

October 4, 1963

**Brotherhood Men Asked
T Train More Leaders**

MEMPHIS (BP)--State Brotherhood leaders need to concentrate on training more leaders at the associational and church levels if Southern Baptists are going to meet the challenge of men and boys' work.

That's the advice E. R. Eller of Easley, S. C., an associational superintendent of missions, gave 38 state Brotherhood leaders here. The three-day planning meeting was sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Warning against the practice of conducting statewide workshops, Eller, superintendent of Piedmont Baptist Association, said attendance at such events is slim because of time involved, travel costs and indifference.

"Some of the best Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador workers are kept at home because of their jobs," Eller said. "But they will go to an associational meeting early in the evening and on to work later that night.

"One solution to trained leadership is to take more clinics out to where the people are. I'm aware this will take more money and more state leaders. But unless we do more, we will one day face the slogan of 'too little and too late.'"

Eller, missionary in a rural association, also called for more simplified, yet comprehensive, Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador (boys') materials.

The state Brotherhood leaders also approved materials for emphasizing Royal Ambassador Week Nov. 3-9 and Baptist Men's Day Jan. 26.

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**Miss Green Accepts
Call To Oklahoma**

(10-4-63)

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)--Oklahoma Baptists have a new state leader for their Woman's Missionary Union which numbers 50,000 members.

Miss Abbie Louise Green, native of Memphis and former young people's secretary for Oklahoma Woman's Missionary Union, 1948-1956, accepted the call.

She will succeed as executive secretary Miss Margaret Hutchison who retired June 1.

More recently Miss Green has served with Southern Baptist Convention Woman's Missionary Union in Birmingham as Sunbeam Band director. She came to Birmingham in 1960 after working with Woman's Missionary Union of Tennessee.

Her call to Oklahoma is effective Nov. 1.

After Miss Green's college work at Memphis State University, she received a degree from the Woman's Missionary Union Training School (later the Carver School of Missions) in Louisville.

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Dayton Church Votes
To Welcome All Races

DAYTON, Ohio (BP)--Huber Heights Baptist Church here, a six-year-old church with 450 members, has voted that "its ministry would be available for all races" to be members of the church.

Further, it states, "in the event people of other races or nationalities move into the community the pastor and a deacon would visit them, to welcome them to the community and to the church."

Howard T. Rich, pastor, pointed out at the present time Orientals and Cubans live in this upper middle class suburb where the church is located.

He continued, "There is evidence there will soon be some Negroes in the community."

A large percentage of the membership of Huber Heights Church is military personnel from the South.

Asked about any negative response in the community to the church's decision, Rich said, "If there was any widespread negative response to the action the church had taken there would have been a decrease in attendance.

"Rather, there was an increase of 106 in attendance from one Sunday to the next... from 328 on one Sunday to 434 the Sunday after the action..."

The Dayton church also voted to sponsor a mission in a nearby section of the city. A \$1500 gift from an outside donor will help provide a full-time pastor for the mission.

The church also operates a day nursery in the community.

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Senate Includes Church
Colleges In New Bill

(10-4-63)

WASHINGTON (BP)--Church college education programs along with public institutions are included in a bill reported favorably by the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare. Sen. Lister Hill (D., Ala.) is chairman of the committee.

The Senate committee, in an almost unprecedented action, and with an unexpected burst of speed, reported favorably on four education bills. Sen. Wayne Morse, chairman of the education subcommittee, said "I believe it represented a legislative miracle....I never hoped to live long enough to see such action taken in the committee."

The higher education bill is almost the same as the one agreed upon last year by a Senate-House Conference Committee, but which was narrowly defeated in the House after protests from religious and other groups. The only difference is it dropped the provisions for college student loans, 20 per cent of which were to be "non-reimbursible" loans.

The higher education bill that now goes to the Senate for vote provides a five-year \$900 million program of grants to public and private colleges for construction of academic facilities "for instruction or research in the natural or physical sciences or engineering or for use as a library." Grants will be for one-third of the development of such projects.

The higher education bill also provides a five-year, \$600 million loan program for similar purposes. The loans could be for as much as 75 per cent of the development cost of the project.

Although church colleges are eligible for grants and loans under the proposed Senate bill, the facilities thus constructed cannot be used for sectarian instruction or as a place of worship. No facility as part of a divinity school can be included.

Public community colleges would come in for \$250 million over the five-year period if the bill is enacted into law.

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A so-called "little omnibus bill" was reported by the committee. It has three parts: (1) vocational education through grants to states and aids to residential vocational schools; (2) a three-year extension of the National Defense Education Act and an increase of the student loan fund of the act; and (3) a three-year extension of aid to public schools in federally impacted areas, including the District of Columbia for the first time.

Another bill reported by the Senate committee would extend to teachers in private nonprofit schools and to teachers in institutions of higher education the forgiveness provisions now applicable to teachers in public schools under the National Defense Education Act.

Another bill expands the Library Services Act by removing the present limitation which confines its operations to communities under 10,000 to all areas of the country.

This will provide, to the present \$7.5 million, an additional \$17.5 million for library services expansion. In addition, this new bill will provide \$20 million matching grant money for the construction of public community libraries.

In 1962 the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention sent a telegram to every member of the Congress opposing the higher education bill, because it provided grants to church colleges and "non-reimbursible" loans to students.

Earlier this year the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City took similar action and opposed public tax grants to church colleges "for the construction of academic facilities."

The House of Representatives has already passed a college aid bill that includes both public and private colleges. It was a \$2.39 billion bill for loans and grants for construction of academic and other facilities. The facilities in this bill are not restricted to certain categories as in the Senate bill.

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Ask Freedom Emphasis
On Five-Cent Stamps

(10-4-63)

WASHINGTON (BP)--Two congressmen have introduced bills to revise the George Washington five-cent stamp to include the words, "To Bigotry No Sanction."

The first President used the words in a letter to the Jewish Congregation of Newport, R. I. Rep. Robert H. Barry (R., N. Y.) in introducing his bill said Washington, by the phrase, expressed "the fundamental concept of religious freedom in America."

"By enacting this legislation," Barry continued, "the Congress can give the world a daily reminder of America's belief in religious and racial tolerance. The depraved bombing in Birmingham and religious persecution in South Vietnam call for new expression of our traditional belief in fair play for all."

The bill is similar to one earlier introduced by Rep. William L. St. Onge (D., Conn.).

Normally the designs and changes in postage stamps are determined by the Post Office Department, rather than by the Congress.

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Mrs. Wood Resigns

(10-4-63)

WICHITA (BP)--Mrs. Dorothy Wood, managing editor of the Baptist Digest here, has resigned to rejoin the editorial staff of the Eagle and Beacon, Wichita's daily newspaper. The Baptist Digest is weekly publication of the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists; F. Paul Allison of Wichita is editor.

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Moody Writes Book

LOUISVILLE (BP)--Dale Moody, professor of systematic theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, is the author of a book on Ephesians, "Christ and the Church." He wrote the book (published by Eerdman's) while on sabbatical leave in England last year.

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Separate Board Would
Control Weekly Paper

(10-4-63)

ALEXANDRIA, La. (BP)--The executive board of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, meeting here, voted to recommend The Baptist Message be incorporated and its control vested in its own board of trustees.

The recommendation will be voted on by the convention when it meets in Lake Charles.

The board also voted to transfer title to a three-story downtown building to The Baptist Message. The building, now housing The Baptist Message printing plant, was occupied by the executive board prior to the opening of a new \$1.5 million building a few years back.

In other action, the board voted to grant The Baptist Message, convention weekly newspaper, \$45,000 for operating capital to help launch the printing plant.

The board also adopted a \$2,750,000 budget for 1964 which is the same as last year.

The executive secretary was authorized by the board to contact the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to arrange for an evangelistic crusade in some foreign country. Ministers and laymen from Louisiana will participate in the crusade when arrangements have been completed.

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Diefenbaker On Atlantic
City Celebration Agenda

(10-4-63)

WASHINGTON (BP)--The former Prime Minister of Canada, John G. Diefenbaker, will be one of the principal speakers at the 150th anniversary celebration of North America's Baptists in Atlantic City, N. J.

Diefenbaker, a Baptist and currently "leader of her majesty's loyal opposition" in the Canadian Parliament, will bring the keynote address during the Baptist ses-
quicentennial observance, May 22-24, 1964.

The program for the Third Baptist Jubilee Celebration was released here by the Joint Interconvention Committee on the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

The Atlantic City event will be sponsored by seven Baptist bodies in the United States and Canada.

The meeting commemorates the founding in 1814 of the first national organization of Baptists in America, the Triennial Convention.

Theodore F. Adams of Richmond was named by the committee as chairman for the Third Baptist Jubilee Year and presiding officer for the Atlantic City meetings.

Adams is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, and former president of the Baptist World Alliance.

Evangelist Billy Graham will speak at the final session of the celebration, Sunday afternoon, May 24.

Beginning with a Friday evening session, May 22, all meetings will be held in the 40,000-seat Convention Hall.

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John F. Soren of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, president of the Baptist World Alliance, will lead the assembled Baptists in Sunday morning worship.

Kenneth Scott Latourette, historian and former professor at Yale University, will also address the gathering.

The committee announced here work had been completed on an oratorio especially commissioned for the celebration. The composer is Ron Nelson of Brown University. Samuel Miller of Harvard University is author of the libretto.

Thor Johnson of Northwestern University will conduct the oratorio presentation Saturday evening, May 23.

Vocalists for the oratorio will be the "Singing City" group of Philadelphia.

The director of the vocalists will be Elaine Brown of Philadelphia.

W. Hines Sims, Nashville, will be song leader for the three-day meeting. Sims is secretary of church music for the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Competition is under way among drama departments of Baptist schools and colleges for an original drama to be presented during the Atlantic City meeting.

The "Singing Churchmen of Oklahoma" will be a part of the opening session.

Other program features include a panel discussion on Baptist distinctives and another on Baptist differences.

Reports are scheduled on the results of Baptist mission work around the world and on the results of the Baptist Jubilee Advance Program. The latter is a five year (1959-1963) series of emphases sponsored jointly by seven Baptist bodies in North America.

Registration for the celebration will be \$4 single or \$5 for a man and wife. Included in the fee is cost of one copy of the 150th anniversary volume, Baptist Advance, for each single registration or each couple registering.

The seven Baptist bodies include the American Baptist Convention; the Baptist Federation of Canada; the National Baptist Convention of America; the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc.; the North American Baptist General Conference; the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, and the SBC.

Edwin H. Tuller of Valley Forge, Pa., program chairman for the weekend celebration, said, "This event promises to be not only the largest but also one of the most significant gatherings of the Baptists of North America in this century."

Earlier in the week of the celebration, the American Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention will meet simultaneously in the Atlantic City Convention Hall.

The Southern Baptist Convention meets in the main auditorium, May 19-22. The American Baptist Convention meets in the Grand Ballroom of the Convention Hall May 18-22.

The two groups plan one joint session during the week.

September Said One
Of 3 Lean Months

NASHVILLE (BP)--The days are shorter in March, June and September as far as Cooperative Program receipts for Southern Baptist Convention agencies are concerned.

September, 1963 proved no exception to the trend, which dates back at least eight years, according to John H. Williams, financial planning secretary for the SBC Executive Committee. Porter Routh, Nashville, serves as executive secretary of the Executive Committee and treasurer of the Convention.

Receipts from state Baptist conventions for the Cooperative Program reached \$1,445,239 at the office of the SBC treasurer here.

The September receipts were below those of August, 1963 and of September the year before. In August, they amounted to \$1,636,236 and a year back for the corresponding month, \$1,540,209.

So far in 1963 the Convention has collected \$14,153,779 on its Cooperative Program budget. This amount is 1.97 per cent above receipts for the first nine months of 1962.

Louisiana, Kansas and Hawaii state Baptist conventions failed to forward any gifts to the treasurer in Nashville during September. Louisiana often goes over \$60,000 a month in what it forwards; the others together would add up to another \$5000.

But even with another \$65,000 or \$70,000, the September figure would not match the previous month or the previous September.

Money received for the SBC in September represents offering plate collections in the churches during late July and August.

Designated funds coming in to the SBC treasurer during September totaled \$154,889, compared to \$222,407 the previous month and \$152,677 a year ago September.

Disbursements for the year 1963 to the SBC Foreign Mission Board passed \$18 million in September. The Home Mission Board has received nearly \$5.5 million.

Figures reported by the Executive Committee do not represent the total giving of 10 million Southern Baptists. Local churches usually retain 80 to 90 per cent of offering collections. Of the other 10 to 20 per cent, state Baptist conventions keep about two-thirds.

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Jackson Doesn't Want
Santa Claus Boycott

(10-4-63)

NASHVILLE (BP)--The president of the largest Negro Baptist group in America declared here members of his race should not endorse a proposed boycott of Santa Claus.

This has been suggested by a few Negro leaders, in memory of the church bombing in Birmingham where four Negro girls died.

Joseph H. Jackson of Chicago, president of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., told a predominantly Negro audience in Nashville the boycott of Santa Claus was suggested because Santa Claus "is a white man's idea."

In a joking aside, he remarked, "How many of my little pleasures are you fellows going to take away?"

Resuming the main theme, Jackson continued, "Negroes have never had a white Santa Claus. We may have put on a white face but that was a false one. Always we have had a colored Santa Claus.

There's no use to boycott the whole Santa Claus idea, just pull off the false face."

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Speaking at the installation of a new president--Charles E. Boddie--for American Baptist Theological Seminary, Jackson proposed Negroes set up scholarships "for several young folks in the Ku Klux Klan.

"Give them a bonus to attend classes in political science, religion and ethics," he said. "If they come out the same, then I'm ready to give up on them."

He said he'd been approached in Chicago by a man who asked why Negroes in the U. S. did not go back to Africa. "He forgot Africa is now crowded, there's no place for us over there," he jested.

"I said I would be perfectly willing to sponsor a program for people to go back to where they came from if you'll let it apply to the white people too." This drew laughter.

Jackson added, "Any Negro who doesn't let himself be an American...has segregated himself internally and this is worse than external segregation."

He said he, as a Negro preacher, must assume some of the blame for events in Birmingham and "for the great unrest in our nation."

He continued, "National Baptists (an estimated five million Negroes in America belong to this convention) who are dedicated to freedom are partly responsible. For something we have not said or have not done, we are partly responsible."

The pastor of Olivet Baptist Church in Chicago, Jackson said he had preached on the radio in Birmingham earlier this year. "Maybe if I'd said the right thing the man who planted that bomb might not have done that deed," he declared.

He told his audience Negro "religious leaders must have a sense of redemptive responsibility." This sense should go along with their quest for "first class citizenship and civil rights.

"No people become great only by conquering those who oppose them. We must take our responsibilities and rise to the occasion. Let's release the greatness that is in us," Jackson went on.

To the seminary students present preparing to preach, Jackson warned, "It doesn't matter how many books you read, you can't preach unless you know Christ."

K. Owen White, Houston, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, attended Boddie's inauguration. The seminary here is jointly operated by Southern and National Conventions.

White drew applause when he said, "It's a pleasure to sit on the platform next to the president of the National Baptist Convention and to know we have one Master, and that we all are brethren."

Southern Baptists were represented at the inaugural by several persons employed by SBC agencies in Nashville and elsewhere, by members of the Commission on American Baptist Theological Seminary, by presidents of some Southern Baptist colleges and by local pastors and laymen.

Boddie came to presidency of American Seminary from a public relations office with the American Baptist (Convention) Foreign Mission Societies. Several American Baptist Convention agency leaders and educators were also present.

(Editor's Note: The following program is for immediate release. Additions to the program will be filed in separate stories as they develop.--Baptist Press)

THIRD BAPTIST JUBILEE CELEBRATION
Convention Hall
Atlantic City, N. J.

May 22-24, 1964

THEME: "For Liberty and Light"

TEXT: (To be announced)

PRESIDING: Theodore F. Adams, Richmond, Va.

SONG LEADER: W. Hines Sims, Nashville, Tenn.

Friday Evening, May 22

7:00 Congregational singing, Scripture and prayer
Keynote Address: John G. Diefenbaker, Canada
Special Music: "Testament of Freedom," by the Singing Churchmen, Oklahoma
Address: (To be announced)
Closing prayer and benediction

Saturday Morning, May 23

8:45 Congregational singing, Scripture and prayer
Baptist Jubilee Advance, an historical glimpse:
Kenneth Scott Latourette, professor emeritus, Yale University
Baptist Distinctives--a prepared paper, with panel discussion
Congregational singing
Differences Among Baptists--a prepared paper, with discussion
Presentation of message from Message Committee
Closing prayer and benediction

Saturday Afternoon, May 23

1:45 Congregational singing, Scripture and prayer
Results of mission work around the world--representatives of each continent
Report on results of Baptist Jubilee Advance
4:00 to 6:00 Boardwalk fellowship (free time)

Saturday Evening, May 23

8:00 Oratorio (written especially for the Jubilee celebration)
Libretto: Samuel Miller, Harvard University
Composer: Ron Nelson, Brown University
Conductor: Thor Johnson, Northwestern University
Musicians: specially selected
Vocalists: "Singing City" group from Philadelphia, directed by Elaine Brown

Sunday Morning, May 24

9:00 Congregational singing, Scripture and prayer
Dramatic presentation of the quest for all people for freedom
Action on message
Acknowledgements, announcements, etc.
Morning worship: preacher, John Soren, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
(president of the Baptist World Alliance)

Sunday Afternoon, May 24

3:00 Closing Program: Billy Graham, Speaker
4:30 Adjournment

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**Virginia Takes No Side
On Special Offerings**

RICHMOND (BP)--Each Baptist church should decide for itself how it will promote and collect special offerings for home and foreign missions, according to a recommendation here of the Virginia Baptist General Board.

The statement, to be voted on by messengers at the annual Baptist General Association of Virginia, developed out of debate over whether these offerings should be church-wide promotions.

The other method of taking up the special mission offerings is to have them sponsored by Woman's Missionary Unions in the churches. The two offerings at issue are the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions and the Annie Armstrong Offering for home missions, taken in the spring.

The general board also will recommend increased annual Cooperative Program budget goals with a target of \$4 million in 1965. "The major portion of the Virginia share of the increase would go to the capital needs of our educational institutions," the board reported.

The board adopted a 1964 budget of \$3,570,000, up \$170,000 over the current year, to be collected for Cooperative Program purposes. It will share 37 per cent--compared with 36 in 1963--with the Southern Baptist Convention.

This, too, will be submitted to the general association for approval.

Without involving more than the annual allocations to it from the general association, the board recommends the Virginia Baptist Home, Inc., at Culpeper expand. It also desires a study of the need for another Baptist home for senior citizens in the state.

Text of the resolution on special offerings:

"We hereby recognize the right of each local church to determine the nature and scope of special offerings for home and foreign missions.

"In instances where a church decides in favor of a church-wide offering, the Baptist General Association of Virginia suggests that the Virginia Woman's Missionary Union provide special envelopes upon request by the local church.

"We also recognize the desire of Virginia Woman's Missionary Union that local churches in reporting funds be requested to indicate the amount contributed by Woman's Missionary Union members."

The general board chose the increased Cooperative Program goal instead of the special fund-raising campaigns which some other state Baptist bodies have undertaken for educational goals.

The home for aging at Culpeper, by the recommendation, would be enlarged with building of 20 residential cottage units. They would house 40 persons.

The general board would have final say-so on where a new home for aging would be built and when.

Broadcasters Commend
SBC Radio-TV Commission

FORT WORTH (BP)--Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission here has received an unprecedented recognition by a state group of broadcasters.

The Tennessee Association of Broadcasters passed a resolution stating that "the association's thanks and appreciation be made known to the Southern Baptist organization for its position taken in the interest of true freedom of action in the broadcasting industry."

Notice of the association's action was sent to the SBC Radio-TV Commission by Parry Sheftall of radio station WJZM, Clarksville, Tenn., along with a copy of the resolution.

An editorial by Commission Director Paul M. Stevens in *The Beam*, the Commission's monthly magazine, decrying further government control of radio and television programming prompted the Tennessee Broadcasters' action.

The *Beam* editorial also criticized a statement by the National Council of Churches which urged the Federal Communications Commission to require radio and television stations to use more local programming, to increase regulation of networks, and to divorce advertisers from control over program content.

Full text of the resolution passed by the Tennessee Broadcasters Association said:

"Whereas, the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, representing 32,000 churches and 10 million members, has editorially expressed opposition to increased governmental regulation and control of local broadcasting operations--a subject previously endorsed by and presented to various federal agencies by the National Council of Churches in violation of basic constitutional guarantees of freedom--and

"Whereas, the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention has so concisely and forthrightly presented their conviction that the public interest will be served best if broadcasters are permitted to continue operations in their local areas unfettered by additional regulation by government agencies,

"Be it therefore unanimously resolved by the Tennessee Association of Broadcasters in convention assembled that the association's thanks and appreciation be made known to the Southern Baptist organization for the position they have taken in the interest of true freedom of action in the broadcasting industry

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Academy Adds Two
To Staff, Faculty

(10-4-63)

SAN MARCOS, Tex. (BP)--San Marcos Baptist Academy here has named a new English instructor and a new director of publicity.

An Englishman, William E. Richards, who has been educated at Oxford University, is the new English teacher.

Richards, 28, is teaching students from Texas, 18 other states, and 15 foreign countries--but none from England. He was born and educated in Great Britain.

The new publicity director for the Baptist academy's office of public relations is Mrs. Linda Spurrier Duffield. She is also teaching journalism at the academy and sponsoring the school newspaper.

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James Johns Named
Editor of the Beam

FORT WORTH (BP)--James T. Johns has been named as editor of the Beam, monthly publication of Southern Baptists' Radio-Television Commission here.

Johns, a journalism graduate who joined the Commission staff in January of 1956, replaces Virgil Hensley, editor since 1962, who resigned recently to accept a position with an oil equipment company here.

A native of Tyler, Tex., Johns served as director of the Commission's department of agency and station relations from 1957-62 and as co-director of the department of market development and scheduling for the past 16 months. His promotion as editor of The Beam was effective October 1, 1963.

The Beam, 48-page international magazine of religious radio and television, is mailed to all 50 states and 53 foreign countries. Current circulation exceeds 45,000.

The new editor has had a lengthy association with the field of journalism. His father, R. A. Johns of Tyler, is assistant advertising manager of the Tyler Courier-Times and Morning Telegraph.

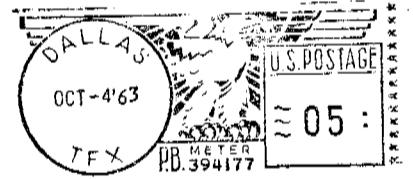
His journalistic experience includes serving as the business manager of publications at North Texas State College, Denton, Texas; working in the advertising department of three Texas daily newspapers, and serving as make-up editor for the All-Church Press newspapers in Fort Worth.

In his position as co-director of the Commission's department of market development and scheduling, he was responsible for contacting radio and television stations about carrying commission-produced programs.

He also has directed all phases of the "Televangelism" project from its start in 1959. Through this emphasis, Southern Baptists have combined viewing sessions of "The Answer" television series with visitation, witnessing, and followup.

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