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**Record Named Wayland
President's Assistant**

PLAINVIEW, Tex. (BP)--Wayland Baptist College here has named W. Neil Record, Baptist pastor from Tulia, Tex., as assistant to the president.

Record, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Tulia, for the past 12 years, will assume duties Aug. 1 under new Wayland President Roy C. McClung.

McClung, in his first administrative appointment as president of the Baptist school here, said Record will direct student recruitment, student and alumni job placement, and relations with former students.

A native of Arizona, Record left the Phoenix Title and Trust Co. to enter Wayland at the age of 37 to study for the ministry.

After graduating summa cum laude from Wayland in 1949, Record became the first business manager of Grand Canyon College (Baptist), Phoenix.

In Arizona, he was chairman of the executive board of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, was state Training Union president, and was interim pastor of Eastside Baptist Church, Phoenix.

He was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree by Wayland in 1958 and has been a Wayland trustee since 1951.

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**Texas Latin American
Crusade Planned in '64**

(6-30-63)

HARLINGEN, Tex. (BP)--Plans for a statewide Latin American evangelistic crusade designed "to saturate the state of Texas with the gospel in Spanish" were projected here at the annual Mexican Baptist departmental convention.

The four-day convention at First Baptist Church here opened with a special emphasis on the proposed Texas Baptist Latin American Crusade and closed with a two-hour business session.

A resolution urging U. S. senators from Texas to introduce a bill in Congress permitting reading of the Old Testament in public schools was adopted by a slim margin during the business session.

The resolution, which was debated for nearly an hour, urgently requested Senators John Tower and Ralph Yarbrough to introduce a bill (a Constitutional amendment if necessary) to over-rule the recent Supreme Court decision. The resolution said the court ruling "favors atheism."

Major item to come before the convention was the vast statewide evangelistic crusade, which would feature at least 500 local church revivals in Spanish-speaking congregations in the fall of 1964.

In addition, areawide metropolitan crusades, citywide campaigns and tent revivals would be conducted. Radio and television would expand the crusade impact across the border into Mexico, said Rudy Hernandez, Texas Baptist staff evangelist.

During the annual president's address, Carlos Paredes of Austin, Tex., said the campaigns could and should win at least 30,000 Latin Americans in Texas to Christianity.

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Paredes compared the Latin American crusade to the Japan Baptist New Life Movement, stating, "In the Orient, God overcame all barriers of culture, race and language, and the same thing can happen right here."

In another major convention address, Ruben Hernandez, Baptist pastor from Bay City, Tex., called for Mexican Baptists to do everything possible to improve relations with the Negro people.

"God forbid that we as Mexican Baptists fail to work toward social equality of races," Hernandez said. "If we fail," he said, "we will reach one of the darkest ages of all Christian history."

The convention ended with a message on Christian love by Loyd Corder of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

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Stetson Says Ford
Giving \$1.5 Million

(6-30-63)

DELAND, Fla. (BP)--A \$1.5 million Ford Foundation grant to Stetson University (Baptist) here is coming, President J. Ollie Edmunds reported.

Stetson was the only institution in the South selected with 12 other colleges in the nation to receive the Foundation's "special program in education" grants.

Stetson University may use the funds at its own discretion in support of the institution's overall academic development. To be eligible for the grant, the university is required to raise a total of \$3 million in matching funds--two dollars for each grant dollar--over a three-year period.

The Foundation said the university will receive a check of \$450,000 right away as first installment of the grant.

Ford Foundation grants are being made "to advance the development of selected private universities and colleges as national and regional centers of higher educational excellence," James W. Armsey, director of the special program in education, said.

"Institutions are selected for grants under the special program on the basis of their tradition of scholarship, their plans and ability to make pace-setting improvements, the quality of their leadership, strength of support from alumni and other sources, and geographic location," Armsey said.

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Evansville Pastor
Accepts State Post

(6-30-63)

PLAINFIELD, Ind. (BP)--James H. Currin has accepted a call to serve here as secretary of the department of Sunday school and church music promotion, State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, effective July 15.

Currin has served the Grace Baptist Church, Evansville, as pastor since coming to Indiana in January, 1962.

Currin is a native of Tennessee, ordained to the ministry in September, 1949.

Grace Baptist Church, Evansville, has had the largest Sunday school among Southern Baptists in Indiana, with an enrolment near 1,700 persons. He has led the church to become Indiana's largest contributor for world missions through the Cooperative Program.

Before coming to Indiana, Currin was pastor of Northside Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky.

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Kay Heard Changes Stations

Kay Heard, editorial assistant for the Baptist Program in Nashville, was to begin work July 1 as editorial assistant in the Texas Baptist public relations office. Miss Heard also served as teletype operator of the public relations office for the Southern Baptist Executive Committee. In her new position, she will continue as teletype operator for the Dallas office in addition to helping with distribution of Baptist Press releases and other news stories about Texas Baptists. She will assist in editorial work on numerous other Texas Baptist publications. (BP)

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Mrs. Morton Hurt

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Mrs. William H. Morton, wife of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's professor of archaeology, received a whiplash injury when her car was in an accident. She was not seriously injured, but will receive periodic therapy at a Kansas City hospital for an arm injury. (BP)

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Florida Lawmakers
Pass Religion Bill

(6-30-63)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (BP)--The Florida legislature has passed a bill allowing--but not requiring--secular courses in religion to be taught in Florida public schools.

The bill passed both houses with only one dissenting vote.

The practical effect of the measure would be to allow individual county school boards to decide if they wanted such a course in their schools.

Rep. Julian Bennett of Panama City, who sponsored the bill, said it would take 67 different suits to strike down such courses as Florida has 67 counties.

Florida has a law requiring daily Bible reading in public schools but the Supreme Court decision, in effect, nullified this law.

The bill passed the Florida Senate unanimously and the House by 119-1. Rep. Chester Stolzenburg of Fort Lauderdale, a Republican voted against it. He said it was an attempt to get around the U. S. Constitution which prohibits any laws respecting establishment of religion.

Rep. Stolzenburg said: "I am firmly convinced that the U. S. Supreme Court decision banning prayers and religious training in tax-supported public schools is based upon a correct interpretation of the intent of the authors of the U. S. Constitution. I am therefore adamantly opposed to any statute attempting to circumvent this decision by vesting authority in local elected school boards to make decisions relative to prayers and Bible interpretations, in public tax-supported schools."

Sen. J. Emory Cross of Gainesville voted for the bill but he said it is "not worth the paper it is written on."

State School Supt. Thomas D. Bailey strongly criticized the U. S. Supreme Court's ruling banning Bible reading.

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Baptist Leader Asks
Service Act Changes

(6-30-63)

WASHINGTON (BP)--A Baptist executive here has highly commended the national concern for the needs of people which is being expressed by Congressional efforts to create a National Service Corps.

C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, made a staff report to Baptist leaders in the nation on "the church-state relations issues in the National Service Corps bill." He was joined in the report by Walfred H. Peterson, interim assistant, who is doing special research for the Baptist agency. Peterson is professor of political science at Bethel College, St. Paul, Minn.

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"There is undoubtedly a deep appreciation among our people for the needs which could be met by a 'National Service Corps' and I am certain that most of us would be anxious to see sacrificial service dramatized as a national expression," Carlson wrote to the Baptists.

Hearings before committees of both the House of Representatives and the Senate have been completed. Rep. Frank Thompson (D., N. J.) and Sen. Harrison A. Williams (D., N. J.) are chairmen of the sub-committees that conducted the hearings. The Baptist report is included in the record of the Senate hearings.

In his analysis, the Baptist executive pointed out several strengths in the proposed National Service Corps. He said that the purpose to illuminate needs, to stimulate more "local" effort, to encourage growth in the service professions, and to focus national attention on the problems of America's poor and deprived are to be commended.

In addition, Carlson said that "the bill also may do the nation good service by providing outlets for humanitarian impulses."

The major weakness in the draft bill now before Congressional committees as it affects church-state relations, the Baptist report said, is that "it grants broad power to the President without Congressionally defined guidelines for the use of that power." Put more briefly it said, "The bill inadequately provides for the rule of law."

Even though the President's powers are restricted to the purposes of the bill, Carlson said that "such purposes put no narrowly restrictive reins on the President" and that "this is more a grant of power than a limit."

"Failure of Congress to provide for the rule of law makes too much fall to the undirected discretion of the President. Undirected discretion," he explained, "needs to be replaced by carefully drafted law."

"Since the corps will be doing work similar to that done by church welfare agencies, since it may undertake programs at the invitation of such agencies, since it may contract with church-related groups, and since it intends to inspire these agencies to expand their welfare efforts, one might expect some reference in the bill to church-state relations." But "there is none," he said.

"Not even a statement forbidding a religious test for corpsmen is included," he continued, "though in the testimony at House hearings and in an early draft, those who developed the bill said corpsmen would be accepted without regard to creed."

The proposed National Service Corps Act has the same loopholes for public aid to church agencies as is found in the national school lunch program, the Hill-Burton Act and the testing programs of the National Defense Education Act, the Baptist report shows. In states forbidding the use of public funds for church agencies the federal government does not work through state programs but gives the aid directly to the organization through a federal agency.

This means, Carlson said, "that church-related agencies which have been unable to receive aid from state governments for certain programs might be able to get aid for identical programs under the National Service Corps Act."

Put another way, he continued, "the federal system does not limit the church-state contacts that might develop under the act. In fact...(it) can open more room for church-state contacts than are possible at present."

Carlson said the analogy between the Peace Corps and the National Service Corps is faulty on three counts: (1) in international affairs the President must necessarily have more freedom of action than is ideal in domestic affairs; (2) the Peace Corps is young and its overseas operations need careful study for its effects on church-state relations; and (3) the 1960 political issues made the present administration especially sensitive to matters of church-state relations. Future administrations may not need to be so sensitive, he said.

The Baptist spokesman said that the National Service Corps Act needs to be carefully written "to protect both the church-related agency and the corps from exploiting its own purposes for the prestige of the other, to keep a regrettable competition for federal funds from breaking out between church agencies; to protect

the corps from charges of discrimination, intervention, and ulterior objective, and to carefully protect the role of church-related welfare agencies in the society from being weakened by federal assumption of their tasks."

He suggested five essential guidelines for the new agency:

1. Corps projects should not be undertaken for sectarian purposes. Participating agencies should be required to go on record declaring themselves to be non-sectarian.
2. No religious test or purpose should be involved in any project accepted.
3. No religious test should be required of any corpsman on enrolment or at any other point in his service.
4. No restraints on free religious practice and witness for off-duty hours should be imposed on volunteers who accept service in the corps.
5. The exchange or loan of church-agency personnel with the National Service Corps should be made subject to the strictest review to insure public awareness of lines of responsibility and identity of both agencies.

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Attendance At Girls
Convention Hits 18,476

(6-30-63)

By Kenneth Everett

MEMPHIS (BP)--Attendance at the tripleheader National Convention for Girls' Auxiliary here hit 18,476, Miss Betty Brewer, convention director, said.

The convention, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the missionary education organization for girls aged 9-15, consumed eight days and was unfolded before three different groups of girls.

Each presentation was well-spiced with missions. Eighteen home and foreign missionaries appeared on the third convention program.

Of unusual interest to the white-and-green clad girls was the feature, "The World of a Girl," led by Miss Katharine Bryan of the Woman's Missionary Union's Girls' Auxiliary department.

The feature tailored current news involving girls, women and religion to the girls' point of view.

Another outstanding feature was "A GA Grows Up," made up of testimonies from well-known women who were once members of Girls' Auxiliary.

The climax of each of the three conventions was a Girls' Auxiliary anniversary pageant with a cast of about 500. It depicted the 50 years of GA history which unfolded through a girl who relived her experience as a member of Girls' Auxiliary.

Special dedication services for foreign missionaries also claimed the attention of the girls. Giving their testimonies at the third convention were Miss Margaret Fairburn of Tylertown, Miss., assigned to Liberia; Miss Kay Weldon of Abilene, Tex., assigned to Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Mack Jones of Klamath Falls, Ore., assigned to Paraguay, and Mr. and Mrs. Rolla Bradley of Los Angeles, assigned to Korea.

Each of the sessions found the girls overflowing the 6,200-seat amphitheater of Municipal Auditorium. Five closed-circuit television sets were set up in the adjacent Music Hall to handle the overflow. The convention was the largest held in the auditorium since it was built in 1924.

As a whole, the girls conducted themselves in a manner be fitting Girls' Auxiliary.

"The girls' excellent behavior showed the quality of training they received at home," said one hotel official. "Beautifully disciplined children," was the comment of another.

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The Commercial Appeal, daily newspaper, said of the girls:

"The young ladies won golden opinions for themselves from all Memphians with whom they were associated in any way. Their manners were above reproach. They were full of the gaiety of youth seasoned with a fine objective of developing and promoting true religious experience."

One bus accident resulting in a fatality and another near tragedy involving a bus filled with gas cast a shadow of sadness on the convention.

Gail Griffin, 10-year-old Houston, Tex., girl, died when a bus containing 33 girls overturned less than an hour after leaving Houston's South Main Baptist Church. Twenty-two persons were less seriously hurt.

Another bus loaded with girls from Greenville, S. C., caught fire at a service station at Toccoa, Ga. Two girls, the driver, and the service station attendant were slightly burned. The bus returned to Greenville after the mishap.