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**Stringer Succeeds
To Arizona Presidency**

PHOENIX (BP)--Dan C. Stringer, pastor of First Baptist Church, Buckeye, Ariz., has succeeded to the presidency of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention.

The presidency became vacant when Charles H. Ashcraft of Las Vegas, Nev., reelected earlier to his second term, accepted a call to be the first executive secretary of Southern Baptist work in Utah and Idaho. The Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention was to come into existence Jan. 1.

Stringer was elected first vice-president of the Arizona convention at the 1964 session. Since the president of the Arizona convention also serves as chairman of the executive board, Stringer will preside over board meetings during the year also.

In addition to recognizing Stringer at its meeting here, the Arizona convention executive board learned that Baptist hospitals here and in Scottsdale, Ariz., will embark on construction projects early in 1965.

The 1964 convention approved the two hospitals' plans for enlarging their capacity and buying more property. Expansion at Scottsdale will be \$1.5 million and at Phoenix, \$1,111,000.

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**Alcohol, Gambling
To Undergo Study**

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NASHVILLE (BP)--The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention will present studies of alcoholism and gambling during conferences next summer at Ridgecrest, N. C., and Glorieta, N. M.

First to be scheduled is the Christian Life Conference at Glorieta Baptist Assembly. Dates are Aug. 12-18. The subject there will be, "The Problem of Gambling." Professors of Christian ethics from five SBC seminaries will headline the program leaders.

The week at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly is scheduled Aug. 26-Sept. 1. Wayne E. Oates, Louisville, professor of psychology of religion, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will lecture on "Alcohol and Alcoholism."

The emphasis on the moral dangers of gambling and alcoholism is in keeping with Convention action providing increased funds to the commission "for research into problems related to alcohol, gambling and narcotics."

Biblical insights into gambling and gambling's effect on society in the way of crime, family disruption and business activity will be considered at Glorieta. With these will come study of a plan for Christian action.

The conference on alcoholism will explore the extent to which alcohol is used by Christians and unbelievers. It will discuss the way alcohol becomes a life habit, its influence on society, and the work of pastors and other church people in alcohol education and the treatment of alcoholics.

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Alabama Board Votes
Negro Colleg Aid

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (BP)--The Alabama Baptist executive board voted here to furnish Selma University, Negro Baptist school in Selma, Ala., \$8000 to help it achieve full accreditation.

Other board appropriations went to camp development, Mobile (Ala.) College, and buying property for new churches.

The board changed the date for the 1965 Alabama Baptist State Convention. Formerly Nov. 16-18, it was moved back one week to Nov. 9-11 due to conflicts of schedule. Montgomery will still be meeting place.

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In story on Top 10 Stories of the Year:

SBC Voting Charges
Rated Top Story of Year

Please delete the following sentence in paragraph 9, the paragraph beginning "seventh place---"

The sentence to delete reads. "Nevertheless, five other Baptist bodies voted to belong, and the fellowship came into existence without immediate SBC endorsement." We were wrong. Only four bodies have officially voted to join, although several others are discussing it. The paragraph other than this one sentence stands as written.

We regret the error.

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