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**Baylor Trustees Reaffirm
Policy On Play Production**

WACO, Tex. (BP)--Trustees of Baylor University here reaffirmed the Baptist school's long-standing policy on campus drama productions and commended Baylor President Abner McCall for his handling of problems growing out of closing a controversial play.

McCall had cancelled performances last December of Eugene O'Neill's prizewinning play "Long Day's Journey Into Night" because of the production's objectionable profanity, which is not suitable for a church-related college to present, he said.

Drama Department Chairman Paul Baker and 12 members of his staff resigned in protest to McCall's decision to close the play. Baker and five of his staff members were named to the faculty of Trinity University (Presbyterian) in San Antonio, Tex.

The Baylor trustees meeting here lauded McCall for his firm stand, and reaffirmed a policy set up in 1935 which prohibits production of plays containing vulgar, profane or blasphemous language, or which ridicules the Christian religion.

McCall told the trustees that plans for reorganizing the drama department following the staff's resignations are already underway.

"Approximately a score of applications for positions in the drama department have been received from teachers with advance degrees in college drama departments," McCall said. "The drama program will be reorganized and continued.

In other action, the Baylor trustees increased the price of board in dormitories from \$180 to \$200 per semester to step up the quality of meals, approved a "tax sheltered" annuity program for all personnel who wish to participate under a salary-deduction plan, and heard reports on campus expansion and construction plans.

Reports were presented on the status of plans for a new library; a new science, mathematics and psychology building; a new wall to connect proposed buildings, a new student health center; and proposed development of new property adjacent to the present campus included in an urban renewal project.

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Maryland College
Fund Drive Allowed

(3-22-63)

BALTIMORE (BP)--Permission to conduct a fund-raising campaign for a Maryland Baptist junior college has been granted by the state mission board in Baltimore.

The state convention's committee on a junior college may conduct a campaign through the churches of the Baptist Convention of Maryland.

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Also authorized was employment of a director of development for the proposed college.

The board further approved an advance of funds not to exceed \$10,000 to underwrite the expense of the campaign to get it started. This was with the understanding that such funds would be returned from the first money coming from the campaign.

Finally, the board approved a request that the appropriations committee include an annual allocation in the budget for a college beginning in 1964.

No date was set for the fund drive to begin. This is to be at the discretion of the committee. The committee reported it "feels that we should not at this time use the services of a professional fund-raising organization."

The Baptist Convention of Maryland last November approved the starting of a Baptist junior college in Maryland when sufficient funds are available.

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East Texas Crusade Yields
650 Decisions For Christ

(3-22-63)

MARSHALL, Tex. (BP)--About 650 decisions for Christ were recorded during a recent area Jubilee Revival Crusade at East Texas Baptist College here.

C. E. Autrey, director of the division of evangelism for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, was the evangelist for the week-long crusade, and J. N. McFadden, associate pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lyman, S. C., was the singer.

"There was a spiritual uplift to the entire city," one pastor said as an average of 2,000 people a night packed their way into the East Texas Baptist College gymnasium to hear the evangelistic messages. Some 2,500 people attended the closing service.

Dr. Autrey said during the meeting that Christians must be called to a dedication that will make it possible for them to serve God or "Christianity is doomed.

"Across our land there is some devotion to the pastors and more devotion to the churches, but almost no devotion to Christ.

"We shall call on our people to become witnesses," he went on. "Baptists, and in fact all Protestants, are for the most part not effective witnesses."

Among the greatest contributions of the meeting, local pastors said, were definite commitments by Christians to be soul winners. Some churches are following through on crusade results with pastor-led training services on soul winning.

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Folks and facts.....

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.....Carl Fields has been named dean of Georgetown College (Baptist), Georgetown, Ky. The newly elected dean has been interim office-holder since the resignation of Henson Harris to join staff of another college. Fields has been on Georgetown's faculty for 28 years. He is a native of Benton, Ky.
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Baylor Business School
Drops To Two-Year Study

WACO, Tex. (BP)--Baylor University's Hankamer School of Business will change from a four-year to a two-year program beginning next September.

The change is in keeping with a program of streamlining the school and keeping pace with the nation's top schools of business, said Business School Dean A. S. Lang.

Under the new program, business students will attend their first two years in the College of Arts and Sciences, rather than entering the business school as freshmen. They will begin business school work as juniors under the new program.

"This puts us on a higher academic level with other schools of business," said Dean Lang, "and will provide us a better screening process. We can decide on the students' applications after seeing two years of college performance. Only qualified students will be admitted," he said.

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Christian Laymen Caught
In Vice, Surgeon Says

(3-22-63)

PHILADELPHIA, Penn. (BP)--"The active Christian is caught in a vice, the jaws of which are 'responsibility to God' and 'duty in a secular world,'" a Philadelphia surgeon said.

"On the one hand he (the Christian layman) has his occupation. On the other, he'd rather be doing something in the Christian field," said Dr. C. Everett Coop, surgeon-in-chief at Children's Hospital here.

Dr. Coop made the statements on "MasterControl" radio over 277 radio stations in the nation, plus 205 stations in the Armed Forces Network. "MasterControl" is produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

"My view," said the surgeon, "is that while we are called by God to serve Him, it is through our occupation that we do so. Our occupations should thus be carried out to the highest degree of proficiency possible."

"I feel very strongly that my surgery, before the Lord, is just as sacred as a minister's preaching," Dr. Coop said.

"The Christian gospel cannot be preached in a vacuum," he added. "It must be brought to bear on the sore-point of man's anxiety. Therefore, if I meet a man who is lonely, I speak to him of the fatherhood of God."

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Houston Breaks Records
In Schools Of Missions

(3-22-63)

HOUSTON (BP)--A record-breaking 126 decisions for special service were recorded during a recent Houston Baptist schools of missions program here.

Two other records were established, said D. E. Sloan, associate city superintendent of missions, as 134 churches and 82 missionaries participated. Total attendance topped 122,000 during the schools of missions program.

The attendance record for a city-wide effort of this type was set by Atlanta in 1960 when 132,239 people took part in the schools of missions program at 97 churches.

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Church-State Separation
Not Absolute, Miller Says

WACO, Tex. (BP)--Separation of church and state should not be regarded as an absolute principle, but rather as a great tradition with many values, said William Lee Miller, lecturer for Baylor University's J. M. Dawson Lectures in Church and State here.

Miller, professor of social ethics at Yale University Divinity School, warned against pursuing church-state separation to the point of hostility to a particular religious group, to religion in general or to the disadvantage of religion.

The lecturer, in the Baylor study of church-state separation, predicted that the U. S. Supreme Court will eventually rule against the reading of the Lord's Prayer and the Bible in public schools.

The arguments for both sides have been presented and the decision on the Lord's Prayer and Bible reading is now pending in the high court.

Miller said he was opposed to a separationist view which would remove state-supported chaplains from the army, prisons and other institutions, or wipe out the established references to God on coins and in opening prayers.

"The significant point," he said, "is not that the believing community should never mention God in public, but rather that no man should be compelled to profess a belief he does not share."

He added that the separation view should not be extended to the point of prohibiting teaching "about" religion in public schools.

During the series of lectures, Miller said that Americans are caught in conflict between two claims--separation of church and state and the religious foundation of America.

He said American tradition did not call for a religious state or society, but rather a religious people.

Many religious groups have enclosed themselves into "narrow religious compartments," said Miller.

"It is very important," he said, "for Protestants to criticize and to repent of their long-standing history of anti-Catholicism."

"We are no longer a Protestant nation," Miller said. "Not only numerically, but psychologically and in regard to power we are a pluralistic nation for the first time."

A luncheon held during the week paid special tribute to Dr. J. M. Dawson, for whom the lecture series is named. Dr. Dawson was executive secretary of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and was one of the founding fathers of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

The 83-year-old Baptist leader, a graduate of Baylor University, was introduced as "a modern Roger Williams" and world authority on church-state relationships.

Dr. Dawson had earlier presented to Baylor a wealth of source material on church-state relations, including a large section of his personal papers, manuscripts, correspondence and books on church and state.

Two Easter Programs
Slated By NBC Radio

FORT WORTH (BP)--Two special Easter programs produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here will be featured by the National Broadcasting Co., April 13 and 14.

The Speak-Four Trio, well-known dramatic readers from Dallas, will present the Easter story from the New Testament Gospels and from literature on the resurrection of Christ.

The original material for the program was prepared by the trio and will be featured on NBC Radio at 1:30 p.m. (CST) Saturday, April 13.

"Recantation," a drama which deals with the Apostle Peter's mental agony after Christ's death, will be broadcast on NBC Sunday, April 14, at 10:05 (CST). Written by John Stevens, the 25-minute drama portrays the lack of understanding which remained in the disciples' minds even after Christ was dead.

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Inter-Agency Council
Elects New Officers

DALLAS (BP)--R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the Annuity Board has been elected chairman of the Southern Baptist Inter-Agency Council in a meeting here.

Reed succeeds outgoing chairman Davis C. Woolley, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission.

Also elected with Reed were: T. Sloane Guy, Jr., executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Hospitals as vice-chairman and Rabun L. Brantley, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Education Commission as secretary-treasurer.

The Annuity Board was host to the two day meeting.

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Miss Bright, Former WMU
Kentucky Secretary Dies

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DANVILLE, Ky. (BP)--Miss Jennie Graham Bright, who served as secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Woman's Missionary Union from 1925 to 1933, died here at Stone Manor Nursing Home after a ten-year bout with Parkinson's Disease.

Miss Bright, 67, had been ill for 15 years and was an invalid for the last ten years in Elmhurst Rest Home at Harrodsburg, Ky. Death came as a result of a heart attack, following other complications.

She had been in an automobile accident, which injured her neck in 1932, and resigned her post as corresponding (now called executive) secretary of the Kentucky WMU to find easier work.

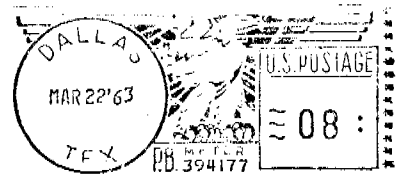
A graduate of the WMU Training School (which later became Carver School of Missions and Social Work in Louisville), Miss Bright became a good will center worker after graduation in 1915. She had served as young people's leader and college correspondent for the WMU Training School before being elected to the state WMU office.

Funeral services were conducted March 13 at Stanford Baptist Church, Stanford, Ky.

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Legal Gambling Linked
With Crime Syndicate

FORT WORTH (BP)--A nationwide crime syndicate linked with Murder, Inc., and the Mafia is the power behind a sinister campaign to legalize race track gambling in Texas, a former state representative said during the Texas Baptist Christian Life Workshop here.

Dallas Attorney Tom James told nearly 400 Baptist leaders at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary the real forces to legalize pari-mutuel betting in Texas are the bookies, and that a national crime syndicate is behind the bookies.

"This syndicate, linked with Murder, Inc., and the Mafia, maintains iron control over gambling in every part of the United States from New York to Miami, Chicago and Las Vegas, Los Angeles to Boston and New Orleans to Seattle," said James.

"To be sure," he said, "a few dupes, sportsmen or horsemen, will be in the forefront. But behind the campaign (to legalize gambling in Texas) will be the same syndicate of racketeers."

Prostitution, payoffs to officials, and a huge increase in crime always follows the legalization of horse race gambling, said James.

The workshop delved into the theme "Christianity and Contemporary Moral Issues." It came to grips with such problems as gambling, sex morality and censorship, alcohol and alcoholism, and crime and rehabilitation.

During the meeting's opening session, Ralph A. Phelps, president of Ouachita Baptist College in Arkadelphia, Ark., said "America's morality is sagging like a fat man's waist-line---and much for the same reason."

"America has had too many rich foods to consume and too little self-discipline," said Phelps.

U. S. Congressman Jim Wright of Fort Worth told the group he is appalled at the apparent belief on the part of writers and publishers that the surest way to have a best seller is to fill a book with pointless filth.

"As distasteful as this fact is to me," said the Congressman, "I fear even more deeply the other extreme in which we would set up public censors under the government to tell the public what it could or could not read."

T. B. Maston, professor at Southwestern Seminary, said society clearly has the right to censor "the hard-core pornographic material." He said, "For example, society limits the dispensation of poison and narcotics and obscenity may be more poisonous and more habit-forming than either of these."

He warned there should be a minimum of censorship from the federal government and that such matters should be handled primarily by local communities and states. "While some censorship is right or wise," he said, "it must be exercised with caution."

Another Southwestern Seminary professor, Leon McBeth, traced historical aspects of Southern Baptists' growing concern with applying the gospel to social and moral issues. He stated that "Southern Baptists, while they have a long way yet to go, have come a long way in pronouncing and practicing the social teachings of the gospel."

Charles Wellborn of Durham, N. C., and Gordon Clinard of Fort Worth, urged Baptist preachers to sound from the pulpit the gospel as it applies to every area of life.

"Christianity cannot afford to be selective in the moral issues which it faces," said Wellborn, who is studying for the doctor of philosophy degree at Duke University,

"It is deadening and destructive to the gospel," Wellborn said, "if Christians are disturbed and vocal about liquor, narcotics, and obscenity, but at the same time remain expediently and thunderously silent about racial discrimination, religious and political bigotry, and intolerance, hypocrisy, and deceit."

The workshop concluded with an address by Ross Coggins of Nashville, Tenn., associate in the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission. Coggins substituted for E. S. James, editor of the Baptist Standard. James was hospitalized with a severe case of the flu.

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They Drive 115 Miles
Each Way For Classes

(3-22-63)

GRACEVILLE, Fla. (BP)--~~Twice~~ around the earth--that's how far Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cowan will have driven to classes when they finish at Baptist Bible Institute here in May. And this is only since March, 1962.

That's when he became pastor of the Fredonia Baptist Church in Thomas County, Georgia. Only halfway through their academic study here, they determined to complete the three semesters by commuting daily, 115 miles each way.

When Cowan celebrated his first anniversary, March 1, his original car was junked; he had driven almost 40,000 miles to classes.

Mrs. Cowan reads and discusses their lessons while he drives the five hours, five days a week. On their way, they leave their two children with a deacon, Kenneth Hubbard, who delivers them to school.

The children ride home on the school bus, usually arriving about 10 minutes ahead of their parents.

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First Swiss Couple
Will Go To Cameroun

(3-22-63)

RUSCHLIKON-ZURICH, Switz. (BP)--The first Swiss appointees of the European Baptist Missionary Society were honored in special services in Ruschlikon Baptist Church. They were Mr. and Mrs. Max Staubli of Zurich, for work in Cameroun, West Africa.

Staubli received ministerial ordination in the morning service. Eugen Kroll, president of the Swiss Baptist Union; Carl Alder, Swiss representative of the missionary society; and J. D. Hughey, president of the Ruschlikon Seminary, participated in the ordination rite. It was followed by observance of the Lord's Supper.

More than 370 persons packed the seminary chapel for the service. This was a record for the chapel, which was constructed in 1959. All but two of the 14 Baptist churches of Switzerland were represented.

Among the many other visitors was Mrs. Emma Staubli, grandmother of Max Staubli. Her late husband, Carl Staubli, and she went to Cameroun as independent missionaries in 1900 but were forced out by illness in the following year.

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.....James M. Windham has accepted the call of First Baptist Church, Silver Spring, Md., effective April 21. A former Tennessee pastor, Windham has for three years been regional director for the Chicago office of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU). The Silver Spring church is affiliated with the District of Columbia Baptist Convention. (BP)

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Committee Urges Mercer
Delay Any Integration

ATLANTA (BP)--A special committee from the Georgia Baptist Convention's executive committee has suggested to Mercer University trustees that they delay integration of the Baptist institution.

The recommendation was revealed in a report of the committee to the executive committee. Action is not binding upon the trustees nor did the executive committee express itself.

James W. Merritt, Gainesville, a former executive secretary and a former president of the Georgia convention, reported informally the special committee agreed the "time is not quite right for integration." His report suggested it would "possibly be wise for time to solve" the issue, explaining the convention's other colleges and its benevolent institutions could be affected.

The report added that the committee did not consider the application of a Ghana student which now is pending at the university in Macon. Mercer trustees have a special committee considering the integration issue. It could report at the next trustee meeting April 18.

Announcement also was made at the executive committee that R. T. Russell, Atlanta, secretary of evangelism for the convention since 1955, would reach retirement age of 68 during the year. A special committee was authorized to nominate a successor to take office Jan. 1.

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Home Mission Reception
Planned For Convention

(3-22-63)

ATLANTA (BP)--Missionaries of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention will be honored at a reception May 8 in Kansas City.

"Everyone may come," invited Courts Redford of Atlanta, executive secretary of the mission agency. "The time is between 3 and 5 p.m. at the Muehlebach Hotel."

The reception has become an annual affair at the Convention sessions to provide a time and place for Southern Baptists and their home missionaries to meet for fellowship, Redford said.

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Virginia Contracts
For Camps And Center

(3-22-63)

RICHMOND (BP)--Virginia Baptists are going forward on work at two boys' camps and on the campus of a state-supported woman's college.

The executive committee of the general board of the Baptist General Association of Virginia took the action here on the three projects.

A contract for \$26,531 was let for the first of a three-phase construction program on a Baptist Student Center at Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Va. The first unit is to be ready July 1.

A health center and a new cabin were authorized to be built at Piankatank, Royal Ambassador boys' camp near Hartfield, Va. They will cost \$13,743.

For Peaks of Otter Camp for boys, Bedford, Va., which is undeveloped, a consultant was hired. Charles C. Scott, Raleigh, professor of recreation and parks administration for North Carolina State College, will be camp planner.

Peaks of Otter will be used in the Ambassador pioneer camping program this summer.

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2 Kentucky Students
Join 50-Mile Walkers

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. (BP)--Two Baptist college students here have the sore feet, aching muscles, droopy eyes and wet clothes to prove they joined in President Kennedy's physical fitness call by hiking 50 miles.

Tony Perla of Mount Holly, N. J., and Michael Tierney of Fordsville, Ky., were among eight Bethel College men who set out, on the spur of the moment, to hike the 25 miles from Hopkinsville to Clarksville, Tenn., and back.

They began the trek at 11 p. m. One student dropped out after walking from the campus to the city limits. The others made it only to Ft. Campbell, paratroop base on the Tennessee-Kentucky boundary, following U. S. Highway 41-A.

Lewis Lynch, director of development for the Baptist junior college here, ministered to the two freshman students who hoofed it all the way to Clarksville and back.

He lent encouragement from his car by supplying hats, rubbing alcohol, rain-coats--the rain which flooded parts of Kentucky and Tennessee fell that night--and food. The rain proved to be the toughest obstacle.

When Perla and Tierney reached the Hopkinsville city limits at 3:30 p.m. the following afternoon, Lynch drove them back to the college. There they were greeted as heroes by other students. Their hike took 15-1/2 hours.