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Southern Baptists Win
Citation On Freedom

By the Baptist Press

A Mississippi Baptist minister got the principal award this year from Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge in the foundation's spiritual values category.

He is Wilburn Matthews of Greenwood, Miss. The Southern Baptist pastor received \$500 and a George Washington honor medal for a quote in his sermon, "America at the Crossroad."

Two other Southern Baptist preachers were among the runnersup in this category. They won honor medals. The two are George L. Bark of Centreville, Ala., who also received \$100 as a cash award, and Eugene J. Dobbs of Louisville, Miss.

In a miscellaneous category, another Southern Baptist minister and church were recognized by Freedoms Foundation. The organization cited Thomas E. Miller of Danville, Va., "For a National Independence Day worship service program at the Lee Street Baptist Church emphasizing our nation's spiritual heritage through the use of choral music and the spoken word."

Evangelist Billy Graham also was cited in this category. Miller won \$100 and an honor medal, the Baptist evangelist an honor medal but no cash award.

Included among honor medalists in the Valley Forge patriots' awards section was a Southern Baptist chaplain--Lt. Roy A. Propst Jr., chaplain on the USS Taconic, a Navy vessel. He received a medal but no cash award. This section picked passages from letters written by armed forces personnel on "My Freedoms and Responsibilities."

Again, the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention placed in the TV category. Its program, "Survival Shelter," one of "The Answer" series, won an honor medal.

Howard College, Birmingham, Ala., an agency of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, got an honor medal without a cash award in the Thomas Jefferson awards section. This section recognized college campus programs.

Howard was cited for its "Programs stressing Americanism and citizenship training and the religious foundations of the American way of life."

Matthews' sermon quote which was cited by Freedoms Foundation went this way:

"We need Now, more than ever, to understand that the Communists intend to take our country in action, not ashes; therefore, it is their idea to take it from within. Militant communism has gone farther in forty years than Christianity in two thousand years!...We must choose to live under God or condemn ourselves to live under tyr nny."

W. R. White, chancellor of Baylor University (Baptist), Waco, Tex., served as chairman of the 1962 national and school awards jury, selecting winners.

Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge was founded in March, 1949. It describes itself as a non-profit, non-political and non-sectarian organization created to bring about a better understanding of the basic principles underlying the Republic.

Royal Service Prints
Largest Order--516,000

BIRMINGHAM (BP)--May, 1963, issue of Royal Service is the 75th anniversary number of the official monthly magazine of Woman's Missionary Union.

The order for this issue is the largest in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention auxiliary, according to Miss Ethalee Hamric, Birmingham, editor. She said 516,000 have been ordered.

May Royal Service was mailed from Birmingham to those whose names are already on the subscription list. An additional 30,000 copies are available from Union headquarters in Birmingham at the regular rate of 15 cents each.

As Baptist women open this aqua, purple, and white magazine, they will find many features which are significant now and will be of priceless value to file away for use in 1988, the 100th anniversary year of Woman's Missionary Union, Miss Hamric said.

May Royal Service also will be on sale at Kansas City, May 6-7, at the Union's 75th Anniversary annual meeting. Each copy sold there will bear an anniversary meeting seal prepared especially for copies obtained at that meeting. Many women are expected to buy them there as keepsakes for themselves, members of their families and friends who will not have the privilege of attending this meeting.

Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Waco, Tex., president, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, has released in May Royal Service excerpts from her annual meeting address, which she has titled "Tomorrow Beckons." Mrs. Mathis says:

"Tomorrow beckons WMU leaders to be wise in leadership, careful in planning, dedicated in prayer, determined to develop a program to help us all to do what the angel of the Lord commanded when he said to the women who went to the sepulcher, 'He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come see...and go quickly and tell.'"

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Furman Names 3 Alumni
For Honorary Doctorate

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GREENVILLE, S. C. (BP)--Furman University here will award three of its alumni honorary doctorates this year.

George C. Galphin, dean of admissions at the Drexel Institute of Technology, Philadelphia, and Harris Andrew Marshall, superintendent of Orangeburg (S.C.) schools, will receive the doctor of laws degrees during commencement exercises June 2.

John David Hughey, president of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, will be awarded the doctor of divinity degree at a special convocation during the latter part of the summer. He will then be on the Baptist college's campus for a series of lectures during the school for ministers.

Hughey was graduated from Furman University in 1936 with a bachelor of arts degree. He received a master of theology degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, and a master of arts degree in east European languages from Columbia University, New York. He also holds the doctor of philosophy degree from Columbia.

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Folks and Facts.....

.....W. C. Fields, public relations secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, Nashville, will be a featured speaker for Evangelical Press Association. The association of editors of religious journals meets in Chicago May 14. (BP)

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Autrey, Martin Address
Evangelists On May 8

KANSAS CITY (BP)--An address by C. E. Autrey, Dallas, director of evangelism for Southern Baptists, will highlight the annual Southern Baptist Conference for Evangelists the morning of May 8 in the Downtowner Motel here.

Autrey will speak on "The Spiritual Passion in Gospel Evangelism." He will share the speaker's platform with Gerald Martin, pastor of Poplar Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis. Martin will describe the New Life Movement in the Orient.

Other program features will include music by Steve Taylor of Greenville, S.C.; the invocation by Don Womack of Memphis, and the benediction by Clyde Martin of Columbia, Tenn.

President of the conference is Robert G. Lee, pastor emeritus of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis.

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Consideration Asked
For American Alliance

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VALLEY FORGE, Pa. (BP)--The Baptist World Alliance has been asked to consider forming a North American Baptist Alliance or fellowship.

This suggestion came out of the Joint (Interconvention) Committee on the Baptist Jubilee Advance. The committee, representing seven Baptist groups on the continent, met at the American Baptist Convention office building here.

A continuation committee recommended this as a way to preserve interconvention achievements beyond the five-year Advance, which ends in 1964.

It was also proposed the North American alliance provide for annual meetings of the leaders of its participating groups. A general fellowship meeting every five years was also suggested. This North American general meeting would come midway between the Baptist World Congresses, also held every five years.

The Joint Committee on Baptist Jubilee Advance also voted to include a copy of the book, yet to be published, on the Advance in the delegate's packet for the weekend celebration in Atlantic City, N. J., May 22-24, 1964.

The weekend celebration by the seven groups follows the annual business sessions of the American and Southern Baptist Conventions, to be held separately in Atlantic City, May 18-21.

Registration fee for the Jubilee celebration (but not for the business sessions preceding it) was set at \$4 per person. If more than one member of a family came, however, each additional family member would be charged only \$1.

It was reported to the committee here that plans near completion for the Baptist exhibit in the Protestant Center at the New York World's Fair in 1964 and 1965. Theme for the exhibit is "For Liberty and Light," following the Jubilee Advance theme.

The Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra will take part in an oratorio on Saturday evening, May 23, 1964, during the joint celebration. The Baptist Jubilee Advance celebrates 150 years of organized Baptist work on a national scale in North America.

The Triennial Convention, a body formed to advance the first foreign mission efforts of North American Baptists, was founded in 1814.

Albert McClellan, Nashville, program planning secretary, SBC Executive Committee, was picked for the keynote address to the September, 1963 meeting of the Joint (Interconvention) Committee in Washington, D. C.

Formation of a North American Baptist Alliance has been talked up informally for about 15 years. Recently, editors of the Baptist Record in Jackson, Miss., and the Biblical Recorder (Baptist), Raleigh, N. C., among others, have called for a means to provide a stronger, more united witness for Baptists in North America.

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Men To Mark Testaments
At Large Baptist Rally

BIRMINGHAM (BP)--One of the largest soul-winning rallies for men in the Southern Baptist Convention will be staged here April 2 to launch a series of evangelistic services in the Birmingham Baptist Association.

The event, featuring C. E. Autrey, Dallas, director of evangelism for Southern Baptists, as principal speaker, is expected to attract 2,000 Brotherhood men from almost 100 churches. Central Park Baptist Church is host.

A second program highlight will be the marking of soul-winning passages in New Testaments by the 2,000 men, said Jimmy Paul, president of the Birmingham and Alabama Baptist Brotherhood Associations.

Also speaking will be George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission at Memphis, Tenn.

A similar soul-winning rally last year drew 1,500 men and resulted in an increase of 300 decisions at the evangelistic services which followed, Brotherhood leaders said.

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Book Store Pact Okayed
On Men's-Boys' Items

MEMPHIS (BP)--An agreement making Baptist Book Stores exclusive distributors of Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador materials has been approved by representatives of the Brotherhood Commission and the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The only exceptions are periodicals which the Brotherhood Commission will continue to supply and tract materials available from state Brotherhood departments.

Brotherhood Commission periodicals include the Brotherhood Journal, Brotherhood Handbook, Ambassador Leader and Ambassador Life.

The contract replaces an earlier trial agreement covering more than two years.

George W. Schroeder, Memphis, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, said he was highly pleased with the merchandising arrangement. He called it another effort to provide the best possible service to Southern Baptist churches.

James L. Sullivan, Nashville, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board, was equally responsive.

He said, "The Sunday School Board has been assigned responsibility by the Convention to assist other denominational agencies, especially in certain areas of publishing and distribution. We are delighted that we can work so closely with our friends of the Brotherhood Commission in this project as we have worked with other agencies in the past."

Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador merchandise was placed in Baptist Book Stores in 1960 to see how Southern Baptists would respond.

Sales of more than 110 types of Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador materials through the 45 book stores last year totaled \$335,000.

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Folks and Facts.....

....Miss Margaret M. Hutchison, executive secretary of Oklahoma Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, will retire when her successor is chosen. Miss Hutchison, 63, said health made it necessary for her to retire from the post she has held in Oklahoma City since 1948. Counting all agencies worked for, Miss Hutchison has served Southern Baptists 34 years. (BP)

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1st, 2d, Now 3d Girls
Convention Scheduled

BIRMINGHAM (BP)--A third Girls' Auxiliary Convention has been scheduled for Memphis to care for the thousands of girls still clamoring to go.

Announcement was made here by Miss Betty Brewer, director of Girls' Auxiliary work for Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Miss Brewer estimated 20,000 girls from the missionary group will attend the three meetings to observe the 50th anniversary of Girls' Auxiliary.

Only one convention had originally been planned. Several weeks ago, plans for a second one, to follow the first one immediately, were made. At that time, reservations had passed the limit for the first convention and were swelling enough to warrant two conventions.

The third meeting will begin the night of June 24, 1963 and conclude at noon June 26. The first convention comes June 18-20; the second one follows June 20-22. Over 6500 will attend each meeting.

Sessions will be held in Memphis' Ellis Auditorium. A similar program is planned for each convention.

Requests for reservations for the third convention should be addressed to Girls' Auxiliary Housing Bureau, Box 224, Memphis 1, Tenn. Girls making immediate reservations can expect to be accommodated, Miss Brewer reported.

Hotels and motels in Memphis will not accept reservations for the third convention unless cleared through the housing bureau.

Seating capacity for the auditorium for the first convention has been reached. Groups which will commute from points in the Memphis area will be welcomed for the second and third conventions.

"But please let us know, at the Birmingham office, which convention you plan to attend," Miss Brewer asked these groups going back and forth to the auditorium and their homes each day.

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Brimm Has Government
Post In Birmingham

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LOUISVILLE (BP)--Hugh A. Brimm, former faculty member of Carver School of Missions and Social Work here, now has a government post.

He is chief of the Equal Employment Opportunities Program for the U. S. Army's Birmingham (Ala.) procurement district.

Carver, an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, is closing after this school year. It has been merged into Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, located on a neighboring campus.

Brimm, one-time executive secretary of the SBC Social Service (now Christian Life) Commission, had been at Carver since 1953. He was professor of anthropology and human relations. Brimm also handled public relations.

All firms with Army contracts of \$50,000 or more, employing 50 or more persons, are subject to equal employment reviews through the office now filled by Brimm.

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