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**Maryland Newspaper  
Gets Associate Editor**

BALTIMORE (BP)--James C. Shelly Jr., Baptist student director at Alabama College, Montevallo, has accepted the associate editorship of the Maryland Baptist here.

The Maryland Baptist is weekly newspaper of the Baptist Convention of Maryland.

Shelly will assist Editor Gainer E. Bryan Jr. with news editing and also will take up some Baptist Student Union duties, working with Sam A. High, Maryland convention student director.

A native of Georgia, Shelly received the bachelor of arts degree in journalism from the University of Georgia, Athens. He was circulation manager for the Red and Black, university newspaper. He served a summer internship with the daily Atlanta Constitution, and later reported news for the daily Macon (Ga.) Telegraph.

He has a master of religious education degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

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**J. C. Ballew Dies**

(1-8-64)

COLUMBIA, S. C. (BP)--J. C. Ballew, 37, associate Brotherhood director, South Carolina Baptist Convention, died here Jan. 2 after a long illness. He had directed Royal Ambassador work in South Carolina for over two years. Funeral services were held in Columbia; burial was at Inman, S. C., Ballew's birthplace.

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**SBC Got \$19 Million  
In Cooperative Program**

(1-8-64)

NASHVILLE (BP)--Southern Baptist Convention agencies received \$19,448,028 through the Cooperative Program during 1963 and another \$15,020,861 in special offerings and other designations during the year.

This was announced in a year's end financial report from Treasurer Porter Routh here.

The SBC Cooperative Program budget for the year, approved in June, 1962, amounted to \$19,792,500. During the final month of 1963 more than \$2 million was received on the budget goal.

Cooperative Program receipts for 1963 for SBC agencies gained 2.8 per cent, or \$530,552, over receipts in 1962. By comparison, the amounts through special offerings and other designations increased 9.4 per cent, or \$1,291,211.

In all, the agencies received \$34,468,889 during 1963. Of this, \$20,708,550 went to support the denomination's foreign missions program. Another \$6,457,869 went for home missions.

Two of the Convention's six seminaries each received over \$1 million--Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth getting \$1,314,753 and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, \$1,059,515.

Cooperative Program money is undesignated. Agencies supported through Cooperative Program income each received a percentage, as decided by the annual Convention. Funds were used both for operating and capital needs.

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Operating needs were met in full and the balance needed to meet the full budget affected only capital items.

There were no advance funds in the report, something which has been true for several years. These are funds which are distributed solely to foreign and home missions after the total Cooperative Program budget is reached.

Adjustment of the 1964 budget goal is expected to assure advance funds once more, although deficits in past years' capital needs will have to be met out of 1964 receipts.

Texas, the largest state in numbers of Baptists, led other state Baptist conventions in the size of gifts to SBC causes through the Cooperative Program and designations.

It sent in \$3,424,749 through the Cooperative Program and a slightly larger amount--\$3,512,512--by designations.

In the second largest state, in terms of numbers of Baptists, the same was true. North Carolina sent slightly more in designations--\$1,558,940--than it did via the Cooperative Program, which was \$1,555,559.

Cooperative Program forwardings dropped slightly over 1962 amounts from Colorado, Kansas and New Mexico. Designations dropped from 1962 sums from Alaska and the District of Columbia.

Designations exceeded Cooperative Program amounts forwarded in 1963 also from Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas, and Oregon-Washington.

The year's end treasurer's report does not cover total amounts of church offering plate collections nor the sums used by state conventions to support their work. Two SBC agencies, the Sunday School Board and the Stewardship Commission, were not supported from Cooperative Program funds.

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Baptist Leaders To Go  
To National Conference

(1-8-64)

WASHINGTON (BP) --Twenty-one Southern Baptist leaders have been nominated to participate in the National Study Conference on Church and State at Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 4-7, according to C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs here.

The study conference is sponsored by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. and under the direction of Dean M. Kelley, executive director of the department of religious liberty of the National Council.

Invitations to participate in the study conference were sent to member communions of the National Council of Churches and to non-member eligible communions.

The invitation to the Southern Baptist Convention, which is not a member of the National Council, was sent to the Executive Committee in Nashville. The Executive Committee referred the request to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs for action.

The American Baptist Convention, the National Baptist Convention of America and the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., are members of the National Council of Churches.

In its call for a National Study Conference on Church and State, the National Council of Churches made it clear the conference "will speak for itself and not for the National Council or any of its member communions."

Carlson wrote to Southern Baptist state convention executives, agency and institution heads for nominations for participation in the National Study Conference. These nominations were sent to the National Council office which in turn issued the invitations and sent the study materials.

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Carlson has been active in preparations for the National Conference. He served on the planning commission and wrote one of the six preparatory papers.

The conference will pull together 450 delegates and 50 observers and consultants representing the main stream of America's religious life, according to announcement from Kelley's office. Participants will be from 17 Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox member communions of the National Council and nine Protestant bodies not in the Council.

Kelley said "the relationship between church and state is being redefined in this decade." The national conference, he continued, "is an effort on the part of the churches to decide their stand and the direction which they think church-state relations should follow."

Conferees will come to grips with such matters as the tax-exempt status of churches, aid to church-related institutions of higher education and welfare, and aspects of the civil rights struggle.

It is not known at the time of this writing how many of the 21 Southern Baptist leaders will find it possible to accept the invitation to the church-state conference.

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Skid Row Story Plot  
For Jan. 26 Telecast

(1-8-64)

FORT WORTH (BP)--The story of the death of a skid-row "missionary" will be told in a Southern Baptist Convention half-hour television program Jan. 26 over the National Broadcasting Co. (NBC-TV)

Entitled, "Ecclesiastes and the Dying Day," it is the first of four 30-minute telecasts over NBC-TV to be presented in 1964 under the general title, "The Southern Baptist Hour."

The program time is 2:30 P. M. EST.

Each of the four shows is a cooperative production of the SBC Radio and Television Commission here and the national network's religious TV unit.

The first drama, the one for Jan. 26, concerns itself with the question, "Who can estimate the value of the total life and personality of a man?" It was written by John Charles Stevens, staff writer for the commission, who is a 1962 graduate of Baylor University (Baptist), Waco, Tex.

Meanwhile, an hour-long special film on the life and journeys of the Apostle Paul is under production. It will be shown over NBC-TV on May 31.

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