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**Caudills Leave U. S.,
Once Again In Cuba**

ATLANTA (BP)--The Herbert Caudills are in Havana, Cuba once again.

The missionary couple were met by a delegation of Cuban Baptists when they reached the island city Dec. 30, traveling by way of Mexico City from the United States.

They phoned mission leaders at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here when they arrived in Havana. The mission agency sponsors Baptist work in western Cuba over which Caudill is superintendent.

Thus the Caudills returned to a country from which many missionaries have left in order to continue work they started 34 years ago.

They had left Havana last June for treatment in Atlanta of a separated retina on Caudill's left eye. However, despite three operations sight was not restored, and when a cataract developed doctors decided to leave the eye alone. The right eye is normal.

The couple expressed their thanks for the opportunities provided them during their stay to see their children and renew acquaintances.

A daughter, Mrs. Doug Pringle, serves with her husband as a home missionary at Park View, N. M., and a son, Herbert Jr., attends Oklahoma Baptist University at Shawnee. Another daughter, Mrs. David Fite, and her husband are also missionaries in Havana. The Caudills reported the Fite family well upon their arrival in Cuba.

"When conviction grew that we should leave Cuba for health reasons, we marvelled at the way the path opened for the trip," Caudill said.

"When the doctors told us we might go back, things opened for our return. We desire to serve the cause of Christ to the limit of our powers in the situation where God has placed us."

In discussing their return, Caudill said, "We are often more afraid of ourselves than anything else. The Bible is full of exhortations to be courageous. We must give credit to our Cuban Baptist leaders who have faithfully faced the issues as they have come and kept looking ahead. We cannot hold our position by turning our backs on duty when danger threatens."

Then he added, "Adverse situations often give us an opportunity to carry the gospel where it would not otherwise go."

He quoted passages from the Bible--Gen. 28:15 and Acts 18:9,10--and said in them were two great promises: That God would be with them and that "no man shall set on thee to hurt thee."

"There are still multitudes of people living in Cuba. They are without a Saviour. We ask prayers that we may be faithful in his service and that his people in Cuba may continue to proclaim his gospel," he added.

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**Bryant Accepts
Mississippi Post**

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JACKSON, Miss. (BP)--Therman V. Bryant, dean of Clarke Memorial College (Baptist), Newton, Miss., has accepted the post of associate in the department of cooperative missions of the Mississippi Baptist Convention board, Jackson. He succeeds Lincoln D. Newman, who will retire May 1.

Bryant's assignment will become effective June 1, after he completes the current school year at Clarke.

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Foy Rogers, secretary of the department, said Bryant will serve as associate with special emphasis on three phases of work--rural church ministry, student-pastor ministry and the foster associational mission program.

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SBC Cooperative Program
Gifts Reach Record

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Receipts for December, the first \$2 million month of 1964, sent Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program income to a year's record \$20,891,636.

This marked the first time receipts through this channel for national and world missions has reached \$20 million. Not only did the SBC reach its \$19,187,355 operating and capital needs budget, but it also provided a holiday bonus of \$1,704,281 to missions.

Funds beyond the budget requirement went exclusively to foreign and home missions. Foreign missions got 75 per cent, home missions 25 per cent of the \$1,704,281 advance.

Treasurer Porter Routh of Nashville noted this month \$1,278,211 for foreign missions and \$426,070 for home missions beyond the regular budget sums for these agencies.

"The Foreign Mission Board received \$10,921,081 through the Cooperative Program in 1964, the highest per cent of the total in the history of the Cooperative Program," Routh observed.

"The continued and growing confidence in the Cooperative Program as a channel for missionary advance," he continued, "will bring new heart to seminary faculty and students and to missionaries at home and around the world."

Cooperative Program receipts for 1964 were 7.42 per cent larger than receipts of \$19,448,028 in 1963.

Designations for 1964 for SBC agencies reached \$15,959,824, up \$938,963, or 6.25 per cent, over 1963 designations. This included gifts during the year to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions and the Annie Armstrong offering for home missions.

This is the first year in some time that the percentage rate of increase for the Cooperative Program has been greater than the percentage rate of increase for designations.

Under the procedure of the Cooperative Program, state Baptist groups receive money from churches. They keep, on the average, two-thirds of the money sent from churches. The one-third remaining is forwarded to the SBC.

States which sent more than \$1 million via the Cooperative Program to the SBC budget in 1964 included Texas, \$3,515,269; Georgia, \$1,956,715; North Carolina, \$1,630,802; South Carolina, \$1,452,224.

Virginia, \$1,347,828; Tennessee, \$1,342,562; Alabama, \$1,319,809; Florida, \$1,300,201; Oklahoma, \$1,110,160, and Kentucky, \$1,022,154.

Other states, Cooperative Program amount forwarded, listed alphabetically, are: Alaska, \$11,295; Arizona, \$69,008; Arkansas, \$703,316; California, \$262,907; Colorado, \$31,686; District of Columbia, \$54,625; Hawaii, \$14,253.

Illinois, \$287,301; Indiana, \$47,561; Kansas, \$28,147; Louisiana, \$857,451; Maryland, \$248,234; Michigan, \$38,424; Mississippi, \$927,563; Missouri, \$507,907; New Mexico, \$140,596; Ohio, \$107,736, and Oregon-Washington, \$35,686.

The SBC treasurer's report covers the calendar year 1964. In many states, the fiscal year does not correspond to the calendar year, but closes in September or October. Because of this, there may be a slight variance in the amount a state reports sending to the SBC during a year and the amount the SBC reports from that state.

Disbursements from the SBC, counting both Cooperative Program and designated gifts which totaled \$36,851,460, to agencies last year were:

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Foreign Mission Board, \$23,429,614; Home Mission Board, \$7,399,634; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, \$1,047,643; SBC Budget Fund, \$200,067; Annuity Board, \$253,729.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, \$714,656; New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, \$799,376; Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., \$380,889; Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., \$651,096.

Radio and Television Commission, \$797,465; American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, \$93,419; Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans and Jacksonville, \$46,173; Brotherhood Commission, \$185,062; Public Affairs Committee, Washington, \$70,024; Southern Baptist Foundation, \$52,217; Education Commission, \$74,525; Historical Commission, \$50,516.

Christian Life Commission, \$56,504; Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, \$479,561, and Stewardship Commission, \$65,022. The Sunday School Board is not supported through the Cooperative Program.

In addition, the SBC through its budget fund made a grant of \$75,000 to the Baptist World Alliance, plus forwarding \$264 in special gifts.

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Kentucky's First Road
Death Involves Student

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By the Baptist Press

Kentucky's first traffic fatality of 1965 was a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

Wendall Sinclair Holmes, 36, a first-year student in the school of religious education, and his wife and two daughters were returning to school from a Christmas visit at their home in Woodbridge, Va.

Holmes was killed in the two-car collision Jan. 1 near East Bernstadt, Ky. Mrs. Holmes died two days later of injuries.

Their daughter, Mary Ann, 9, was hospitalized in Lexington, Ky. The other daughter, Sara Lynn, 6, began living temporarily with the family of Allen W. Graves in Louisville. Graves is dean of the school of religious education. Mary Ann Holmes would join her in the Graves' home after discharge from the hospital, both staying with the Graves' till custody is arranged.

Holmes was an analytical chemist for 10 years before entering the seminary to study for religious education work. (BP)

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Dean Copass Retires

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SAN MARCOS, Tex. (BP)--The academic dean of San Marcos Baptist Academy, B. A. Copass, is retiring at midterm after three and one-half years in that capacity. Jimmy Scott, associate dean, will assume the former dean's responsibilities.

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Mrs. McMurry, World
Woman's Leader, Dead

BIRMINGHAM (BP)--Mrs. William McMurry, internationally known Baptist woman's leader, died in a Birmingham hospital Jan. 2 after an illness of several months. She was 67.

At the time of her death, Mrs. McMurry was president of the North American Baptist Woman's Union, composed of 11 Baptist conventions on this continent affiliated with the Baptist World Alliance.

In August, Mrs. McMurry had attended the executive committee meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in Hamburg, Germany. Afterward she visited Baptist missionaries and their work. This mission field trip was cut short in the Near East because of her illness.

She returned to Birmingham for an operation for tumor of the throat.

Prior to her retirement as a staff member of Woman's Missionary Union here in 1962, she was the union's promotion division director. Woman's Missionary Union is auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mrs. McMurry joined the Woman's Missionary Union staff in 1951.

Her late husband, a minister, held pastorates in Tennessee, Mississippi and West Virginia.

She was born Mildred Dodson in Franklin, Ky. Her father also was a Baptist minister. She received the bachelor of arts degree from Tennessee College for Women, Murfreesboro. She did graduate work at the University of Chicago.

In 1962, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, awarded her the honorary doctor of letters degree.

A world traveler to mission fields in Cuba, Mexico, Europe and the Near East, Mrs. McMurry went to Israel in 1961 for two weeks at the request of the government of that country. After returning, she shared her observations with Christian and Jewish groups.

Mrs. McMurry was a member of First Baptist Church, Birmingham, and taught a Sunday school class of business women. The church named its library in honor of her in 1962.

She organized an informal interracial prayer group which meets monthly in Birmingham. When Billy Graham conducted an integrated rally in Birmingham last Easter, Mrs. McMurry wrote an article for Baptist Press, "38,000 Prove It Can Happen In Birmingham." The article described how both whites and Negroes worshiped side by side in a "friendly, quiet, relaxed" manner.

She was author of three books, "Constraining Love," "Educating Youth in Missions" and "Spiritual Life Development." The latter book, which came out in 1964, has sold over 75,000 copies. The youth book is being translated for use by Baptists in Spanish-speaking countries.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Stoddard Emmons of Ashland, Ky., and a son, James S. McMurry of Baltimore.

Funeral services were held Jan. 4 at First Baptist Church here with Pastor Earl Stallings officiating. Burial was at Springfield, Tenn.

Porter Routh, Nashville, executive secretary, SBC Executive Committee, said this about her contribution to Baptist life:

"Mrs. McMurry's leadership among women of the world represented missionary compassion at its best. She felt deeply that the Christian principle of God-given dignity and worth knew no national boundaries. Her contributions to Southern Baptist life and world Christian advance will live long after her."

Friends were asked to send any remembrances as gifts to the Mildred McMurry Library at First Church, Birmingham, or to Southern Baptist foreign and home missions.

Texas Jaycees Name
Moyers Outstanding

By the Baptist Press

Bill D. Moyers of Marshall, Tex., an ordained Baptist minister who serves as aide to President Lyndon B. Johnson, has been named one of five outstanding young men of Texas by the state's Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Moyers was public information director for Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth before joining Johnson's staff in the Senate in 1960.

He was deputy director of the Peace Corps when President Johnson took over the nation's highest position on Nov. 22, 1963, and has been one of the President's closest advisors since then. (BP).

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Virginia Names New
Brotherhood Leader

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RICHMOND (BP)--Gene Williams, a pastor here since 1962, has been elected Brotherhood secretary for Virginia Baptists.

He is a native of North Carolina who graduated from Wake Forest College (Baptist), Winston-Salem, N. C., and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. He served a church in Colfax, N. C., before coming to the Pine Street Baptist Church here.

As Brotherhood secretary effective Feb. 1, he succeeds George L. Euting, now with the Southern Baptist Convention Brotherhood Commission office in Memphis.

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855,594 Baptists Attend
Schools Of Missions

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ATLANTA (BP)--The director of schools of missions in Southern Baptist churches reported here 855,594 attended the classes in 1964.

Lewis W. Martin of Atlanta said 2,344 churches took part in the mission emphasis and those who attended heard 29,113 missionary addresses and 526 volunteered for mission service.

The schools are conducted on a simultaneous associational basis. They are week-long programs of concentrated mission study with guest mission speakers.

Most of the schools hear state, home and foreign missionaries speak, and students study special mission books.

Martin, secretary of the missionary education department for the Convention's Home Mission Board, said the number of schools decreased in 1964 because of a conflict with Baptist jubilee revivals in the spring.

He said prospects are brighter for 1965. State leaders of schools of missions have set goals for new records during the year.

Martin indicated a special interest in 1965, since it will be his last with the Home Mission Board. He retires Dec. 31 after 31 years with the mission agency.

One of the last official acts of Courts Redford, who retired at the end of 1964 as executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, was to present to Martin the agency's first 30-year service pin.

Martin started his work with the Home Mission Board in September, 1934. He served eight years as a missionary evangelist in the Appalachian mountains, then took over the promotion of schools of missions.

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LBJ Seeks To Avoid Church-State Issue

WASHINGTON (BP)--President Johnson has sought to avoid the religious issue in a program of federal aid to education.

In his State of the Union message and through administration sources the President has made it clear his aim is "aid to persons." This does not mean, however, there will not remain serious church-state problems in federal aid to education programs.

The specifics of the administration's program will become known in later legislative proposals.

"For the primary and secondary school years we will aid public schools serving low income families and assist students in both public and private schools," the President told Congress.

Administration sources have revealed there will be several major elements in the President's program for education.

There will be an expansion of the concept of aid to "impacted areas." At the present time the government provides funds to assist public schools in areas that are impacted with federal employees and installations. The new concept will be aid to school districts in "poverty impacted areas."

It is reported 80 per cent of the new education funds will be used in this manner through the public school districts.

In selecting the "poverty impacted areas" three tests will be applied: (1) the number of families with less than \$3000 annual income, (2) the number of unemployed heads of families, and (3) the number of families on welfare.

It is proposed that a school district in a "poverty impacted area" will be free to use the money in the way to be determined by the district. This is the current policy in federally impacted areas.

Another element in the President's program will be to provide instructional aids to pupils through a state agency. Administration sources insist these are not aids to schools but aids to students.

Although full definition of these aids is not yet known, they will include books and other instructional material that will be given or loaned to the school children.

The precedents that are being used for aids to persons in any type of school are free bus rides, the school lunch program and medical care.

Proposals will also be made for educational services to communities that add to the existing educational programs. These could be in the form of institutes or other projects that are available to all the people of the community. These would serve as educational resources for the persons in all the institutions in the community.

During the election campaign President Johnson avoided positioning himself on specific church-state questions in education. He did, however, issue a statement which said:

"I believe in the American tradition of separation of church and state which is expressed in the first amendment to the Constitution. By my office--and by my personal conviction--I am sworn to uphold that tradition. Therefore, I would oppose any federal program--including assistance to schools--which does not strictly conform to this constitutional requirement."

To Baptist Editors: The state by state listing of groups is at the end of the basic story. You may want to consider inserting the names from your state near the beginning of the article, perhaps after the second graf ending ". . . the third will meet in February," and just before the one starting "The huge effort known as " '70 Onward" . . .

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