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Truett-McConnell
President Resigns

CLEVELAND, Ga. (BP)--Joe H. Miller has resigned the presidency of Truett-McConnell Junior College here which he had served since 1950.

Official action of the trustees in accepting the resignation came more than a month after reports the Baptist institution had an acting president. The trustee announcement said H. G. Jarrard had been acting president since June 10.

The entire faculty had resigned in a dispute with the administration. It was then that Miller's resignation was offered.

Truett-McConnell, located in the mountains of north Georgia, is one of three junior colleges operated by the Georgia Baptist Convention. It was opened in 1948. Miller was the second president, leaving a Georgia pastorate to enter the educational field. There was no announcement of his plans.

Warner Earl Fusselle, pastor of the Gainesville (Ga.) First Baptist Church, is chairman of the personnel committee which will recommend a new president.

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Seminary Graduates
Named 'Outstanding'

(7-25-64)

FORT WORTH (BP)--Seven alumni of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here have been selected as "Outstanding Young Men of America" by the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Three of the seminary graduates are now teaching at Southwestern--William Pinson, Yandall Woodfin, and Thomas Urray.

Others are Bill Moyers, aide to President Lyndon B. Johnson and deputy director of the Peace Corps; Jesse Fletcher, Richmond, personnel secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board; Miles Seaborn, Southern Baptist missionary to the Philippines, and Ralph M. Smith, pastor of Hyde Park Baptist Church, Austin, Tex.

They will be listed in the 1965 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America," sponsored by the Jaycees.

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Bolen Changes Posts

(7-25-64)

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. (BP)--Robert H. Bolen, assistant treasurer of the Baptist General Convention of Texas executive board for the past four years, has been named business manager of the University of Corpus Christi (Baptist). Bolen was assistant business manager at Baylor University College of Dentistry, Dallas, before coming to the state Baptist post, and is a graduate of Baylor University (Baptist), Waco, Tex.

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NBC Radio Show Depicts
Special Church Program

FORT WORTH (BP)--The National Broadcasting Co. (NBC) will broadcast Sept. 6 a radio program showing how a Baptist church ministers to the special needs of the mentally retarded, the blind, the deaf, dope addicts and other people with special problems.

The program, produced jointly by NBC and the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here, will explain how the First Baptist Church of New Orleans has met special needs of citizens in that community.

The church maintains two schools for mentally retarded children jointly with the local mental health society. J. D. Grey, pastor of the New Orleans church, will outline in detail the church's program.

The program also includes other interviews and discussions about organized religion's responsibility to meet the needs of people with problems.

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Missouri May Have
New Offices Built

(7-25-64)

ROACH, Mo. (BP)--The Missouri Baptist Convention executive board has approved plans for a new Baptist state office building in Jefferson City.

The convention will pass on the board's recommendations when it meets in October. The proposal is to begin work on the new office building within three years. It will cost \$1 million to \$1.5 million to construct.

The new building would be located on U. S. Highway 54 across the street from a large motel. Missouri Baptists have owned the 17-acre building lot for two years.

The present Baptist Building, erected in 1948 in downtown Jefferson City, is considered to be seriously outgrown.

In other action at the board's meeting at Windermere, state assembly here, it adopted a 10-year projection of financial receipts. Total church receipts in Missouri are anticipated to be \$50.5 million in 1973. The Cooperative Program would receive 15-1/2 per cent of total church income, compared with 10-1/2 per cent of total gifts now.

The board okayed a Cooperative Program goal for state and national work of \$3-1/4 million for fiscal 1965. This is \$250,000 over estimated 1964 receipts. Of this, 35 per cent would be sent to the Southern Baptist Convention for national and world activities, and 65 per cent would remain for Baptist work in Missouri.

Expansion of Windermere Assembly was approved as was a loan of \$650,000 to put up a combination library-science building at Hannibal-LaGrange College, Baptist junior college in Hannibal, Mo. No government loan funds are involved.

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Baptist Film Slated
Of Lost Child Drama

(7-25-64)

FORT WORTH (BP)--Production of a 30-minute Baptist film which tells of a little boy lost in a rainstorm and his parents' anxiety was to begin in August.

The film, "Life's Longest Hours," will be distributed by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here for use by television stations throughout the nation as part of "The Answer" television series produced by the commission.

The film was adapted from a dramatic script written by a Baylor University drama student, Carolyn Coker of Metairie, La. The Radio-TV Commission purchased the script in 1960 when her drama teacher recommended it for religious television programming.

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The drama portrays the parents' reaction to God in time of trouble. The lost child's mother blames God, blames her husband and finally blames herself for the tragedy.

The film, which ends with the parents' renewed faith through the child's example, is tentatively scheduled for television showing in February, 1965.

Radio-Television Commission Director Paul M. Stevens and Television Consultant Truett Myers will be in Hollywood during August for production of the film at Family Films, Inc.

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Religious Educators
Adopt Code Of Ethics

(7-25-64)

RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP)--The Southeastern Baptist Religious Education Association has established what it believes to be the first code of ethics for workers in the field of religious education.

The code seeks to summarize the belief of the religious education worker concerning his calling, his place of service, his fraternal relationships and his personal conduct.

It was adopted by the association during its 19th annual session at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly here. 164 members of the regional association attended the meeting.

Ira Bledsoe, First Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala., was elected president; Richard Sparks, North Park Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla., vice-president and Miss LaVerne Ashby, Nashville, another vice-president. She is primary consultant in the Training Union department, Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School Board.

Mrs. Mary Culpepper, Allapattah Baptist Church, Miami, is association secretary.

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Oregon-Washington Sets
1965 Budget Proposal

(7-25-64)

PORTLAND, Ore. (BP)--The executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington set here a Cooperative Program budget proposal for 1965 of \$211,200.

This compares with the present year's Cooperative Program budget of \$197,400. The 19 per cent of 1965 Cooperative Program funds to go to the Southern Baptist Convention is an increase over the 18 per cent provided by the 1964 budget.

The executive board's budget figures are subject to approval by the convention during its session this fall in Madras, Ore.

The total convention budget, including Cooperative Program receipts from the churches and allowances from SBC agencies for jointly sponsored work, will amount to \$318,624 next year, according to the proposal.

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