

March 28, 1964

Furman Honors Judge,
Professor And Attorney

GREENVILLE, S. C. (BP)--Furman University will award three honorary doctorates during its commencement exercises here May 31.

The doctor of literature degree will be awarded to Delbert Harold Gilpatrick, professor of history and former chairman of the history department at Furman. Clement Furman Haynsworth Jr., United States Circuit Court judge, Greenville, and Thomas Lee Perkins, lawyer and corporation executive, New York City, will receive doctor of laws degrees from the South Carolina Baptist college.

As a professor who is noted for his ability to present history in a human and interesting manner, Gilpatrick has been for many years a favorite with Furman students. A native of Saginaw, Mich., he received his degrees from Stetson University (Baptist) and Columbia University. He has also studied at George Peabody College for Teachers.

President Eisenhower appointed Haynsworth a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the fourth circuit. Next December, he will succeed to the chief judgeship of the court. He is a member of the Furman University Advisory Council.

Perkins is chairman of trustees, the Duke Endowment, and chairman of the board, Duke Power Co.

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One-Third Greenville
Residents Unchurched

(3-28-64)

GREENVILLE, S. C. (BP)--A religious survey, which contacted 101,946 of this city's quarter million population, found one out of every three people without church membership.

One hundred and twelve churches of various denominations furnished 3,719 workers to make the survey, directed by William A. Powell of Atlanta, survey specialist of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Powell said the survey surprised some of the religious leaders of the city, who thought the religious population would exceed the 67.5 per cent reported. The national average is 64.3.

The percentage of local church membership was only 62.5 per cent, and 14.4 per cent of these do not attend church as often as once a month.

Departing from the usual pattern of survey reports, the Greenville survey indicated denominational preference of the unchurched. This correlated somewhat with the percentage of each denomination in the population.

Sixty-one per cent of the unchurched people indicated a preference for Baptists; for Methodists, 11.4 per cent; for Presbyterians, 6.4 per cent, and for Churches of God, 4.6 per cent. All other denominations had less than 2 per cent.

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Wants Pulpit Exchange

(3-28-64)

NASHVILLE (BP)--A Baptist pastor near Glasgow, Scotland is interested in exchanging pulpits with a Southern Baptist pastor for six months starting in June, 1965. For details, contact Porter Routh, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville 37219.

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EDITORS: Please make the following revisions in the program of the Church Music Conference for Atlantic City, N. J.

MONDAY MORNING

10:00 Delete entry Concert-Junior Choir . . . Columbia, S. C.

Substitute

Concert - Church Choir, First Baptist Church, Laurel, Maryland, Mrs. Ralph Conrad, choir director

MONDAY AFTERNOON

2:25 Delete entry on discussion by Carlyle Marney, North Carolina

Substitute

Concert - Junior Choir . . . Columbia, S. C. (just as formerly listed at 10 A.M. Monday)

MONDAY EVENING

7:30 Delete entry of worship service, Myers Park Church, Charlotte

Substitute

"The Prodigal Son," by Debussy; director - Ray Conner, music secretary, Kansas Convention; soprano, Mrs. Jack Terral, Dallas; tenor, Russell Newport, First Baptist Church, Springfield, Mo.; bass, Denny Boyd, First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.; pianist, Max Lyall, church music department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

End of deletions and substitutions. Thank you.

Baptist Press, Nashville

Stevens To Travel
In Middle East

(3-28-64)

FORT WORTH (BP)--A preaching mission to United States air bases and film work with a network television crew will engage Paul M. Stevens during a trip to the Middle East this spring.

Stevens, director of the Southern Baptist Convention Radio and Television Commission here, will speak at three bases--two in Turkey and one on Crete.

The Air Force has asked Stevens to fill one of its Protestant preaching missions to United States military personnel.

After visiting the three air bases, Stevens will join a television film crew from the National Broadcasting Co. (NBC). The crew is making a detailed film study of current discoveries in biblical archaeology, the director said.

Their film, tentatively called "Archaeology and the Bible," is scheduled for 1965 release.

Stevens said "the film will present new information" and "will use all the latest professional, photographic and cinematic skills of motion pictures. It will endeavor to prove the validity of the Holy Scripture; this premise is an accepted fact."

It will use "a different approach on how men were inspired to the write the Bible" and on the land in which they lived.

Truett Myers, commission TV consultant, will be with the network crew from the beginning of the expedition which leaves New York May 3. Among the places visited will be Babylon, Nineveh, Ur, Jericho, Nazareth, and Egyptian cities.

Cuban Group Meets,
Sends Greetings

ATLANTA (BP)--Baptists of Western Cuba, meeting for their 59th annual convention, have sent expressions of fellowship to Southern Baptists.

Herbert Caudill of Havana, superintendent of missions for the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board, relayed the messages in a phone call to Courts Redford of Atlanta.

He gave greetings from president Luis M. Gonzales and vice-president Rafael A. Ocana. Gonzales is pastor at Santa Clara in Las Villas province, and Ocana is pastor of Baptist Temple in Havana.

Their message read, "Gratitude and thanksgiving to God is the feeling of 500 messengers and visitors meeting in the 59th annual meeting of the Baptist Convention of Western Cuba in Havana. In this special way we extend the righthand of fellowship to the Home Mission Board and the Southern Baptist Convention."

Redford, executive secretary of the mission agency, said Caudill called while the Cuban convention was in session. Caudill was generally optimistic about the work there, despite a downturn in statistics.

Caudill was suffering from eye difficulty, thought to be caused by teeth and sinus infection. He had been ordered by his doctors not to attend all sessions of the convention.

Reports of Baptist work in the western four provinces (American Baptists support that in the eastern two provinces) showed a decrease in missions from 224 to 124.

Redford said this was caused by government restrictions, and most of the missions were Sunday schools and preaching points in rural areas.

There are 87 churches affiliated with the convention. These reported 376 baptisms last year. "The number is low," Caudill said, "but we have had very good evangelistic services. I think in general our churches have improved spiritually."

Membership of the churches is 8,887, with 11,025 enrolled in Sunday schools. The churches gave \$88,410 for all mission work. Total receipts were \$279,600.

The convention supports a seminary with 32 pupils, a Baptist home for the aged, a Baptist hospital, and a Baptist Student Union ministry.

Caudill said, "In general the work in the churches has been strengthened. Four churches have been closed, but the work continues in these places. We hope they may soon be opened. We have had to prepare our own literature. The distribution of tracts, Bibles, and portions has been reduced considerably.

"We are trying to make our visits more effective. I feel the testimony of our people is more significant now than ever, and the Lord will bring triumph to His people."

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Howard Payne Honors
Own History Teacher

(3-28-64)

BROWNWOOD, Tex. (BP)--Miss Annie Shelton, graduate of and long-time history teacher at Howard Payne College here, will be honored at commencement as a special feature of Howard Payne's 75th anniversary year.

By unanimous vote of the faculty and trustees of the Texas Baptist college, Miss Shelton will be awarded an honorary doctor of literature degree at commencement May 28.

It earlier had been announced the baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by B. F. Bennett, Howard Payne graduate who is chaplain at Baylor Medical Center (Baptist), Dallas. He will be given an honorary doctor of divinity degree at the commencement service.

A sister Texas Baptist school--Mary Hardin-Baylor College at Belton--announced it will award the honorary doctor of literature degree to Thomas E. Turner of Waco, Tex., this fall. Turner is director of the central Texas bureau for the Dallas Morning News.

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Scholarships Honor
Reporter Killed

WACO, Tex. (BP)--A memorial scholarship fund honoring Wilson Fielder, a reporter for Time and Life magazines, killed in Korea on battlefront assignment, has been established at Baylor University here, the reporter's alma mater.

The Wilson Fielder memorial scholarship in journalism was set up with gifts of \$1,200 from the reporter's widow, and \$6,000 from Time, Inc.

The 33-year-old writer was killed by a burst of machine gun fire while riding in a jeep during the 1950 evacuation of Taejon, Korea.

Fielder had filed his only firsthand report of the Korean War a week earlier. He had insisted on staying in Korea to cover the Taejon evacuation, telling Life photographer Carl Mydans, "You get on out with the film. I'll just take one more look."

Fielder, the son of Southern Baptist missionaries to China, died in the Orient, in which he was born and reared, for something he believe he was called to do.

His lifelong dream was to be a journalist writing about China, guerrilla warfare in Indo-China, and Chiang Kai-Shek's retreat to Formosa. Then came the volunteer Korean assignment that took his life.

His mother, Mrs. Wilson Fielder Sr., who now lives at Buckner Baptist Haven for the Aging in Houston, recalls her son began writing in his early teens by recording in story form the civil strife, bombings and banditry in China during the 1930's.

Fielder was born in Chengchow, Honan province, China in 1917, and lived there with his missionary parents until 1935 when he entered Howard Payne College (Baptist), Brownwood, Tex. Later he transferred to Baylor to study journalism.

At Baylor he became editor of the campus daily newspaper, the Lariat. After graduation he was a reporter for the Waco (Tex.) News-Tribune and the Corpus Christi (Tex.) Caller-Times.

He served in the Marine Corps during World War II, enlisting as a private and rising to captain and company commander. The Marines also sent him to the University of California to study Chinese.

Fielder worked with the Associated Press in San Francisco and in the Kaiser Industries' public relations office in Oakland, Calif., after the war. He joined Time magazine in 1948 and spent a year in New York before going to Hong Kong.

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Mrs. Peale To Address
Ministers' Wives Group

(3-28-64)

By the Baptist Press

"The Minister's Wife--World Citizen" has been selected theme of the 1964 Conference of Ministers' Wives, held annually during the week of the Southern Baptist Convention session.

The conference is an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference. It will meet Tuesday, May 19 at Christ and St. Paul's Methodist Church in Atlantic City, N. J. Starting time is 3:30 p.m.

Following a roll call of states, and some musical selections, Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale of New York City will address the ministers' wives. Her husband is the pastor of Marble Collegiate Church and subject of a recently released motion picture.

A get acquainted tea will follow Mrs. Peale's address.

Mrs. W. C. Link Jr. of Liberty, Mo., is conference president. Mrs. A. Douglas Aldrich of Gastonia, N. C., is chairman of the program committee.

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Children's Home Names
Wright Administrator

ROUND ROCK, Tex. (BP)--Charles Irwin Wright of Austin, 37-year-old Baptist minister and child welfare worker, has been elected administrator of Texas Baptist Children's Home here.

Wright, who is regional child welfare licensing supervisor for the Texas State Department of Public Welfare, will begin his new work May 1.

He replaces James S. McNabb Jr., who resigned last August to become superintendent of Waco State Home.

Texas Baptist Children's Home, one of four child care ministries owned and operated by Texas Baptists cares for more than 200 needy or dependent children each year.

Wright is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, and was pastor of Baptist churches in Joshua, Tex., and Manor, Tex., for four years.

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Education, Loan Study
Committees Appointed

(3-28-64)

NASHVILLE (BP)--The chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee has announced members of two subcommittees asked to make special studies--one on federal aid to education, the other on loans to Baptist churches.

Harold W. Seever of Mobile, Ala., appointed Howard P. Giddens of Athens, Ga., chairman of the subcommittee to study the implications of the bill passed by Congress to aid higher education. The subcommittee will study its effect on Southern Baptist colleges and universities.

Its study will be in cooperation with the SBC Education Commission here and the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington. Other subcommittee members are Charles A. Trentham, Knoxville; L. K. Edwards Jr., Irvine, Fla.; Mrs. Robert Fling, Cleburne, Tex.; Charles C. Bowles, San Antonio, Tex.; Jaroy Weber, Beaumont, Tex., and W. R. Pettigrew, Louisville.

Chairman of the church loan study subcommittee is W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, Miss. Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, Miss.; Charles E. Curry, Kansas City, Mo.; W. B. Henderson, Fort Worth; Wayne Dehoney, Jackson, Tenn.; Ed J. Packwood, Phoenix; Nane Starnes, Asheville, N. C.; Enoch C. Brown, Columbia, S. C., and M. B. Carroll, Dallas, are other members.

It will study loans to pioneer area churches particularly.

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