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Illinois Abolishes Student Associate

CARBONDALE, Ill. (BP)--In a close two-vote majority, directors of the Illinois Baptist State Association here sustained the education committee decision to abolish the position of associate secretary in the student ministries department.

The decision releases V. W. (Bob) Entrekin of Carbondale from responsibilities of the associate's office. It ends his employment with the state association as of Sept. 15.

The education committee voted Entrekin a leave of absence effective Jan. 15, with full salary and all fringe benefits through Sept. 15.

Entrekin has been employed by the state association since 1949, when he became Baptist Student Union secretary for Illinois.

The latest action climaxes a series of events within the Illinois association affecting its work with students.

In July, 1962, the chair of Bible teaching program was merged with the Baptist Student Union work. A. C. Queen of Carbondale, who headed the Baptist chair of Bible at Southern Illinois University, was designated secretary of the new department of student ministries.

Entrekin, who was secretary of student work, was named associate to Queen in the new department.

About a year later, directors of student work for Baptists at two major state-supported universities in Illinois resigned their positions at the request of the education committee.

They held positions at the University of Illinois, Urbana, and at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.

An official of the state association said at that time "incompatibility" and "general inability to communicate with the administration and cooperate with the program" were grounds for the committee's request.

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Oklahoma Entries Win Workshop Top Awards

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RICHMOND (BP)--Material produced by the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma carried away more top awards than any other entries made by members at the annual judging by the (Southern) Baptist Public Relations Association.

The judging was connected with the association's annual workshop, held this year in Richmond, with the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board as host.

Floyd Craig, Oklahoma City, assistant secretary of public relations for the award-winners, accepted the awards certificates for the Oklahoma convention.

The Oklahomans won exceptional merit--top honors--for a stewardship mobile, Christian family life program folder, state mission offering poster, children's home news story, state convention coverage, feature story and children's home photo.

Other Baptist agencies winning exceptional merit awards in categories of judging include the SBC Radio and Television Commission, Baylor University Medical Center, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The association elected J. C. Durham, secretary, department of promotion, SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta, as president succeeding R. T. (Dick) McCartney of Dallas.

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George H. Smith of Howard C llege (Baptist), Birmingham, was elected membership vice-president. As the new program vice-president, John Goodwin of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will be in charge of planning the workshop which will meet in 1966 in Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 19-21.

Mrs. Idus V. Owensby, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville, will be the association's new secretary-treasurer.

Craig assumed duties as editor of the association's monthly newsletter.

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Thomas J. Brannon Takes
South Carolina Post

1-28-65

COLUMBIA, S. C. (BP)--The general board of South Carolina Baptist Convention has elected Thomas J. Brannon as director of public relations, effective March 1. For several years, Brannon has been associated with the South Carolina Area Trade School where he directed public relations.

The board will ask the convention to appoint a committee of seven at its next session to make recommendations for celebrating the 150th anniversary of the convention in 1971.

James A. Howard, retired secretary of evangelism of the South Carolina convention, was elected president of the general board.

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Speakers Describe
Institutional Dangers

1-28-65

RICHMOND (BP)--Two speakers at the annual workshop of the (Southern) Baptist Public Relations Association here lighted danger flares to call attention to problems association members will meet as they interpret Southern Baptists to themselves and to outsiders.

Stewart A. Newman, professor of theology and philosophy of religion at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., told the workshop there is a danger even in Christian vocations of sacrificing the person for the sake of the institution.

Charles T. Wellborn, professor at Campbell College (Baptist), Buies Creek, N. C., discussed the image--how Baptists appear to others--the denomination has.

Members of the association hold positions which interpret Baptist beliefs, convention actions and everyday life, and thus affect the way Baptists appear outwardly.

"I'm really more concerned about the kind of image we are presenting to the world than I am in the technical processes by which that image can be disseminated," Wellborn cautioned.

"What kind of image would Southern Baptists build for themselves if they seriously started trying to be, from the pulpit, from the pew, within the complicated bureaucracy of denominational life, and everywhere else . . . tried to be discerning that good and perfect and acceptable will of God and then proclaiming it, both in word and life?" he asked.

Association members serve Baptist agencies. Some produce films, posters, magazines, news and feature articles and other material. Others are in promotion, development and fund-raising. Many speak to Baptist and non-Baptist groups. All have a major role in helping portray Southern Baptists.

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Oregon-Washington Picks
Nominating Committee

PORTLAND, Ore. (BP)--The executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington here has elected a nominating committee of nine to seek a new executive secretary.

This position was until Jan. 1 held by Fred B. Moseley, now with the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board as assistant to the executive secretary.

Roland P. Hood, associate executive secretary in the Oregon-Washington convention, was chosen by the board to serve as interim executive secretary.

In other action, the executive board employed William E. (Gene) Bolin as part-time state Baptist Student Union and music secretary. Bolin will begin serving full-time in this capacity July 1.

A graduate student and an instructor in English at the University of Washington, at Seattle, Bolin is also serving as music director in Victory Baptist Church, Des Moines, Wash. He has served in many ways in the Baptist Student Union organization both at the University of Washington and elsewhere in the state.

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North Carolina Studies
College Capital Needs

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RALEIGH, N. C. (BP)--The general board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has authorized the appointment of a 28-member advisory group to study capital needs in the convention's seven colleges.

W. Perry Crouch, Raleigh, general secretary-treasurer, has said the advisory committee would not be pushed for a report or for recommendations. "I do not foresee any recommendations from this committee to our convention next November, but perhaps something will be ready by the spring of 1966. If so, a special convention can be called."

In another action, the board petitioned the 1965 general assembly "to make no changes in the laws relating to the manufacture of whiskey in North Carolina nor to the sale of whiskey by the drink."

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Burned Negro Church
Rebuilt By Donations

1-28-65

JACKSON, Miss. (BP)--The new building of the Christian Union Baptist Church in Jackson has been dedicated. It replaces one destroyed by fire last July.

The brick building, nearing completion, overflowed with Negroes and whites.

Reporters from newspapers, television and radio, including the major television networks, were present to record the historic service.

This church is one of the 13 Negro churches in the state being assisted by the inter-faith Committee of Concern and was the first to be dedicated.

William P. Davis, Jackson, chairman of the committee, presided over the service at the request of E. D. Hogan, pastor. Davis is secretary of Negro work for the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

"Let the word go forth to the world that anarchy, demagogery and violence cannot exist in this state of ours," Davis said.

The bishop co-adjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi delivered the dedicatory address. Perry E. Nussbaum, rabbi of Temple Beth Israel, Jackson, read the scripture.

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The Christian Union Church was organized in 1895 and is affiliated with the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Mississippi and the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc. It has an active membership of 150.

The building and equipment cost \$14,000. This does not count the value of donated labor.

The Committee of Concern is an inter-faith group of Mississippi white and Negro religious leaders, both clergymen and laymen, organized to assist in reconstructing the recently burned church buildings.

Working with the Committee of Concern in its assistance of Mississippi churches are Quaker volunteers and members of the Mennonite disaster service from various sections of the country.

Gifts of \$51,324 have been received by the committee to date. It has allocated \$38,000 to assist 13 churches. Others are being considered for aid.

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Sudden Wind Tumbles
New Building Wall

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FORT WORTH (BP)--Gusting winds blew down the 130-foot long concrete block east wall of the new building now under construction here for the Southern Baptist Convention Radio and Television Commission.

Two workmen were injured slightly in the freak accident. They were bracing the wall when it tumbled.

W. G. Smith, foreman of the project for Albert Smith Construction Co., was on another part of the wall when the wind hit. He said it happened so suddenly there was no time to warn anybody. Smith indicated the accident will not hamper the scheduled June completion.

Larry White, representative of the architectural firm, said the wall was completely covered by insurance and it will be rebuilt immediately.

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Preacher Checks Out
New Turbine Vehicle

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HUNTINGTON, W. Va. (BP)--Things have come a long way since Baptist preachers traveled by foot or horseback to carry on their ministry.

Alton H. McEachern, pastor of Westmoreland Baptist Church here, is one of 200 people in the United States who will drive an experimental turbine automobile for 90 days.

Chrysler Corp. selected the drivers from among 30,000 who wrote in volunteering to operate the new type vehicles.

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Hinson In Charge

LOUISVILLE (BP)--G. Maurice Hinson, professor in the school of church music, will assume administrative responsibility for the school next semester at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here. Hinson has been on the faculty since 1957 and will serve in the place of Dean Forrest H. Heeren. Heeren will be on sabbatical leave at the University of Indiana.

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Thomson New Dean

LIBERTY, Mo. (BP)--Bruce R. Thomson, acting dean of William Jewell College (Baptist), here, has been named academic dean of the college. Thomson has served as acting dean since Oct. 1, when Garland F. Taylor left to become dean of the college of liberal arts at Mercer University (Baptist), Macon, Ga.

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Furman Gives Three
Honorary Degrees

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GREENVILLE, S. C. (BP)--Furman University (Baptist) will award three honorary degrees at its commencement May 30.

Degree recipients will be James A. Bowers, pastor, First Baptist Church, Greenwood, S. C., doctor of divinity; Raven I. McDavid Jr., professor of English at the University of Chicago, doctor of literature; and John R. Sampey Jr., former professor of chemistry at Furman, now retired, doctor of letters.

Bowers, a member of the general board of the South Carolina Baptist Convention, was born in Arkadelphia, Ark., where his father was president of Baptist-supported Ouachita College. He attended Cumberland College (Baptist), Williamsburg, Ky., received the bachelor of arts degree from Baylor University (Baptist), Waco, Tex., and the master of theology degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

A member of the English faculty at the University of Chicago since 1957, McDavid has published more than 150 technical articles and reviews. In 1931, he graduated from Furman, then received the master's and doctor's degrees from Duke University, Durham, N. C.

Sampey came to Furman in 1934 as head of the chemistry department, having previously taught at Howard College (Baptist), Birmingham, from 1921 to 1934. Since retiring last June, he has devoted himself to the study of the chemotherapy (chemical treatment) of cancer. He is listed in Who's Who in America and American Men of Science.

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Theology Controversy
Said Secondary Issue

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LOUISVILLE (BP)--Wayne Dehoney, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, told 102 graduating students at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here Southern Baptist growth has waned in recent years because "we have gotten sidetracked on secondary issues."

One of these secondary issues, the president said, is theological controversy within the Convention. "It has pulled us away from the main task at hand," he continued. "We have been debating, 'Who is Melchizedek?' while a lost world has been waiting for us to tell them who is Jesus Christ."

Dehoney said the denomination's present program of self-study, detailed analysis and restructuring of organizations has pushed the main tasks of proclamation and witnessing into the background.

"We have studied ourselves until we have a paralysis of analysis," he claimed. "We can analyze anything until it's dead. There comes a time when we must thrust ourselves out and trust God to supply what is needed."

The Southern Baptist Convention president has served since 1957 as pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn.

Four professors signed the original, hand-written copy of the seminary's abstract of principles during the commencement service. The 105-year-old document has been signed by every professor in the seminary's history, dating back to its founding in 1859 by James P. Boyce.

Those signing were John W. Carlton, associate professor of Christian preaching; David L. Mueller, associate professor of Christian theology; Marvin E. Tate, associate professor of Old Testament interpretation, and Donald L. Williams, assistant professor of Old Testament interpretation.

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Pryor Gets Office
In Hospital Group

CHICAGO (BP)--Paul Pryor, administrator of Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Jackson, was voted here president-elect of the Baptist Hospital Association.

Pryor will serve as president-elect until 1966, when he assumes the presidency.. Raymond C. Wilson of Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, is completing a two-year term as president.

The association covers hospitals related to the Southern Baptist Convention, including hospitals operated by the SBC itself and those maintained by state and local Baptist bodies. The association includes 49 hospitals.

It has been meeting in the city where the administrators gather to attend the American Protestant Hospital Association's annual session. This has taken it to such cities as Cincinnati and Chicago, among others.

The Baptist Hospital Association voted here to retain a formal relationship with the American Protestant Hospital Association. However, it will hold its own annual meetings in cities nearer its member hospitals. Preferably it will meet in a city where a member hospital is located, a spokesman said.

A time and place for the 1966 Baptist Hospital Association meeting will be named later.

Guy Dairymple, administrator of Baptist Hospital of Southeast Texas, located in Beaumont, was elected the group's recording secretary.

The association may call a special session for later this year to discuss national developments in medical care.

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Mobile Home Honors
Alumnus Of Seminary

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--A \$5,500 mobile home has been given to New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here as a memorial to Doyle William Vickery, a minister and recent alumnus.

The Ponderosa Co. gave the home to the seminary. Harley R. Barnes, a Baptist layman and member of First Baptist Church, Spartanburg, S. C., is president of the company.

Mrs. Vickery was present when the home was presented. A South Carolina couple will be the first occupants of the new mobile home.

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Alaska Gifts Hit Record

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska (BP)--Cooperative Program receipts in the 19-year-old Alaska Baptist Convention amounted to a record \$43,288 in 1964. The 28-1/2 per cent increase over the previous year was the largest ever recorded in the convention.

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Missouri Gifts Rise

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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP)--Another record in Cooperative Program gifts was set by Missouri Baptists in 1964 when they gave \$2,909,235, a 6 per cent increase over 1963. Since 1954, Cooperative Program giving has increased 110 per cent in the state.

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