

February 4, 1965

**California Sees No
Tax Aid Distinction**

FRESNO, Calif. (BP)--The executive board of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California here said it does not accept a distinction between federal aid to parochial schools and aid to students attending them.

The California board also adopted stands on local affairs pertaining to liquor traffic and lotteries.

Two persons were elected to fill vacancies at the convention office here.

One new denominational worker is Eugene Grubbs, elected director of the California evangelism department. He comes to the work by March 1 from pastorate of First Southern Baptist Church, Fullerton, Calif.

A former missionary to the Philippines forced home by family illness, Grubbs is a graduate of Stetson University (Baptist), DeLand, Fla., and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

He will succeed D. Wade Armstrong who resigned to enter the pastorate.

The second worker employed--also by March 1--is Duane Barrett as director of the music department and associate in the Training Union department for the state Baptist body. Barrett will devote half-time to each job.

When elected, he was serving as minister of music and education at First Baptist Church, Hereford, Tex. He once served churches in California and is a graduate of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

The California executive board also increased the size of the 1965 Cooperative Program budget, its unified budget to support state and world missions. It was hiked from \$1,050,000 to \$1,075,000.

The reason it was increased was that 1964 collections were higher than the board had expected. They reached \$1,026,661 on a goal of \$1 million.

Stewardship promotion, carried in combination with another duty, was shifted in the organization. It was formerly done through the director of the missions division.

The California board placed stewardship promotion in company with the state Brotherhood department. Henceforth, the Brotherhood department director will spend half his time in stewardship promotion.

In its statement on the federal aid issue, the board said:

"We recognize that President Lyndon B. Johnson has sought to avoid the church-state issue in the federal aid to education program the administration has proposed in Congress.

"We do not accept as valid the distinction that is made between 'aid ng pupils' and 'aiding schools,' nor can we accept the thesis that assistance to parochial schools in certain non-religious subject areas, e.g., mathematics and science, is not a violation of the separation of church and state."

The board endorsed a bill in the California state assembly to prohibit issuance of new liquor licenses in any of the California state parks.

It also pointed out to state school boards and Parent-Teacher Associations it considers lotteries and raffles at school carnivals to be in violation of state gambling laws.

Howard Payne Expands Masters Degree Fields

BROWNWOOD, Tex. (BP)--Howard Payne College trustees voted here to expand the Baptist school's graduate program beginning this summer by offering a new master of arts degree in four fields and a new master of music degree.

The expanded graduate program will supplement the present graduate school which offers only the master of education degree. Under the new plan, three masters degrees will be offered instead of one.

The new master of arts degree will be offered in four subjects--English, history, Spanish and secondary education.

Two accrediting agencies, the Texas Education Agency and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, had encouraged Howard Payne two years ago to broaden the scope of the graduate program, said Howard Payne President Guy Newman.

The accrediting agencies told the school to strengthen both the library and faculty before expanding the graduate program.

Trustees cleared the way by voting to strengthen the library with about \$50,000 worth of additional volumes.

Funds are already in sight for the library improvement, said Newman, through a trust fund established to benefit the library and a new organization called "Friends of the Library."

Newman said the school hopes to add six to eight new professors with doctoral degrees before September, or sooner.

In other action, the trustees voted to ask ex-students and supporters to give \$25,000 a year on a sustaining basis to help finance the overall athletic program.

If the support is not forthcoming immediately, the trustees' athletic committee will have no choice other than to recommend that the athletic program be discontinued in its present form, said committee chairman Edward Garrett of Brownwood.

Immediately after the action, a \$2,500 commitment was made, and more than \$300 in cash was collected.

The board also approved a recommendation to award honorary doctor of laws degrees to Willard Russell of Houston and Carr P. Collins Jr. of Dallas.

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Wayland Gets \$500,000 Gift For Auditorium

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PLAINVIEW, Tex. (BP)--Wayland Baptist College here has been given \$500,000 for the construction of a new 1,750-seat auditorium.

The half-million-dollar gift came from Mrs. J. L. Harral of Abernathy, Tex., in honor of her husband, John Lewis Harral, and son Jack, who both attended Wayland.

The new building, named Harral Memorial Auditorium, will have an 80-foot stage for music and drama productions.

Mrs. Harral taught speech and drama at Wayland following graduation from another Baptist school, Mary Hardin-Baylor College in Belton.

She attended Wayland and met the man she later married on her first day as a freshman student in Wayland's historic Gates Hall.

The gift of land and other property was announced by President Roy McClung.

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McDonald Nominated

LITTLE ROCK (BP)--Editor Erwin L. McDonald of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, Little Rock, was one of five Arkansans nominated by the readers of Arkansas Democrat, Little Rock daily newspaper, for 1964 man of the year in Arkansas. The designation went to Joshua K. Shepherd, Little Rock insurance counselor and past president of the Little Rock Chamber of Commerce.

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Organist On Her Toes

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WILMINGTON, Del. (BP)--Bethany Baptist Church of Newport, Del., near Wilmington, recently installed an organ.

On the Sunday dedication services were held for the organ, Mrs. Doris Blackburn, organist, played as a prelude in the worship service, "Farewell to the Piano," by Beethoven.

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Stewardship Kits
Back Tithing Drive

2-4-65

NASHVILLE (BP)--To help enlist two million tithers in 1965, the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention here has produced 31,500 planning kits emphasizing the enlistment theme, "Tithe. . . Now!"

The kits will be distributed from state Baptist offices to pastors except in Ohio. Kits will be sent to churches which set a goal for tithers and which also name a date for a tithers' dedication day.

Each kit contains four tithing resource papers for sermon preparation. The four resource papers were prepared by R. J. Hastings, Middletown, Ky., stewardship secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention; Wayne Dehoney, Jackson, Tenn., president of the SBC; Kenneth L. Chafin, Fort Worth, associate professor of evangelism at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Eugene N. Patterson, Phoenix, president Grand Canyon College (Baptist).

Kits also contain a campaign tract, a drama, a visual presentation, a guidebook or manual on church budget-making, a set including filmstrip, record and script, and a catalog of other materials on the "Tithe. . . Now!" theme.

The Stewardship Commission office said the 31,500 filmstrips and records may make up the largest distribution of a single religious filmstrip and record ~~production~~ ever handled in the convention.

State conventions which joined in the project bought the kits from the Stewardship Commission to distribute free to their cooperating churches.

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Missionary Speaker
Killed In Auto Crash

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WASHINGTON (BP)--Mrs. Lucretia Jennings was killed in an automobile accident here as she left a church speaking engagement.

She was the wife of Chase W. Jennings, superintendent of missions in Covington, Ky. Both were participating in a week of world missions in churches in the Washington area. Chase serves under the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Jennings had filled her first speaking engagement, at the Seat Pleasant (Md.) Baptist Church, and was returning to downtown Washington when the accident occurred.

A car, driven by a woman charged with driving while intoxicated, struck the vehicle in which Mrs. Jennings was riding, and two other cars. Also killed was a deacon from the Seat Pleasant Church.

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Mrs. Jennings was active in church work where her husband held pastorates in Kentucky, Kansas and Missouri. For a number of years she served as the "eyes" for her husband who is almost blind.

She is survived by her husband and two sons. She was the former Lucrefia B. Gaunce of Linden, Mo.

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Oklahoma Evangelists Meet

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ENID, Okla. (BP)--A new organization of Oklahoma evangelists was formed during the state Evangelistic Conference held in Enid. The organization will be known as the Southern Baptist Evangelistic Association of Oklahoma. Heading the group as president is John Bisagno of Tulsa. Bisagno is vice-president of the evangelists' group in the Southern Baptist Convention, a national level association.

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\$2 Million Month Launches SBC Budget

2-4-65

NASHVILLE (BP)--A month when Cooperative Program receipts exceeded \$2 million got the Southern Baptist Convention budget for 1965 off to a promising start.

According to Treasurer Porter Routh, Cooperative Program receipts for January, 1965 amounted to \$2,034,099. This may be compared with \$1,828,157 a year ago January and with \$1,628,000 in January, 1963.

This is a gain of 11.26 per cent over the first month of 1964.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering receipts to foreign missions swelled the designated section of the ledger. A disbursement of \$3,063,325 to the SBC Foreign Mission Board, mainly due to the offering, made up the major part of the total designations for January, 1965 of \$3,105,327.

Designated funds for the first month of this year may be compared with \$2,526,706 for the same month in 1964 and \$2,521,075 for January, 1963. This is a gain of almost 23 per cent.

Cooperative Program funds comprise the unified budget part of the Convention's income. This money is divided by a percentage scale to support operating and capital needs of SBC agencies.

However, income reported from this unified means or by designations does not reflect the total contributed in the over 33,000 Southern Baptist churches. Most of it remains for local and state use.

Other January, 1965 designations of over \$1000 include \$4397 to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, principally from sources in Missouri and Texas; \$3000 to Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, from donors in Missouri; \$1646 to New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, mainly from contributors in Missouri, and \$1003 to the SBC Christian Life Commission, with offices in Nashville.

A gift of \$1000 from the First Baptist Church of Knoxville, Tenn., constituted the largest part of the Christian Life Commission's designated income.

In addition to \$3,063,325 via Lottie Moon and other designations, the Foreign Mission Board received \$953,585 through the Cooperative Program in January.

The SBC Home Mission Board's total of \$383,935 included \$354,136 through the Cooperative Program and \$29,798 from designations during January.

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Furman Admits 4
Negro Applicants

GREENVILLE, S.C. (BP)--Joseph Allen Vaughn, a resident of Greenville, became the first Negro undergraduate student to enrol at Baptist supported Furman University here. Vaughn, 18, is a transfer student from Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte.

He will be a dormitory student at Furman, where he requested a private room.

Three Negro educators registered earlier the same week as graduate students in education classes in Furman's evening division. They were the first of their race to be registered at Furman. They are not dormitory residents.

Vaughn is the son of Mrs. Clara Vaughn Adkinson. His stepfather, James B. Adkinson, is employed at the Ross Tire and Battery Co. and his mother works in a Greenville cafe.

Vaughn was graduated from Sterling High School last June, ranking third in a class of 187 students. He was an honor graduate, a member of the National Honor Society and president of the Student Council. He is a Baptist.

"His first semester in college was spent at Johnson C. Smith University, where he made an excellent record," Francis W. Bonner, vice-president and dean of Furman, said. "He measures up in every way to the entrance standards we set for students at Furman.

"He is certainly well-qualified academically, as well as to character and intention. He is a Greenville native and a Baptist, who wants to come to Furman so he can obtain the best quality of education possible. We are always happy to welcome a well-qualified student, and we welcome him."

Vaughn first became interested in Furman after he read a university catalogue. He applied for admission before graduating from high school. He completed his application for admission, requesting entrance at the second semester of this session, after the university's Trustees, on Dec. 8, 1964, reaffirmed the policy, first announced in October, 1963, that Furman will consider all qualified students.

Concerning his purposes for attending college, Vaughn says, "I plan to study French and English in order to prepare myself for the teaching profession in the Negro schools of South Carolina.

"My desire is to help my people, in a constructive way, to become better educated so that they may become more responsible and productive members of our citizenry. I feel that I can secure a better education at Furman than at the Southern Negro colleges."

Of his position as a student at Furman University, he has said, "I should hope that my matriculation at Furman will be a model situation. It is my sincere desire to set a favorable example for those who might follow."

The Furman trustees first adopted their open admissions policy in October, 1963. At that time, Furman became the first college in South Carolina voluntarily to adopt a policy by which applications from all qualified students would be accepted.

Speaking for the trustees after the 1963 meeting, Chairman J. Wilbert Wood of Anderson, S. C., said, "The board feels that this is the right thing to do and the proper time to take action." Previously, both faculty and students at Furman had recommended an open admissions policy.

The move to desegregate Furman was put off one year to allow the South Carolina Baptist Convention to study the open admissions policy as it would affect three other convention-supported schools.

Last November, the convention voted 943 to 915 not to accept a recommendation from its general board that the matter of student admissions be left entirely in the hands of trustees of the colleges involved.

Next, in an expression of popular opinion, messengers attending the South Carolina 1964 convention voted 908 to 575 that they did not want their denominational colleges to admit Negro students.

The convention's decision was not binding on the colleges. However, many felt the colleges would not take any action contrary to the opinion vote of the convention.

Wood, still chairman of Furman's trustees, wrote a long letter to Convention President Robert W. Major of Charleston explaining the December, 1964 vote to stand by the open admissions policy.

The letter was later made public. "Please be assured that the trustees have had at no time any inclination or desire to 'fly in the face of the convention.' To the contrary, during recent years we have acted repeatedly to cooperate with the convention and comply with the convention's wishes," Wood said.

Then he added, "More than ever, it is our conviction that a non-discriminatory admissions policy for Furman University is necessary because it is right, it is Christian, it is in the best interests of Furman, it is in the best interests of Baptists, and it is in accord with our denomination's great worldwide program of missions."

The key words in this part of the letter were written in capital letters or underlined for emphasis.

Wood said "a continued policy of racial discrimination in admissions would endanger Furman's accreditation, . . . would result in the loss of many of our best faculty members, and . . . would severely hamper the university financially."

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Owen Cooper Honored

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JACKSON, Miss. (BP)--Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, Miss., industrialist, was one of three Mississippi citizens receiving the First Federal Foundation Award, presented by the University of Mississippi. Attention was called to Cooper's activities in the church and denomination, as well as his services in business and civic affairs in the state. The First Federal Award is sponsored annually by the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Jackson.

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Religious Issue Raised
By Education Proposals

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WASHINGTON (BP)--Religious and civil liberties groups sharply challenged the constitutionality of President Lyndon B. Johnson's proposals to aid children in parochial schools.

The attacks came during hearings before committees of the Congress. Rep. Carl Perkins (D., Ky.) is chairman of the subcommittee on general education of the House committee on education and labor. Sen. Wayne Morse (D., Ore.) is chairman of the subcommittee on education of the Senate committee on labor and public welfare.

All the attacking groups agreed with the President's aim of giving educational aid to all school children. But the way this is to be done provoked the sharp conflict of opinions.

Most of the witnesses before the Congressional committees representing the educators of the nation testified they thought the proposed bill meets the constitutional test. The notable exception was Edgar Fuller, executive secretary of the Council of Chief State School Officers.

The point at issue is whether or not the proposed aids violate the first amendment which says that "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof . . ."

The President asked Congress for \$1.25 billion for the nation's school children, especially those in poverty-impacted areas. This help, according to the proposal, would go to the children through public schools and state educational agencies, dual enrolment programs, supplementary education centers and services, teacher training and educational research.

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The bill as presently written provides for a bypass of state constitutional and statutory prohibitions of tax aids to children in private schools. It says if there should be no state agency "authorized by law to provide library resources or printed and published instructional materials for the use of children and teachers in any one or more elementary or secondary schools in such state, the commissioner shall arrange for provision on an equitable basis of such resources or materials, or both if necessary."

Challenged in varying degrees of intensity were required dual enrolment, free textbooks "allocated" to parochial schools and the administration of the supplementary educational centers by representatives of both public and private school interests.

Also challenged were the proposed bypass of state restrictions and the absence of a provision in the bill authorizing judicial review of church-state issues.

The first witnesses to insist that the President's program should not provide parochial school aid under the guise of aid to children were Arthur S. Flemming, representing the National Council of Churches; C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, and a panel from the Lutherans, Methodists, Episcopalians and Presbyterians.

This group highly praised the President's program, but appealed to Congress to rewrite some of the provisions of the bill to make sure public funds for educational purposes be made available to all school children through public agencies. This, on the whole, was the same line followed by the later attacking groups.

As the hearings continued, Jewish groups, Unitarians, the National Association of Evangelicals, American Civil Liberties Union, and Protestants and Other Americans United added their protests to the bill as now written. These were joined by Leo Pfeffer, noted constitutional lawyer, who testified as a private citizen.

Roman Catholic educators also appeared before the committees. Although not enthusiastic for the bill, they endorsed it largely as it is written at present. Heretofore, the Catholics have objected to education bills that did not include parochial schools.

Notable in the Catholic testimony was the conciliatory tone and willingness to accept aid to all school children, even though it came through public channels and public administration.

There were other groups, however, that appeared before the Congressional committees and complained that more aid was not being offered to the private schools. Among these were Citizens for Educational Freedom and the National Association for Personal Rights in Education.

During the hearings Chairman Perkins and other members of the subcommittee indicated serious efforts would be made to rewrite the bill to make it as acceptable to as many groups as possible and to meet the religious issue in harmony with the Constitution.

In the Senate hearings Chairman Morse made it clear his major concern is aid to school children. He said he would offer as many aids and push just as far as the courts would allow. He insisted education aid had been stymied too long by religious controversy and that he would try to get an adequate judicial review provision written into the bill.

One of the complaints of many witnesses is that since the approach of this education bill is so different from past proposals and that since the bill is so complex in its provisions, the nation has not had time to understand it and formulate an intelligent opinion about it.

The appeal was for Congress to take enough time to produce a bill that would not cause trouble in the future, both in its effect on public education and in its effect on the application of the first amendment on public policy.

The indications, however, are that every effort will be made to pass an education bill as quickly as possible. The new 89th Congress was less than a month old when hearings were begun on the novel education bill. The predictions are that effort will be made to pass a bill before the end of March.

TYPES OF STORIES FOR BAPTIST PRESS

1. Reports on board of trustees meetings
2. New administrative officers--president, vice-president, assistant to president and dean. In the case of other new personnel, advise Baptist Press of names and positions filled. Each case will be decided on its own merits.

Resignations for pastorates or positions outside denominational agencies (but not to other SBC agencies and institutions--in which case we depend on employing organization).
3. Dedication or groundbreaking for new buildings
4. FIRSTS
5. Big gifts to seminary - (\$25,000 or more) - big endowments, etc.
6. Followup stories on big meetings when something unusual said, or some new program projected for seminary
7. Theological controversies - resignations, or firings
8. Wrapups on Sabbaticals for year's period
9. Unusual events (follow-ups)
10. Establishment of new, endowed professorships
11. Outstanding accomplishments, honors to professors (including election to some significant office)
12. Deaths
13. Advance and follow-up on nationwide outside meetings (example AATS)
14. Followup on annual alumni meeting at SBC
15. Stories on inaugural addresses by professors since this is their showcase address time. In the case of other convocations and lectures, advise Baptist Press since each case will have to be decided at the time on its own merits.

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TYPES OF STORIES FOR NEWS SERVICE OF SEMINARY RATHER THAN BP

1. Advance stories on meetings
2. Hometowns on students, choir tours, etc.
3. Photos of trustees, with outlines
4. Anything BP doesn't use you consider newsworthy
5. Books by professors
6. Articles by professors for state papers
7. Advance stories on speakers for commencements
8. Announcements on registration dates, school events
9. Follow-up stories on chapel messages (unless really unusual, when BP will use)
10. Honors to students
11. Scholarships
12. Grads named outstanding young men (please call BP about this)

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1. Pictures of a new president.
2. A good quality feature or news picture of unquestioned publication value.
3. Certain campus or building pictures that probably will be covered by category 2. above.
4. Certain other pictures we will have to decide on at the time of receipt.

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We will send at our mailing expense if you pay photo processing costs:

1. Pictures of most administrative officers other than the president.
2. Pictures of professors under special circumstances which do not merit our expense account but have some specific good reason for distribution.

NOTE: In this category, you may supply the pictures to us in sufficient quantity (at least 30 prints and preferably 35), or you can let us have the printing done and we will bill you for it. At 50 cents a print, we can offer a better price to some of you. Add \$1.50 charge if you send us an 8 x 10 to be copyphotographed when the negative is unavailable. (These are current prices charged us by our processor.)

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2. Promotional pictures with advertising value only, not news value.
3. Hometown-type pictures of students or speakers. (Again, remember in some exceptions, students or speakers may gain the classification of unquestioned news value.)
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February 4, 1965

Mr. Badgett Dillard
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Dear Badgett,

Our Texas regional office in Dallas developed a guideline to aid it in working with Southwestern Seminary to give news coverage through Baptist Press.

We made a few suggestions from Nashville--really only a few--and commended them on clearly stating the kind of news that on one hand is a prospect for Baptist Press and on the other is essentially one for the seminary's own local news service.

We are sharing this list with you. This is not an ironclad list. That is, we will be happy to have your reactions to items on either list. This is an attempt to put into two lists comments we have made in individual notes to seminary public relations directors when we got copy for Baptist Press.

The lists may need clarification. They may need subtractions or additions. If so, do not hesitate to send us a letter explaining where, how and why you think the lists can be improved.

Please carefully read the notes at the bottom of the lists. One calls attention to BP agreements on exclusively handling of copy through BP not in force with some but not every seminary. The other points out that even a revised list, after some good suggestions from you, can never be ironclad. News is too fluid.

We would prefer any time there is any doubt that you send the story to us, or call us. In other words, if you aren't sure whether it's in the BP category, but you think it might be, give us a chance to hear about it. Incidentally, we will accept collect calls on trustee meeting news and selected (but limited) other major news breaks, provided such calls are made within 24 hours after such a meeting ends or news develops.

Just to prove that last rash statement, try calling me at 244-2355 (area code 615) after your next trustee meeting or major news break and find out for yourself. We can't define major except that your good common sense will probably indicate the proper nature of any spot development. If it isn't what we are accustomed to paying collect for, we'll tell you very tactfully but won't reverse the charges on you the first time!

Sincerely,

Theo Sommerkamp
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for files

this letter was sent to the following

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Mr. Carl M. Halvarson
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Mr. Leonard Holloway
New Orleans Seminary