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**Annuity Board Turns Down  
New Office Lease Contract**

DALLAS (BP)--The Southern Baptist Annuity Board here has turned down a new lease agreement on office space occupied by a government agency because of a clause that requires compliance with President Kennedy's yet-to-be-written equal employment opportunity regulations.

The Annuity Board owns the 511 Building in Dallas in which the Veterans Administration has leased office space on six floors since March of 1959.

Although the government agency could renew its current lease which expires December 24, 1963, and remain in the building, the General Services Administration (which includes the Veterans Administration) called for bids on an entirely new contract.

The Annuity Board declined to submit a bid on the new lease agreement, which includes a clause that makes the property owner subject to compliance with future regulations which may come out of the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity, in addition to present regulations.

It had been rumored that the committee, which has not yet detailed its proposed regulations, would probably require every business which leases space to a government agency to hire all employees regardless of race, color or creed.

Racial discrimination was not a question in the Annuity Board's decision not to submit a bid under terms of the new contract, claimed R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist agency.

"It is simply a question of liabilities that could result--especially with government regulations which are yet-to-be formulated, and with which compliance might prove impossible," Reed said in explaining why a new bid was not submitted.

"The Annuity Board cannot bind itself to rules and regulations which haven't even been written down," he said.

Reed said the board felt it could not expose more than \$100 million in trust funds "to such liabilities which cannot even be determined yet."

The trust funds are not institutional, but belong to nearly 25,000 ministers, church and denominational employees who participate in the retirement program administered for Southern Baptists by the Annuity Board.

Reed pointed out that the board's failure to submit a bid on the new contract should not be interpreted as a desire to get the Veterans Administration out of the building. "We would like for them to stay as long as possible under terms of the present contract," he said.

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**Bible, Not Human Opinion,  
Is Authority, Pastors Told**

(7-12-63)

FORT WORTH (BP)--"Where the Bible speaks, all human opinions must be put aside," said Wayne E. Ward at the seventh annual Pastors' Conference at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Ward, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., presented morning messages on "Principles of Biblical Interpretation" and evening addresses on "Nature of Biblical Authority" during the recent conference here.

"The Bible judges all other authorities because it is the divinely created instrument for bringing the Word of God to bear upon men in every age," Ward continued.

Expository messages on "Having the Mind of Christ," "Saving Faith," "What it Means to be a Christian" and "Life at its Best" were presented by H. Franklin Paschall, pastor, First Baptist Church, Nashville.

Paschall said life at its best is found when man "allows God to enter his heart and dominate his life. The new character of the Christian includes love, stability, unity and joy."

Speaking to a combined audience of pastors and summer school students during chapel service was Bruce McIver, pastor, Wilshire Baptist Church, Dallas. McIver urged pastors to be more concerned about their lives at home.

Special sessions for pastors' wives were led by Mrs. Lake Pylant, lecturer and author in Christian recreation and family life, and Mrs. J. P. Allen, wife of the pastor, Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth.

Southwestern Seminary professors leading Bible study during the conference were Huber L. Drumwright Jr., professor of New Testament, and E. Leslie Carlson, professor of Biblical introduction and Semitic languages. Music was led by S. Charles Williamson, professor of voice.

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Music Dean Named  
At Hardin-Simmons

(7-12-63)

ABILENE, Tex. (BP)--Carroll Dodson Carruth of Tuscon, Ariz., has been named dean of the School of Music at Hardin-Simmons University (Baptist) here.

Carruth succeeds William S. Mathis, who has been promoted to dean of faculties at Hardin-Simmons.

Carruth had earlier served on the faculties of three other Baptist schools--Wingate (Junior) College, Wingate, N. C.; Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex.; and Louisiana College, Pineville, La.

He had also served as minister of music for the First Baptist Churches of Gilmer, Tex.; Lenoir, Tenn.; and for the First Southern Baptist Church, Tuscon, Ariz.

A native of Riceville, Tenn., Carruth is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and holds the doctor of philosophy degree in music at Peabody College, Nashville.

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Southwestern Seminary  
Reveals Faculty Changes

(7-12-63)

FORT WORTH (BP)--Two new faculty members have been named at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here, and a third has resigned to do graduate work, Seminary President Robert E. Naylor announced.

Trozy Ray Barker of Eldorado, Ark., recent Southwestern divinity graduate, has been named dean of men. Barker had served in the U. S. Air Force for 16 years before entering the seminary as a student in 1960.

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Jack H. Coldiron, associate professor at Stetson University in DeLand, Fla., has been named associate professor of voice at Southwestern.

Charles M. Segó, associate professor of class piano at the seminary since 1957, has resigned to enrol in Boston University to work toward a doctor of philosophy degree in music.

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Baylor Trustees Adopt  
\$7.8 Million Budget

(7-12-63)

WACO, Tex. (BP)--A proposed budget of \$7,855,802 for Baylor University operations on the Waco, Tex. campus has been adopted by the Baptist school's board of trustees.

The budget is a \$240,916 increase over the 1962-63 Baylor expenditures, with \$200,000 of the increase going for faculty raises.

The board of trustees also authorized the sale of property owned by the university, authorized a financial plan for construction of a new faculty housing area, and heard progress reports on construction of new buildings on the campus.

After board approval, Baylor will sell three small tracts of campus land to the State Highway Commission for construction of an Interstate Highway, and 52.4 acres of land on the Bosque River to the U. S. Government for a new reservoir. Sale of the property, along with property easements, will bring the school \$119,870.

The board also authorized the use of \$100,000 in university funds to finance an on-campus faculty housing project, if private financing is not available. Under the project, 41 lots on a ten acre tract of land would be leased on a nominal-cost, long-term basis. Faculty members would build their own houses on the lots.

Progress reports were given on construction of the new Marrs McLean Physics and Chemistry Building which is 90 per cent complete, on a new natural science building, a new library, and on a new mall and boulevard connecting the east and west portions of the campus.

Baylor Financial Vice President Roy McKnight told the board that for the three-month period of March, April and May, gifts to Baylor totaled \$494,294, including receipt of \$114,262 from the Texas Baptist Christian Education Crusade.

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Southwestern Religious Ed  
Association Slates Meeting

(7-12-63)

FORT WORTH (BP)--The Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association scheduled here Aug. 27-29 is expected to draw more than 400 religious educators from a 15-state area.

The annual meeting, held on the campus of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, will carry out the theme "Gather the People Together," said Association President Eugene Greer of Dallas, program analyst for the Texas Baptist State Missions Commission.

Major speakers include Charles L. McKay, executive secretary of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention; Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee; Howard Foshee, secretary of the church administration department for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board; and Ralph Langley, pastor of Willow Meadows Baptist Church, Houston.

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Several group conferences are scheduled with representatives from six Southern Baptist Convention agencies and others participating.

Vice presidents of the association are William G. Caldwell, minister of education, Hunter Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.; Bryant M. Cummings, Sunday school secretary for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; and G. Norman Weaver, professor of religious education at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex.

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First SBC Human Welfare  
Association to be Formed

(7-12-63)

DALLAS (BP)--Plans for the first Southern Baptist Human Welfare Association were made recently by Southern Baptist leaders in social work and representatives from major Convention agencies.

A constitution and by-laws will be submitted at the meeting of the Social Work Section of the Counseling and Guidance Conference in Nashville, Sept. 23-25, 1963 said James Basden of Dallas. He is secretary of the Texas Baptist Human Welfare Commission and chairman of the program planning committee for the social work section of the conference.

Workers from the fields of child care, juvenile rehabilitation, aging, Goodwill Centers and from other areas of Human Welfare services are expected to attend the meeting, Basden said.

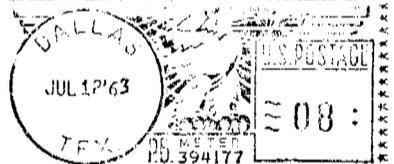
The association will, among other goals, seek to strengthen spiritual emphasis in social work, enlist Baptist young people in human welfare careers, encourage high standards of practice in human welfare, promote social work education and provide a forum for all Southern Baptist human welfare activities.

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