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**Powell Named To Survey  
Work By Mission Board**

ATLANTA (BP)--The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has named William A. Powell of Chicago to a survey and special studies position in its missions division.

Powell, a native of Houston County, Ala., has been superintendent of city missions for the Chicago association for the past three years, and was a pastor in Chicago for two years. He has seen the Chicago work grow from 11 churches to 43 churches and six missions during these years.

"Powell will begin work with us Nov. 1," said Leonard G. Irwin of Atlanta, secretary of the department of survey and special studies. "He is well qualified, and has proven himself very efficient in survey work in the Chicago area. I find he has a great national mission vision."

Powell will serve as the associate secretary of the department. He will especially be used in surveys in large metropolitan areas.

The survey department has majored on developing materials and techniques with which to discover quickly the religious affiliation of large segments of the nation, including some entire states. Basic in methods has been a door-to-door technique, but a new approach for large metropolitan areas was pioneered this year using the telephone.

Powell was educated at the University of Alabama, with a major in physics, and at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He was a pastor in Alabama before going to Chicago.

He served in the United States Navy from 1943-46 and presently is a chaplain in the Naval reserve.

He married Betty Joyce Pate of Tuscaloosa, Ala., and they have one son, age 8.

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(Photos available from HMB on request)

**Mountain Youth Hold  
Kentucky Conference**

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WILLIAMSBURG, Ky. (BP)--Mountain youth took a look at their churches, educational opportunities, church-related vocations and their future at the second annual Mountain Youth Conference here.

The more than 200 student delegates elected Lonnie Joe Davis of Warfield, Ky., president and Ruby Watts of Mousie, Ky., as vice-president. The conference was sponsored by Kentucky Baptists and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The conference is directed by J. Edward Cunningham, director of mountain missions and missionary training for Kentucky Baptists. Next year's conference will be Oct. 24-26.

Principal speakers were Rep. Eugene Siler of Williamsburg, Republican congressman, and Harold G. Sanders of Middletown, Ky., executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

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Maryland College Idea  
Wins Key Test Vote

BALTIMORE (BP)--The proposal to start a Baptist junior college in Maryland won approval in an important test vote here.

By an overwhelming majority, the Maryland Baptist State Mission Board voted to concur with the higher education committee of the convention. They will recommend the project to the Baptist Convention of Maryland.

The actual motion was that the state mission board join with the higher education committee in "presenting" its report to the convention. Recommendation No. 1 at the end of the report was "that the Baptist Convention of Maryland establish a junior college when sufficient funds are available."

Other recommendations were:

"2. That a continuing committee be appointed to: (1) publicize the prospective college; (2) investigate and encourage financial support; (3) search for and recommend a suitable location; (4) take such other steps as may be needed to bring the college into existence.

"3. That the committee be required to make annual reports to the Baptist Convention of Maryland.

"4. That the state mission board be requested to provide a reasonable amount for the expenses of the committee."

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Folks and Facts.....

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.....Baptist Memorial Hospital, Oklahoma City, has received \$10,000 for endowment from the estate of the late Dr. Samuel E. Frierson. Frierson, member of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, practiced medicine in Oklahoma City for over 40 years. (BP)

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.....Southern Baptist Convention President H. H. Hobbs recently returned to the Alabama church where he professed faith in Christ as an 11-year-old boy. It was Enon Baptist Church near Montevallo. On his return trip to Enon Church, Hobbs preached at the evening service. Enon Church has 336 members; First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, of which Hobbs is pastor, has over 6000. (BP)

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.....Mrs. James Middleton Sizemore, dean of women at Howard College (Baptist), has been named "woman of the year" for 1962 in Birmingham, Ala. (BP)

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.....Including the current crop, students at Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, have come from 29 nations, the seminary said. The school was founded in 1949. Of the 276 students attending during this time, 46 were from Germany, 31 from America. Poland and Hungary are among the countries. So are such distant ones as Japan, New Zealand and the Union of South Africa. (BP)

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2,247 Make Decisions  
In Spartanburg Crusade

SPARTANBURG, S. C. (BP)--Nearly 2,250 decisions for Christ were made in a three-county crusade here directed by C. E. Autrey, head of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's division of evangelism.

Crowds overflowed the Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium each night for two weeks, with attendance averaging about 3,000 each night.

Sunday afternoon services were held in Snyder Field Stadium, owned by Wofford College, a Methodist institution.

Threatening weather forced the crusade to meet for closing Sunday services in the City Auditorium. An overflow crowd of more than 5,000 persons jammed into the auditorium, filling the main floor to capacity, overflowing into the basement and filling auxiliary meeting rooms.

Daily newspapers in the city of 45,000 called the crusade "one of the greatest things ever to happen in our area." The crusade made front-page news nearly every day of the two-week period, even when the Mississippi integration crisis broke in the press.

The crusade was sponsored by the Tri-County Baptist Pastors' Conference, which includes Spartanburg, Cherokee and Union Counties.

John L. Slaughter, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Spartanburg and co-chairman of the crusade's steering committee, said he had not experienced such a time of spiritual revival since the late George W. Truett, Dallas Baptist minister, preached in a crusade 25 years ago.

Slaughter said that Autrey used no sensational gimmicks and did not rely on funny stories or clowning---"he just stood up and preached Christ Jesus, our hope."

"Eternity alone will reveal the full effect of our crusade," Slaughter said.