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## DR. S. H. JONES IS NEW EDITOR IN SOUTH CAROLINA

GREENVILLE, S. C. -- (BP) -- Dr. Samuel Hovey Jones, president of Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., has been elected editor of The Baptist Courier and will take office June 1.

Announcement of Dr. Jones' election and acceptance of the position was made by Dr. Warren Mosby Seay, interim editor of the state denominational publication. The position was made vacant by the death of Dr. J. M. Burnett last October.

A native of South Carolina, Dr. Jones holds master's and doctor's degrees from New Orleans Baptist Seminary and has completed residence requirements for the Ph.D. at Yale University. He has been pastor of churches in South Carolina, Mississippi, Connecticut and Alabama, and was professor of religion at Judson College before going to the presidency of the Missouri institution. He and Mrs. Jones are the parents of four children.

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## TITHING CAMPAIGN REFLECTED IN TEXAS BAPTIST GIFTS

DALLAS, Tex. -- (BP) -- When Texas Baptists last fall adopted a 1947-48 budget of \$4,000,000, they provided that all undesignated receipts above the budget total would be divided 50 per cent for state causes and 50 per cent for Southwide and worldwide causes.

R. A. Springer, state treasurer of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, has announced that surplus for the first three months -- November through January -- of the fiscal year was slightly in excess of \$100,000, and that a check for \$50,000 has been forwarded to the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

The Texas budget provides \$650,000 undesignated contributions to the Southwide Cooperative Program in 1948 and aims at a similar amount of designated money to Southwide causes. The check forwarded to Nashville offices of the Southern Baptist Convention is in excess of this pledge, he said.

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HE IS AS HARD PRESSED AS MOST OF US  
-- AND HE TITHES

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- (BP) -- A "common ordinary working man," accompanied by his wife and two of their six children, appeared before the Senate Banking Committee last week to show the Senators where his money went.

He was Cyrus J. Ward, 37-year-old mechanic of Camden, N. J., who told the legislators his difficulties in making a "take home" income of \$2500 annually cover the expenses of his family of eight.

Using the back of an old envelope as a ledger, Mr. Ward told the Senators that he was "luckier" than many because he lived in a low rent Government housing project that cost only \$32 monthly, though there was, in addition, the outlay of \$16 a month for the cheapest kind of coal.

At 45 cents for two quarts, he used less than half the milk needed for growing youngsters. Eggs supplemented the 65 cents weekly spent for meat. There was no tea or coffee on the Ward table.

He said there was \$20 in the savings account "but it isn't ours because we owe about \$300 for medical expenses. He said the children get <sup>cents</sup> 50/a week allowance and that he subscribed to a newspaper not because of the news but because it provided an insurance policy.

Then he said that despite all the economies he had to exercise in living expenses, he contributes a full 10 per cent of his earnings in a tithe to his church.

The Senate committee was so touched by the detailed recital of how the family was "just existing, not living," Chairman Charles Tobey called the two Ward children to him and gave them "folding money, to buy things in Washington."

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#### BUS GIVEN MEMPHIS CHURCH

MEMPHIS, Tenn. -- (BP) -- A 47 passenger bus has been presented to the First Baptist Church of Memphis for its use in carrying people to and from church services. Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor, announced the gift at regular Sunday church services, adding that the contributor desired to remain anonymous.

The bus will operate on regular routes to accommodate people who have no other transportation to the church services. Nurses and students will be particularly benefitted. Dr. Caudill said that a licensed driver who is a member of the church will drive the bus on all its trips.

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MISS AMERICA TO SING  
ON CONVENTION PROGRAM

MEMPHIS, Tenn. -- (BP) -- Miss Barbara Jo Walker, the "Miss America" of 1947, will sing and speak on the program of the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting here, May 19.

Lawson H. Cooke, executive secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, said that Miss Walker would appear in a special pageant given by the Brotherhood. She will be presented by the pastor of Springdale Methodist Church, where she teaches a Sunday school class, and will make a short talk and sing a gospel song.

An excellent soloist, she has been selected for a leading role on presentations of the famous Memphis Open Air Theatre this summer.

Cooke said that the Brotherhood program, to which the Wednesday night session has been allotted, will be "one of the most spectacular pageants ever given at a session of the Southern Baptist Convention." He said the program will be dramatized and will follow the theme, "The Romance of the Cooperative Program."

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ONE BAPTIST IN THREE

DALLAS, Tex. -- (BP) -- Nearly 30 per cent of students in Texas colleges and universities are Baptists, according to a survey just published by the Baptist Student Department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

W. F. Howard, secretary of the student work, said there are more than 33,000 Baptists among the 113,000 students in Texas' state, denominational, private and city colleges.

There are more than one million Baptist members among the state's total population of six and a half million.

There are more than one million members of Baptist churches in the state, compared with the 1940 census count of six and a half million total population -- a ratio of about one to six.

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