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RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD
ELECTS FRED NOE TREASURER

DALLAS, Tex.--(BP)--Fred Noe, business manager of the Executive Committee of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn., was elected treasurer of the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The election came at a recent quarterly meeting of the Board in Dallas.

Noe will assume all duties of treasurer held by the late Orville Groner with the exception of the Investments Department which has been separated from the office of treasurer.

Noe attended Furman University and Furman Law School. He received the A.B. degree from Carson-Newman College, the B.S. degree in commerce from Bowling Green College of Commerce, Bowling Green, Ky., and the M.S. degree from the University of Tennessee. He is a certified public accountant.

He was professor and departmental head of business administration at Carson-Newman College from 1947-49, at which time he accepted his present position.

The new treasurer will assume his duties after the Southern Baptist Convention which meets in St. Louis, May 30-June 5.

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BSSB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
WILL HOLD JUNE MEETING

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The Executive Committee of the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention will hold its semi-annual meeting, June 22-23, in Nashville, it was announced by James L. Sullivan, executive secretary.

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PEOPLE AND THINGS !

....."The Invisible Stain," a dramatic treatment of the parable of the prodigal son, produced by the Radio Commission will be shown on the weekly CBS television program "Lamp Unto My Feet," May 9.

.....Columbia Records has announced the release of "A Parable of Death," featuring the Louisville Orchestra and the choir of the School of Church Music of Southern Seminary.

.....P. Shaffer Rowland, Atlanta, Ga., for several years associated with the Evangelism Department of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, died recently,

.....Robert James, educational director, Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., accepted a similar position at Tabernacle Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.

.....James C. Furman, Nashville, Tenn., for eight years executive secretary of the United Tennessee League, state-wide temperance organization, will join the staff of Allied Youth, Washington, D. C., May 1.

.....Wesley F. Lasseter, retired Baptist pastor, Tucker, Ga., died recently. He had held pastorates in Alabama and Georgia.

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SHOULD BIBLE SUB-LITERATES SEEK ORIENTATION?

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Should a preacher read his Bible through? Of course. But it is a shock to find some who have not, and they are not all in the freak denominations. Many years ago our oldest seminary wisely began requiring written statements from students that they had read both the Old and New Testament through. But not all of our ministers attend seminary nor even college.

Many years ago as a worker with the Sunday School Board I was urged to attend a small church back in the mountains. It was a museum of frontier ecclesiasticism. I was much interested in one preacher who had been ordained-- to pay him for moving the church building, he being something of a carpenter! Even more did it get my goat-- for the purist in language I sometimes substitute, "It abducts my Angora"--when sometime later returning to the city, prepared for some restful passive worship, I was called into the office of a higher official and asked to go to one of the biggest churches in one of the biggest cities in the state, the higher official fearing the pastor needed my help. What the man needed I found was God's help. He was a joke-cracking sensationalist who, after years in the pulpit, had not read his Bible through. I urged that he do so.

We Baptists allow a lot of freedom. Sometimes groups of us allow too much. Surely it would not be amiss if every ordaining body made it a point to ordain no man to the ministry who had not read his Bible through; pulpit committees should not be too lax on the matter. It would be better if every church demanded that the pastor be whole-Bible literate, each Sunday school teacher New Testament literate, and that every member who can read at all, read prayerfully through the Gospels at least. And if this be heresy make the most of it.