

April 20, 1961

**Brotherhood Journal
Wins National Honor**

CHICAGO (BP)--The Brotherhood Journal was one of 16 religious periodicals receiving special honors at the 1961 meeting of Associated Church Press here.

It was the only Baptist publication in the group, although several other Southern Baptist Convention periodicals are members of the church-related publishing group.

The citation read: "Award of merit by the Associated Church Press...presented to Brotherhood Journal for noble achievement in Christian journalism, effective layout and excellence of content in keeping with the stated purposes of the publication."

They however ranked behind the top three award-winners in the annual judging. The winners were Together magazine, published by The Methodist Church; Missouri Synod-Lutheran publication, This Day, and Christian Century.

A special committee of editors and faculty members of the school of journalism, University of Missouri, Columbia, picked the award winners.

The Brotherhood Journal comes out of the Brotherhood Commission of the SBC at Memphis. Roy Jennings, former newsman with the Memphis Commercial-Appeal, is editor.

Southern Baptists present at the Associated Church Press session here were Miss Ethalee Hamric, Birmingham, editor of Royal Service, magazine of Woman's Missionary Union; Miss Dorothy Weeks, Birmingham, editor of Tell, Girls' Auxiliary magazine; Jack L. Gritz, Oklahoma City, editor of the Baptist Messenger; Miss Laurella Owens, Birmingham, editor of Window, published for Young Woman's Auxiliary and Joe T. Odle, Jackson, Miss., editor of the Baptist Record.

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**Mercer Votes Pay
Raise For Faculty**

(4-20-61)

MACON, Ga. (BP)--Trustees of Mercer University, Baptist school here, voted to grant \$75,000 worth of pay raises and other benefits to faculty, beginning in September. They voted to raise tuition fees and residence fees to \$200 for each student.

President Rufus C. Harris said faculty raises will be given on merit basis and other factors and will not be an across-the-board raise as was given last year.

The new tuition and residence fees will be \$200 per quarter each, making total costs come to \$1200 per year, plus books and incidentals.

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Editors: This is a second story dealing with program reports at St. Louis in May.

Public Affairs Work
Also Being Studied

NASHVILLE (BP)--Three fields of work--public affairs, church-state relations, and religious liberty--should most concern the Southern Baptist Convention Public Affairs Committee.

This is stated in a document which may be proposed to the 1961 SBC in session at St. Louis. The proposal, if presented and adopted, will become part of a manual describing the work of Convention agencies.

The Public Affairs Committee works with committees of several other Baptist national groups to sustain a staffed Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington.

"The joint committee views it (the document proposed) simply as the way Southern Baptist Convention interprets the work of the joint committee on its behalf," a statement from the SBC Executive Committee said.

The proposal would have to come from the Executive Committee. But the Executive Committee first must approve it at a preConvention meeting in St. Louis.

As they apply to Southern Baptists, the purpose and objectives of the joint committee in Washington cover public affairs study and research, church-state public relations, public affairs information and correlation of Baptist influence in the field of church-state relations.

"In the Southern Baptist Convention, the joint committee works as resource and staff to the agencies of the Convention and its Executive Committee and to state committees on religious liberty," according to the proposal.

Some of the details outlined include (1) holding religious liberty and church-state conferences such as the joint committee already conducts annually, (2) carrying the Baptist viewpoint in religious liberty before committees and councils, (3) furnishing news and other material in church-state relations and (4) encouraging local interest in local and national religious liberty affairs through local Baptist groups.

The members of the SBC Public Affairs Committee will comprise SBC representation on the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. "The Public Affairs Committee shall work directly with the joint committee and should have no other staff except that employed by the joint committee," according to the proposal.

"In view of the instructions approved by the several co-operating Conventions, the objective of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs is:

'...to act in the field of public affairs whenever the interests or rights of the co-operating Conventions which constitute the committee call for conference or negotiation with the government of the United States or with any other governments, or whenever Baptist principles are involved in, or are jeopardized through governmental action, or when any of the co-operating Conventions or any of their agencies may refer to the joint committee any matter of common interest or concern, for the consideration and recommendation.'" (Constitution as approved by the co-operating Conventions in 1956.)

Folks and Facts.....

.....Judson Dunbar Ives, retired faculty member of Carson-Newman College (Baptist), Jefferson City, Tenn., has been picked to receive an honorary doctor of science degree from that school, which he served for 29 years. Ives also taught once at four other Baptist colleges--Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Ark.; Stetson University, DeLand, Fla.; and William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo. (BP)

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.....The American Correctional Chaplains Association wants information on churches or church leaders engaged in work with ex-convicts to help them become established in a community after their release from prison. Alcuin Greenburg, a Roman Catholic priest serving at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Mo., is gathering the information. (BP)

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.....Grady C. Cothen, Fresno, new executive secretary of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, was named 1961 baccalaureate speaker at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif. (BP)

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.....Mercer University, Baptist school at Macon, Ga., will confer a doctor of divinity degree on J. Robert Smith, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Statesboro, Ga., during commencement exercises June 4. He is chairman of the executive committee of Georgia Baptist Convention and a member of Sunday School Board and the Committee on Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention. (BP)

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Philip L. Elliott,
Educator, 69, Dies

(4-20-61)

BOILING SPRINGS, N. C. (BP)--Dr. Philip Lovin Elliott, president of Gardner-Webb College here, died April 14.

Dr. T. R. Harris, who was called to the scene, stated that the 69-year-old president died of a heart attack while sitting at his desk.

Dr. Elliott had been at the helm of the Baptist junior college since 1943, when he left Western Carolina College where he was head of the English department.

He was scheduled to retire Aug. 1. In March E. Eugene Poston was named his successor and was scheduled to take the reins of the Baptist junior college in August.

Ironically, Dr. Elliott had made his farewell remarks to his faculty at their monthly meeting April 4. Dr. Elliott suffered a previous heart attack in the fall of 1954.

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.....Howard E. Butt Jr., grocery executive and layman evangelist from Corpus Christi, Tex., will address American Baptist Men at their luncheon in Portland, Ore., June 17. The luncheon is in connection with the American Baptist Convention, in annual session there June 14-18. American Baptist Men corresponds to Southern Baptists' Brotherhood Commission. (BP)

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