

November 5, 1965
Maxey Jarman Honored As
"Churchman of the Year"

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)-- Businessman W. Maxey Jarman of Nashville, Tenn., was honored as the 1965 "American Churchman of the Year" in ceremonies here.

The award is presented annually by the Lay Associates of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, friends of the institution who help underwrite programs of continuing theological education and research.

Previous recipients of the award are concert pianist Van Cliburn (1964) and astronaut John Glenn (1963).

Jarman is chairman of Genesco, Inc., a complex of shoe and apparel manufacturers, and S. H. Kress chain of variety stores. He is a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York and the United States Council of the International Chamber of Commerce.

The executive is a former vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention and has served in advisory posts with the Baptist Sunday School Board and the Southern Baptist Foundation. Currently he is vice-president of the American Bible Society and is trustee of Moody Bible Institute (Chicago, Ill.), Freedoms Foundation (Valley Forge, Penn.) and the national publication Christianity Today.

His book, A Businessman Looks at the Bible, was published in 1964.

Educated at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Jarman was awarded an honorary degree in 1957 by Stetson University (DeLand, Fla.) and is a trustee of George Peabody College. (Nashville).

Southern Seminary President Duke K. McCall, in presenting the citation, said Jarman "typifies the new thrust in evangelical Christendom--the layman taking his faith seriously into the vocational realm."

Jarman's comments in accepting the award centered about his lifelong emphasis on Bible study: "Most men think of it as a duty," he remarked, "but they don't get the joy and refreshment that are possible. The real secret to understanding and appreciating the Bible is obedience--commitment--to what the Bible teaches."

Franklin Paschall, pastor of First Baptist Church in Nashville, where Jarman teaches Sunday School and is an active member, said that the businessman's devotion to his local church extends to Sunday night and Wednesday night services and willing participation in local committee work. "Many a man less busy than he has excused himself from doing menial jobs," the pastor commented.

A delegation from the church attended the banquet to honor Jarman and his wife.

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Note to editors: A photo of the award presentation is being mailed to Baptist state editors.

Craft Accepts Pastorate

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PHOENIX, Ariz. (BP)--Mel Craft, Sunday School Secretary for the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Magee, Miss.

His resignation is effective December 1. He had served four years.

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Mississippi Baptists Aid
Negro Summer Assembly

PRENTISS, Miss. (BP)--New physical facilities with an estimated value of \$200,000 were dedicated Sunday at Sophia Sutton Mission Assembly near Prentiss.

The Negro assembly is supported by the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, speaking at the dedication, said "The greatest need of the world today is Christian fellowship, which is the basis of understanding and sympathy."

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Renovation at New Orleans
Seminary Making Progress

11-5-65

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--The first phase of a total campus drainage system is being installed on the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary campus.

The current \$133,000 project gives the front third of the 75-acre campus a dug-up look as underground soil pipes are installed in the academic buildings, chapel and faculty housing area.

Tons of dirt have been hauled to the campus for filling low areas so water can drain away from buildings and walkways.

The new drainage system is part of campus renovations being made from Cooperative Program funds allocated by the Southern Baptist Convention over a three-year period.

The more than 200 large trees pruned after Hurricane Betsy's blow, repairing of damaged buildings, a new apartment building being erected and the drainage system give the Southern Baptist seminary campus a combined appearance of recovery and new development.

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Georgia Editor Wants Staff For Moral Issues

ATLANTA (BP)--The editor of Georgia Baptists' Christian Index here editorially criticized the state's Baptists for their weak voice in moral issues and asked for staff personnel for a strengthened Christian Life Commission.

John J. Hurt of Atlanta, outspoken editor of the widely-circulated Baptist weekly, wrote, "The Georgia Baptist Convention is speaking only with a whisper in a day when it should thunder."

He wants the Christian position stated on moral issues, family life, race relations, and other areas of applied Christianity.

Citing issues of professional gamblers, marriage mills, and temperance problems, he said, "We are almost silent when evil and selfish men plot their strategy."

He called for a combining of two present commissions or committees, which only meet two or three times a year. These are the Christian Life Commission and the Committee on Public Affairs.

A number of other Baptist state conventions have Christian Life Commissions, but only Texas Baptists have full-time staff personnel assigned.

Hurt addressed his editorial to the soon-to-meet Georgia Baptist Convention, which will hold sessions in Augusta Nov. 15-17.

"All of a commission program would not be in the legislative arena," he suggests. "It would sponsor seminars for pastors and laymen. It would provide programs for church and associational encampments. It would go into the churches with an educational ministry, knowing that an informed people would demand reforms."

Hurt said he did not expect convention action on the proposal this year, but was simply sending up a trial balloon.

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Baptist Press Writer
Cited By Women's Group

(11-5-65)

WASHINGTON (BP)--Mrs. Winona Saturday Junkin, editorial assistant with the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, has been selected for inclusion in the 1965 edition of Outstanding Young Women of America. She serves as a staff writer for the Baptist Press and is an accredited reporter in the Senate and House press galleries.

Outstanding Young Women of America is an annual biographical compilation of approximately 6,000 outstanding young women between the ages of 21 and 36. Local women's clubs throughout the country are asked each year to submit nominations for the book. Guidelines for selection include unselfish service to others, charitable activities, community service, professional excellence, business advancement, and civic and professional recognition.

A native of Georgia, Mrs. Junkin holds a bachelor of arts degree from Tift College, Forsyth, and the Master of Religious Education degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Before going to Washington, she was promotion associate for the Georgia Woman's Missionary Union, and taught high school mathematics in her home state. Currently she is writing a monthly feature article for Window of YWA.

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Michigan Urges Equal
Rights, Name Change

PORTAGE, Mich. (BP)--The Baptist State Convention of Michigan, meeting in annual session here, adopted resolutions urging equal rights for all men, an understanding of the church-state separation principle as it applies to current problems, and a name change for the denomination.

A \$498,975 budget was adopted, with a Cooperative Program budget of \$246,952. A record \$61,738, 25 per cent of the Cooperative Program gifts, will go to the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee for world-wide causes.

E. Clay Polk, pastor of the Columbia Avenue Baptist Church, Pontiac, was elected president of the convention. He succeeds Hubert Keefer, pastor of First Baptist Church, St. Clair Shores. Fred Hubbs is the executive secretary.

In the resolution urging equal rights the convention expressed appreciation "for the courageous stand" of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, "especially in the area of race relations."

It expressed the "desire for the achievement of equal rights for all and that we go beyond this in pledging ourselves to the practice of Christian love and compassion toward all men, and that we recognize the missionary nature of the church in its responsibility to share the gospel with every person without qualification or limitation and to open its fellowship to all who qualify for membership on a true scriptural basis without consideration of such non-Christian distinctions as race, social class, economic standing, etc."

Another resolution urged that "we promote through every proper channel the traditional stand of Baptists on the separation of church and state, and that we seek to understand the application of this principle in the context of the current and ever increasing complexities of this grave issue."

Also adopted was a resolution requesting the "proper channel of the Southern Baptist Convention to seek ways to accelerate a decision to change the name of our denomination in keeping with our national character."

Other resolutions urged Christians to participate in community organizations and fulfill civic duties such as voting, to seek a "vital relevance to our revolutionary world," and to pray for missionaries who suffer for the gospel's sake, "especially our brethren who are imprisoned in Castro's Cuba."

Hubbs said a "spirit of revival swept through our convention" in the final session. Following the messages of the evening he said the convention spent "fifteen or twenty minutes in prayer and another ten or fifteen minutes in testimony."

"This is evidence of our real concern," Hubbs said.

The 1966 convention will meet at the Normandy Road Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Nov. 8-10.

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NW Baptists Receive
French, Negro Churches

(11-5-65)

SPOKANE, Wash. (BP)--Two churches of unusual significance were received by the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington in annual session here. One is a Negro congregation and the other is a church in France.

In another action the convention called for a committee composed of the missions division director, the executive secretary, convention president, and the missionaries, to study ways to improve the effectiveness and coordination of the various loan funds and agencies being made available to the churches.

There are associational loan funds, convention loan funds, and some funds from outside the convention which are available to the churches of the convention. The special committee is to seek to eliminate some confusion in channeling the funds. The committee is to bring its report back to the executive committee or to the 1966 convention.

A Cooperative Program budget of \$225,000 was adopted, with 19 per cent going to the Southern Baptist Convention for all causes. Last year's Cooperative Program budget was \$205,000. The total 1966 budget is \$341,112.

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Jack W. McKay was re-elected president of the convention. When elected in 1964 McKay was from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. He is now pastor of the Columbia Heights Baptist Church, Longview, Wash.

The convention did not elect an executive secretary. Roland P. Hood will continue to serve in an interim capacity.

Received for membership in the Oregon-Washington convention was the Leon Baptist Church of Le Fere Aisne, France, an English-speaking congregation. Paul Stanley, a military chaplain, is pastor of the church.

Stanley formerly held pastorates in the Yakima and Spokane, Wash. areas. The Leon Baptist Church turned to the Oregon-Washington convention as a means of channeling their missionary giving.

The convention also received the Providence Missionary Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., a Negro congregation. Churches in the convention have Negro members but this is the first Negro church to be a member of the convention. The church is four years old, with a membership of over 50. Leon Garcia is the pastor.

The sessions of the convention were held at the Ridpath Hotel in Spokane. Most churches of the convention are too small to accommodate the convention. Registration was 400.

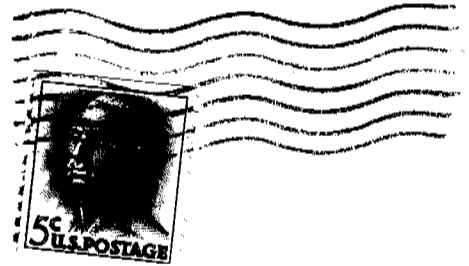
The 1966 convention will meet in the Eugene-Springfield, Ore. area, with the exact location not yet decided. The convention will go to Des Moines, Wash. in 1967 and to Salem, Ore. in 1968.

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