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SBC Agencies Get
Bequest of \$193,583

NASHVILLE (BP)--The Southern Baptist Foundation here has received a bequest of \$193,583 as half the estate of Joseph L. Sheppard, a Baptist layman who was assistant vice-president of the Illinois Central Railroad in Chicago.

He preferred earnings from the bequest be used at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, another agency of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Foundation will administer the fund whose earnings are to "be used for the education of teachers, preachers, and missionaries who are to teach and spread the Gospel in this and in foreign lands," J. W. Storer, Foundation executive secretary, said.

Final settlement consisted of \$19,281 in cash and another \$174,301 in securities, their market value the day they came in, Storer continued.

Leonard L. Holloway, seminary vice-president, said part of the funds will be used there to support an endowed missions-teaching chair.

Sheppard also left \$13,087 in undesignated cash to the Foundation. It is 50 per cent of an insurance policy. Storer said income from it will join other funds the Foundation administers for graduate student scholarships awarded by the SBC Education Commission.

A native of South Carolina, Sheppard started with the railroad as a messenger in Memphis. He died Dec. 18, 1961.

The remainder of the estate was divided among other religious causes than Southern Baptist. Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, received 30 per cent. Wheaton College (non-denominational), Wheaton, Ill., got 10 per cent and the other tenth went to Central Baptist Children's Home of Lake Villa, Ill.

Storer estimated the fund, as presently invested, will return more than \$5000 a year to Southern Seminary where 456 students are studying for the pastoral ministry and 45 for missionary appointment.

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Seminary Schedules
Marriage Conference

(4-18-63)

LOUISVILLE (BP)--A workshop on marriage and family counseling for pastors, qualified laymen and seminary students will be held on the campus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here June 4-21.

Wayne E. Oates and D. Swan Haworth, professor and associate professor in the seminary's department of psychology of religion, will conduct the workshop.

Curriculum studies include techniques of counseling; the ministry to the mentally ill, alcoholics, single adults, unwed mothers, divorced persons and the aged; pre-marital pastoral care, and counseling in marriage conflicts.

Participants will receive practical counseling experience by working with Northern Psychiatric Clinic, Central State Mental Hospital and other institutions in the Louisville area.

The course, part of the new Southern Seminary Conference and Research Center, may be taken for seminary credit. Classes will meet Tuesday through Saturday of the first week and Monday through Friday of the second and third weeks. The accelerated course is equal to one summer course meeting for one whole month on regular seminary schedule.

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Further information and an application may be obtained by writing the director, Conference and Research Center, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville 6, Ky.

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Kansas To Dedicate
New Office Building

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WICHITA, Kans. (BP)--The Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists will dedicate its new office building here at a time when many visitors will be passing through Kansas on their way to the 1963 session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The three-story structure, which will be the largest denominational office building in the state, will be dedicated May 5. The Sunday afternoon event will be held from 3 to 4:30.

The new building is located on U.S. Highway 54 a half-mile short of the western city limits.

E. S. James of Dallas, editor of the Baptist Standard and a vice-president of the SBC, and Porter Routh, Nashville, executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee, will speak at the service.

Kansas leaders taking part include Garth Pybas of Topeka, president of the Kansas convention, and N. J. Westmoreland, Wichita, its executive secretary.

The building, of brick and structural panels, has a total floor space of 19,624 square feet, about six times as much as the space the convention has occupied in a building in downtown Wichita.

This new building is the first the Kansas convention has built in its 17 years of existence. There are 168 churches of the denomination in Kansas and eastern Nebraska with a total membership of 40,000.

In the new building, the convention staff will occupy the second floor in full and parts of the other two. Other space will be rented out to commercial firms till needed by the convention, Westmoreland said.

The four-acre plot provides 125 spaces in a paved parking lot. The downtown site had no parking lot.

Total cost of the new building, Baptist officials said, is \$332,000 including land, construction, furnishings and landscaping.

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Florida Lets Contract
For New Student Center

(4-18-63)

JACKSONVILLE (BP)--The state board of missions for Florida State Baptist Convention approved here a contract for \$164,000 to build the Baptist student center at the University of South Florida.

The university is a new state-supported institution at Tampa.

It also authorized using \$48,000 for a hobby craft room, infirmary, four single units and a two-room efficiency apartment at the Florida Baptist Retirement Center in Vero Beach.

Officers of the convention were asked to sign papers giving the convention title to a camp site on Lake Yale for \$69,525.

The board sent a message to Gov. Farris Bryant at Tallahassee praising him for his "firm stand" asking that alcoholic beverages be removed from counters of grocery stores in the state.

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Survey Locates
Tampa Unchurched

TAMPA, Fla. (BP)--More than 18,000 adults were found without church or synagogue affiliation here in a religious survey conducted by 90 Protestant and Jewish congregations.

The survey contacted 180,000 white residents of Tampa in the one-week effort. More than 63 per cent have affiliation with a local congregation.

According to Leonard G. Irwin of Atlanta, director of the survey, 5.4 per cent said they were church members of congregations outside the area. Another 4 per cent said they were Christians without church homes.

Irwin, who is secretary of the department of survey and special studies for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, said they found 18.4 per cent of the children under nine neither in church nor Sunday school.

Baptists with 27 per cent were found to be the largest group. Catholics have 25.7 per cent, Methodists 15 per cent, and Presbyterians 9.6 per cent.

Though others were invited, only the white Protestant churches and Jewish synagogues chose to participate.

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Folks and Facts.....

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.....Mrs. Sally McKay died April 14 in Jackson, Miss. She was the mother of Charles L. McKay, executive secretary of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, Phoenix. He was preaching in Japan during the New Life Movement at the time of her death. (BP)

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**Japan Crusade Decisions
Total 6,500 in 33 Meetings**

TOKYO (BP)--A total of 2,821 Japanese made decisions during 23 revivals and city-wide campaigns throughout Japan as a part of the Japan Baptist New Life Movement.

Leaders in the nation-wide evangelistic crusade expected the number of decisions to pass the 3,000 mark when final reports are made by five additional churches among the 28 revivals led by "Team A" evangelists.

The 28 "Team A" revivals marked the second phase of the New Life Movement, which opened with five area-wide crusades in Tokyo, Sapporo, Kokura, Nagoya, and Fukuoka. The combined total number of decisions for the area crusades and "Team A" revivals is estimated at 6,500.

Reports from related Asian New Life Movement crusades in the Philippines set the total number of professions of faith there at nearly 6,000, said E. H. Walker, Southern Baptist foreign missionary to the Philippines.

A similar crusade in Okinawa resulted in 1,108 decisions, reported R. M. Cheek, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Baytown, Tex., who is one of the evangelists in Okinawa.

In the Japan meetings, it was not unusual for a church to report two or three times as many professions of faith as the congregation's total membership.

The tiny Kofu Baptist church with only six active members held a revival in which 131 Japanese made professions of faith, and more than 300 others made decisions. William B. Williams, pastor of Cedar Crest Baptist Church in Dallas, was the evangelist.

The Oimachi Baptist Church in Tokyo reported 430 decisions, including 30 who came to dedicate their lives for special service. On the closing Sunday, more than 1,000 were present for Sunday School, three times as many as their average attendance of 300.

A man who runs two Tokyo liquor stores and an 85-year-old man who attended church for the first time in his life accepted Christ during the Oimachi revival. Members of the church had met every morning for the past year at 6:00 a.m. for prayer services.

At the Shinagawa Baptist Church in Tokyo, the 72-year-old mother of the church's pastor came forward to accept Christianity. The pastor's father is a Buddhist priest, and his mother had been a Buddhist all her life. The pastor was so moved he fell to his knees and sobbed for several minutes. "I never thought I would see this happen," he said later.

The Baptist church in Nakano doubled its membership with 76 professions of faith. Maebashi Baptist Church with only 24 members trippled its membership with 79 accepting Christ, including the editor of the local newspaper.

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Revival services during the 28 meetings were held not only in churches, but in city auditoriums, homes, schools, businesses, factories, on street corners, at civic club meetings, and nearly every place a crowd would gather.

During a meeting at a Japanese home in Kofu, thirteen mothers heard the name "Jesus Christ" for the first time in their lives. The manager of a milk plant and his assistant made professions of faith as a result of meetings held at their plant in Kofu.

In Sapporo, the Hardin-Simmons University (Baptist) Cowboy Band from Abilene, Tex., played in a concert at a downtown department store. A young girl who heard the band became interested and heard the gospel message that night at the revival services for the first time. She later accepted Christ and gave a radiant testimony of joy and peace.

Television appearances by motion-picture and television star Gregory Walcott; concerts by Metropolitan Opera soloist Cecilia Ward, and testimonies by former baseball pitcher Carl Erskine of the Brooklyn Dodgers are creating intense interest among the Japanese, reports have indicated.

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Baylor Trustees Delay
Integration Report

(4-18-63)

HOUSTON (BP)--Trustees of Baylor University meeting here delayed a report from a committee appointed to study integration at the Baptist school, and heard a report from Baylor President Abner McCall on the reorganization of the drama department.

Earl C. Hankamer of Houston, chairman of the committee named to study integration at Baylor, said that the committee felt its report could not be properly made or acted upon because four committee members are taking part in the Japan Baptist New Life Movement.

The board agreed to postpone the integration report until the November meeting in Waco, Tex., home of the main campus.

President McCall told the board that the drama department is being reorganized so that the quality of education in that field will not suffer, but will improve.

"Baylor now has about 40 applications from prospective teachers in the drama department and there will be no difficulty in finding competent people who are in agreement with the policies of the university," McCall said.

The reorganization follows the resignation of Paul Baker as chairman of the drama department and several staff members in a policy dispute over the closing of Eugene O'Neill's play, "Long Day's Journey Into Night" last December because of the play's "objectionable profanity."

McCall said that a reorganization plan is now being worked out and that details will be announced at a later date.

The retirement of Dr. W. R. White, chancellor of the university, was announced, effective June 1, and the board paid special tribute to the 70-year-old Baptist minister and educator. Dr. White was president of Baylor for 13 years and has been chancellor for the past two years.

He will continue his relationship with Baylor as president emeritus and as teacher of a course in the religion department.

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Dr. White had previously served as executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas; president of Hardin-Simmons University (Baptist), Abilene, Tex.; and editorial secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

In other action, the board named Tom Parrish, vice president for development at Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex., to the Baylor administrative staff to work in the area of development and endowment gifts.

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Baptist Radio-TV
Sunday Set May 19

(4-18-63)

FORT WORTH (BP)--"Electronic witnessing to the ends of the earth" will be the theme for several hundred Southern Baptist churches May 19 when they observe Baptist Radio-Television Sunday.

Special activities in the participating churches will recognize the ministry of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission with offices here.

A 12-minute tape with a brief message by Paul M. Stevens, commission director, and selected music from commission radio-TV productions will highlight the presentations.

The Radio-TV Commission produces 11 weekly radio programs and a filmed television series to 1,300 stations in 50 states and 34 foreign countries. Estimated weekly audience for the programs is 50 million.

In addition, the Radio-TV Commission produces several documentary and inspirational programs each year for the three major radio and television networks.

Best known of the commission's productions is "The Baptist Hour," a 30-minute radio worship program which has been on the air since 1941.

"The Answer" television series was launched eight years ago. The series has been used since 1959 as a part of the "televangelism" project by Southern Baptist to enlarge the outreach of their churches by a system of visitation, viewing and witnessing.

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95 From U. S. Participating
In Jamaica Baptist Crusades

(4-18-63)

DALLAS OBP)--A total of 95 evangelists and musicians from 15 states are participating in 92 revivals in Jamaica.

Jack Stanton of Dallas, associate in the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board Division of Evangelism, is directing the two-week revival meetings on the Caribbean island.

Stanton said he hopes that the crusade will result in many more decisions than a 1962 crusade in Jamaica which noted more than 6,000 professions of faith.

There are about 30,000 Baptists in 226 churches of the Jamaica Baptist Union. Total population of the island is about 1,600,000, most of them Negroid.

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Guy Bellamy, secretary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's department of work with National (Negro) Baptists, said that Southern Baptists probably have made a greater impact and won more people to Christ on a percentage basis in Jamaica than anywhere else.

Several of the 92 evangelists for the crusades are National (Negro) Baptist pastors, and three of the group are musicians.

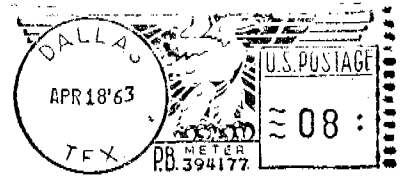
The revivals are scheduled April 22-May 5.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: A list of evangelists from your state who will be participating in the Jamaica crusades is being mailed to you by the SBC Home Mission Board Division of Evangelism.



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