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**300 Memphis Girls  
To Act In Pageant**

MEMPHIS (BP)--Home and foreign missionaries will join denominational leaders as program guests for the first nationwide Girls' Auxiliary Convention to be held here next June 18-20.

Program plans have been announced by Miss Betty Brewer, Birmingham, director of the girls' group for Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Feature for the opening session, Tuesday night, will be a pageant, "A G. A. Remembers." Over 300 girls from the Memphis area will participate in this dramatic portrayal of girls' experiences in Girls' Auxiliary.

Wednesday morning, Baker James Gauthen, Richmond, executive secretary, and Elmer S. West, secretary of personnel department of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, will conduct a commissioning service for new foreign mission appointees.

A special feature on Wednesday afternoon will be appearances of Mrs. Dottson L. Mills, missionary to Argentina with her daughters, Becky and Nancy, and Mrs. Lonnie Iglesias, missionary to San Blas Islands of Panama and her daughter, Marvelita. Marvelita, a native of the San Blas Islands, is the adopted daughter of the Iglesias'.

Wednesday evening, girls from each state represented will participate in a "Roll Call of States." Mrs. Willie Johnson, missionary in Alaska, and Miss Itsuko Saito, Honolulu, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union of Hawaii, will be speakers at the evening meeting.

Thursday morning, Courts Redford, Atlanta, executive secretary of SBC Home Mission Board, will introduce home missionaries in a feature "Spotlighting: Missions U. S. A." M. Wendell Belew, secretary of department of associational missions of the board, will bring the closing message, "My Life to Give."

At each session the young delegates will have opportunity to meet missionaries from around the world during a feature conducted by Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Waco, Tex., president of the Union.

Other foreign missionaries invited to attend: Mrs. Harold Cummins, East Pakistan; Mrs. E. J. Tharpe, Hong Kong; Miss Ruby Wheat, Korea; Mrs. Charles Whitten, Spain; Miss Minnie Lou Lanier, Brazil; Mrs. Hoyt Eudaly and Miss Roberta Ryan, Spanish Baptist Publishing House, El Paso; Miss Darline Elliott, Colombia; and Misses Carol Leigh Humphries, Mary Evelyn Fredenburg and Antonina Canzoneri, Nigeria.

Home missionaries attending will be Mrs. Willie Johnson, Alaska; Mrs. Richard Mefford, Mississippi; Miss Amelia Rappold, Louisiana, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Belvin, Oklahoma.

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Seminary Extension  
Music Course Coming

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JACKSON, Miss. (BP)--The Extension Department of Southern Baptist Seminaries here has announced it will offer one or more courses in church music.

"We have had a considerable demand for it," said W. A. Whitten of Jackson, associate director of the department. "We hope to have courses ready within six to 12 months."

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"We have intended since the beginning of our department to offer something in music," he added. "We would offer some of the fundamentals of music, such as learning notes, elementary conducting and some choir directing."

The seminary extension courses primarily are for Baptist ministers who do not have the educational background and opportunity to attend one of the six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries.

Although the courses are prepared for ministers, over half those studying at the 105 extension centers are laymen and women. "Since the churches served by ministers who attend our centers do not have paid education and music directors, the training of laymen helps them fill these places in the church," according to Whitten.

The Seminary Extension Department also announced it will develop teacher's and student's helps to go with its courses.

With his new helps, the teacher can overcome the problem of not having a seminary library to call on. For instance, in Old Testament, the helps will include excerpts from various sources that he will find useful, Whitten reported. Ministers who are seminary graduates teach courses in their communities.

Student lesson helps will be along two lines--one for those taking courses by home study or correspondence, and the other for those taking the course at extension centers.

Still another type of helps will be prepared--for those who write the courses of study, it was announced.

Seminary professors write the courses. The manual will describe the group who study seminary extension courses and help the course writers plan their curriculum in line with the educational needs of this group.

About a fourth of the seminary extension study is done by correspondence, Whitten said. There are 358 correspondence students at present.

For service to extension centers, the department has associates responsible for different geographical regions. Ralph A. Herring of Jackson is director of the department.

Regional associates include Whitten, who serves Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee and Louisiana; John M. Ross of Moberly, Mo., who serves Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan.

Paul R. Jakes of Phoenix, Ariz., who works the area from New Mexico to the West and Pacific Northwest; G. Ray Worley of Fort Worth, who serves in Texas, and an associate yet to be chosen who will cover North and South Carolinas.

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Folks and Facts.....

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.....Thomas W. Nelson is the new executive secretary-treasurer of the Missouri Baptist Foundation. Nelson, who has been pastor for eight years of the 2400-member First Baptist Church, Jefferson City, Mo., will have offices in the Missouri Baptist Building in Jefferson City. Nelson succeeds Harry L. Cameron who is now supervisor of construction for the convention. (BP)

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