

March 9, 1962

**Booklets Available
On Western Work**

PORTLAND (BP)--Booklets describing Southern Baptist work in the Pacific northwest are being made available here to Conventioneers who'll visit this area after the San Francisco session in June.

One of the attractions, of course, will be the Century 21 Exposition at Seattle, in full swing in June. It is being advertised as another "world's fair."

The booklets tell about Southern Baptist work in Oregon, Washington and western Canada under the guidance of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington.

The booklets are on hand at the Convention office, Box 3343, Portland 8, Ore., to anyone requesting them.

Seattle, site of the Century 21 Exposition, has been one of several metropolitan areas included in "Operation Big Cities" by the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board.

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**Miss Thomas To Edit
Sunbeam Activities**

(3-9-62)

BIRMINGHAM (BP)--Miss Betty Thomas has been elected editorial-promotion associate of the Sunbeam Band department of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention here.

In this position, Miss Thomas will edit Sunbeam Activities, quarterly publication for Sunbeam Band leaders. She will also travel throughout the Convention conducting conferences on Sunbeam Band work.

A native of Joanna, S. C., Miss Thomas will receive a bachelor of religious education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, in May.

Miss Thomas will assume her duties in the Birmingham office after her graduation from the seminary this spring.

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**Commission To Employ
New Associate Worker**

(3-9-62)

NASHVILLE (BP)--The Southern Baptist Convention Christian Life Commission voted here to employ a new associate secretary this year or in 1963 to expand its ministry.

Foy Valentine, Nashville, commission executive secretary, said the new associate will serve in addition to Ross Coggins, who was called as an associate last year to develop a writing ministry.

The effective date of the new associate's coming will depend on available finances and on the right man being available for it, according to Valentine.

"Special need is felt for a more systematic cultivation of interest at the level of the state conventions in the cause of applied Christianity," he said. The new associate would mainly be responsible for liaison contacts with Christian Life commissions of state conventions.

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Other responsibilities would involve the commission's program of specialized service and coordination and its observing United Nations activities.

"In these especially critical times the Southern Baptist Convention can ill afford to go on without developing its concern for world order, peace and justice," Valentine explained.

"This new professional worker would have special responsibilities at the United Nations both in seeking to bring Southern Baptist insights to bear there and in interpreting world affairs to Southern Baptists," he said.

The proposed 1963 SBC Cooperative Program budget includes an increase of \$12,000 in the allocation for the Christian Life Commission.

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El Paso Attorney
Commission Chairman

(3-9-62)

NASHVILLE (BP)--Orba Lee Malone, attorney from El Paso, Tex., has been elected chairman of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

A layman, Malone succeeds G. Avery Lee, New Orleans minister.

James P. Craine, Gallatin, Tenn., pastor, was elected vice-chairman.

In its annual meeting here, the commission also voted to hold summer, 1963, conferences at Ridgecrest, N. C., and Glorieta, N. M., Baptist Assemblies on the general theme of peace. The 1962 conferences, already lined up, are on the subject, "Christians Confronting Communism."

It selected March 4-5, 1963, for its next business meeting and may hold still another 1963 session in October in Gatlinburg, Tenn., as guests of Gatlinburg Baptists. The second meeting would be devoted to concentrated study of issues involved in Christian morality, commissioners said.

The commission will join the American Baptist Convention and the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., in a jointly-sponsored Seminar on United Nations in New York City this fall. It will be the second successive year for this seminar.

Another seminar, for an indefinite date during the year ahead, was voted on the subject of Christian citizenship, probably to be held in Washington, D. C.

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Folks and Facts.....

(3-9-62)

.....J. Kelly Simmons, editor of California Southern Baptist, Fresno, has been named a cochairman of the press arrangements group for the 1962 session of the Southern Baptist Convention. It will meet in San Francisco June 5-8. Other cochairman is Charles R. Richardson, Mill Valley, Calif., news bureau director for Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. (BP)

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SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
June 5-8, 1962
San Francisco, California

Herschel H. Hobbs, Oklahoma, president
Roland Q. Leavell, Mississippi, first vice-president
W. Herschel Ford, Texas, second vice-president
James W. Merritt, Georgia, senior secretary
Joe W. Burton, Tennessee, secretary
Porter W. Routh, Tennessee, treasurer
Clifton A. Baker, Oklahoma, music director
W. C. Fields, Tennessee, press representative

GENERAL THEME: "Sharing Christ"

TUESDAY NIGHT

"Sharing Christ Through Our Churches"

6:15 Music
6:45 Song Service
6:55 Scripture - Robert J. Smith, Georgia
Prayer - Jack P. Lowndes, Georgia
7:00 Welcome - Grady C. Cothen, California
7:05 Response - W. A. Boston, Tennessee
7:10 Report on Registration - Joe W. Burton, Secretary, Tennessee
7:15 Committee on Order of Business - George Boston Jr., Chairman, Kansas
7:20 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, and Tellers
7:25 Sharing Christ - The Cooperative Program (Pageant)
8:10 Solo
8:15 Annual Sermon - H. Franklin Paschall, Tennessee
Benediction - James P. Wesberry, Georgia

WEDNESDAY MORNING

"Sharing Christ Through Fellowship"

8:45 Music
9:00 Song Service
9:10 Scripture - James R. Bruce, South Carolina
Prayer - R. Von King, South Carolina
9:15 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers
9:25 Response - C. Oscar Johnson, California
9:30 Committee on Canadian Baptist Cooperation - Courts Redford, Chairman, Georgia
9:40 Executive Committee Report - Porter Routh, Tennessee
10:45 Music
10:50 Election of Officers
11:00 Miscellaneous Business
11:10 Committee on Denominational Papers - Louie D. Newton, Chairman, Georgia
11:25 Memorial Service - C. Roy Angell, Florida
11:35 Stewardship Commission - Merrill D. Moore, Tennessee
11:50 Music
12:00 President's Address - Herschel H. Hobbs, Oklahoma
Benediction - David G. Anderson, South Carolina

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

"Sharing Christ With the Whole World"

6:15 Music
6:30 Song Service
6:40 Scripture - R. J e Morman, New Mexic
Prayer - James P. Craine, Tennessee

6:45 Radio and Television Commission - Paul M. Stevens, Texas
 7:05 Music
 7:10 Woman's Missionary Union - Mrs. R. L. Mathis, President, Texas
 Miss Alma Hunt, Executive Secretary, Alabama
 7:30 Baptist World Alliance - Josef Nordenhaug, District of Columbia
 7:45 Music
 7:50 Baptist Jubilee Advance - C. C. Warren, North Carolina
 Foreign Mission Board - Baker James Cauthen, Virginia
 Benediction - H. H. Hobbs, Oklahoma

THURSDAY MORNING

"Sharing Christ Through Christian Education"

8:45 Music
 9:00 Song Service
 9:10 Scripture - Gordon D. Dorian, Kansas
 Prayer - Howard W. Halsell, Kansas
 9:15 Brotherhood Commission - George W. Schroeder, Tennessee
 9:35 Sunday School Board - James L. Sullivan, Tennessee
 10:35 Music
 10:40 Election of Officers
 10:50 Miscellaneous Business
 11:05 Seminaries and Seminary Extension - H. Leo Eddleman, Louisiana
 11:55 Music
 12:00 Sermon - Henry Allan Parker, Florida
 Benediction - Dan H. C. Kong, Hawaii

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

"Sharing Christ In the Crisis"

2:15 Music
 2:30 Song Service
 2:40 Scripture - Grady N. Downs, Florida
 Prayer - Carl A. Howell, Florida
 2:45 Committee on Committees
 2:50 Committee on Boards
 3:00 Election of Officers
 3:10 Miscellaneous Business
 3:15 Christian Life Commission - Foy Valentine, Tennessee
 3:35 Music
 3:40 Message - Paul Geren, Washington - "The Crisis of Communism"
 Benediction - Thomas Tobey, Florida

THURSDAY NIGHT

"Sharing Christ In the Homeland"

6:45 Music
 7:00 Song Service
 7:10 Scripture - Herman W. Cobb Jr., Alabama
 Prayer - Loyal Prior, Virginia
 7:15 Annuity Board - R. Alton Reed, Texas
 7:35 Chaplain's Commission - George Cummins, Georgia
 (Brig. Gen. Robert P. Taylor, speaker)
 7:50 American Bible Society - Thomas T. Holloway, Texas
 7:55 Southern Baptist Foundation - J. W. Storer, Tennessee
 8:10 Music
 8:20 Home Mission Board - Courts Redford, Georgia
 Benediction - J. Marse Grant, North Carolina

FRIDAY MORNING

"Sharing Christ As You Go"

9:00 Music
 9:15 Song Service
 9:25 Scripture - Sam D. Russell, Kansas
 Prayer - Robert L. Cargill, Oklahoma
 9:30 Education Commission - Rabun L. Brantley, Tennessee

9:45 American Seminary Commission - Robert W. Lashbrook, Tennessee
9:55 Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Nathan C. Brooks Jr., Kentucky
10:05 Committee on Resolutions
10:15 Miscellaneous Business
10:25 Music
10:30 Southern Baptist Hospital - T. Sloane Guy Jr., Louisiana
10:45 Historical Commission - Davis C. Woolley, Tennessee
11:00 Committee on Denominational Calendar - Allen W. Graves, Chairman, Kentucky
11:05 Committee on Public Affairs - C. Emanuel Carlson, Executive Director,
Washington, D. C.
11:20 Music
11:30 Sermon - E. Hermond Westmoreland, Texas
Benediction - A. Ermon Webb, California

George Boston, Chairman, Kansas
Bruce H. Price, Virginia
James E. Boyd, Florida
Herschel E. Cole, Georgia
J. Samuel Phillips, New Mexico
C. W. Farrar, South Carolina
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Texas Board Approves Two New Institutions

DALLAS (BP)--The Texas Baptist executive board here approved two additional education institutions for ownership by the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The 192-member board recommended that the Texas convention assume ownership of the Mexican Baptist Bible Institute in San Antonio, Tex., and the Valley Baptist Academy in Harlingen, Tex.

Messengers to the Baptist General Convention of Texas meeting in Fort Worth next November will have final say in the ownership of the two institutions.

The board also approved the appointment of a 12-member committee to study the church-state separation aspects of any possible offers from the federal government for financial assistance in building programs for civil defense purposes.

In a recommendation passed unanimously by the board, the convention's Christian Life Commission stated it viewed with concern the relationship of church institutions to civil defense programs, and urged a thorough investigation of the matter.

A special Latin American study committee recommended the ownership of the two schools, calling the step a significant stride in the "oneness of work" brought about last year by the merger of the Mexican Baptist Convention and the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Mexican Baptist Bible Institute in San Antonio teaches theology and Baptist doctrines to Latin American ministers with little formal education and is owned by the San Antonio Baptist Association.

The Valley Baptist Academy is a high-school level educational institution primarily for Latin Americans who were not able to complete public school education. It is owned by District Five of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, a 19-county area in the southern tip of the state.

In other action, the executive board approved a million dollar loan to Baylor University, Waco, Tex., for the construction of a new women's dormitory. The loan will come from the First Federal Savings and Loan Association in Waco.

The board also named Cecil E. Sherman, pastor of the First Baptist Church of College Station, Tex., as staff associate in the Texas Baptist evangelism division. He succeeds C. B. Jackson who retired last fall.

Texas Board Refuses
Action Against Book

DALLAS (BP)--The Texas Baptist executive board turned down a request to submit a resolution asking the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in San Francisco to oppose "The Message of Genesis," a book by a professor at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo.

The action came after K. Owen White of Houston, chairman of the 192-member board, read a letter from the El Paso Baptist Association asking the executive board to submit the resolution to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The El Paso group said that even though the trustees of Midwestern Seminary had voted their confidence in Professor Ralph H. Elliott who wrote the book, they had not resolved "the real issues of 'The Message of Genesis.'"

The executive board instead passed a motion asking the El Paso Association to write directly to the Midwestern Seminary board of trustees with any grievances, or to present any resolution themselves to the convention in San Francisco June 5-8.

In making his motion to the board, B. J. Martin, pastor of the South Main Baptist Church of Pasadena, Tex., said that he doubted the wisdom of the Texas executive board's going on record on the controversial matter, adding that the board was not the proper agency to deal with such questions.

Martin said, however, he felt without a doubt that most Texas Baptist pastors and the executive board members were as conservative theologically as anyone in the nation, and that they individually agreed in principle with the El Paso group.

Earlier Chairman White, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Houston and author of a widely-circulated article criticizing the book by professor Elliott, offered to resign as chairman if the board felt his personal stand would hinder his service as chairman.

By silent consent, the board took no action on his offer to resign.

White told the board that his criticism of the book was done as an individual Southern Baptist, and that he hoped he had not involved the executive board or his church in Houston.

Still later in the meeting, H. M. Ward, district missions secretary for District Two of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, rose to ask the board to give a vote of confidence in chairman White for his opposition to the book.

White told the board he did not feel such action was needed and would prefer that the board take no vote of confidence.

The District Two Baptist Convention meeting recently in East Texas had given such a vote of confidence to White for his stand.

White had taken issue with the book by Professor Elliott, branding it as "liberalism," and saying it would poison Southern Baptists and make them lose faith in the authority of the scriptures.

The board of trustees at Midwestern Seminary had voted their confidence in Professor Elliott as a consecrated Christian, promising scholar and teacher, and a loyal servant of Southern Baptists.

Graham To Speak At '63
Texas Evangelism Meet

DALLAS (BP)--Evangelist Billy Graham will be the featured speaker at the 1963 Texas Baptist evangelism conference here Jan. 14-16.

Graham confirmed his participation on the program in a telephone conversation with C. Wade Freeman, director of the Texas Baptist division of evangelism.

The conference, sponsored by the Baptist General Convention of Texas, will emphasize world missions and world evangelism, said Freeman.

Graham will also speak here July 2-4, 1963 during the nation-wide Southern Baptist evangelism conference sponsored by the division of evangelism of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

The Texas evangelism conference in January will be state-wide in scope, while the July Southern Baptist evangelism conference will attract Baptists from throughout the nation.

Freeman told the Texas Baptist executive board the state-wide conference would feature some of the greatest Baptist preachers in the nation.

Participating on the program will be Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va.; R. G. Lee, pastor emeritus of the Bellevue Baptist Church of Memphis, Tenn.; Gregory Walcott, Hollywood television star; Don Brandeis, evangelist from Tallahassee, Fla.; T. A. Patterson, Texas Baptist executive secretary; Cal Guy and Robert Baker of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth; and Charles Howard, North Carolina evangelist.

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Annuity Board Offers
Social Security Book

(3-9-62)

DALLAS (BP)--A booklet written to help ordained, licensed or commissioned ministers understand the rules and regulations about Social Security is available from the Southern Baptist Annuity Board here.

The booklets will be mailed free to any minister who is planning to apply for Social Security before the April 15 deadline.

Any minister who has been ordained for two or more years after April 15 will not be eligible for Social Security coverage.

Ministers may write for copies of the booklet from the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, 511 North Akard, Dallas 1, Tex.

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Hardin-Simmons Accepted
By Teacher Association

ABILENE, Tex. (BP)--Hardin-Simmons University here has been accepted as a member of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

The group is a national, voluntary association of more than 600 institutions of higher learning organized to improve the quality of institutional programs of teacher education.

It is a department of the National Education Association.

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Baptist Press

Mead, Pioneer Minister
of Education, To Retire

DALLAS (BP)--J. Earl Mead, pioneer in the field of education directors for Baptist churches, will retire May 1 after 36 years as minister of education at Cliff Temple Baptist Church here.

Mead, immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, has been in the ministry of education for 43 years, serving in Beaumont, Tex., and Shreveport, La., before coming to Dallas.

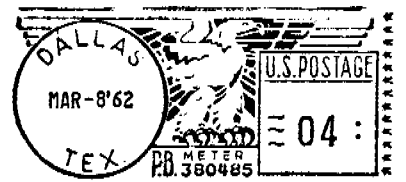
The 70-year-old minister of education will end a 36-year partnership with Wallace Bassett, pastor at Cliff Temple Baptist Church with his retirement. Bassett has been pastor of the church for 44 years.

The former president of the Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association, Mead has been secretary of the corporation for the Baptist General Convention of Texas since 1946.

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