,000 from the Housing and Home Finance Agency.

The committee also voted to designate all receipts above \$80,000 in the 1961 state mission offering toward capital improvements at Baptist student centers.

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Within 24 Days Remaining
Advance Stage Opened

(12-10-60)

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Convention reached its 1960 Cooperative Program budget for all agencies 24 days before the end of the calendar and budget year.

Checks from Baptist state offices in Virginia, Missouri, District of Columbia, and Alaska brought the total to \$16,394,274. The Convention operating and capital needs budget, in which about 20 agencies share, was \$16,386,900.

With the passing of this figure, all Cooperative Program receipts for the balance of 1960 were to go to Foreign and Home Mission Boards entirely. This included \$7374 of the checks which brought the 1960 amount beyond the basic needs for all agencies.

The Foreign Mission Board was to get 75 per cent of the advance funds, as money collected after the basic figure is called. Home missions was to get the remaining 25 per cent.

Several years ago, the Convention entered the advance portion of its annual budgets in October. In 1959, the advance stage opened in November. While collections have increased this year, they have increased at a much slower pace than in previous years. The 1960 budget also is \$1.3 million higher than the 1959 budget.

The Foreign Mission Board looked confidently for \$800,000 from the advance stage which if received would also mean \$265,000 for home missions. This would make the advance receipts at least \$1.1 million and total December Cooperative Program income for the S B C about \$2 million, since it was \$315,000 short of minimum agency needs on Nov. 30.

Cooperative Program receipts mentioned do not include the share of them kept by 28 co-operating Baptist state conventions. The Cooperative Program is a channel to support Baptist work in the states as well as nationally and worldwide by the S B C ..

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