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**Carver School Gets
Congo Collection**

LOUISVILLE (BP)--A former missionary to Africa has donated a collection of materials from the Congo to Carver School of Missions and Social Work here.

President Nathan C. Brooks Jr. of Louisville said the collection helped to launch the Baptist School's museum of missions and anthropology.

Among the items received are knives, baskets, spears, ju-ju medicine, ebony carvings, oil paintings done by Congolese, drums, armlets, ankle decorations, fishing barbs, elephant teeth, and waistbands.

Brooks also announced trustees of the school have adopted a program of insurance benefits for faculty and staff. A visitation committee from the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools will come to the campus in April. Carver is seeking the association's accreditation.

John P. Sandidge, Louisville attorney, is new chairman of trustees. H. Tom Wiles of Lawton, Okla., is vice-chairman, and Mrs. Thurston Cooke of Louisville remains as secretary.

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**Colorado May Have
New Office Site**

DENVER (BP)--Subject to financial arrangements, the board of Colorado Baptist General Convention has selected a new building site for the state convention offices here.

The office building would go up on a 1.7-acre tract in a shopping center. Price of the building site is \$125,000.

The convention plans to construct a building several stories tall. The convention staff will occupy one floor; other floors will be offered for lease.

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**1962 Date Book Shows
44 Historic Churches**

NASHVILLE (BP)--A date book for calendar 1962, containing photographs of 44 historic Southern Baptist churches, will come out later this year.

The Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention announced here Colonial Publishing Co. of Boston will publish the date book. Baptist Book Stores will offer it for sale, according to Davis C. Woolley of Nashville, commission executive secretary.

Baptist leaders and Baptist historical societies in 16 states helped to compile a list of churches which have made a unique contribution and whose history would make interesting feature material, Woolley added.

Space limit prevented the date book from including more than 44 churches.

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1 Million Words Move
By Teletype In Year

NASHVILLE (BP)--About 1 million words have been transmitted over the Southern Baptist Convention teletype service during its first year of operation.

The service, first of its kind operated by any religious group, marked its first birthday at the end of February. It serves 31 Southern Baptist offices in 16 cities.

The teletype service is unique in its balance between news and interoffice correspondence, Theo Sommerkamp of Nashville, teletype supervisor, reported. Most other commercial teletypes are either almost completely for news or almost all for office messages.

A survey of messages during November and December, 1959 showed more than 93,000 words went over the system. In November, offices sent 1296 memorandums to one another, totaling 52,198 words (average 40 per message). During the same month, the network carried 238 news stories whose sum was 41,689 words (average 175).

The service offers several other unique traits, according to the supervisor. Telephone company engineers who installed the equipment were somewhat skeptical so many offices could be given adequate service on one system. The operation for the first year has proven this can be done, Sommerkamp said.

Another distinctive of the SBC teletype service is its financial arrangement. The \$3500-plus cost per month is shared on a pro-rated basis by all the offices taking part. Business firms employing teletype can assess their branch offices for costs. Baptist agencies being independent, they voluntarily contract for the service.

Traffic control is another special feature of the Baptist network. The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, through public relations secretary W. C. Fields, guides the operation from Nashville.

Certain methods are followed for fast, efficient teletype service but offices from Washington, D. C. to Wichita, Kan., remain free to choose their own operators, and to send material of their choosing within the suggested operating procedure.

The service has enabled Baptist state weekly papers to publish news more rapidly. It has been used to arrange special conferences, secure hotel accommodations in distant cities, discuss finances, obtain information on new employees, and even to trace a hat left behind by a Baptist field worker.

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Burdine Appointed
For Alaskan Service

COLLEGE, Alaska (BP)--J. T. Burdine Jr. of Bardstown, Ky., has been appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to serve in College, Alaska. He will be pastor of University Baptist Church.

The announcement was made by A. B. Cash of Atlanta, secretary of the board's pioneer missions department.

"He will be working closely with the Baptist Student Union at the University of Alaska and will survey the possibilities of enlarging the ministry to students and faculty," said Cash.

Two other pastors, Mack L. Roye of North Pole First Baptist Church, and H. Lee Hillon of Fairview Baptist Church in Anchorage were approved by the board to receive pastoral aid.

This aid from the mission board supplements the salary paid by the Alaskan churches and will decrease as the churches are able to assume more responsibility, Cash said.

Burdine, former pastor of Bardstown (Ky.) Baptist Church and other churches in Kentucky, Indiana, and Florida, is a graduate of Stetson University, DeLand, Fla., and holds a master's and doctor's degree in theology from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

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Texas Pastors Taking Stand On Desegregation

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An impromptu motion by Houston pastors recently urging Baptist leaders to prayerfully consider desegregation of all Baptist schools has prompted similar resolutions by two other metropolitan pastors' conferences and caused a minor split within the Houston group.

Two weeks after the first Houston action, the Lubbock Baptist Association's executive board passed a resolution urging eight Baptist schools to admit all qualified students regardless of race.

At the same time a group of about 15 Houston pastors staged a walkout from their weekly meeting to form a separate pastors' conference because of disagreement on the race question.

The split followed an unsuccessful attempt by opponents of desegregation, many of whom did not attend the original meeting, to rescind the earlier motion.

An association representative said, however, that he believed that the integration issue was just a smokescreen for something the separatists had wanted to do for a long time.

Ross Dillon, superintendent of missions for the Union (Houston) Baptist Association, said that he did not believe the group would withdraw its cooperation from the Southern Baptist Convention or the Union Baptist Association.

"Many pastors who are cooperative in every way do not agree on this issue, but will never split with the Convention," Dillon said.

The new pastors' conference has no name, no officers, will conduct no official business, and will not pass resolutions or take official stands.

The group now plans to meet weekly at the same time the established pastors' conference meets, alternating the meeting place at the Braes Baptist Church and the North Main Baptist Church. Pastors of the host churches will preside at the meetings.

Robert F. Holbrook, pastor of the Braes church, said that he does not feel that there can be any real fellowship and Bible study in the established pastors' conference where so many differing views are prevalent.

Resolutions approved by the Waco Baptist Association and the Lubbock group both urged the executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas to give careful consideration, study and prayer to encouraging admission of qualified students of all races to all Baptist schools.

The Lubbock group said the resolution was motivated by "the interest of missions around the world, a Christian attitude toward all peoples of all races and creeds, respect for the primacy of the individual regardless of color, and as a testimony of the positive witness of the Gospel."

Pastor Should Play
Key Integration Role

DALLAS (BP)--Pastors should help create a proper climate for any community facing school desegregation, a prominent Southern Baptist seminary professor said here.

"Some people think the race problem is primarily a political and social issue," said T. B. Maston, professor of Christian ethics at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. "But I think of it primarily as a moral and spiritual problem."

Speaking to the weekly Dallas Baptist Pastors' Conference, Maston said pastors should sometimes speak softly on issues when opinions are sharply divided.

"But it's unbecoming a prophet of God to keep still because he's afraid," he said.

Maston's topic was, "The Role of a Pastor in a Community Facing School Desegregation." Courts have ordered Dallas public schools to desegregate in September. School officials are proposing a stair-step integration program, beginning with the first grade.

Maston suggested these four principal steps pastors can take to help "avoid another Little Rock or New Orleans:" appeal to church members' civic pride; fully inform members about desegregation and its results; utilize church organizations; and undergird the entire church program with a Christian motive.

"In every church," Maston said, "there are four basic groups of people and opinions on the segregation problem. Some are unalterably opposed to desegregation. Others are opposed to desegregation, but are willing to follow the rules of the courts. Others are undecided and uneasy about the problem. And still others are favorable to desegregation.

"All four groups," he said, "need some leadership from the pastor."

Maston said that he would like to see some southern cities desegregate, including his own hometown of Fort Worth, voluntarily without waiting for court orders. There is no justification in the Bible, he said, for resisting constituted authority on such matters as school desegregation.

"The relation of desegregation to intermarriage is the real bugaboo in this matter," he said. "When I discuss this subject, someone generally asks, 'Would you want your daughter to marry a Negro?' My first answer is that I have no daughter. But then I remind them that in intermarriage, both a Negro and a white person are involved.

"I might not want my daughter to marry a Negro, or a non-Christian or a Roman Catholic. But if preventing my children from attending school with any of these groups is the only way to insure this, I would end up with a little private school for my daughter.

"When Dallas schools desegregate," he said, "You won't have any problem from the children. If it comes, it will be from the parents. Wouldn't it be a wonderful thing if Christian people in Dallas would bathe this problem in prayer. Then there would be no problem."

Maston also urged the pastors to face up to the question of what their churches are going to do when Negroes seek membership.

"No church has a right to be called the Church of God if it erects barriers at the back door limiting membership to only people with white faces," Maston said.

Geriatrics Hospital Plans
75-Bed Wing, Cafeteria

SAN ANGELO, Tex. (BP)--A contract to draw plans for a 75-bed addition and a new cafeteria and kitchen facilities at Baptist Memorials Geriatrics Hospital here has been let by the institution's board of trustees.

The architectural firm, Mauldin, Ballard and Associates, will have plans completed by the end of March, trustees said. Construction may begin soon after, depending upon availability of funds.

Baptist Memorials raised its capacity to 150 beds with the dedication of a \$207,000 wing, chapel and other facilities last November. The only Southern Baptist hospital for the care of chronically-ill aged people, it came into Texas Baptist ownership in 1957.

Its accomplishments recently earned Administrator Elsie Gayer the first "Man of the Year" award ever presented to a woman by the San Angelo Board of City Development.

The cafeteria and kitchen facility is in conjunction with plans for cottages on the grounds built by well-elderly people wanting the security of the geriatrics facilities. A model cottage has already been built on the 65-acre campus.

Eventually the hospital plans to build a shop and facilities for occupational and rehabilitative therapy and an administrative wing.

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Folks and facts....

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...Leonard A. Duce, dean of the graduate school at Trinity University in San Antonio, Tex., will conduct a series of lectures on Applied Christianity at Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex., March 13-17. Duce is the former dean of the Baylor University graduate school, Waco, Tex. (BP)

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Seminary To Teach
Preaching With Films

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FORT WORTH (BP)--A pilot filming project to help student preachers to study their pulpit actions will be initiated in the preaching department at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Jesse Northcutt, dean of the school of theology, said that immediate plans are to film five-minute portions of sermons preached in class and make the sound films available to the student for study.

Northcutt said that the plans are based on the assumption that a man and his actions are involved in the total impact of the message. "The preacher needs to know what kind of an impression his actions are making," he said.

The films should help the student to objectively appraise his present preaching abilities, and through discussion with the teacher to work out a plan for improvement, said Northcutt.

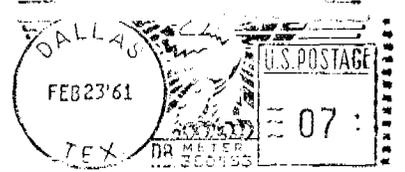
All films will be made by the printing and photographic services of the seminary's public relations department in cooperation with the public relations office of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

There are more than 400 students enrolled in preaching classes each year at the seminary.

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