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**Baptist Group Seeks
World's Fair Photos**

By the Baptist Press

Like to have one of your photos hang at the World's Fair in New York City next year?

Baptists in North America, including Southern Baptists, are having an exhibit at the Fair during its two summer seasons, 1964 and 1965. Planners of this exhibit are looking for top quality photos which depict some Baptist activity, event, emphasis, program, agency, institution or other significant aspect of work.

The pictures do not have to portray Southern Baptist work as such. It may include Baptist work generally, since at least seven Baptist groups in North America may have a part in sponsoring the exhibit.

The scene photographed does not have to be in America. It may be in any country provided the work being pictured is carried on by Baptists.

Anyone can enter. The entries will not be limited to Baptist church members alone, although the subject matter will be restricted to Baptists. There will be no limit to how many photos you may submit.

Entries must be 8 by 10-inch glossy prints, vertical composition. They cannot be returned.

Each entry must be accompanied by the name of the photographer. It must have a brief paragraph identifying the subject photographed and describing its significance.

All persons submitting entries are asked to have negatives available. Negatives of pictures selected for exhibit will be called for by the selection committee.

Photos chosen for display at the World's Fair cannot be used in any other manner during the run of the Fair (1964-1965) without permission from the selection committee. The selection committee reserves the right to use additional prints from the exhibited photos in publicity for the Baptist Fair exhibit.

Winners will be announced through publications and press services of the Baptist groups taking part. Individuals who submit winning photos will be notified personally as well.

Deadline for submitting photos for the contest is Sept. 1, 1963. Mail entries to Baptist-World's Fair Photo Contest, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville 3, Tenn.

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**5 Sets of Brothers
Study At Same Place**

(4-21-63)

LOUISVILLE (BP)--Five sets of brothers enroled at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here have answered the call into God's service.

All chose to study for that calling at the same seminary.

The brothers are Dale E. and James D. Burns, Pacific, Mo.; Carl L. and Marion C. Chapell, Lincoln, Ala.; Dorsey M. and Thomas M. Deaton, Memphis, Tenn.; Charles T. and James O. Martin, Blackville, S. C., and John G. and William Penick, Martin, Tenn.

Each pair, with the exception of one, is studying for the bachelor of divinity degree in the seminary's school of theology.

John G. Penick is studying for his master of theology degree, while his brother, William, is enroled in the seminary's school of religious education.

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Mrs. J. M. Dawson
Dies Of Stroke

(4-24-63)

AUSTIN, Tex. (BP)--Mrs. J. M. Dawson, prominent Southern Baptist women's worker and wife of the former executive secretary of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, died here April 18 following a recent stroke and complications with rthritis.

Funeral services were held in Waco, Tex., and in Austin on April 20.

Mrs. Dawson, 75, had twice addressed the Baptist World Congress and was a regular speaker for Southern Baptist assemblies at Ridgecrest, N. C., and Glorieta, N. M.

Baylor University (Baptist), Waco, had awarded Mrs. Dawson with an honorary doctor of laws degree and had named one of its new girls' dormitories "Dawson Hall" in her honor. In 1934, during the depression, she led a campaign which raised \$400,000 for a new Baylor dormitory.

Her husband had served for more than 31 years as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Waco, and has gained worldwide recognition as one of the foremost authorities on Baptist heritage and the denomination's stand on separation of church and state. Dr. Dawson was named several years ago as Texas Baptist elder statesman.

Survivors include Dr. Dawson; five children, Mrs. David A. Cheavens, Waco; Leighton B. Dawson and R. Matt Dawson, Corsicana, Tex.; Joseph T. Dawson, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Mrs. Roy Van Hoove, Lubbock, Tex.

Dr. and Mrs. Dawson observed their golden wedding anniversary at their home in Austin in 1958.

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Mercer University
Drops Racial Bars

(4-21-63)

MACON, Ga. (BP)-- Mercer University trustees voted to desegregate the 130-year-old Baptist College here, action that paved the way for possible admission of two Negro applicants.

The vote was 13-5, with three abstentions, for accepting a report of a special committee appointed last fall to consider integration.

The committee's resolution said: "The committee recommends to the board of trustees at its meeting...that Mercer University consider all applicants for admission based on qualifications without regard to race, color of skin, creed or origin."

Sam Jerry Oni, 22-year-old Ghanaian convert of Southern Baptist missionaries, has filed an application for admission to Mercer. It was filed last fall.

Mr. Oni's grades are described as outstanding and Mercer authorities wrote him to advise that he has been accepted for admission. It is presumed he will enter in September but he is eligible to enrol for the summer term if he so desires.

Lewis Freeman, 27-year-old Negro who has been enrolled at Atlanta's Morehouse (Negro) College, filed entrance forms with the Southern College of Pharmacy in Atlanta, a branch of Mercer University.

No decision has been made on his application, pending receipts of transcripts of his academic work. School officials indicated he would "probably" be accepted if his grades meet academic requirements.

Mercer trustees deferred until May any action on a recent proposal that the Southern College of Pharmacy be closed because of its financial difficulties.

Walter L. Moore, pastor of Macon's Vineville Baptist Church, was chairman of the special committee which recommended the integration policy. Rufus C. Harris, former president of Tulane University, is president at Mercer.

Mercer is the fifth private college in Georgia to voluntarily agree to integrate.

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Three's The Limit
For Girls' Convention

BIRMINGHAM (BP)--Three's the limit.

Reservations for all three Girls' Auxiliary Conventions in Memphis in June are completely sold out, according to Miss Betty Brewer, Girls' Auxiliary director here for Woman's Missionary Union.

Woman's Missionary Union is auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

There will be no fourth convention section after the tripleheader already scheduled June 18-20, 20-22 and 24-26. The convention--only one section was originally planned until the demand grew for two, then three--is to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Baptist girls' missionary group.

In making the "sorry, full" announcement, Miss Brewer asked persons to quit writing hotels and the housing bureau in Memphis. She said there are enough requests in hand already to fill any cancellations which may occur.

20,000 girls are expected for the three conventions, with attendance limited by the 6500 auditorium seating capacity at each convention.

Missionary speakers, a dedication service for foreign missionary appointees, and a pageant depicting the program and purpose of Girls' Auxiliary are among features at each of the three meetings.

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Maston, Brown Retire;
Were Teachers 52 Years

(4-21-63)

FORT WORTH (BP)--Two professors who have taught more than 10,000 students between them during 52 years of service to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will retire in May.

T. B. Maston, professor Christian ethics since 1922, and Sarle Brown, professor of voice and vocal pedagogy since 1952, were honored at a faculty-trustee dinner at Southwestern Seminary.

Beginning his teaching career in the school of religious education, Dr. Maston taught social work, recreation, student work, stewardship, religious education principles, plus Christian ethics. He began teaching in the school of theology in 1937.

Author of eight books, Dr. Maston plans to continue writing after retiring.

He will teach a course in "Christianity and Crisis in Civilization" during the second term of summer school at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo. When he begins the course June 3, he will have been "retired" almost three weeks.

Brown was professor of voice and director, school of sacred music, Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., from 1925-1953. After his retirement, he will serve as contract teacher of voice for the 1963-1964 school year at Southwestern Seminary and will establish a personal voice studio in his home.

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Three States Ask
Federal Assistance

(4-21-63)

WASHINGTON (BP)--Three state legislatures have petitioned the United States Congress to make provisions for "federal aid to education."

Alaska and Hawaii asked the Congress to enact the President's proposed national education improvement act of 1963, which provides federal aid in 24 different areas of education.

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South Carolina asked Congress to provide a \$2,000 income tax exemption for parents with a child in college or other institution of higher education.

The petitions on the President's program were referred to the Senate committee on labor and public welfare which considers education bills. The tax petition was referred to the Senate committee on finance.

Both Alaska and Hawaii took precautions against federal control in their petitions. Alaska said, "Federal assistance to education, properly authorized and implemented, does not require or imply federal control of public education, and such assistance may render state control more effective by expanding and implementing state policy."

The Hawaii legislature was more specific. It suggested that Congressional legislation leave "to the states the right to determine whether such funds are to be spent for teacher salaries or for school construction."

The South Carolina petition pointed out the necessity of college education for young people today. In order to offset the high cost of such education, it proposed the \$2,000 additional exemption for the parent or student responsible for the college expenses.

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Politicians Wait For
Court Rule On Religion

(4-21-63)

WASHINGTON (BP)--Congressional activity concerning religion in public schools has come to a stand-still, according to the staff of the Senate committee on the judiciary.

The Senate committee on the judiciary, headed by Sen. James O. Eastland (D., Miss.), conducted hearings last year on proposals to amend the Constitution to offset the effect of the Supreme Court decision in the New York Regents' Prayer Case. The court ruled "official" prayers required in the public schools violate the establishment clause of the first amendment.

A number of senators and representatives have introduced proposals in the 88th Congress that, in their opinion, would be able to stand up to the Supreme Court and would make provision for some form of "official" religion in public life.

The Supreme Court this year has heard arguments for and against required Bible reading and recitation of the Lord's Prayer in the public schools. The cases came from Pennsylvania and Maryland. The decision could be announced at anytime, but it more likely will come near the end of June.

Future action on the part of members of Congress awaits two developments, according to Washington observers. They are: (1) what the Supreme Court may say in the Pennsylvania and Maryland Bible reading and Lord's Prayer cases, and (2) what the public reaction will be in response to that decision.

The public reaction to the court's ruling in the Regents' Prayer Case last year ranged from highly emotional opposition at first to a growing approval of the decision as the facts became better known.

Washington observers are not agreed in their predictions of the public reaction to the possible decision in the Pennsylvania and Maryland cases.

Some predict that the public learned last year not to jump at conclusions based on hasty reporting and that a more mature reaction can be expected this year. Others predict that the explosion last year was mild compared to what might happen this year if the court says the Bible cannot be read in public schools.

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ALABAMA'S NEW HOME--On a 3.7-acre site on a main highway in Montgomery, the Alabama Baptist State Convention has moved into its new four-story office building. The construction cost was about \$700,000. Reinforced concrete structural frame with brick and tile or limestone and tile exterior walls were used in construction. (BP) Photo

PLAQUE INSTALLED--Holding plaque which marks first headquarters of Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union in downtown Baltimore before installation at the building are Mrs. A. W. Whedbee (left), chairman of centennial committee of women's union of Maryland, and Miss Josephine C. Norwood, Baltimore, Maryland state women's executive secretary. The Woman's Missionary Union office moved from Baltimore to Birmingham in 1921. (BP) Photo