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**Southeastern Approves  
Dormitory For Women**

WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP)--Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary trustees have approved construction here of a \$275,000, two-story women's dormitory. It will be of brick construction and have housing and recreation facilities for 50 students.

Trustees also have authorized the construction of 12 duplex, brick apartments for married students at an estimated cost of \$100,000.

These buildings are a part of the long-range development program based on report by a special planning committee of the trustees.

In other action, Raymond Bryan Brown, associate professor of New Testament interpretation at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, was elected professor of New Testament. John I. Durham, visiting professor of Old Testament and acting academic dean, was elected assistant professor of Old Testament.

The board approved the retirement of Edward A. McDowell Jr., professor of New Testament interpretation, and M. Ray McKay, professor of preaching. Both have been at the seminary since 1952. They will retire July 31.

Claude B. Bowen, pastor of First Baptist Church, Greensboro, No. C., was elected president of the board.

Brown is a native of Louisiana and received his bachelor of arts degree from Louisiana State University in 1944. He holds the bachelor of divinity and master of sacred theology degrees from Yale Divinity School and the doctor of theology degree from Southern Seminary. He has served two pastorates in Virginia and was assistant professor of Bible and religion at the University of Richmond (Baptist) before going to Southern in 1960.

Sabbatical leave for the academic year 1964-65 was granted to John W. Eddins Jr., J. Leo Green, Marc H. Lovelace and William C. Strickland.

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**Student Directors  
Elect Maurice Willis**

(2-20-64)

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--The State Student Directors Association, related to Southern Baptist Convention work, has elected Maurice Willis of Montgomery its new president.

Willis succeeds Udell Smith of Alexandria, La.

The new president is secretary of student work for the Alabama Baptist State Convention. Smith holds the same position with Louisiana Baptist Convention.

Truett Sheriff of Albuquerque, who heads student work for the Baptist Convention of New Mexico, was elected secretary. The association does not elect a vice-president.

The 1965 meeting of the association will be held in Louisville in February. Exact dates in the month will be fixed later.

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SBC Agency Sponsors  
May Tour To Boston

NASHVILLE (BP)--The SBC Historical Commission here has announced it will sponsor a Baptist historical tour into New England following the sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention and Baptist Jubilee Celebration in Atlantic City, N. J., in May.

Lynn E. May Jr. of Nashville, research director for the commission and tour director, said the two-day tour will be conducted Monday and Tuesday, May 25-26. The Baptist Jubilee Celebration closes Sunday, May 24.

The tour, using a chartered Greyhound bus, will leave the Taft Hotel in New York City at 7 a.m. Monday and return to that hotel Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. The tour is limited to 38 persons, seating capacity of the bus, May said.

The cost of the tour, \$39.95, includes hotel accommodations at the Taft on Sunday night, May 24; and at the Parker House in Boston on Monday night; round-trip transportation between New York and Boston, lunches on Monday and Tuesday, and admission fees to selected historical sites.

May said the itinerary will include visits to the birthplace of Luther Rice, the home of Adoniram Judson, the church where Rice and Judson were ordained, the harbor from which Judson and his wife sailed as missionaries, the site at Lexington of the first battle of the Revolutionary War, the Freedom Trail in Boston, Paul Revere House, Plymouth Rock, Brown University, the First Baptist Church of Providence, R. I., and other places.

Reservations must be made before April 1. They will be accepted at the Historical Commission office at 127 Ninth Ave., No. here on a first come, first served basis. A deposit of \$15 must accompany reservations. The balance of the tour cost must be paid by May 1, according to the commission.

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New Iceland Church  
Sets Aside 10 Per Cent

(2-20-64)

NASHVILLE (BP)--The new Southern Baptist church at Keflavik, Iceland has sent \$45.90 as its first contribution to the Cooperative Program, financial plan of the Convention.

"It is the voted desire of the Keflavik Baptist Church. . .that 10 per cent of their monthly income" go to the Cooperative Program of the SBC, wrote Joseph R. Thomas, church treasurer.

The church serves military personnel stationed on the island in the north Atlantic Ocean. The SBC Foreign Mission Board recently appointed a missionary to serve the church.

Convention Treasurer Porter Routh here reported the gift.

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2 Persons Over 70  
Baptized By Church

(2-20-64)

BURNSIDE, Ky. (BP)--Two persons whose ages total almost 164 years were baptized at First Baptist Church here.

The church sponsors a mission at a rest home where the two converts lived--Mrs. Sally Pitman, nearing here 90th birthday, and Lige Coffee, 74. Coffee, partly paralyzed, was baptized seated in a chair.

A lay member of First Church conducts services at the mission. Interim Pastor LeRoy Peterson of the sponsoring church performed the baptism. Peterson teaches at Clear Creek Baptist School at Pineville, Ky.

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Seminary Benefactor,  
Trustee Fatally Hurt

LOUISVILLE (BP)--George W. Norton III, senior member of the trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, died in Jamaica Feb. 14 of injuries received in an automobile accident there.

The 62-year-old president of a Louisville television and radio station was a member of the Norton family prominent in Southern Seminary life for many years. He had been a trustee since 1924 when he was appointed to succeed his father.

Father and son together served the seminary as trustees 79 years.

The Norton family has been a benefactor of the seminary since it moved to Louisville from Greenville, S. C. Norton Hall, administration building on the campus here, is named for the family. In 1911, the family established the Norton Lectureship still conducted yearly.

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James M. Sapp Joins  
Public Affairs Staff

WASHINGTON (BP)-- James M. Sapp of Memphis, Tenn., has accepted the position of an associate director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs here.

C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Committee, said Sapp will develop a program of organization and coorelation of Baptist influence in church-state relations.

Among Southern Baptists, Sapp will work primarily with convention-wide agencies, state Baptist conventions, and associational groups. He will also work with the other Baptist conventions cooperating in the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

Sapp will assume his new duties April 15.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs was organized by the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions in 1936 as a "Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations." The present name was approved in 1956. Enlarged duties were assigned to the Committee in 1956.

The Committee, now representing eight cooperating Baptist bodies in the United States and Canada, is instructed to act in the field of public affairs when governmental action affects Baptist principles.

Sapp, who is 48, joined the Brotherhood Commission in 1952 after 13 years as a pastor's assistant and educational director.

He served churches in Raleigh, N.C., Columbia, S.C., Atlanta, Ga., Memphis, Tenn., and Austin, Tex.

At the Brotherhood Commission Sapp directed the development of a new missionary education program for Baptist boys and was one of the planners who reshaped the men's program in 1960.

George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, said he will begin searching for a new program development director immediately.

Active in public relations, Sapp was the 1961 president of the Baptist Public Relations Association. He is a member of the Public Relations Society of America.

Sapp was born in Tulsa, Okla., and was graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, in 1937.

Husband of the former Oletha Choate, he is the father of two sons, James, 20, and Bill, 17, and a daughter, Elizabeth, 11.