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Georgia, Mississippi
Lead Student Missions

ATLANTA (BP)--Georgia and Mississippi led all states in the number of students who served as summer missionaries under the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Each supplied 69 of the 595 students who served from June through August in almost every state of the United States, in Panama, and in the Canal Zone.

According to Miss Beverly Hammack of Atlanta, secretary of special missions ministries for the mission board, these students supplemented the work of the Southern Baptist missionaries. They led in areas lacking strength by assisting new missions, making surveys, conducting vacation Bible schools, and supervising visitations, camps, and other phases of work.

One couple served as counselors in the Sermons From Science Exhibit at the World's Fair in Seattle; another student came from Hawaii to serve in Oregon-Washington, and there were 44 National (Negro) Baptist students.

Other states with a high number of students serving were Texas with 68 and Tennessee with 53. There were 182 colleges and seven seminaries represented in the nearly 600 students.

The leading college was Mississippi College (Baptist) at Clinton with 32 students serving. Carson-Newman College (Baptist) at Jefferson City, Tenn., had 21 students. Leading seminary was the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville for National Baptists with 14 students.

All students worked under direction of the Home Mission Board. There were 73 sponsored by Baptist Student Unions, one by a college and the other 521 by the mission board.

Typical of the reaction of the students following their summer of work was the statement of Carol Davolt of Missouri who said, "I've been taken by the beauty of the Northwest. God can be seen in the beauty of creation, but my heart has been burdened for the many who lack the beauty of our Saviour in their hearts."

Or Jacqueline Swink of Texas who said, "For one thing, I have learned missions is wherever there is someone who does not know Christ."

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New Orleans Acquires
Piano Of Bradbury

(8-10-62)

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here has acquired the piano of the man who wrote the music to "Just As I Am," "Jesus Loves Me" and other favorite hymns.

Through arrangements with a minister of music and a family in Orange, Va., the seminary secured the instrument on which William B. Bradbury picked out some of his tunes over a century ago.

The large, ornate Victorian flat-top piano was a gift from the V. Roberts family who fell heir to it when they bought the former Bradbury residence at Orange, Va.

Arrangements for it to be donated to the seminary were made through Horace G. Danner, minister of music at the Orange Baptist Church.

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The model given to the seminary here is one of the early products manufactured by Bradbury and his brother after they began manufacturing pianos.

Bradbury, who died in 1868, also wrote music to "He Leadeth Me," "The Solid Rock," "Sweet Hour of Prayer," "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" and "Take My Life, and Let It Be."

The composer's son brought the piano to Orange. When the Roberts' purchased the Bradbury residence, the piano was a part of the sale.

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Most Baptist Papers
Support Prayer Ruling

(8-10-62)

By the Baptist Press

Most weekly newspapers in the Southern Baptist Convention have editorially supported the United States Supreme Court decision outlawing the regents' prayer in New York public schools.

While two feel the court erred and three others are hesitant about taking a stand for the present, the great majority of editors believe the decision to be sound.

They rest their belief on several points: (1) that the decision will strengthen separation of church and state, (2) that it harmonizes with Baptists' heritage of religious liberty, and (3) that it was a ruling on a specific issue and does not establish a trend toward atheism.

Twelve papers supported the decision; two more gave what might be considered tentative or reluctant support. Three others took no position upholding or attacking the Supreme Court's 6-1 decision. But another pair denounced the decision.

Among the supporters of the decision were the Ohio Baptist Messenger, the Religious Herald of Virginia, the Baptist Standard of Texas, the Word and Way of Missouri, the Florida Baptist Witness, the Illinois Baptist, the Maryland Baptist, the Capital Baptist in the District of Columbia, the Baptist Messenger of Oklahoma, the Alabama Baptist, the Arkansas Baptist and the Baptist Message in Louisiana.

Giving conditional support only were the Western Recorder of Kentucky and the Baptist Record of Mississippi. The Baptist New Mexican, the Biblical Recorder of North Carolina and the Baptist Courier of South Carolina withheld judgment on the court's ruling.

The Christian Index (Georgia) condemned the court for pointing an arrow toward godlessness, and the California Southern Baptist said the decision proved the court could make an error.

Lynn M. Davis, Columbus, editor of the Ohio paper, disagreed on there being any trend from religion. Wrote he:

"While the decision of the highest court in the land banned official prayer, it shows no 'hostility toward religion or toward prayer.'...The danger to our nation is not to be found in this one ruling. Let the ruling stand. Let individual and free prayer abound."

The Ohio editorial defended the Supreme Court as a tribunal to maintain "through the decision of controversies, these constitutional guarantees."

E. S. James, Dallas, editor of the Texas paper, largest circulation of the 28 Southern Baptist state papers, inquired if most people formed their first opinions of the ruling on scanty information.

After a cooling off period, he said, "Most everyone knows by now...that the court decision was against a particular prayer in the New York schools and that it was based on the religious freedom clause of the Constitution. People now know, or at least have had a chance to know, that it was a great victory for Christian freedom and that it was not a ruling against religion."

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John J. Hurt, editor of the Christian Index, Atlanta, headlined the editorial "Supreme Court Edicts Tragic For God And Morals." He said the decision "may have dug the grave for every reference to God in every government forum, in the military, the prisons and all else."

"Perhaps," said the Baptist Record in its only limited support, "the decision of the court was inevitable and right. At the same time the questions it raised may help clarify the whole issue." Joe T. Odle of Jackson, Miss., is editor.

The Baptist New Mexican at Albuquerque didn't attack or defend the court. It said, "This is a good time for us to think about what is happening in our nation....In our desire to safeguard the religious freedom of some who cannot believe in our God, we have tossed aside, one by one, some important things." Horace F. Burns edits the paper.

H. H. McGinty of Jefferson City, Mo., summarized the church-state implications of the ruling in the Word and Way: "This need not be interpreted as a setback to prayer....(The decision) may well be hailed as a landmark in a never ending search to strike a proper balance between church and state."

The Maryland Baptist, edited by Gainer E. Bryan Jr. at Baltimore, stood by the court. "The...decision was in the mainstream, not only of American political tradition, but of Baptist philosophy. The principles that it reaffirms are the same that Baptists have proclaimed for centuries..."

Jack L. Gritz of Oklahoma City wrote, concerning any trend toward atheism, "...most Baptists are shocked at the mistaken assumption...that the court's decision is somehow a ruling against any prayer (and possibly Bible reading) in the public schools. This emphatically is not the case." (Last sentence italicized.) Gritz approved the ruling.

The Western Recorder, edited by C. R. Daley of Middletown, Ky., took a middle position in an editorial captioned, "Bad And Good." J. Marse Grant of Raleigh, N. C., advised parents "...let's be sure there is prayer with our children in the home before we are tempted to lament its absence in the school room." He deferred opinion for or against the court's ruling.

Also pointing out the church-state and religious liberty angles and supporting the court were Leon Macon of Birmingham; James F. Cole of Alexandria, La.; James O. Duncan of Washington, D. C.; Reuben E. Alley of Richmond, Va.; W. G. Stracener of Jacksonville, Fla., and L. H. Moore of Carbondale, Ill.

The editor of the Arkansas paper, Erwin L. McDonald of Little Rock, joined Grant of North Carolina in emphasizing the role of prayer in the home. But McDonald indicated support of the court's decision.

J. Kelly Simmons of Fresno, Calif., said flatly the court erred. It failed, he declared, to take correct reckoning of the voluntary nature of the regents' prayer.

S. H. Jones of Greenville, S. C., withheld opinion on the ruling. He made this brief comment, however: "We believe prayer to be such a sacred and personal matter that it is not to be regulated in any way by government."

Daley of Kentucky appeared to give some endorsement to a constitutional amendment permitting prayer and religious activities in public schools. The amendment must also forbid tax funds to go to parochial schools for such religious activities, he added.

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Hargrove Resigns Survey
Position For Pastorate

(8-10-62)

ATLANTA (BP)--Billy Truett Hargrove of Atlanta, secretary of the survey and special studies department of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, has resigned to accept pastorate of the Southern Baptist Temple in Phoenix, Ariz.

His resignation, effective Aug. 31, was made with "sincere gratitude for the opportunity of service the past five years with the Home Mission Board."

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Arthur B. Rutledge of Atlanta, director of the missions division which includes the survey work, said, "Billy Hargrove is responsible in a large measure for the development and success of the area religious survey, which has become such an effective tool in mission work.

"The survey has not only been widely used by Southern Baptists but by other denominations as well."

An area religious survey is a door-to-door effort to secure information about every resident in a given locality. The tabulation of the information and the use of it by churches helps to better meet the spiritual needs of the community.

Rutledge also indicated under Hargrove's leadership the department had developed other methods for surveying for church needs and has provided valuable data through special studies.

Under his leadership, the area religious survey has received national recognition and use. Entire states, such as Florida and Mississippi, have been surveyed under this method, and others are in process of being surveyed.

In his letter of resignation, Hargrove said, "Even though leaving the Home Mission Board, my heart is still with missions as Southern Baptist Temple at the present time has built two mission buildings for their present missions and two in the past for other missions. This has been accomplished in the past four years along with building a \$300,000 building on the home base."

Hargrove, a native of Missouri, was educated at Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar, Mo.; William Jewell College (Baptist) in Liberty, Mo., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. He served as pastor in Missouri and led in survey work with the state mission board of Missouri Baptists.

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Montgomery Church
Rescinds Action

(8-10-62)

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (BP)--The 3300-member Highland Avenue Baptist Church of Montgomery has voted to rescind its action of a year ago withholding financial support of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

It said:

"...the Highland Avenue Baptist Church recognize(s) and support(s) the sincere effort of the Southern Baptist Convention to assist our seminaries and other agencies in maintaining a strict adherence to the teachings of the New Testament."

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Ohio Ups Worldwide
Share To 27 Per Cent

SENECAVILLE, Ohio (BP)--The proposed 1963 Cooperative Program budget for the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio includes a boost to worldwide work of Southern Baptists.

The executive board voted here to send 27 per cent of its 1963 Cooperative Program collections from the churches to the Southern Baptist Convention. In 1962, it has been 25 per cent of receipts from churches.

The 1963 amount forwarded to the SBC treasurer is expected to be \$91,718.

The total Ohio 1963 budget, counting funds from SBC agencies for jointly sponsored field promotion, is \$552,705. The executive board will present its budget recommendation to the annual session of the Ohio convention later this year for adoption.

The board reaffirmed its hopes to convert the twice-monthly Ohio Baptist Messenger, convention newspaper, into a weekly. Also reaffirmed was the plan to place its editor on a full-time basis for this position.

At present, Lynn M. Davis Jr. of Columbus divides his time between the paper and work on behalf of Baptist Student Union in Ohio colleges.

The plan, to be enacted Jan. 1, 1963, if 1962 budget collections continue at their present pace, is to combine Baptist Student Union work with the office of Training Union promotion.

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Austin, James Lackey
Get New Assignments

(8-10-62)

(picture enclosed)

NASHVILLE (BP)--The Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention has voted to employ one new staff member and to assign another staff member new duties.

Each will assume tentative responsibility in his new area Sept. 1 with the final effective date of the assignments being Dec. 1.

Executive Director Merrill D. Moore announced from commission offices here that James V. Lackey of Nashville, presently with the SBC Sunday School Board, is the new staff member. He will be director-elect of stewardship development from September through November, then assume the position as director.

Moore also reported James C. Austin of Nashville, currently director of stewardship development, will become director of endowment and capital giving promotion in December. Until that time, Austin will continue in his present work and will also be director-elect of endowment and capital giving promotion.

Austin's new position, one of three staff positions under Moore, has been unfilled since the birth of the Stewardship Commission over a year ago.

Lackey, 33, has for almost 10 years been superintendent of young people's work with the Sunday school department of the Sunday School Board. He is son of T. B. Lackey, Oklahoma City, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma and a member of the commission.

Before joining the Sunday School Board, Lackey was education director at Midwest City and Tulsa, Okla., and for a Fort Worth church while studying at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He has a doctor's degree in religious education from Southwestern. He is also a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee.

Austin, who came from the staff of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, to the commission, had capital giving promotion as his main responsibility with the seminary.

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Moore said Lackey's experience in promotional work with the Sunday School Board, his religious education experience in churches and his doctor's degree in the field, and his service on church committees in Nashville in local budget promotion equip him for the new post.

"He is a layman," Moore added. "We are consciously seeking to balance the commission staff by employing outstanding laymen." Moore, Austin and W. E. Grindstaff, director of Cooperative Program promotion, are ordained ministers.

Moore said the Dec. 1 date was necessary because of work Austin is presently doing in stewardship promotion which cannot be completed any sooner. This includes producing some new material for the Forward Program of Church Finance, used by churches in budget promotion.

By coming in September, Moore added, Lackey will be able to observe work done in producing the literature. He will also be able to meet with stewardship secretaries from state Baptist conventions when they gather in Nashville the weekend of Sept. 15.

The director of endowment and capital giving promotion is called on for two phases of work under his principal function:

1. To plan, develop, coordinate and promote objectives, policies and programs to promote endowment and capital giving, and
2. To maintain consistent editorial treatment of all endowment and capital giving materials in keeping with the program structure adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention.

Development and promotion of the Forward Program of Church Finance is a major responsibility Lackey will have in his new position.

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Folks and Facts.....

(8-10-62)

.....The Baptist Record, weekly newspaper of Mississippi Baptists, has gone to the offset method of printing. Editor Joe T. Odle of Jackson said the new process will assure clearer and sharper reproduction of type and pictures in the paper. It will also enable the editors to make a more effective use of color, he added. (BP)

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Glorieta Baptist Assembly
Sprouts A Tent Community

By Mrs. Curtis R. Ellis
For Baptist Press

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP)--A train-load of missionaries from the Wisconsin-Minnesota area and a chartered bus of teenagers from Haskell, Tex., led by a singing Daniel Boone arrived at Glorieta Baptist Assembly for the Southern Baptist Home Missions Conference.

But even more unique among the travelers was the large number of campers who pitched their homes for the week on the hillside camp area.

The campers came from Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Colorado, and even as far away as Oregon and California. They were pastors, laymen, missionaries, committee chairmen, and even chaplains. They were from large churches and small alike. They camped in tents, trailers, Volkswagens, station wagons, and even outdoors.

While Russell Pogue of First Baptist Church, Petersburg, Tex., had a supper meeting with the Spanish pastors and families from his association, Chaplain (Major) William E. Gamble and Chaplain (Major) Cletus E. Wilch were "roughing it in plush" in a large cabin-type tent with a screen porch.

A reunion was the big excitement for the large family of Bert E. Wilson of Forest Avenue Baptist Church, Redmond, Ore. Eight families representing relatives of both husband and wife came from more than 2,000 miles to meet at Glorieta. Some were pastors, others were laymen, all were enthusiastic Baptists and equally enthusiastic campers.

Among the veteran campers was the family of Chaplain J. J. Kevetter of Carswell Air Force Base near Fort Worth, Tex., with his wife and five children. They have toured almost all the European countries in the same vehicle that served as their camp home at Glorieta.

The question, "Why did you come camping?" brought many interesting answers. Missionary Eugene Marley of High Plains Association in Kansas exclaimed in reply, "\$3.00!" He explained that he brought his wife for the same price as he alone could have stayed in the furnished lodging. The \$3.00 figure represents the weekly charge for the campsite.

"We like the independence and informality and we meet the best people here," answered Pastor Pogue, who has camped at Glorieta with his family on three occasions. His four young campers range from toddler to teenager.

"Would you come again, family and all?" As an answer, every camper without exception stated they would and are even planning for the next time already. All 25 tenting families would say, "join us on the hillside for some real mountain-top experiences."

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Mrs. Curtis R. Ellis is a former visual aids consultant for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, and is presently wife of the pastor of Eudora Baptist Church, Hernando, Miss. She and her family spent the week in a tent at Glorieta.

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Yearby To Help Japan Baptists With Crusade

DALLAS (BP)--Vernon Yearby, associate director of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board division of evangelism here, has been invited to help Japanese Baptists prepare for a nation-wide evangelistic crusade in Japan next spring.

Yearby will leave the United States Sept. 1 for a three or four month's stay in Japan.

He will study the organization and methods of Japan Baptists, and will try to help them work out a systematic preparation plan for the Japan Baptist New Life Movement slated March 26-May 6, 1963.

Sponsored jointly by the Japan Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and the Baptist General Convention of Texas, the crusade will be designed to reach every person in Japan with the Gospel message.

Five area-wide crusades will be held in major Japan population centers with evangelist Billy Graham bringing principal messages. The area crusades will be followed by revivals in about 150 Japan cities.

Japanese Baptist leaders invited Yearby to help them get ready for the vast effort by revising Southern Baptist evangelism methods to fit the situation in Japan.

Yearby, who will go on a "loan basis" from the Home Mission Board, said he expects to conduct clinics and conferences on evangelism methods for Japanese pastors.

Yearby said he hopes to revise the Southern Baptist "Evangelism Plan Book" to fit the Japanese situation and have the plan book translated and reproduced for Japan Baptist pastors.

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Marshall City Manager
Named College Veep

(8-10-62)

MARSHALL, Tex. (BP)--M. V. Runnels, city manager for this East Texas town, has been named vice president and director of development at East Texas Baptist College here.

Runnels, a faculty member and former public relations director for the college before becoming Marshall city manager, will assume primary responsibility for four areas of work--student enlistment, fund raising, alumni affairs, and public relations.

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The position was created by the board of trustees following a one-year study of the college's organizational structure. Runnels, vice president of the board of trustees, will resign his board office in order to take the full-time position.

He had previously served as mathematics professor at East Texas Baptist College for 12 years, and vice president in charge of public relations from 1956-57, and had also been business manager of Mary Hardin-Baylor College (Baptist), Belton, Tex.

A graduate of Sam Houston State College, Huntsville, Tex., with both bachelor and master of science degrees, Runnels is a member of the Central Baptist Church in Marshall.

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13 Baptist Films Ready
In "The Answer" Series

(8-10-62)

FORT WORTH (BP)--"The Answer," Southern Baptists' television series, has 13 new films ready for presentation during the first quarter of 1963.

The films will be telecast next year for the benefit of churches and individuals using films in the Southern Baptist "Televangelism" program of visitation and personal witnessing, said Paul M. Stevens, director of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here which produced the films.

Four of the films are dramatic in nature and deal with the problems of teenagers and young adults. The films emphasize new life values, vocational Christian service, responsibilities of marriage, and the dangers of alcohol, said Stevens.

Five other documentary films tell the story of world missions and Christian service. Two films tell of missions work in Liberia, one in Indonesia, and one in Hong Kong. The fifth film depicts the spiritual therapy of Southern Baptist hospitals.

Three other films on evangelism and life commitment deal with the need for Christian witnessing in daily work, the conflict between materialism and following God, and the effective use of retirement years in Christian service. A special Easter film studies the men who shared the Last Supper with Jesus.

The Baptist Radio-TV Commission here will prepare and distribute to churches participating in the "Televangelism" program free film story leaflets, instruction folders and other promotional materials.

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Folks and facts.....

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.....R. J. Robinson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Augusta, Ga., will represent the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday, Sept. 9, when he preaches on "Columbia Church of the Air," weekly network radio program of the Columbia Broadcasting System. Robinson is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., and Baylor University, Waco, Tex., where he was an all-America basketball player. The program will be produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth. (BP)

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Train Crash Ends Sunday
School Picnic, Kills 7

SHALLOWATER, Tex. (BP)--A Baptist Sunday School picnic ended in tragedy here when a Santa Fe passenger train crashed into a car-load of teenagers, killing seven.

The train, moving at nearly 80 miles an hour, smashed into the auto with such force that it fused the car to the cow-catcher and pushed it a mile down the track before stopping. Bodies were strewn along a 105-yard path, witnesses said.

Killed in the crash were four 16-year-old girls, all members of the First Baptist Church of Olton, Tex. which was sponsoring the picnic; the son of a Baptist pastor in Springlake, Tex.; an 18-year-old member of First Baptist Church of Sunnyside, Tex.; and a member of a Church of Christ in Olton.

The lone survivor, Jimmy Lawson, 18, of Olton scrambled from the car seconds before the crash. He was the only one in the car who was not a church member.

Lawson told police the car was stalled on the tracks when the train came bearing down upon them.

"I jumped out and ran," he said, adding that he tried to get his girlfriend and the others out of the car, but they were apparently "froze with fear."

Lawson, in an extreme state of shock, was barely able to talk, and did not tell police why the car was stalled. Although unhurt, he was hospitalized and treated for shock.

The accident occurred just off a farm road about 10 miles northwest of Lubbock, Tex. Their car was one of four from the Olton area enroute to a Lubbock park where three other carloads of intermediates were waiting to play miniature golf.

The others waited for about an hour before someone heard on the radio that some young people from Olton had been killed in a wreck, said a chaperone, Garner Bell.

They went to a Lubbock funeral home to check, and were called on to identify the bodies.

John E. Lewis, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Olton, said the tragedy had shocked and saddened the entire community, about 60 miles northwest of Lubbock.

"Everyone is stunned," Pastor Lewis said. "They just can't realize that it happened." The teenagers were well known and well respected, he said.

Plans called for separate funerals for the youngsters. Killed were Barbara Fancher, Diane Smith, Sharon Miller, and Carolyn Carson, all of the Olton Baptist church; Bill Shirey of Sunnyside, a Baptist; Everett Baldwin of Springlake, Baptist pastor's son; and James Lovelace of Olton.

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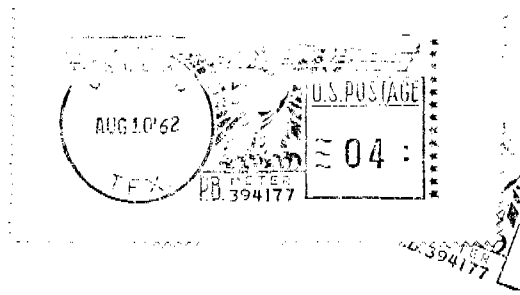
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.....Maple L. Avery, pastor of the University Baptist Church of Abilene, Tex., and member of the Southern Baptist Convention's executive committee, has resigned his position, leaving the ministry to enter medical school in preparation for a career as a medical doctor. Avery, 31, had been pastor of the 2,500 member church just adjacent to Hardin-Simmons University (Baptist) for the past three years. He said in a letter of resignation to the church, "out of the crucible of faith and doubt, trial and error, conviction and habit, plan and purpose, comes the undeniable conviction that there is another course of life" which I must pursue. He will enter the University of Texas medical school in Galveston, Tex. for the fall semester. (BP)

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