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College Vice-President
Returns To Seminary

FORT WORTH (BP)--A. Donald Bell, executive vice-president of Howard Payne College (Baptist) in Brownwood, Tex., is returning to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here as professor of psychology and counseling.

Bell had served the seminary for nine years in a similar post from 1951-60 before becoming executive vice-president of the Baptist school in Brownwood. He was also director of graduate studies for the Southwestern school of religious education during his earlier tenure.

Before coming to Southwestern in 1951, Bell had served as assistant to the president and chairman of the psychology department at Mississippi College (Baptist), Clinton, Miss.; as dean and professor of religious education at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, and as state secretary of college work for the Missouri Baptist Convention.

He is a graduate of William Jewell College (Baptist), Liberty, Mo., and holds master and doctor of religious education degrees from Southwestern Seminary here. He has also done graduate work at Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Kans., and at the University of London.

Bell has written three books, "Creative Arts," "The Arts in Our Churches," and "The Psychology of Dealing with People," and is co-author of "An Introduction to Pastoral Counseling."

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2 Illinois Student
Secretaries Resign

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CARBONDALE, Ill. (BP)--The Illinois Baptist State Association's two campus student secretaries have resigned their positions at the request of the association's education committee.

They are Miss Lucille Steele of Carbondale and Miss Lucile Peak of Champaign. Miss Steele directed Baptist student work at Southern Illinois University and Miss Peak at the University of Illinois.

An official of the state association gave "incompatibility" and "general inability to communicate with the administration and cooperate with the program" as grounds for requesting their resignations.

He added, "No doctrinal or moral grounds are involved." He termed it a "personality conflict."

The resignations take effect by June 30, but salaries will be paid to the two women through Sept. 30.

The education committee took no steps at its meeting to name their replacements and the two secretaries did not indicate their future plans.

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Richmond Names 6
For Doctoral Honors

(6-6-63)

RICHMOND (BP)--Baptist-related University of Richmond here listed two Virginia Baptist pastors and a retired university professor among six persons getting honorary doctor's degrees.

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Harry Y. Gamble, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Roanoke, and Ralph J. Kirby, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Portsmouth, were named for honorary doctor of divinity degrees.

Woodford B. Hackley, retired professor of the University of Richmond, and a local resident, was picked for the doctor of letters degree.

Floyd D. Gottwald, Richmond, chairman of the board of Ethyl Corp., was to receive the doctor of commercial science. John J. Wicker Jr., local attorney, was selected for the doctor of laws degree.

A second laws honorary went to Charles M. Edwards Jr., New York City, dean, school of retailing at New York University.

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5 Get Louisville
Scholarship Awards

(6-6-63)

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)--The second annual Luther Rice-Adoniram Judson scholar awards at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here have been made to five students for the 1963-64 academic year.

Those receiving the Rice awards were Trent C. Butler, Hardin-Simmons University (Baptist), Abilene, Tex.; John Kenneth Morris, Union University (Baptist), Jackson, Tenn.; Miss Mary Alice Smith, University of Tennessee branch at Martin, Tenn., and Richard N. Taylor, Baylor University (Baptist), Waco, Tex.

Miss Sandra Crenshaw, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill., received a Judson scholar award.

All five students will receive grants of \$1,000 each for their first year of study at the seminary. Rice scholars plan to do church-related work in the United States, while Judson scholars study for foreign missions.

Over 40 students from 25 colleges and universities throughout the Southern Baptist Convention applied for the awards.

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647 Students Start
10-Week Mission Work

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ATLANTA (BP)--Southern Baptists' most energetic missionaries hit mission fields in force as 647 students, including 15 couples, started 10 weeks of home missionary service.

"These students don't know a lot of things can't be done on the mission fields," one mission leader said, "and they simply go ahead and do it. We will never know the extent of their contribution."

Most of them will work at starting churches and missions, taking religious surveys, doing personal visitation, conducting vacation Bible schools, or helping in good will centers and week-day programs.

The students' service started June 10 and will last through Aug. 16 in all 50 states and in Panama, according to Beverly Hammack of Atlanta, secretary of special missions ministries for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Most of them, Miss Hammack said, reported three days early for training by state Baptist leadership in mission techniques. Thus, they become acquainted with the area in which they will serve and with the materials they will use.

The 647 is the second largest group in history, and the 15 couples are the most appointed in a single year.

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Miss Hammack said she was more than pleased with the couples. "These really do exceptional work and can take more responsible positions," she said, indicating they have been placed in areas of work, either to start missions or to serve churches too small to afford pastors.

The students, all college graduates or upperclassmen, were appointed by the Home Mission Board. Most will be supported by the mission agency, with 84 supported by state Baptist Student Unions.

This is the 20th year of student summer mission appointments by the mission board, and the 647 appointed raise the total who have served to more than 7,600. In 1944, the first year, only 71 were appointed.

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Jacksonville Hospital
Launches Fellowship

(6-6-63)

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP)--A hospital clinical training and research fellowship, designed specifically for Baptist ministers, will be carried out in Baptist Memorial Hospital here.

T. Sloane Guy Jr., New Orleans, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Hospital agency, said the fellowship in clinical pastoral care will be awarded for one year and will carry an annual stipend of \$3000. The fellowship will begin next Sept. 1.

Administering the fellowship will be Lawrence Payne, Baptist Memorial Hospital administrator. Harry McCartney, head of the hospital's pastoral care department, will be in direct supervision.

According to Guy, funds for the fellowship were made available by the hospital board, an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention. This, he added, is part of an overall program to stimulate and strengthen the pastoral care programs in the two Convention-owned hospitals.

The first year of the fellowship will be an experimental period. If the program proves successful, the fellowship will be made an annual award and other fellowships probably will be established, according to Guy.

The fellowship recipient, during his year in the hospital, will carry out a series of clinical research projects in the pastoral care area, dealing with persons under the physical, emotional and spiritual stresses peculiar to illness.

After the fellowship period, the recipient would be expected to return to the pastorate with "new insight into the spiritual needs and reactions of his fellow man," Payne said.

Two types of ministers will be considered eligible--ordained ministers in the active ministry, and ministers presently serving in various capacities with denominational agencies.

Applicants should write to Harry McCartney, department of pastoral care, Baptist Memorial Hospital, 800 Miami Rd., Jacksonville 7, Fla. Letters of reference from the local association of churches where the applicant lives, and from the state Baptist executive secretary, must be attached.

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Folks and Facts.....

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.....A check for \$30,417 from Charles E. Merrill trust has been received by Stetson University, Baptistschool at DeLand, Fla. The money represents Stetson's share this year in the income from a trust established by the late Charles E. Merrill, Stetson graduate in 1903. Merrill was the directing partner of the investment firm, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith. Merrill, in 1954, established the chair of American studies at Stetson with a gift of \$100,000. (BP)

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Baptist Leaders
Cite Pope's Deeds

By Baptist Press

Baptist leaders paid tribute to the late Pope John 23rd as a man of peace and as a pontiff who relaxed tensions between Roman Catholicism and the non-Roman Christian world.

Southern Baptist Convention President K. Owen White of Houston declared, "I believe Pope John was an unusually aggressive leader for his people and was genuinely and vitally interested in world peace. His call for an Ecumenical Council indicated his breadth of vision and sense of world need."

Josef Nordenhaug, Washington, executive secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, a fellowship of 23 million Baptists in the world, called Pope John 23rd "a fellow Christian who sought to be a bridge-builder between all who profess devotion to Jesus Christ." He also hailed the pope's "efforts for peace...on the brink of atomic destruction."

C. Emanuel Carlson of Washington, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, declared, "Only a man of vision and courage would grapple so forthrightly with the Roman Catholic Church's needs for reform and revival...."

"While his contribution was significant to Roman Catholicism, it was also helpful to Protestantism. Pope John helped greatly in relaxing the historic tensions and thereby setting minds free."

Editor Gainer E. Bryan Jr. of the Maryland Baptist, Baltimore, said the Catholic leader had, "by his attitude and conduct while in office...been gracious to non-Catholic Christians. He has recognized us as brethren with bonds of faith in a common Lord. He has fostered a relaxation of tensions between Catholics and Protestants..."

Nordenhaug's full statement:

"The death of Pope John XXIII will be mourned by multitudes of people around the world who felt the impact of his personal sincerity and goodness. Baptists join in paying tribute to his memory, not as the pontifex of the Roman Catholic Church, but as a fellow Christian who sought to be a bridge-builder between all who profess devotion to Jesus Christ.

"His efforts for peace made our generation look up for a fleeting moment with new hope on the brink of atomic destruction. He was a man with deep concern for the welfare of the common people."

Carlson's additional remarks:

"Only a man of vision and courage would grapple so forthrightly with the Roman Catholic Church's needs for reform and revival. Theologians and dreamers within the Church have long espoused new ideas which recognize man as the object rather than the substance for the Church's work. Pope John launched a new emphasis on human rights in the program of the Church and thus precipitated many issues. His personal attitudes, his plans for the Council, and his encyclicals all contributed to this impact.

"While his contribution was significant to Roman Catholicism, it was also helpful to Protestantism. Pope John helped greatly in relaxing the historic tensions and thereby setting minds free. Christians in all camps may now have a new chance to brush the chips from the shoulders and bring humbler minds to a fresh approach to the content of the gospel."

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Folks and Facts.....

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.....The annual workshop in fund raising will be offered again this year at the Chautauqua Center of Syracuse University in Chautauqua, N. Y. Dates are July 15-26. Information is available at the director's office, 610 E. Fayette St., Syracuse. (BP)

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Strong May Pushes
SBC Receipts Upward

NASHVILLE (BP)--Fed by a strong May, Cooperative Program receipts at the Southern Baptist Convention treasurer's office here this year climbed to near the \$8 million mark.

The five-month total for 1963 has reached \$7,962,409 compared with \$7,750,089 at this time last year, Porter Routh, Nashville, Convention treasurer, announced.

The strong May showing was \$1,715,347. This topped the April, 1963, report of \$1,520,310 and the May, 1962, statement of \$1,546,839.

Designated income for May, 1963, hit \$1,841,224 and brought the year to date to \$13,066,187. Designated income for April was \$1,294,901 and for the previous May was \$1,481,073. The amount in 1962 to date was \$11,872,920.

While Cooperative Program income supports various agency work at home and abroad on a percentage scale approved by the annual Convention, designated funds can support only the particular items mentioned by the givers.

Funds reported at the SBC treasurer's office do not include collection plate offerings retained by the local churches. Neither do they count the approximately two-thirds of church forwardings through the Cooperative Program kept for state Baptist activities.

The Cooperative Program is a joint financial plan of the states and the SBC. Designated income includes receipts through the annual home and foreign mission special offerings and weeks of prayer.

Thus far this year, the SBC Foreign Mission Board has gotten over \$14.5 million through the Cooperative Program and designations, including more than \$1 million in May alone.

Most of May's designated receipts were from the Annie Armstrong Offering taken in the spring, as attested by the Home Mission Board's getting \$1,550,602 through designations during the month. This and the board's Cooperative Program allocation for May brought its 1963 to date total to \$3.5 million.