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Maddox To Stay
On Furman Staff

GREENVILLE, S. C. (BP)--Furman University here announced Cordell Maddox, its director of alumni activities, will stay on at the Baptist school and will assume many of the duties once held by the vice-president for development.

George A. Christenberry, who held that vice-presidency, leaves to become chairman of the biology department at the Woman's College of Georgia, Milledgeville.

It had been announced earlier Maddox would become director of public relations for the South Carolina Baptist Convention this summer. However, Christenberry's resignation led to a request that Maddox be released from his commitment to the convention staff in Columbia.

Furman is one of the colleges operated by the South Carolina convention.

Horace G. Hammett, convention executive secretary, said at Columbia: "Although he (Maddox) had already accepted the position as director of public relations...I felt that he should have the privilege of reconsidering..."

The Furman University news release indicated the new position effective Sept. 1 would be a promotion for Maddox there, but did not say what his new title would be.

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Binkley Receives Honor
At Chapel Hill School

(6-6-64)

CHAPEL HILL, N. C. (BP)--The University of North Carolina here has conferred an honorary doctor of divinity degree on the president of a Southern Baptist Convention seminary.

The honor went to Olin T. Binkley, former professor of sociology at the university here, and now president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in nearby Wake Forest, N. C. He also was pastor of University Baptist Church here.

The citation read in presenting the degree mentioned Binkley's "deep and lasting impression" on Chapel Hill community, evidenced by the fact a Baptist church was named after him. (The Binkley Church started as a mission of the University Baptist Church, but President Binkley has never been pastor of the church bearing his name.)

It said also he has "influenced for good the lives of hundreds of young people now serving the cause of religion." The citation stated Binkley "manifests in our generation those qualities which have marked Christian leaders since the Master walked the Judean hills."

In addition to teaching at the university here, Binkley also taught at Wake Forest College (Baptist) in North Carolina, at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville and at Southeastern Seminary before becoming its president.

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Mars Hills President
Retiring In 1966

(6-6-64)

MARS HILL, N. C. (BP)--Hoyt Blackwell, who has been president of Mars Hill College (Baptist) here since 1938, told trustees he will retire at the end of the summer in 1966.

The western North Carolina school has had only two presidents since 1897.

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A resolution was adopted by trustees that a vice-president be appointed "as soon as wisdom dictates." It stated the new vice-president will be expected to succeed to the presidency when Blackwell retires.

The resolution proposed Blackwell appoint a special committee to recommend someone qualified to fill the vice-president's post. It has been vacant since 1958.

A member of the Mars Hill faculty since 1928, Blackwell is 73 years old. His predecessor in office, Dr. Robert Lee Moore, served as president from 1897 to 1938.

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Alaska Convention
President Killed

(6-6-64)

By the Baptist Press

A telegram to Baptist Press offices in Nashville reports the death of Aubrey Short, 52, president of the Alaska Baptist Convention.

He was killed May 30 when the airplane he was flying, alone at the time, stalled while landing and crashed. The telegram, which came from convention offices in Anchorage, did not say where the crash occurred nor elaborate on the circumstances of the flight.

William H. Hansen, editor of the Alaska Baptist Messenger, who telegraphed the report, said Short would have a memorial service at Faith Baptist Church, Spenard, the church he served for two years as pastor. Burial would be later in Arkansas.

Short was a former secretary of evangelism for Louisiana Baptist Convention, leaving there in 1955. He was pastor, First Baptist Church, San Benito, Tex., before he went to Alaska five years ago.

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Southeastern Alumni
Elect T. R. Mullinax

(6-6-64)

ATLANTIC CITY (BP)--The alumni association of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary has elected Thomas Robert Mullinax as its new president.

A native of Georgia and a graduate of Wake Forest College (Baptist), Winston-Salem, N. C., and Southeastern Seminary, Mullinax is pastor of Cary Baptist Church, Cary, N. C.

The luncheon meeting of alumni was held during the week of Baptist events here. It was attended by 437 alumni and friends.

Two of the seminary's professors were honored as they retire from the faculty--Edward A. McDowell Jr. and M. Ray McKay. Two new professors were welcomed to the seminary's faculty--John I. Durham and Raymond A. Brown.

Thomas A. Jackson, assistant pastor, First Baptist Church, Baltimore, was chosen vice-president of the alumni association, with Richard J. McQueen of Charleston, S. C., secretary.

Southeastern Seminary is located at Wake Forest, N. C.

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Syracuse's 17th Workshop

(6-6-64)

CHAUTAUQUA, N. Y. (BP)--Syracuse University's 17th Workshop in Fund-Raising will be held July 20-31 at its Chautauqua Center here. The workshop, open to all interested persons in college and hospital administration, development and other types of fund-raising, will cover the fundamentals of fund-raising in the areas of capital gifts campaigns, annual giving, deferred giving and institutional planning and development.

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Bethel Honors Chairman

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. (BP)--One of the final actions of Bethel College (Baptist) here was to confer an honorary doctor of divinity degree on the chairman of its trustees--H. Curtis Erwin, pastor, First Baptist Church, Greenville, Ky. The Baptist junior college, beset by financial problems and forthcoming competition from a state-supported college in the community, ceased to operate after its spring commencement exercises.

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Baptist Ministers
Participate In Survey

(6-6-64)

DALLAS (BP)--A salary survey to determine compensation of ministers is underway in about 18 Baptist and Protestant denominations.

Floyd B. Chaffin, Dallas, associate secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board, said 1,500 Southern Baptist ministers have been mailed questionnaires for this survey.

The questionnaire seeks information concerning salaries, expenses, fringe benefits and other related data, Chaffin said.

He said all replies to the questionnaire are mailed by the minister to an independent research firm and all answers remain anonymous.

The survey is being conducted because of widespread interest shown by laymen and ministers concerning pastors' compensation, Chaffin said.

The names of Baptist ministers were selected by the research and statistics department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. This selection includes ministers in all states and in various size churches, Chaffin said.

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Chemistry Head Switches
Texas Baptist Schools

(6-6-64)

ABILENE, Tex. (BP)--W. Eugene Keeland, professor at Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex., has been named head of the chemistry department at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene. Both are Texas Baptist schools.

Keeland will succeed Otto O. Watts, 71, who is retiring from the Hardin-Simmons department chairmanship.

The new chairman is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Ark., and holds the doctor of philosophy degree in chemistry from Montana State College, Bozeman.

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Editors Agree 1964 SBC
Session Now History

(6-6-64)

By the Baptist Press

Someone sampling comments from all 28 state Baptist convention newspapers would be confused about just what kind of week it was when the 1964 Southern Baptist Convention met in Atlantic City, N. J.

About all editors of these papers could agree on was that the 1964 Convention is now history. From that point on, there is no togetherness.

The Baptist Courier in South Carolina called it "a good Convention." The Baptist Record in Mississippi, going further, described the Atlantic City meeting of the SBC as "one of its best sessions in recent years."

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The Baptist Record admitted others would not agree with this view, and disagree they did.

Georgia's Christian Index said Southern Baptists were not on their best behavior in the New Jersey beach resort, they would earn no good conduct medal for this Convention. The Maryland Baptist went to the Convention with "high hopes" only to have them "dashed."

To the Arizona Baptist Beacon, the Convention lacked warmth and fervor. Standing in midstream were the North Carolina Biblical Recorder and the Baptist Message of Louisiana.

The North Carolina weekly called it a "Convention that had its good moments and its bad." Louisiana termed it "not the best nor the worst (Convention) to ever convene."

The Florida Baptist Witness noticed the variety of opinions and told its readers the Atlantic City sessions evoked "widely divergent" evaluations.

The Indiana Baptist, with 5400 subscribers, and the Baptist Standard of Texas, with 375,000, reported Southern Baptists are the same--take the same stands--regardless of the location of their Convention sessions.

The Pacific Coast Baptist, published in Portland, Ore., said principles prevailed when Southern Baptists debated their major issues. The Western Recorder in Kentucky said messengers to the 1964 Convention "were in a talking mood."

The Illinois Baptist considered Atlantic City "about the least appropriate place to stage a Convention" and sided with those who said 1964 was not "Southern Baptists' best year in many areas." Tennessee's Baptist and Reflector complained the meeting "suffered from dominance by fringe forces."

The California Southern Baptist said the actions of the Convention showed "sectionalism does not rule the SBC." A Convention that "is growing more conservative in its position" was the appraisal of the Alabama Baptist.

The Word and Way of Missouri saw it as "an unpredictable Convention, spotted with surprises," but the messengers from Virginia went home with "widespread dissatisfaction" over what was done in Atlantic City, according to the Religious Herald.

The Capital Baptist in the District of Columbia, where churches are related to the SBC and the American Baptist Convention, commented that Baptists "have some differences and that some of these differences are quite deep."

The "mixing and mingling" of SBC messengers and American Convention delegates on the Boardwalk of Atlantic City was bound to improve fellowship and lead to a better understanding, the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine believed. The two Conventions, for the first time in about 30 years, held Conventions in the same city--simultaneously but separately.

The Ohio Baptist Messenger said the issues in 1964 proved no structure of a hierarchy exists within the Southern Baptist Convention.

Circulated from Denver to Baptists in six states, the Rocky Mountain Baptist saw the SBC vote on the proposed North American Baptist Fellowship in this light--"Southern Baptists do not like to be shamed, badgered or driven to do a thing."

Editors commented from differing viewpoints on the fellowship and on a statement on race relations--the two most hotly debated issues tackled in Atlantic City. While noting the closeness of votes on these issues, showing a divided feeling, the editors saw the Convention united on religious liberty, "the great fundamentals and essentials of a Bible-based faith," foreign missions, a large and varied program of work, and the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

"Many know there is a liberal group and a conservative group in our Convention. The vote (on race recommendations) indicated that the division is not too one-sided for either group..." the Alabama Baptist added.

The Baptist Standard felt the 1964 Convention "made four serious errors." These were (1) refusing to participate in the North American Fellowship Committee, (2) voting an amendment to a resolution supporting the First Amendment of the U. S. Constitution, (3) refusing the race recommendations of its Christian Life Commission and (4) "rushing home or elsewhere" before the weekend Baptist Jubilee Celebration.

What's The Password?
It Should Be "Baptist"

By Jim Newton

NEW YORK (BP)--"Baptist" would have been an appropriate password on the Columbia Broadcasting System's television show "Password" here.

Gene McComb, pastor of First Baptist Church, Duncanville, Tex., just outside Dallas, appeared on the television word-guessing game as the partner of motion picture star Zsa Zsa Gabor.

During a 30-minute break between taping two "Password" shows the same afternoon, another Baptist pastor played the game with the studio audience and "Password" announcer Jack Clark.

It wasn't on network television at the time, and "Password" officials regretted it. Here's what happened.

Clark asked if anyone in the studio audience was celebrating or observing a significant occasion. When hands went up throughout the audience, Clark asked a well-groomed man what he was observing.

"A lonesome holiday away from my wife and four kids," replied Norman Arbo of Montgomery City, Mo.

Arbo explained he was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Montgomery City and that he left his family at home while he went away to attend sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention in nearby Atlantic City, and to visit his parents in Boston, Mass.

Clark gave Arbo the game's first word, along with \$10 and started to call on someone from the studio audience to guess the word on Arbo's clue. But Arbo rebelled.

"I'm not supposed to know anything about that word," he joked. Clark scolded his assistant, and then revealed that the password was "harem."

The good-looking Arbo quipped he had been named as the man most likely to have a harem by his graduating class, but that he had forsaken all such things on becoming a Baptist minister.

Clark selected another word (it was "delicious"), and they played again. The first audience guess was wrong, and Arbo lost a dollar.

But the second guesser hit it right and the winner was presented a gift of "My Sin" perfume.

The gift went to Miss Vivian Wilson, Southern Baptist home missionary working at a Baptist community center in Granite City, Ill. (near St. Louis, Mo.)

Said Miss Wilson on accepting the perfume, "This will be my only chance to sin legally on my trip." She, too, had been to the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlantic City.

Arbo wanted some of the "My Sin" perfume, too, but the studio gave him the \$9 he had won instead. They tried to give him a screen test to appear on the nationwide television show, also, but the Baptist preacher couldn't stay in New York long enough for the test.

Echo II Triggers
Dynamite Charge

FORT WORTH (BP)--Echo II, United States satellite circling the globe in a north-south orbit, helped to break ground on the earth for the new studio and offices of the Southern Baptist Convention Radio and Television Commission here.

The commission's radio department and a tracking station in adjoining Dallas bounced a beam off the satellite as it passed over the area. The radar signal, relayed to the groundbreaking site, set off a small dynamite charge.

More than 300 persons witnessed the unique groundbreaking at 6350 West Freeway, about 1-1/2 miles from the outgrown offices the commission is using at present.

Use of the satellite symbolized the Radio-TV commission's plans to have some of its programs broadcast worldwide by means of one or more such space vehicles, commission Director Paul M. Stevens said.

The three-level, two-unit communications center will be built at an approximate cost of \$600,000. The building will be ready for occupancy about October, 1965. Dedication services, however, will be held in June, when the 1965 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention is held in Dallas.

Keynote speaker at groundbreaking was Harold W. Seever, pastor, Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala., and chairman of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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20 Years Of Student
Missionary Work Cited

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ATLANTA (BP)--A dramatic presentation at Southern Baptist assemblies this summer will cite 20 years of the denomination's student summer mission activity.

The presentation, "Highway in the Desert," will be given during home mission weeks July 30-Aug. 5 at Glorieta, N. M., and Aug. 13-19 at Ridgecrest, N. C.

Actually, the student mission ministry has 700 students serving in 1964, its 21st year. The ministry was started by Courts Redford, executive secretary of the SBC Home Mission Board, in 1943.

Since that time more than 8,000 students have given 10 weeks of their summer to do mission work in the United States and Panama. Until Fidel Castro took over Cuba, the students had also served on that island.

Theme for the home mission weeks is "To God Be the Glory," in observance of the Baptist Jubilee Celebration of 150 years of organized Baptist work in North America.

Preaching at Glorieta will be Ray E. Roberts, Columbus, executive secretary, State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, and at Ridgecrest will be Kenneth Chafin, professor of evangelism at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

"We have placed an emphasis on family participation this year during home mission weeks," said L. O. Griffith of Atlanta, director of the division of education and promotion for the Home Mission Board.

"There will be directed activity for the smaller children and mission study for Juniors and older youth. Adults, not participating in other conferences, may also attend mission study conferences," he said.

Church leaders facing crises in either the inner city-downtown area or in the declining rural community may attend special conferences on these problems at both assemblies, Griffith said.

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