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Peacock In Tizzy
Over Plume To Wear

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Meet Billy Ray Peacock, bachelor of music, master of religious education, master of sacred music and soon to be bachelor of divinity. The man has so many degrees he doesn't know which academic plume to wear.

Minister of music-education at Florida Boulevard Baptist Church in nearby Baton Rouge, Peacock was a candidate for the bachelor of divinity degree at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

But what color tassel would he wear for the commencement procession?

Ought it to be the soft pink of music, since he holds the bachelor of music degree from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge and the master of sacred music from New Orleans Seminary?

Or might the pale blue of the master of religious education suit Peacock better since it would perhaps match his red hair?

According to ladies called in for counsel, the red theological tassel to go with the newest degree would be acceptable on most any occasion. So that's what Peacock was to wear in the seminary's spring graduation.

There is, of course, another alternative. He could take a tip from a bird of the same name who wears all the colors at one time in his feathered plume.

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For Your Information, Editors:

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Mrs. Edgar Bates, dean of women at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, will speak to the annual convention of Woman's Missionary Union of Southern Baptist Convention. She will replace John F. Soren of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, president of the Baptist World Alliance.

Soren can not attend due to illness. Mrs. Bates is chairman of the women's department of the Alliance. The Canadian churchwoman was born in India, daughter of Canadian missionaries. She has spoken before numerous Baptist groups around the world, including some Southern Baptist groups.

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Sports Roundup
At Baptist Schools

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By the Baptist Press

Lester Craft, four-year veteran line coach at Georgetown College will assume head football coaching duties at the Kentucky Baptist school this year. He will handle duties during the absence of Bob Davis, granted a leave for doctoral study.

Georgetown was 2-6 last year, has 20 returning lettermen including four seniors. Craft also coaches swimming at Georgetown.

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Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Ark., lined up its nine-game football card for 1961. It plays mainly other teams in Arkansas, has no sister Baptist schools as foes. Nov. 18 is an open date in the season opening Sept. 23 at Southeastern Oklahoma State, Durant, Okla., and closing at Arkadelphia Nov. 23 against Delta State.

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Baker, Woolley Lead
History Book Work

NASHVILLE (BP)--Robert A. Baker, professor of church history, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, has been appointed editorial chairman for the Southern Baptist editorial committee cooperating in the production of the book giving the story of Baptists in North America since 1814.

The book's title: Baptist Advance.

Baker will work with Baptist representatives from other bodies in North America along with the managing editor, Davis C. Woolley, Nashville, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission.

C. C. Warren, Charlotte, permanent chairman of the Baptist Jubilee Advance Joint Committee and general chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention jubilee committee, named Baker as the Southern Baptist representative on the editorial committee following the election of Woolley as managing editor. Baker has served in an advisory capacity on the project since its inception by Dr. Norman W. Cox. Dr. Cox of Mobile is executive secretary emeritus of the Historical Commission.

Baker called the first meeting of the Southern Baptist editorial committee for the new book in St. Louis in connection with the Southern Baptist Convention.

At this meeting assignments and details of preparing articles were given to representatives of Southern Baptist agencies. The number of words allotted for all of the Southern Baptist Convention agencies and activities had been set at 50,000 words. This convention allocation will be divided among the various agencies for their monographs.

The Historical Commission approved the participation in this project and the final editing and preparation of copy will be made through the Historical Commission office.

Denominational representatives appointed to the editorial committee to work out plans for creating the book had their organizational meeting in Rochester, N. Y.

Deadline date for copy to be turned in to the denominational chairmen is April 15, 1962. The copy is to be in the hands of the managing editor on Oct. 15, 1962, who will turn it over to the publisher March 15, 1963.

The book is due to be published in March, 1964, and be ready for distribution before the meeting of the Baptist Jubilee observance in June, 1964. The book is to be published as a joint project of the publication boards of the various denominations cooperating in the project.

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Baptists, Incorporated
--The 'Ultimate' Name

(5-11-61)

BALTIMORE (BP)--Baptists, Incorporated.

This is the "ultimate" name for Southern Baptist Convention, writes Gainer E. Bryan Jr., editor of the Maryland Baptist here.

Editorials in this and other Southern Baptist newspapers indicate a "growing readiness" for changing the Convention's name, Bryan adds. Various names have been advanced to replace "Southern." Most agree the former Northern Baptist Convention stole a march by trading for the title "American Baptist Convention" some years ago.

Bryan notes no name has captured enough imagination as substitute for "Southern," which is geographically restrictive.

"At last, however, the ultimate name can be unveiled... 'Baptists, Incorporated,'" he says. "'Incorporated' means 'made in one body, intimately united or blended to form one body.'"

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His editorial came out on the eve of the 1961 Southern Baptist Convention session at St. Louis, where there was a slim possibility a name change might be introduced. "Baptist Convention, U. S. A." and even "Solar Baptist Convention" have been advanced as other possibilities.

The name couldn't be changed in 1961 because the SBC constitution requires two succeeding years' action. There is doubt the constitution would permit floor debate until 1962 if a new name were proposed in '61.

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Ministers' Wives Plan
Their Conference, Too

(5-11-61)

ST. LOUIS (BP)--The Southern Baptist Ministers' Wives' Conference announced its annual fellowship meeting here May 24 in Kiel Auditorium. The hours are 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Wallace Denton, associate in the Midwest Christian Counseling Center, Kansas City, Mo., was asked to bring the message on the theme: "Role Attitudes of the Minister's Wife." Denton, who wrote a doctoral thesis at Columbia, University, New York, on this subject, will discuss problems confronting ministers' wives.

Mrs. John A. Maguire of Jacksonville, Fla., will direct a playlet entitled, "First Church Seeks a Minister's Wife." Participating in it will be Mrs. C. DeWitt Matthews of Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Jess Moody of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Mrs. James Monroe of Miami.

Mrs. Hobart H. Grooms (a layman's wife; her husband is Federal district judge in Birmingham) will direct the music and sing a solo at the conference. Mrs. Allan Watson of Tuscaloosa, Ala., will be organist and Mrs. Carl E. Bates of Charlotte, N. C., pianist.

Mrs. Matthews is president of the conference.

The organization is mainly for fellowship and has no official Southern Baptist Convention tie. It meets only once a year, when the ladies accompany their husbands to the Convention city. It is made up of wives of pastors, ministers of music and education, chaplains, seminary professors and denominational workers.

But wives of laymen are invited to attend, too.

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Various Constitution,
Bylaw Changes Listed

NASHVILLE (BP)--The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention was to present to the 1961 session at least 15 recommendations changing the SBC constitution, bylaws or procedure.

Three of the recommendations took the place of one presented in 1960 which was referred for further study. According to Executive Secretary Porter Routh of Nashville, this was intended to provide a more democratic process by doubling the size of the Committee on Committees and the Committee on Boards.

There were to be two members of the committees from each state rather than one. One of the two members became a layman, if the change passed.

The third of this group recognized "the principle that the boards, commissions, and trustees named should represent the constituency of Convention, rather than the staff of the agency."

It eliminated any negative inference that staff members of agencies influenced the choice by the Committee on Boards of those it nominated for governing bodies of agencies.

Having two members of these committees from each state will, according to Routh, bring a wider acquaintanceship with talented people in the states eligible to fill vacancies. It will help insure wider representation of the state itself on agency governing bodies.

Up for second approval at St. Louis was a recommendation dealing with the composition of SBC boards. It did not change the number of members or their functions, Routh said. It made the constitution consistent with the bylaws in selection of board members by adding the phrase "or Convention action" in Article VI, Section 2:

"If the composition of the board is not determined by charter requirement or Convention action..."

Article XII of the constitution was to be changed--by the proposal--to provide explicitly that agencies of the Convention shall comply with bylaws and the Business and Financial Plan as well as the constitution of the SBC. Also on second reading, this proposal stated precisely something has been followed in principle.

Five more proposed changes dealt with clearing up inconsistencies in language in the constitution and bylaws. In some places, the reference "boards, institutions and commissions" used together has meant the same thing as the sole word "boards" used elsewhere. The language was made consistent, if the recommendation passed.

The Executive Committee of the Convention was directed to keep the accounting record of the Inter-Agency Council and any other inter-agency groups established, Routh said in describing another proposal.

Still another change treated the Inter-Agency Council. It enlarged the description of the council's function in the line with the council's own constitution.

Members of the Committee on Order of Business can not succeed themselves after their staggered, three-year terms, according to another proposal. This committee drafts Convention agenda each year.

Two other matters affected the Executive Committee. One recalled the Executive Committee, while still handling annual Convention arrangements, no longer has a special committee on arrangements.

The other cleared up an omission where in a group listing the Executive Committee was omitted. The change included it.

The Executive Committee included the proposed changes in its report at St. Louis.

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St. Louis Work Seen
In Slides, Filmstrip

ATLANTA (BP)-- A slide set depicting Southern Baptist work in St. Louis will be available to messengers at the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in that city May 22-26.

The set, prepared by the division of education and promotion of the Home Mission Board, includes 12 pictures that present the various types of Baptist work in the city.

The slides will be sold on a share-the-cost basis by the mission board at its booth.

The filmstrip, "Cooperating with National Baptists," which was photographed for the most part in St. Louis, will be sold at the Convention bookstore during the sessions.

How Southern Baptists cooperate with National Baptists, the part such work has had in the denomination's life and the extent of such work is presented in the filmstrip.

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To Last-Minute Folks:
Come On To St. Louis

(5-12-61)

ST. LOUIS (BP)-- "Come on to the Convention."

That's the word from Mack R. Douglas, pastor of the city's Tower Grove Baptist Church and general arrangements chairman for the forthcoming 1961 session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He believes there'll be room for those who made last-minute decisions to come. A number of cancellations of reservations has opened space in some hotels, although there are waiting lists to refill some of these.

In addition a number of homes still are available to house Conventiongoers as guests, according to Douglas.

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Birmingham Church
Votes Youth Missions

BIRMINGHAM (BP)--In a tentmaker-type program, the First Baptist Church of this Alabama city voted to send some of its young people to California for the summer to help Baptist churches there.

The church would give each young person, up to 10 persons in all, \$50 toward his expenses. The churches where the young people served would contribute to their room and board while in the West, or the young people would find a job and serve the churches in their free time.

This embodies some of the tentmaker and summer college student missionary programs carried on by the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board. (A tentmaker works at a job while helping a church develop.)

The young people would conduct community censuses to find prospects for the churches, assist in vacation Bible schools and help establish new missions.

The young people would have to be qualified from standpoint of maturity, experience, dedication and willingness to do mission work. They would be in California for about 10 weeks, returning in late August.

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Vocational Guidance
Program To Be Asked

(5-12-61)

ST. LOUIS (BP)--Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention here were asked to approve a program of vocational guidance assigned to the Convention's Sunday School Board in Nashville.

The request came from the SBC Executive Committee, which recommended several agency programs for the forthcoming SBC Agency Manual.

The program of vocational guidance (the board presently has a church-related vocations counselor) includes research and study in the field of vocational guidance in its relationship to Christian concern and commitments.

It "studies the needs of the churches for pastors, ministers of education, ministers of music, youth activities directors, and other trained personnel," according to the recommendation.

The board was asked to work closely with personnel departments of the SBC Home and Foreign Mission Boards "to assist them as required in their special problems of missionary recruitments. Special care should be taken to see that there is no overlapping or duplicating of services."

The board also was to help seminaries, the SBC Education Commission, and other denominational agencies in recruitment and church-related vocations.

The board was to maintain a Conventionwide information service "for church leaders and other leaders of young people on all phases of vocational choices."

It promoted emphases on vocations throughout the Convention.

It also was asked to provide literature in the field, hold conferences and follow-through in contacts with young people making commitments.

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