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Americus, Ga., Church
Turns Away Rights Group

AMERICUS, Ga. (BP)--Twenty-two civil rights demonstrators were arrested at two of Americus' largest churches, when for the third straight Sunday they tried to integrate worship services.

This little central Georgia town near Albany has been the scene of racial demonstrations for a month. Both civil rights groups and the Ku Klux Klan have promoted mass meetings and marches.

Sheriff Fred Chappell said only two of the 22 demonstrators arrested were residents of the Americus area. The Associated Press reported 11 whites and 11 Negroes in the group.

John Lewis, National chairman for the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), was one of the 13 arrested at the First Baptist Church.

The Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution, daily newspaper, quoted Fire Chief H. K. Henderson of Americus, a deacon in First Church, as telling demonstrators it was not an integrated church.

A brief kneel-in also was staged outside the First Baptist Church. Those arrested were charged with interfering with a worship service and trespassing. Fine was set at \$300 on each charge.

On the same Sunday, nine demonstrators tried to attend the First Methodist Church here. They were arrested also and charged with disturbing a worship service.

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Campbell Gets
\$60,000 Gift

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BUIES CREEK, N. C. (BP)--Campbell College announced it has received a gift of \$60,000 from Walter Ray Tyner of Lumberton, N. C. The amount is a capital addition to a memorial gift made last year by the children of the late Lewis Edward and Martha Barnes Tyner of Robeson County, N. C.

Tyner and four other members of his family attended Buies Creek Academy, parent school of Campbell, near the turn of the century. His brothers and sisters have helped in founding the memorial.

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Sermon Topic Has
Special Meaning

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BIRMINGHAM (BP)--Earl Stallings, pastor of First Baptist Church here, has been preaching a series of Sunday morning sermons on the book of John.

On Aug. 8, the series reached the crucifixion and dealt with Christ's sayings on the cross. Stallings entitled the sermon, "Final Words."

The title turned out also to have a contemporary meaning. At the close of the sermon, Stallings announced his resignation as pastor. He told members he was assuming, a month later, the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Marietta, Ga.

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Accident Doesn't Slow
Plans For Conference

FORT WORTH (BP)--A one-car accident in June that put the newly-elected president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference into traction with a broken vertebrae hasn't slowed down planning for the 1966 nationwide meeting of the Baptist ministers.

James E. Coggin, pastor, Travis Avenue Baptist Church here, and president of the Pastors' Conference, is making plans and enlisting speakers for the 1966 meeting in Detroit from his bedside.

Coggin is in traction most of the time, but can get out of bed occasionally if he wears a special neck brace. Attending physicians have ordered him to be "physically inactive" until they take further X-rays. They may then allow him "limited activities."

He was injured when his car flipped over near Greenville, Tex., completely demolishing the vehicle. He and his family were returning from a vacation trip.

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Vacation Cut Short
By Auto Collision

8-13-65

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)--The beginning of a 10-day summer vacation with parents ended 30 minutes later in a hospital for three residents of the Oklahoma Baptist Children's Home here.

The children and their mother were injured when the car in which they were riding collided with another vehicle.

Condition of Barbara Latham, 10, was listed as serious, while the condition of her brother, Joe Latham, 8, was described as critical, in an Oklahoma City hospital here where they were admitted for surgery. Zelta Latham, 12, was treated and released.

Driver of the accident vehicle, Mrs. June Maxine Latham of Oklahoma City, was also admitted to the hospital with multiple contusions and lacerations of the face and head.

According to J. V. Browning, superintendent of the Baptist Children's Home, the accident victims had been residents at the Oklahoma City institution for about a year and a half.

They were en route to the mother's home when the accident occurred.

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Shackleford Will Edit
Indiana Baptist Paper

8-13-65

INDIANAPOLIS (BP)--Alvin C. Shackleford of Dallas has been elected editor of the Indiana Baptist and director of public relations for the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana. He will assume the position Oct. 1 with offices here.

Shackleford, 33, has been technical director of the public relations office of the Baptist General Convention of Texas for four years. Previously he edited the Beam, publication of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth.

A native of Georgia, he is a graduate of Mercer University (Baptist), Macon, Ga.; the University of Georgia, Athens, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

In his new position, Shackleford will be the first full-time editor of the semi-monthly newspaper and will handle general public relations for the state convention.

The Indiana Baptist, with a circulation of 5,457 will be published weekly, beginning in 1966, according to E. Harmon Moore, executive secretary of the convention. Moore has been serving as editor since the paper was founded in 1959 in addition to his other responsibilities.

The State Convention of Baptists in Indiana has more than 200 cooperating churches, with a total membership of nearly 40,000.

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An ordained minister, Shackelford served a church in Franklin, Ga., as pastor while in college. Previous experience in a pioneer mission site came when Shackelford was a student summer missionary in Hawaii in 1954.

He has edited student newspapers at Mercer and the University of Georgia.

The Indiana work gained independent status in 1959 as a state Baptist convention. Churches in southern Indiana had previously been affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention and those in the Great Lakes area with the Illinois Baptist State Association.

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(Editors: Shackelford picture will follow)

1000 V lumes, \$1,000
Bequeathed Seminary

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FORT WORTH (BP)--A library of approximately 1000 volumes, and \$1000 dollars were willed to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here by Mrs. Berry Franklin Dickson, of Clarksville, Tex.

The library belonged to her husband, a Baptist minister who graduated from Southwestern in 1912 when the seminary was only four years old. He was president of the graduating class.

Dickson married Miss Clyde Johnston of Alvarado, Tex., in 1921, and preceded his wife in death in 1940. Mrs. Dickson died March 24, 1963.

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Mrs. W. J. Cox Dies;
Former Women's Officer

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MEMPHIS (BP)--Mrs. W. J. Cox, former president and treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention woman's organization, died here Aug. 3 after a long illness.

Mrs. Cox was president of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC auxiliary, from 1925 to 1933. After that, she served as treasurer for 19 years. She had been in failing health since a fall in January, 1961.

Mrs. Cox, born Ethlene Boone, was a direct descendant of Daniel Boone. Her husband was a Memphis pharmacist.

Mrs. Robert C. Fling, Cleburne, Tex., current president of Woman's Missionary Union, and Miss Alma Hunt, Birmingham, its executive secretary, attended funeral services held here Aug. 5 for Mrs. Cox.

R. Paul Caudill, pastor of First Baptist Church, where she was a member for 52 years, officiated.

Her husband died a number of years before. They had no children.

Taking a special interest in the sons and daughters of missionaries, Mrs. Cox at one time had a mailing list of 741 young people. She wrote to them and helped many of them obtain college scholarships.

She was also a former president of Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union.

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(Edit rs: Age unavailable.)

office of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee, is hereby notified that the following is a list of the names of the members of the Southern Baptist Convention who have been elected to the Executive Committee for the year 1960.

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Would Name 1966 As
'Year Of The Bible'

WASHINGTON (BP)-- A resolution introduced in both the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives would name 1966 as "The Year of the Bible."

The resolution would serve as a tribute to the work of the American Bible Society. Sen. Claiborne Pell (D., R.I.) introduced the measure in the Senate, and Rep. Peter Frelinghuysen, Jr. (R., N.J.) introduced it in the House of Representatives. Both Pell and Frelinghuysen serve as vice presidents of the American Bible Society.

The constitution of the Society states that its "sole object" is to "encourage a wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures without note or comment."

Pell said that the resolution would serve "as a tribute to the notable past achievements of the society, an incentive to present purposes, and an expression of confidence in the future" of the organization. It would authorize the President to designate 1966 as "The Year of the Bible" and encourage the people of the United States to acquire a better knowledge and appreciation of the Scriptures.

Frelinghuysen pointed out that while the Bible has been translated into 1,202 languages it is now available in less than half the known languages of the world. The work of the American Bible Society in helping to meet this need is "indispensable," he stated.

The American Bible Society was founded in 1816 under the direction of Elias Boudinot, then president of the New Jersey Bible Society and a past President of the Continental Congress. It has published Bibles in more than 500 languages, and produces Scriptures in braille and on recordings for the blind.

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Proposed Bill Aids
Public Education

(8-13-65)

WASHINGTON (BP)-- A House education subcommittee is conducting hearings on a bill which would provide government grants for the construction of public elementary and secondary schools and for supplemental educational centers.

The bill, introduced by Rep. Carl Perkins (D., Ky.), basically would be an amendment to the existing law (PL 815) which provides financial assistance to schools in federally impacted areas. Perkins is chairman of the general education subcommittee of the House Committee on Education and Labor, which is considering the measure.

The proposed "Elementary and Secondary School Construction Act of 1965" would provide financial assistance to public elementary and secondary schools serving areas

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with high concentrations of low-income families. Federal funds would be provided to construct, reconstruct, renovate, and improve educational facilities in order "to meet more effectively the special educational needs of educationally deprived children." These facilities would include those for special projects in which children enrolled in private elementary and secondary schools may participate.

Policy established under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 requiring public control and administration would be followed in the new proposal. The current elementary and secondary education law requires that federally assisted programs be public programs, and that control of funds, title to property (such as library resources and textbooks), and administration of such funds and property, be in public hands.

Language of the measure now under consideration specifically states that the local education agency must give assurance "that the control of funds...and title to property derived therefrom, shall be in a public agency for the uses and purposes provided...and that a public agency will administer such funds and property."

The bill further provides that "no funds appropriated to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be used for the purpose of religious worship or instruction or for the construction of facilities as a place of worship or religious instruction."

The maximum amount of any grant would be a sum equal to one-half the average per pupil expenditure in the state or the national average per pupil expenditure (whichever is larger), multiplied by the number of children in the district, aged 5 through 17, from families with less than \$2,000 annual income and the number of children receiving more than \$2,000 in Aid to Dependent Children payments. Payments would be made to the state educational agency for grants to the local educational agency for three years, beginning in fiscal 1966.

Priority would be given to projects which provide for (1) replacement or restoration of hazardous or unsafe facilities, (2) consolidation of school facilities where necessary to provide separate classrooms for each grade, (3) modernization or replacement of facilities which are antiquated, or (4) modernization or replacement of facilities to provide innovative facilities or equipment.

Local educational agencies qualifying for a special incentive grant under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, could use funds under this legislation for needed facilities other than projects serving areas with high concentrations of children from low-income families.

The bill would amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to extend Title III, supplementary educational centers and services, for one additional year. Public Law 815, aid to federally impacted areas, would be extended through fiscal year 1969, a three-year extension.

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