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New Orleans Names  
Acting Dean Of Women

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Mrs. Sadie Tiller Crawley has been named acting dean of women at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary for the new academic year.

In making the appointment, President H. Leo Eddleman praised Mrs. Crawley's record as author, missionary, dean at other schools and Christian mother. "We are fortunate to be able to secure her services for this year," he said.

Mrs. Crawley has been dean of women at Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss., and Baylor University, Waco, Tex., both Baptist schools, before going to the Philippines as one of the first missionary associates of the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board.

She has written several study course books for the Baptist Sunday School Board. Her latest, for Woman's Missionary Union, Convention auxiliary, is "World Awareness."

At the seminary, Mrs. Crawley will live in William Carey Residence Hall for single women and serve as counselor to all women on campus.

Mrs. Crawley is the mother of J. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, Foreign Mission Board.

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Routh Says Shallow  
Objectives Hurt SBC

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FORT WORTH (BP)--"The Southern Baptist Convention, its churches, and our own Christian lives are suffering from unclear, mixed, unworthy and unchallenging objectives," said Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

Routh was one of the major speakers here at the Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association meeting for its annual sessions at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Other major speakers were Charles L. McKay, executive secretary of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention; Howard B. Foshee, Nashville, secretary of the church administration department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board; and Ralph Langley, pastor of a Houston Baptist church.

Religious educators from 15 states elected Norman Fromm, professor at East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, as the association's new president.

Three vice-presidents elected by the 401 persons registered at the conference were James H. Griggs, minister of education at First Baptist Church, Abilene, Tex.; A. Donald Bell, professor at Southwestern Seminary; and Harold A. Southern, associational director of religious education in Kansas City, Mo.

Reelected were Miss Gracie Knowlton, Southwestern Seminary professor, as secretary-treasurer; and Evelyn Robinson, administrative secretary for Tarrant Baptist Association, Fort Worth, as assistant secretary for the association.

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Ward Of Louisville  
Speaks To Airmen

RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP)--Wayne E. Ward, associate professor of theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, spoke to airmen at a retreat here.

He brought inspirational messages each evening at the Spiritual Life Conference of the United States Air Force. The conference met at the Southern Baptist Convention assembly grounds here.

Protestant airmen from 46 Air Force bases in the central and eastern part of the United States attended the conference. Ridgecrest assembly has been host to the Spiritual Life Conference for the eastern region since 1953.

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Boy Scout Leaders  
Hear Layman Preach

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CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (BP)--A Southern Baptist layman denominational leader spoke at Protestant worship services of the National (Boy) Scout Executive Training Conference here.

He was Porter Routh, Nashville, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Routh's topic was "A Certain Man." It was based on the "certain man" referred to in Genesis who gave directions to young Joseph as he went to find his brothers, carrying a message from Jacob, their father.

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Academy Names New Dean

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Olin Robison, recent graduate of Regent's College in Oxford, England, with the doctor of philosophy degree, has been named dean of students at San Marcos Baptist Academy, San Marcos, Tex. Robison will also serve as Bible instructor and coordinator of religious activities at the Texas Baptist elementary and college-preparatory school. He is a graduate of Baylor University (Baptist), Waco, Tex., and attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. (BP)

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Baylor Hospital Wins 2  
Public Relations Awards

(9-5-63)

NEW YORK (BP)--Two citations for "outstanding public relations programs" were presented to Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas, during the annual American Hospital Association meeting here.

Hospital management, a publication for hospital executives, presented the awards to the Texas Baptist hospital.

Baylor Progress, the hospital's employee magazine, was cited as the best internal publication among those submitted by hospitals entering the competition.

The second award was presented to the medical center for its "outstanding public relations program." Miss Marjorie Saunders is public relations director and editor of Baylor Progress.

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Alaska Convention  
Fights Pinball Bill

ANCHORAGE (BP)--Southern Baptists in Alaska have attacked a "pinball machine bill" in the state legislature and have endorsed a policy for regional public high schools to be established in predominantly native population areas.

The actions came during the 1963 session of the Alaska Baptist Convention here. The convention supports work of the Southern Baptist Convention on a national and world scale.

Alaska Baptists also voted to oppose the lease to denominational interests of hospitals built with public funds. This followed the leasing of a hospital in Ketchikan to a Roman Catholic organization.

Rather, Alaska Baptists declared, support and assistance should be given to the "Committee for a Community-Operated Hospital" in Ketchikan. This type of operation would be responsive to public opinion rather than be subject to a denomination, they said.

The convention welcomed its new executive secretary, William H. Hansen, who will make his offices in Anchorage.

It voted to hike its share to the Cooperative Program work of the SBC. Twenty-seven per cent of undesignated receipts from affiliated churches will be sent next year for SBC work, compared with 26 this year.

The 1964 budget figure was not immediately available, but the 1963 amount was \$159,154 including funds from the SBC Home Mission and Sunday School Boards for joint promotion and field work. Receipts from affiliated churches were expected to reach \$47,000 in 1963.

Aubrey Short, pastor of Faith Baptist Church, Spenard, was elected president of the Alaska Convention succeeding John O. Jeffcoat, Fairbanks.

The bill allowing pinball machines "will open the state to gambling interests," the convention stated.

Secondary education for natives has been centralized in one institution at Sitka, the convention noted. This has been through the influence of the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs.

"This course," the convention reported, "has led to social and moral consequences in the lives of native young persons" which the convention was unhappy about. Instead, the convention announced its favor toward regionally located high schools in native areas.

Alaska Baptists also backed "complete integration" of natives into the state's public education system.

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Brotherhood Chooses  
Men's Department Head

(9-5-63)

MEMPHIS (BP)--Victor N. Varner of Dallas, associate in the Texas Baptist Sunday school department, has been named director of the men's department of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention here.

Varner, a 32-year-old former education director in churches in Kentucky, Georgia, Texas and Tennessee, will assume his new duties Oct. 1.

George W. Schroeder, Memphis, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, who announced the appointment, said the position was created seven years ago but never filled until now.

James M. Sapp, director of the Brotherhood Commission's promotion division, has been performing the duties of the office in addition to his own, Schroeder said.

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As director of the men's work department, Varner will oversee work with state, associational and church Brotherhood groups.

Director of the boys' work department (Royal Ambassadors) of the Brotherhood Commission is Edward Hurt Jr.

The Brotherhood Commission provides a weekday program of missionary education for boys 9-17 and men in the 10-million-member Southern Baptist Convention.

As an education director, Varner served at Auburndale Baptist Church and St. Matthews Baptist Church, both of Louisville, Ky.; First Baptist Church, Columbus, Ga.; First Baptist Church of Benbrook, Fort Worth; First Baptist Church, Texas City, Tex.; and Central Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis.

Varner has served as president of the Shelby County (Tenn.) Religious Education Association, vice-president of the Georgia Religious Education Association, associational Training union director at Columbus, Ga., and associational Sunday school superintendent of Galveston Association in Texas.

Varner's wife is the former Joan Criswell of McAlester, Okla. They have two children.