

May 19, 1965

**Four Missionaries  
Appointed By Board**

ATLANTA (BP)--The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board appointed here four missionaries to various ministries across the United States, bringing the total under appointment to 2,458. Most of the missionaries work in cooperation with state mission boards.

The metropolitan missions department named Lloyd N. Whyte to serve as director of Jewish work in Miami, Fla., and Phyllis E. Ragan to serve as a mission center worker at Coliseum Center in New Orleans, La.

The department of work with National (Negro) Baptists appointed Mack E. Sharpe as center director in Charleston, S. C.

The urban-rural missions department named Paul H. Smith to become superintendent of missions in Eureka, Calif.

Whyte, a native of Gorham, N. Y., is a graduate of the University of Miami, (Fla.), and Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N. Y. Presently, he is pastor of the Shenandoah Baptist Church in Miami where he has served 21 years.

Miss Ragan was educated at Georgia State College, Atlanta, where she earned a bachelor of arts degree. She is presently attending New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, where she was to receive her master of religious education degree in spring commencement.

A native of Hapeville, Ga., Miss Ragan has served as a student missionary for the past two years at the Coliseum Center.

Sharpe, a native of Wilson, N. C., is a graduate of Benedict College, Columbia, S. C. He has held pastorates in Beaufort, S. C., and Frogmore, S. C. Prior to this appointment he was a clerk in the United States Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Smith earned a bachelor of arts degree from Baylor University (Baptist), Waco, Tex., and a bachelor of divinity degree from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif. Previous to this appointment, he was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Gridley, Calif.

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**John R. Jester Dies;  
Served Many States**

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COLUMBIA, S. C. (BP)--A Baptist leader whose service spanned several states from the Atlantic coast to the midwest died here May 14 after being ill since August.

Dr. John Roberts Jester, 89, once vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention, died at South Carolina Baptist Hospital where he had been a patient for nine months.

As pastor or denominational worker, Jester served in Oklahoma, Texas, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Florida, Georgia and Kentucky.

He was SBC vice-president in 1932.

In 1907 and 1908, Dr. Jester was corresponding secretary of the Georgia Baptist Education Board. Afterward, he was president of Oklahoma Baptist College, Blackwell (now defunct).

In 1915, Jester was named field secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board. He was later employed by the University of Richmond, Baptist school in Virginia's capital city.

Among the churches he was pastor of are Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, and First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C. Other pastorates were in Kentucky, South Carolina and Florida. Jester also was a private evangelist for a number of years.

Jester was vice-president of state Baptist conventions in Oklahoma and North Carolina. He was president of the general board of the North Carolina convention from 1924 to 1935.

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Ouachita Confers  
2 Honorary Degrees

ARKADELPHIA, Ark. (BP)--Honorary doctorates were to be conferred by Ouachita Baptist University at its spring commencement on Walter Yeldell of Hot Springs and John Gilbreath of Little Rock.

Yeldell is pastor, Second Baptist Church, Hot Springs, and is president of the Arkansas Baptist Convention. He will receive the doctor of divinity degree.

Gilbreath is administrator, Arkansas Baptist Hospital, Little Rock. He is secretary-treasurer of the Mid-west Hospital Association and was president in 1960 of the Southwide Baptist Hospital Association. He will receive the doctor of humanities degree.

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Accepts New Position

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SHAWNEE, Okla. (BP)--Herman L. Mitchusson, 52, former business manager at Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex., and the University of Corpus Christi (Baptist), has been appointed assistant to the vice-president and treasurer and book store manager at Oklahoma Baptist University here. He is a native of Oklahoma.

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Baptist Press Man  
To Receive Doctor's

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SHAWNEE, Okla. (BP)--W. Barry Garrett, Washington, associate director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, is one of three people named to receive an honorary degree from Oklahoma Baptist University here this spring.

Regional editor for Baptist Press news service, Garrett was to be awarded the honorary doctor of divinity degree.

The others named for honoraries include Mrs. Rhetta May Dorland, professor emeritus of modern languages at the local university, and Glenn Richard Capp, chairman of the department of oral communications at Baylor University (Baptist), Waco, Tex.

Mrs. Dorland's degree is doctor of humanities, Capp's doctor of letters.

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Dear State Editor:

Enclosed you will find two copies of Wayne Dehoney's president's address to the Southern Baptist Convention at Dallas. The release time is marked on it, if you happen to share your material with any daily press or radio reporters. Many of you want to use the address, in full or abridged, during the week you are attending the Convention. We are making it available so it can be marked for typesetting and use in the Convention week issue.

We regret the Convention Sermon is not available yet. John H. Haldeman has promised it to us immediately, but thus far it had not come in. We will make it available to you when we receive it, knowing how interested you are in printing it also.

Your Convention press packet will be mailed in a couple of days. It will contain most everything except the Book of Reports and the SBC Handbook, both of which will be available when the press room opens on Monday, May 31. Again, if you plan to share the press packet with secular press contacts--feel free to do so, but point out to them the release times on the advance copies of speeches and reports. They are clearly marked at the beginning of copy.

We're looking forward to seeing you in Dallas.

Encl: 2 copies Dehoney presidential address.