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Hospital Discounts  
To Ministers Studied

CHICAGO--(BP)--Discounts to ministers and church vocational workers.

This policy, or the lack of it, in Southern Baptist-related hospitals provided one main point of interest for Southwide Baptist Hospital Association in its annual meeting here.

John A. Gilbreath, administrator of Arkansas Baptist Hospital, Little Rock, directed the session as association president. Robert J. Guy, administrator of Baton Rouge (La.) General Hospital (Baptist), headed the committee inquiring into discounts offered.

The committee had only a progress report this year. It will continue its study during the next 12 months.

A spokesman for the association reported that as ministers switch pastorates, moving from one state to another, they find that the policy on discounts for them at Baptist hospitals vary.

This study indicated, so far, that among about 30 hospitals 10 per cent do not offer any discount to Baptist pastors and church workers. On the other hand, some Baptist hospitals make no charges at all for hospitalizing them. In between are hospitals which offer discounts of varying sizes.

Homer D. Coggins of Lexington, Ky., assumed office as president of the group, which includes administrative personnel of 40 Baptist hospitals. With the exception of two operated by the Southern Baptist Convention, they are institutions of state Baptist conventions or city Baptist associations.

Coggins is administrator of Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington.

Gene Kidd, administrator of Mid-State Baptist Hospital, Nashville, Tenn., is the new president-elect. Under association policy, he would assume the full presidency next year.

T. Sloane Guy, Jr., is the association's secretary-treasurer and Emmett R. Johnson is recording secretary.

Guy is executive secretary-superintendent of Southern Baptist Hospitals, New Orleans, and Johnson is assistant administrator of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla.

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Revival Opportunities  
Go With '62 Session

(2-8-61)

MILL VALLEY, Calif.--(BP)--Pastor, are you interested in holding a revival in California just before or just after next year's Southern Baptist Convention?

If so, write President Harold K. Graves of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary here, or D. Wade Armstrong, Fresno, Calif., director of evangelism for the Southern Baptist General Convention of California.

The 1962 Convention meets June 5-8 in San Francisco.

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Baptist Continue  
Hospital Lead Role

(2-8-61)

KANSAS CITY, Mo.--(BP)--Baptists continued to provide important roles in the work and program of the American Protestant Hospital Association.

At its session here, the association elected H. L. (Bert) Dobbs of Louisville as president-elect. As president-elect, by custom he should move into the presidency itself next year.

Dobbs is administrator of Kentucky Baptist Hospital.

C. E. Copeland, administrator, Missouri Baptist Hospital, St. Louis, was named to the board of trustees. Edwin B. Peel, administrator of Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta, became a member of its executive committee.

Lawrence R. Payne, administrator of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla., headed the 1961 nominating committee. Another member of that committee was Robert J. Guy, administrator of Baton Rouge (La.) General Hospital.

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## Clarke College Plan

(2-8-61)

NEWTON, Miss.--(BP)--Clarke Memorial College here has adopted a million-dollar program of expansion, most ambitious in its 53-year history. It set a goal of \$750,000 for buildings and campus development, plus \$250,000 for endowment. The school is operated by Mississippi Baptists.

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Mrs. Daniel A. Poling  
Gets Stetson Honors

(2-8-61)

DELAND, Fla.--(BP)--Stetson University here presented its distinguished service award to Mrs. Daniel A. Poling of New York, president of the American Mothers Committee, Inc.

The Baptist school's award honored Mrs. Poling for the "pre-eminent service to mankind: . . . extraordinary good citizenship: . . . exceptional qualities of character. . . ."

Mrs. Poling is the wife of clergyman Daniel A. Poling, editor of the magazine, Christian Herald. They have eight children, one of whom--Clark V. Poling--was youngest of the famed four chaplains who went down on the ship Dorchester in World War II.

Mrs. Poling described the cornerstones of American motherhood as desire, faith, prayer, knowledge, and enthusiasm.

The American mother must desire to build a good home. She must have an active faith in God. She can not rear her children properly without prayer, and she should make the Bible her textbook of life, Mrs. Poling continued. The spiritual energy she obtains from these things will provide rightness in the home and lead to order outside and eventual peace everywhere.

Stetson's previous service awards have gone to 18 living past presidents of Florida Baptist Convention and to outstanding alumni and laymen.

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Kennedy Shows Concern  
For Religious Liberty

WASHINGTON--(BP)--President Kennedy assured 62 Baptist missionaries here that he is concerned for religious liberty both in the United States and around the world.

The President said that this country was founded on the principles of religious liberty and political liberty. He expressed appreciation for the contribution that the Baptists and others are making to these ideals everywhere.

The visit with the President was made during a school of missions in the churches of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention. Arrangements were completed through the office of James O. Duncan, editor of the Capital Baptist and promotion secretary for the convention. The missionaries were from the American and Southern Baptist Conventions.

Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance here, was the spokesman for the Baptist group. He extended greetings to the President from the Baptists of the world and assured him of their prayers.

Referring to the "new frontiers" program undertaken by President Kennedy, Nordenhaug said that "it is our conviction that the battle will ultimately be settled on spiritual frontiers; for what is in the hearts and minds of men will ultimately determine how they act."

The President quickly agreed with this expression and referred to his State of the Union message before Congress. In it he bemoaned that "it is one of the ironies of our time that the techniques of a harsh and repressive system should be able to instill discipline and ardor in its servants---while the blessings of liberty have too often stood for privilege, materialism, and a life of ease."

"But I have a different view of liberty," said the President in his State of the Union message.

He reiterated this same feeling to the Baptist missionaries. He assured them that he is with them in their efforts to impart a strong moral fibre into men's characters and in their efforts for religious liberty everywhere.

The President greeted each missionary personally at the door of his office. When all were inside they formed a circle around his desk. He and Nordenhaug stood in front of the desk and chatted informally.

As the missionaries entered they shook hands with the President and told him the name of the country where they served. In his remarks he said, "I want to express my great appreciation for your coming here today, and I am most impressed in hearing the litany of places ---- Japan, Korea, the Congo . . . "

"It is a wonderful thing," he continued, "what you are doing. . . You have a great tradition in your denomination of freedom and you can't have religious freedom without political freedom. The people of this country are strongly behind you and any help that we can give should be made known."

Among the missionaries in the visit to the President were 10 newly-appointed missionaries from the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. A special commissioning service was conducted that evening at the National Baptist Memorial Church with Baker James Cauthen as the featured speaker.

Cauthen is executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

In the President's office in front of his desk on a table was a picture of Mrs. Kennedy holding a baby. One of the missionaries asked Kennedy if that is the new baby. "Oh, no," he said, "that is the old one."

Another missionary spoke admiringly of Kennedy's daughter, Caroline, and observed, "We have five sons." The President smiled back and said, "We are still trying."

Following is a complete list of Southern Baptist missionaries who visited the President and the country where they serve:

Melvin J. Bradshaw, Japan; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Carswell, Savannah, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Crabtree, Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Cunningham, Kentucky; Zach Dear, Colombia;

Miss Anne Dwyer, Caza; Edwin Dozier, Japan; Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick M. Horton, Japan; W. Bertram King, Home Mission Board; Miss Margaret Lamberth, Nigeria; Lewis Martin, Home Mission Board; Mr. and Mrs. Ewell Payne, Cherokee Indians; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mitchell, Houston, Tex.; J. Troy Prince, Meridian, Miss.; Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel C. Quarles, Argentina; Mrs. Harold Snuggs, Japan.

New appointees: Mr. and Mrs. Alan W. Compton, Chile; Mr. and Mrs. Earl D. Farthing, Japan; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Griffin, Indonesia; Mr. and Mrs. Roderick W. Smith, Uruguay; Mr. and Mrs. Cloyes Starnes, Korea.

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Latin Testament Given

(2-8-61)

NEW ORLEANS--(BP)--A St. Louis poultry dealer and his wife have given New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here a Latin New Testament and commentary printed in the 15th century. The donors are Mr. and Mrs. Chester B. Franz.

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Ben Browne Accepts  
Seminary Leadership

(2-8-61)

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.--(BP)--Benjamin P. Browne has resigned here as executive director of Christian publications for the American Baptist Board of Education and Publication.

He will become administrator and president-elect of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago. He begins a two-year term as seminary administrator Sept. 1. After a year as acting administrator on a part-time basis.

Browne will continue to direct the Green Lake, Wis., Christian writing center and Christian Writers and Editors Conference there through 1962. He is current president of Associated Church Press.

Browne is known to many Southern Baptists because of his writings and the writers conference at American Baptist Convention Assembly in Green Lake. The Board of Education and Publication is the American counterpart of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

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Mrs. T. L. Holcomb  
Dies In Mississippi

DURANT, Miss.--(BP)--The wife of a retired Baptist leader died here Feb. 6 of a heart attack.

Mrs. T. L. (Willie Jenkins) Holcomb, 73, was stricken during a visit to relatives in her hometown of Durant. Her husband, who survives, is past executive secretary of two Baptist agencies in Nashville--the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and the Southern Baptist Foundation.

The Holcombs had been living in Dallas, Tex., in recent years. Their son, Luther J. Holcomb, is a minister there, associated with the Council of Churches of Greater Dallas.

In addition to her husband and son, a daughter, Mrs. James A. Hall of Houston, Tex., also survives. Other survivors include two sisters and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were scheduled Feb. 7 in Durant with Rowe C. Holcomb of Hazlehurst, Miss., and Durell Makamson, pastor of the local First Baptist Church, in charge. Rowe C. Holcomb is a brother of T. L. Holcomb.

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25 Volunteers Respond  
To Mission Challenge

(2-8-61)

WASHINGTON--(BP)--A Baptist pastor and his wife, plus 23 others, said they would go as foreign missionaries "unless God closes the door or redirects" at a foreign mission commissioning service here.

Baker James Cauthen, Richmond, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, spoke at the commissioning service of 10 recently-appointed missionaries. It climaxed a week of world missions emphasis put on by the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, of which M. Chandler Stith is the executive secretary.

Missionaries from the American Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention participated on the program. The new volunteers were advised to contact either the Foreign Mission Board of the SBC or the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. The District of Columbia Convention is dually-aligned with both conventions.

The pastor volunteer is Walter G. Gummelt, who has served the Parkway Baptist Church the past three years. He is a graduate of Baylor University at Waco, Tex., and of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Tex.

The commissioning service was unique in two ways: (1) It was the first such service of Southern Baptists outside Richmond, Va., home of the Foreign Mission Board, or from Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly in North Carolina during foreign missions week. (2) It was conducted in the National Baptist Memorial Church, which was built with the help of both the American and Southern Conventions and dedicated to the preservation of religious liberty. Lee Shane is the pastor.

Cauthen suggested to the audience of 1200 that Isaiah 32:20, "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters," be a personal Scripture. Turning to the new appointees he said, "You are a happy group, a favored group, honored of God because of the thing that God has done to you and for you. You are a blessed group because he has given you something to share."

In addressing the congregation, Cauthen said, "Certainly there is not one here tonight who feels he has a talent too great to share on a mission field, nor is there one here who feels his work so important he cannot go to another land if God asks him to go."

The newly-commissioned missionaries are: Mr. and Mrs. Alan W. Compton, Raleigh, N. C. to Chile; Mr. and Mrs. Earl D. Farthing, Maxton, N. C., to Japan; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Griffin, Hartsville, S. C., to Indonesia; Mr. and Mrs. Roderick W. Smith, Union, S. C., to Uruguay; and Mr. and Mrs. Cloyes Starnes, Asheville, N. C., to Korea.

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### Courts Or Legislature Must Decide Nun Case

AUSTIN, Tex.--(BP)--The legality of religiously-garbed nuns' teaching in public schools must be decided by the courts or the legislature, the Texas Board of Education has ruled here.

The board voted 14-1 that it has no authority to decide on the matter.

A Protestant-taxpayer group promptly announced it will resume in the courts the fight against the Bremond Independent School District's operation of St. Mary's School.

Complainants contend that an unconstitutional "religious atmosphere" is created in the tax-supported school because of the nun-teachers' religious garb and the location of the building within a compound of other church property.

The board's action upheld a recent ruling by Texas Commissioner of Education J. W. Edgar.

Board member C. Ray Holbrook, Jr. of Texas City dissented. He insisted that the board should prohibit the teachers' wearing religious garb and instruct the school district to cease its \$1 a year lease of the building from the Catholic church.

Several other board members indicated their agreement with Holbrook's views, but argued that the board has no authority to make such a ruling.

Editor E. S. James of the Baptist Standard, one of the complainants, said that he hopes the question eventually will reach the United States Supreme Court.

"We need a definite, clear-cut decision on all public schools," he said. "The ultimate decision reached in Texas will affect schools throughout the United States."

The board's decision ended the quest for administrative remedy. The Texas Supreme Court and two lower courts had ruled previously that the judicial branch had no jurisdiction in the case until the complainants had exhausted administrative remedies.

During the hearing, Vice-Chairman Emerson Stone of Jacksonville, Tex., noted that a bill is now pending before the Texas legislature to refuse state funds to public schools whose teachers wear religious attire or insignia.

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Folks and facts....

(2-8-61)

...Three Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary professors began sabbatic leaves during January. Curtis Vaughn, professor of New Testament, is studying in England and Scotland. Robert Douglass, professor of musicology, is completing his Ph.D. work at North Texas State College, Denton, Tex.; Carl Clark, professor of pastoral ministry, is on leave to work on a new book. (BP)

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Houston Baptists  
Act On Integration

HOUSTON--(BP)--A motion suggesting that Texas Baptist leaders encourage all Baptist schools in the state to admit Negro students who are spiritually and intellectually qualified has been adopted by the Union Baptist Association here.

The motion was made after a Houston Baptist pastor addressed a weekly pastors' conference on the subject, "Racism--An Issue." The pastor, James A. Walker, of the Forrest Oaks Baptist Church, scored the equality of all men before God in the sermon, previously preached before his own congregation.

"It's beginning to be embarrassing," he said, "when people ask questions about why all races do not attend our schools."

Texas Baptists own and operate 11 educational institutions. Only one, Wayland Baptist College in Plainview, Tex., admits Negroes.

The motion, unanimously approved by some 60 pastors, was identified by its sponsor as an expression of opinion only.

"We are not trying to start anything radical," said Frank M. Newton, pastor of the Richmond Plaza Baptist Church. "We are just suggesting that our leaders give this matter their prayers and consideration."

He also suggested that Walker's message be made available for publication in the Baptist Standard, state denominational newspaper.

In his sermon, Walker said the Bible does not preach racial superiority or inferiority. Racism, he said, is generally caused by past traditions, but some people try to use the Bible to justify their racial prejudices.

"Almost without exception," he said, "our school problems have been excited by parents who want traditions to continue."

"We have an ill-conceived logic about racism. We cover the segregation system by saying 'They like it that way,' and 'We need it this way.' Many of us pastors," he said, "assume a superior role when we are helping Negroes."

"The Lord is the creator of all men. What kind of God would it be," he asked, "who would bar redemption because of color?"

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Texas Baptist Leaders  
Endorse Birth Control

(2-8-61)

FORT WORTH--(BP)--Two small work groups of key Baptist leaders endorsed the use of birth control measures and planned parenthood during an annual workshop sponsored by the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission here.

Although no vote was taken of the 500 persons attending the workshop, a report to the two-day conference revealed that the general opinion was that birth control "is both permissible and desirable."

The reports were made by James Basden, secretary of the Texas Baptist Human Welfare Commission, and C. W. Brister, professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, after the 75 Baptists in the two groups had delved into the problems during two hour study sessions.

The groups agreed that many Baptists would resent and repudiate any resolution by the conference as an unwarranted intrusion into private matters, but added that they felt the group must face the problem.

One of the two groups said that the parents must want the child in order to feel the full responsibility of being good parents. An unwanted child could possibly cause the ruin of marriage, either psychologically or financially, the group said.

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Other work groups discussed the problem of divorce, deciding that divorce is a sin, but not an unpardonable sin. Sometimes, they said, it might be the lesser of two evils---legal divorce or miserable life together without love.

Opinions of the groups echoed an earlier address by Professor T. B. Maston of Southwestern Seminary. Maston outlined some of the causes for an increasing American divorce rate and asked some perplexing questions for the work groups to consider.

"There is little specifically set forth in the Scriptures concerning divorce," said Maston. "This forces us to depend, to a large degree, on the leadership of the Holy Spirit in determining what is right in the whole area of divorce.

"There is no divorce without sin, and often the sin is the entering of marriage lightly and hurriedly. When a divorce has occurred there should be a spirit of true repentance and forgiveness. Remarriage should not be considered at all without such a spirit," Maston said.

The work groups also probed into the problems and role of the pastor in counseling with troubled families.

Professor Wayne Oates of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary suggested in a major address that the pastors try to prevent problems in the home by holding family life discussion groups for couples in the crucial years just prior to and following the birth of the first child.

The workshop, held at Southwestern Seminary, was the first Baptist gathering of its kind to delve into the problems facing complex modern family life. The Southern Baptist Christian Life Conference will feature programs at Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Assemblies this year on "Christian Answers to Family Living" as a sequel to the Texas meeting.

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Baptist Radio Program  
To Feature Civil War

(2-8-61)

FORT WORTH--(BP)--Southern Baptists' radio program "MasterControl"\* will present a series of programs dealing with the lasting results of the Civil War as part of the conflict's centennial observance.

The series, not yet definitely scheduled, is expected to appear on the program during the early summer.

Prominent secular and church historians who will take part in the series will discuss such topics as:

What evils do we still suffer as a result of the war? What good actually resulted from it? What were the immediate and lasting spiritual results?

Another planned series for "MasterControl"\* this summer will feature Congressional leaders and other high governmental officials who will be interviewed on their political philosophy and on the spiritual needs of the nation.

Robert Suttie, pastor of the Temple Hills Baptist Church of Washington, D. C. and a member of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission which produces the program, will interview the government personalities on the series, called "Our Statesmen Speak."

Another forthcoming "MasterControl"\* program, not connected with either series, will feature an interview with an authority on the life of Abraham Lincoln in commemoration of the 152nd anniversary of the famed 16th president's birth.

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The Lincoln show will broadcast an interview with Ralph Newman, founder and proprietor of a bookstore named for Lincoln and located in Chicago's fashionable Northside. The store specializes in books relating to American history in the 19th century with the emphasis on Abraham Lincoln.

"MasterControl"\* is broadcast weekly on 185 radio stations to an estimated audience of 22 million persons.

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Hardin-Simmons Gets  
Two Historical Gifts

(2-8-61)

ABILENE, Tex.--(BP)--Two substantial gifts have been made to establish a historical research and publication fund at Hardin-Simmons University here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steakley and Mrs. Augusta Barrow of Odessa, Tex., are giving \$2,000 annually to endow the fund, named in honor of Rupert N. Richardson, the university's president emeritus and senior history professor.

Mrs. M. C. Lindsey and her son, Robert Lindsey, have given mineral deeds on five tracts of West Texas oil producing land for use in the fund. Each tract reportedly produces about \$1,500 in oil per year.

The fund is to be used to encourage and support writing and research in history and to undergird the Hardin-Simmons department of history.

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Perry Named To Staff  
Of Radio-TV Commission

(2-8-61)

FORT WORTH--(BP)--E. S. (Ted) Perry, a recent drama graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., has been employed by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission as production assistant.

A native of Bay St. Louis, Miss., Perry has worked extensively with the Baylor Theater in the various areas of writing, directing, producing, stage managing and acting. He has also been associated with the Dallas Theater Center, Johns Hopkins Playhouse and Bay St. Louis Little Theater.

In his position with the Commission, Perry will write scripts, produce radio programs currently distributed, and initiate new programming ideas.

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Danna, Former Annuity  
Board Veep, Dies

(2-8-61)

DALLAS--(BP)--Paul Danna, 82, former vice president of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board for 30 years, died in a Dallas hospital Feb. 6.

Funeral services were conducted at the First Baptist Church of Dallas Feb. 8 with Pastor W. A. Criswell officiating.

Danna had been a member of the First Baptist Church for 68 years and was a deacon for 48 years.

He had been employed by the First National Bank of Dallas for 45 years, and was vice president and cashier upon his retirement in 1950. He was secretary of the bank's board of directors for more than 25 years.

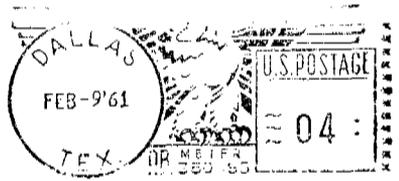
Danna served on the executive committee for the Annuity Board for 38 years and was a member of the Annuity Board's finance committee for 32 years. He also was one of the original directors of the Baptist Foundation of Texas when it began operation in 1932.

He is survived by his wife, one son, John Danna, two grandchildren and six great grandchildren, all of Dallas.

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