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**4 Millions, Nuns Join
Great Lakes Churches**

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (BP)--What would you do if four "million" people joined your church in a single service, or if two "nuns" presented themselves for membership?

It happened during recent jubilee revivals in the Wisconsin-Minnesota Baptist Association, where Texas Baptists served as evangelists and led the singing.

During one of the services at Southeast Baptist Church, Milwaukee, a family of four named "Million" came forward. Over at the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Rochester, Minn., a couple named "Nuns" was received into the church.

Decisions in the 13 churches and chapels participating in the revivals totaled 172, said Vern E. Baird, Kenosha, Wis., associational evangelism chairman. There were 37 professions of faith.

The two-state association, where the first Southern Baptist church was established in 1952, now has 17 churches and a number of missions, chapels and home fellowships. Texas Baptists and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board have helped sponsor the work.

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**Frank Burkhalter, Once
SBC Publicity Man, Dies**

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WACO, Tex. (BP)--The former publicity director for the Southern Baptist Convention during the 1920's, Frank E. Burkhalter, died May 16 in Waco hospital at the age of 83.

Burkhalter was chairman of the Baylor University (Baptist) journalism department here and served on the journalism faculty for 18 years before retiring in 1947.

From 1919 to 1929, he directed general publicity for the various agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He was selected as SBC publicity director by the denomination's Executive Committee after he had served as Conventionwide publicity director for the Baptist \$75 million campaign.

Burkhalter, just barely five feet tall, was described by a Waco news reporter upon his death as "one of the biggest little men Waco ever had," and as "one of the best known Baptist lay leaders and religious writers in the South."

When Burkhalter retired in 1947, Baylor President Pat M. Neff called him "the finest man I've ever known."

He had served as secretary of the SBC Executive Committee for two years, and was publicity director of the Baptist World Alliance at its meetings in Stockholm in 1923 and in Toronto in 1928.

A graduate of Baylor University and Columbia University, New York, Burkhalter held editing and reporting positions with the Fort Worth (Tex.) Record, the Waco Tribune, the Waco Morning News, the San Antonio (Tex.) Express and the Houston Chronicle. He was also publicity director of Texas Agriculture and Mechanical College, College Station.

A Baptist deacon and Sunday school teacher, he wrote extensively for denominational publications and was a Sunday school lesson writer for many years. He was the author of four books.

Survivors included a sister.

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Baptists, TV Network
Retrace Paul's Travels

FORT WORTH (BP)--National Broadcasting Co. television crewmen are walking today where the apostle Paul walked 1900 years ago.

In company with Truett Myers, television consultant for the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention here, the network crew is retracing some of the 12,000-mile missionary footsteps of the apostle.

Earlier this year, Myers and Paul M. Stevens, Fort Worth, director of the SBC agency, surveyed the paths Paul followed in his lifetime. National Broadcasting Co. became interested in the project and has gone to shoot color film for an hour-long special program to be released next spring.

It will be a narrated, documentary-type film.

One goal of the project is to produce a film for TV which will show as accurately as possible the high points of the apostle Paul's missionary journeys, according to Stevens.

The nationwide network plans to take about 36,000 feet of film, of which only 2000 feet will be used in the network special. Three other half-hour films will be produced from this footage for Southern Baptists' television series, "The Answer," produced through the commission.

In addition, Myers will shoot for the SBC Foreign Mission Board approximately 1000 color slides of the countries they visit.

The film will be shown to the Baptist Third Jubilee celebration in Atlantic City next May, Stevens reported.

Travels of the TV crew will take them to Amman, Jordan; Istanbul, Turkey; Tel Aviv, Israel; Ephesus and Athens, Greece, and Rome, Italy. It was in Rome that Paul apparently died because of his Christian faith.

Stevens planned to join the eight-man team in Athens for the final month of filming.

Cameraman is Joe Vadala, who was named "cameraman of the year" by Encyclopedia Britannica for his photography on the program "The World of Shelly Berman." Vadala also was cameraman for "Report from Moscow" and "Report from Hong Kong," two other documentary films jointly produced by the commission and National Broadcasting Co.

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Hays, McDonald Cited
By Arkansas School

WALNUT RIDGE, Ark. (BP)--A former Southern Baptist Convention president, a Baptist editor and a leader from the SBC Home Mission Board were honored at a Baptist college here.

They were cited as "distinguished Baptists."

Brooks Hays of Little Rock and Washington, special assistant to President Kennedy in the White House, is the ex-president of the SBC honored. Erwin L. McDonald of Little Rock, editor of the weekly Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, is the journalist cited.

The Home Mission Board worker is James T. McGill of New Orleans, superintendent of the Baptist Rescue Mission there.

Hays was called a "distinguished Baptist world citizen," McDonald a "distinguished Baptist minister" and McGill the "distinguished alumnus" of Southern Baptist College, which named the honors.

Southern Baptist College is an independent Baptist school, but it gets about \$30,000 a year from the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, which publishes the paper edited by McDonald.

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Mrs. R. L. Crozier of West Plains, Mo., who lost a son in a Colombian 'plane crash while on a Peace Corps assignment, received the college's "distinguished Baptist woman" award.

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Elliott Takes Post
At Crozer Seminary

(5-29-63)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)--Ralph H. Elliott, author of "The Message of Genesis" and former member of the faculty at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here, has announced that he has accepted a position on the faculty of Crozer Theological Seminary, Chester, Pa.

Crozer is affiliated with the American Baptist Convention. Elliott will have the title of visiting professor of Old Testament Interpretation. He was to leave for Chester, a suburb of Philadelphia, the first week in June.

He has continued to be interim pastor at Calvary Baptist Church here for nearly a year.

Crozer Seminary reported an enrolment about 70 students.

When Midwestern trustees voted 24 to 5 last October to dismiss Elliott for refusing a request not to offer for republication his controversial book on Genesis, they also voted to continue his salary and fringe benefits.

At that time, the Sunday School Board, another Southern Baptist Convention agency, had ~~decided~~ not to reprint the book after a sell-out of the first printing. Later, Bethany Press in St. Louis, publishing arm of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) bought paperback rights and reissued it.

Since his dismissal, Elliott has continued to live in Kansas City. He has conducted revival services at Southern Baptist churches in several states in addition to his interim pulpit supply work at Calvary Church here.

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Louisiana Board Cites
Secretary R. L. Lee

(5-29-63)

ALEXANDRIA, La. (BP)--The executive board of Louisiana Baptist Convention here presented Executive Secretary Robert L. Lee of Alexandria with a certificate of appreciation for 10 years "of distinguished service to the Louisiana Baptist Convention."

The board also voted to assign the responsibility for promoting endowment and capital giving to the Louisiana Baptist Foundation.

The four-point recommendation included a proposal that an associate be employed to work with Foundation Director H. C. Pettus here. Adequate funds would be provided from Cooperative Program receipts to promote the program of endowment and capital giving.

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