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**Churches Plan Prayers
For First Space Man**

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (BP)--Churches at the north end of this space-age launching base plan to conduct continuous worship services when the first astronaut goes into space.

Joseph E. Boatwright, pastor, First Baptist Church, Mims, Fla., is president of the North Brevard County Ministerial Association. He said the 11 churches of the association plan each to hold services from launching time until the man sent into space returns or is officially given up for lost.

Mims, Indian River City, and Titusville, Fla., are the three cities in the association, located about 20 miles north and inland from the cape.

Observers speculate the first effort by the United States to launch a man into space will be made by June. They base this on successful recovery of the monkey shot earlier.

Boatwright told the Baptist Press he hopes the prayer chain will stretch to other churches on the Florida coast near the base, and eventually throughout the United States.

"A materialistic society would launch a man into space without thinking of praying for him. Ours is a Christian nation. We need to show this concern," he reported.

About 60 per cent of the families who belong to the Mims church rely on Cape Canaveral for their income. Interest in space exploration runs at a fever pitch in this area.

Other Baptist churches in north Brevard which will take part in the continuous prayer observance include First Church, Titusville, and its Westside Chapel; Wilson (Fla.) Chapel of the Mims church, perhaps the closest Baptist worship center to the base; and Central Church of Indian River City.

"Our church already has a clock set up," Boatwright said. "From the time we learn a man will shortly be shot into space, we plan to have a group worship leader at the church for an hour at a time continuously."

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**Dr. Norman Cox Leads
College Expansion**

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NEWTON, Miss. (BP)--Dr. Norman W. Cox, Mobile, past executive secretary of a Southern Baptist Convention agency, will direct an expansion fund drive for Clarke College (Baptist) here.

College President W. L. Compere said Cox' work will continue throughout 1961, securing a million dollars for the school. Cox retired several years ago as executive secretary of the SBC Historical Commission.

Clarke College is operated by Mississippi Baptist Convention.

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Ridgecrest To Engage
Morrison Food Service

NASHVILLE (BP)--A Southern cafeteria chain with offices in Mobile, Ala., will serve food in the dining hall at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, N. C., this summer.

The contract was signed between the Baptist Sunday School Board here and Morrison's Food Service. The Baptist Sunday School Board operates the assembly.

Herman L. King, Nashville, executive assistant for the board, announced the contract is effective June 1 when the assembly season starts. Last summer, the assembly dining hall served 250,000 guest meals, he said.

"The purpose of the contract is to provide more efficient food service to relieve the Ridgecrest management of many time-consuming details connected with food service," King said.

The board contracted for Morrison's aid on a fee-management basis. The cafeteria chain, with 41 outlets from Savannah, Ga., to Shreveport, La., will send a resident manager to Ridgecrest and about five assistants for the 12-week assembly season. The operation, however, continues under the general supervision of Willard K. Weeks, year-round manager of the assembly.

Baptist college students will continue to serve as waiters and waitresses in the dining hall, according to King. But they will be trained by the Morrison's staff.

No increase in food prices for guests this summer will be made, King reported. Ridgecrest Assembly will continue to buy the food, under guidance of the resident manager for Morrison's. The cafeteria chain will furnish silverware, china, and glassware.

"If the operation at Ridgecrest this summer proves successful," King added, "we'll try a similar arrangement at our assembly in Glorieta, N. M., next summer."

Morrison's, in addition to its own cafeterias, provides food service to about 150 hospitals, schools, and other institutions. Among them is New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

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Brochure By Lynn May
Circulation 63,000

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NASHVILLE--The brochure "Baptists" produced by the Southern Baptist Convention Historical Commission here has been reprinted several times and has reached a circulation of 63,000.

Lynn E. May Jr. of Nashville, the commission's research director, wrote it in 1959. The commission circulated it mainly through the tract departments of Baptist state conventions.

The demand for this brochure increased in 1960 with the emphasis on Baptists and separation of church and state occasioned by the presidential election campaign.

Also, the emphasis on Baptist beliefs given in the 1961 Home Mission Board study series, "Our Priceless Heritage," has increased the interest in the brochure.

This pamphlet presents the historical background of Baptists, showing the emergence of Baptists into history and the early developments in America leading up to the formation of the General Missionary Convention of Baptist Denomination in the United States for Foreign Missions (Triennial Convention) in 1814.

A concise treatment of the missionary work of the Triennial Convention is followed by a more detailed account of Southern Baptists. Other Baptist bodies are described briefly.

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Midwestern Gets Hester
From William Jewell

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)--Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here has secured H. I. Hester as its vice-president. He will assume the new post July 1.

For the past 35 years, Hester has headed the department of religion at William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., a Baptist school. He has been the college's vice-president for 18 years.

In addition, Hester has been president of Midwestern's trustees since the school was launched by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1957. He and Mrs. Hester endowed a lectureship on preaching at the seminary shortly after its start.

Hester has been active in Baptist history circles, serving as secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Historical Society. Before going to William Jewell College, he was associated with Furman University (Baptist) at Greenville, S. C.

He is a graduate of Wake Forest College (Baptist) in North Carolina and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. He has published eight books while a William Jewell professor.

Commenting on his resignation, Jewell President Walter Pope Binns declared:

"During his long ministry of 35 years as teacher of the Bible at William Jewell College, Dr. Hester has won the friendship of thousands of students who honor him for his teaching in the classroom and his Christian influence in their lives. He has the respect and love of the faculty of which he is the senior member.

"Having known Dr. Hester as an intimate friend for 40 years, I have a deep sense of personal loss in his resignation. The only compensation is the knowledge that the position at Midwestern Seminary offers him an opportunity for great usefulness."

Seminary President Millard J. Berquist, with reference to Hester's new assignment, said:

"I am highly pleased to be able at this time to secure the valued services of Dr. H. I. Hester. He is my first choice for this responsibility, that of serving as our administrative assistant. He will be an invaluable asset to the seminary. He is known and beloved by all Missouri Baptists.

"By reason of his extensive writing and denominational service over the past 35 years, he is known, appreciated, and respected by multiplied thousands of Southern and American Baptists throughout the nation. His addition to Midwestern's staff is for all of us here a cause for rejoicing."

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Hight C Moore Papers
Gotten For Archives

(3-19-61)

NASHVILLE (BP)--Classification and cataloging of the Hight C Moore papers have been completed under the direction of Davis C. Woolley, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Historical Commission here.

The material has been filed in archival boxes to become a part of the Dargan-Carver (Baptist) Library, located in Nashville.

This collection of 1300 items includes sermon manuscripts and correspondence of the late Dr. Moore beginning with his ordination and continuing through his editorship of the Biblical Recorder.

There are very few items covering his services as editorial secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, except a large file of commentary materials written for the Biblical Recorder, Kind Words, The Teacher, and Points for Emphasis.

Among the papers are several book-length manuscripts which were never published, and a part of the papers and correspondence relating to his services as recording secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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A number of rare volumes were included in the books received from Mrs. Norma Moore of Ridgecrest, N. C., daughter-in-law of Dr. Moore.

A description of the material is being submitted to the Library of Congress for the publication of catalog cards for librarians' use denoting the extent and location of the collection.

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Church Lets Inactive
Members Drop Selves

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QUINCY, Ill. (BP)--Quincy's Central Baptist Church has adopted a policy for dealing with inactive members: They now drop themselves automatically from the church roll.

The church (affiliated with the American Baptist Convention) adopted this statement:

"Any member who has been absent from the church for the period of one year without manifesting an interest therein by communication with the church or contributing to its support, will by his own action be placed on the 'record' or 'inactive' roll. Persons so carried on this 'record list' shall not be counted as members and shall have no rights of membership."

The policy does not affect sick or shut-ins who can not attend.

"Our church has never wanted to drop anyone from membership," the church bulletin announced. "We have decided to let each member decide this entirely for himself, without the vote of anyone else."

The bulletin said that a person joining the church "enters into a covenant with God and his fellow members...to support the worship services by his presence, prayers, to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the work of the church and the spread of the gospel through all nations; and to 'watch over one another in brotherly love.'"

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Home Mission Board
Appoints 16 To Serve

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ATLANTA (BP)--Sixteen missionaries of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, including some to the deaf and to Alaskan Indians, were commissioned at public services in Atlanta.

The appointment was the first in Atlanta to which the public was invited, according to Glendon McCullough of Atlanta, secretary of the board's personnel department.

The services included testimonies from missionary appointees, presentation of certificates, and a charge to service by Arthur B. Rutledge of Atlanta, director of the board's missions division.

Missionaries spent two days before their appointment in orientation conferences. Afterwards they joined more than 2000 home missionaries already at work in every state of the United States, in Cuba and in Panama.

Missionaries were appointed to serve in the following mission areas: Indian, deaf, mission center, good will center, juvenile, rehabilitation, associational and pioneer areas.

Those appointed were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Gross of Blackwater, Mo., to mission center work in Albuquerque, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Rollins to serve Alaskan Indians in Fort Yukon, Alaska; Mr. and Mrs. James Calvin Willard of New Orleans to work with deaf in Austin, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. George B. Joslin to work with the deaf in southern California.

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Travis B. Lipscomb of Bryan, Tex., to direct a juvenile rehabilitation program in Fresno, Calif.; Floyd Caldwell of Ventura, Calif., as city superintendent of missions in Santa Monica, Calif.; Allen Pollock as associational missionary in Joliet, Ill.; Orrin Delbert Morris as associational missionary in Mississippi; and Vertner B. Breazeale, Hooper Campbell, Fred Stumpp, and Bert M. Langdon as associational missionaries in California.

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Foundation Keeps Up
Record-Setting Ways

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NASHVILLE (BP)--The Southern Baptist Convention's investment agency here continued its record-setting ways in 1960.

The annual report of the Southern Baptist Foundation shows the agency's average return on invested funds last year was 5.46 per cent, highest ever. Previous high was 5.09 per cent in 1959.

The financial statement appeared at the Foundation's annual meeting in Nashville.

Executive Secretary J. W. Storer of Nashville said the greatest return of any accounts--6.86 per cent--was on other trust funds.

The agency distributed net earnings of nearly \$190,000 to beneficiaries which include individuals as well as agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention. Payments to annuitants came from earnings and profits, Storer added.

Trust assets now stand at \$4,509,456. The Foundation has a goal of attaining \$6 million by the start of 1962. These funds entrusted to the foundation are from Baptist agencies' reserves and from individual donors to Baptist causes.

The trust fund increased \$488,000 during 1960, according to the report. Withdrawals from the trust fund were \$110,827.

The 5.46 per cent was on approximately \$3 million in its pool account, funds for which the Foundation itself seeks the best investment sources. It has other funds over which it has no power of choice, but must invest them in the manner directed by the agency or person.

"A review of the record of Foundation investments and returns on stocks, bonds, and mortgage loans for 1960 was highly satisfactory," the Foundation declared.

According to Storer, "It was the unanimous opinion this portfolio was in top condition. This means the directors believe funds have been invested in the best possible manner, both as to security and to return on investment."

Much of the Foundation's new deposits in 1960 were placed in mortgage loans, which yield a uniform return of 6 per cent. "We have never had a default on mortgages we have held during the 12 years of the Foundation's existence," the executive secretary noted.

He said the Foundation never loans greater than 60 per cent of the appraised value of residential or commercial property and prefers to remain within 50 per cent.

The Opdyke Fund, established by a New York woman to provide education to Baptist students from mountain areas, is one of the highlights of Foundation investments, it was reported.

When the Foundation assumed investment of it in 1948, it had a corpus of \$212,911. During the 12 years since then, it has yielded \$143,363 total in interest returns, all of which has been used for scholarships. The fund is administered by the SBC Education Commission at the request of the SBC Executive Committee.

"It will not be long till the total return on the investment by the Foundation equals the corpus when the fund was turned over to us in 1948," Storer commented.

The Foundation reelected its complete slate of officers--Stirton Oman, Nashville contractor, president; Walton N. Smith, Clarksville, Tenn., insurance agent, vice-president; Noble C. Gaudill, Nashville shoe firm executive, recording secretary;

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J. W. Storer, executive secretary, and Mrs. Christine M. Bess of Nashville, administrative assistant to Storer.

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2 Baptist Colleges
Remain In Tournaments

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By the Baptist Press

Wake Forest College of the larger ones and Georgetown College of the smaller schools continued to win in their respective basketball tournaments, competing for national honors.

Wake Forest's Deacons of Winston-Salem, N. C., dumped St. Johns University of Jamaica, N. Y., in New York City, 97-74, in a playoff in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). The Deacons came as champs of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Georgetown College of Kentucky followed up its first round win with two more and reached semifinals of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) in Kansas City, Mo.

Georgetown defeated Western Michigan University of Kalamazoo, 88-76, in the first round. In the second, it knocked off Redlands (Calif.) University, an American Baptist Convention-related school, 59-57, in a thriller. Next it eked out an 84-83 victory over Central Oklahoma State of Edmond, Okla.

East Texas Baptist College of Marshall won its first round game at Kansas City, felling Steubenville (Ohio) College, 70-68. But then an intrastate foe, Southwest Texas State College of San Marcos, eliminated East Texas, 61-59.

Carson-Newman College of Jefferson City, Tenn., third Southern Baptist entry in the 32-team field at Kansas City, faltered in its opener and bowed to Northern Michigan College of Marquette, 69-60.

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40 Miles, Four Pounds,
A Dime And A Horseshoe

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SHAWNEE, Okla. (BP)--Wearing a college sweatshirt, an Oklahoma Baptist University coed here set out one Saturday morning for a weekend at home.

Normal enough, except that freshman Becky Davis of Oklahoma City, was going to walk the nearly 40 miles along U. S. 270 from Shawnee to the Capital.

"It was a blast," bubbled the coed. "I'd do it all over again. You see, I bet David Lyons (another student) I could do it. He said he would run it. He did and I did."

It took about nine hours to reach the city limits of Oklahoma City. "I had a grapefruit and two bottles of pop on the way but I didn't get very hungry. David ran ahead and bought it for me so I wouldn't have to stop," Miss Davis confided.

"It was a beautiful day. People along the highway were very nice and offered us rides." A highway patrolman stopped her about halfway between the cities, asking where she was headed. "Just a little way down the road," she smiled and kept walking.

The same patrolman came along again six miles further on the road and inquired again. "Just a little further," the coed cooed. When the curious traffic officer came along two miles further, he drove on without stopping but nodded his head in wonderment or disbelief.

Becky weighed 100 pounds when she left the campus and lost four pounds on the trek. "I'm thinking about doing it once a month to keep in shape," the four-foot, 11-inch girl told students later.

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She found it profitable--for she found a dime, a horseshoe, and a piece of rope en route. She used the rope to tie her coat and purse around her waist when she tired of carrying them.

"Mother tried to get me to walk back," Becky said when asked her parents' reaction.

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Folks and Facts.....

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.....The Southeastern Religious Education Association will hold its annual session at Ridgecrest, N. C., Baptist Assembly July 19-20. Members include persons doing music, recreation, association, and promotion work as well as those in education work from churches, seminaries, and state and Southern Baptist Convention agencies. (BP)

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.....Judge John A. Brett of Oklahoma City, on the Oklahoma Criminal Court of Appeals, will receive the honorary doctor of law degree from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee. The college will confer it June 3. He once wrote an opinion permitting TV cameras to cover a criminal trial when the presiding judge agreed. (BP)

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Home Mission Board appointment story pictures mailed to California, Arkansas, Illinois, Kansas and Colorado.

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