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Hudson Baggett Named
Alabama Baptist Editor

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)--Hudson Baggett, a professor of religion at Samford University (Baptist) here for the past eight years, has been named the new editor of the Alabama Baptist, weekly newspaper of the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

The board of directors for the state Baptist paper unanimously elected Baggett to the post. He assumes the position effective June 1.

The 138,000 -circulation tabloid paper has been without an editor since the death of Leon Macon in November of 1965. Baggett has been one of several guest editorial writers since then.

Before becoming professor of religion at Samford University, Baggett was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Florence, Ala.

Previously he served as pastor of the Panama Baptist Church in Cullman, Ala., the Shades Valley Baptist Church in Birmingham; and the Salem Baptist Church in Alabama.

A native of Alabama, Baggett is a graduate of Samford University (then Howard College), and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., where he earned the doctor of philosophy degree.

Larry Johnson, chairman of the state Baptist paper's board of directors, announced Baggett's unanimous election as editor.

"We are confident that under the leadership of this fine Christian that the Alabama Baptist will continue to improve in quality and in circulation as it serves the Baptists of this state," Johnson said.

Baggett commented following his election, "I am honored at the confidence placed in me by the board of directors, and by the help of God I will seek to justify this confidence as I serve the Baptists of Alabama in this important position."

Baggett is married to the former June Stewart, an Alabama native and graduate of Carver School of Missions of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. They have three sons: Mark, 11; Dale, 10; and Kim, 6.

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Seminary Trustees Elect
Professor, Administrator

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)--Trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary meeting here voted to establish a permanent endowment fund for student aid, elected two new professors, named an administrative officer, promoted several faculty members, and elected officers.

The endowment fund of \$540,000 will be named for L. F. Garrett, a late Mississippi Baptist layman and long-time contributor to the seminary student aid fund. Up to 40 graduate students in theology and religious education will receive the aid.

Badgett Dillard, director of public relations and administrative services, was elevated by the board to become director of administration and business manager, effective Aug. 1. He will supervise all non-academic departments of the seminary.

The two new professors are Donald Paul Hustad, Billy Graham team member, who becomes professor of church music, effective Aug. 1; and Lucien E. Coleman, Jr., who will receive his doctor of religious education degree from the seminary in June, as assistant professor of religious education.

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E. Glenn Hinson was promoted to associate professor of church history, and tenure was granted to social work professor Walter Delamarter and to assistant professor of church music Jay W. Wilkey.

Delamarter, director of social work since 1964, was designated as the first to occupy the newly created "Woman's Missionary Union Chair of Social Work." Endowment for the chair was designated by the Carver School of Missions and Social Work when the school was merged with the seminary in 1963.

Trustees also approved sabbatical study leaves for seven faculty members.

Re-elected as chairman of the board was J. R. White, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., and as secretary, Frank Ellis, Jr., president of the Louisville Grocery Co.

Edward H. Pruden, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Washington, D. C., was elected first vice-chairman, and Harry J. Chavanne, oilman and banker from Houston, was named second vice-chairman.

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Oklahoma Baptist School
Names Cothen President

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SHAWNEE, Okla. (BP)--Grady C. Cothen executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, was elected president of Oklahoma Baptist University here by the school's board of trustees.

He is expected to resign his California post and to assume the presidential duties on July 1.

Cothen will succeed James Ralph Scales, who resigned last summer to become dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater.

Evans T. Moseley, vice president of the school, has served as acting president since Sept. 1, 1965. He will continue to serve in this capacity until July 1.

Warren Hultgren, chairman of the Oklahoma Baptist University board of trustees and pastor of the First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., said that Cothen "has the administrative experience, vision, physical energy, and commitment to higher education basic to our needs at OBU."

Cothen was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., before becoming executive secretary of the California convention in 1961.

Previously, he was pastor for 11 years of the Olivet Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., and earlier was pastor of White Oak Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn. He was a Navy Chaplain during World War II.

A native of Poplarville, Miss., Cothen is a graduate of Mississippi College (Baptist), Clinton, Miss.; and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La.

Honorary doctoral degrees have been conferred on Cothen by California Baptist College, Riverside, Calif.; and Mississippi College.

Cothen served as first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention during 1962. He has also served on the Foreign Mission Board of the SBC, and on the executive boards of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma and the Alabama Baptist Convention, and as a member of the board of trustees for both Oklahoma Baptist University and New Orleans Seminary.

He currently serves as a member of the North American Baptist Fellowship Committee, and as a member of the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee.

Cothen and his wife, the former Bettye Major of Chattanooga, Tenn., have two children.

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Spoken Word Last Step
In Witnessing, Prof Says

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ATLANTA (BP)--The ministry of the spoken word is the last step in redemptive witnessing --not the first, Baptist mission center leaders were told here.

"There is a real peril in the ministry of the spoken word unless it has been preceded by a relationship that has demonstrated acceptance, integrity, understanding, and concerned listening," Walter Delamarter, director of social work education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, said.

Demonstration of what one is must precede what one says, Delamarter said.

"If our words issue from a spirit of impatience and a desire to force acceptance; if they attempt to deny the one being helped the right of self-determination and personal freedom, they can never be liberating and healing," he said.

Speaking at a conference sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's department of Christian social ministries, Delamarter warned the 200 mission center workers "that the Christian helper ultimately must face the reality of the spoken word."

Ultimate Christian helping requires that we bear our witness in words," he said, "be speaking the whole consolation of God, the admonition, the kindness, and the severity of God."

Delamarter warned the audience not to become so involved in the science and skill of meeting challenges of the modern world that they forget the person closest to them who deserves real Christian concern.

Delamarter, who recently spent several weeks in research for the Southern Baptist "70 Onward" planning committee, outlined these trends in health and welfare needs for the decade ahead:

The aged: By 1980, there will be 30 million people over 65, with continuing needs for residential, nursing, and hospital care; financial support services; personal and family adjustment services; education and activity services; and health services.

The mentally retarded: There are more than five million mentally retarded persons in the U.S., and each year 126,000 new cases are added. The '70s will call for continuing support of educational and direct-help services at the local church, state convention, and nationwide levels.

The juvenile delinquent: There will be 40 million delinquent children between ages 10 and 19 by 1970, and the seriousness of crimes will increase. Direct help services such as the Home Mission Board's program should be multiplied and other Baptist agencies should closely correlate all their efforts at prevention and correction of this problem.

Dependent and neglected children: The trend of Southern Baptist child care is toward multiple service programs that include foster care, residential treatment, adoption services, mother's aid, and family services. In the future, such programs should be more diversified, highly individualized, and slanted toward children with special problems. Stress should be placed on qualitative rather than quantitative aspects of programming.

The unwed mother: If the present trend continues, there will be 300,000 children born out of wedlock every year by 1970. Births out of wedlock always are higher in areas where there is a lack of education, few employment opportunities, poor housing, inadequate recreation, and low income.

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135 To Graduate
From Southeastern

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WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP)--About 135 students are scheduled to graduate from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here in May.

Principal speakers for the commencement exercises May 5-6 are John D. Hughey, secretary for Europe, and the Middle East of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board; and John W. Eddins Jr., associate professor of theology at Southeastern.

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Judson College Gives
WMU Leader Doctorate

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MARION, Ala. (BP)--For the second time in 128 years, Judson College (Baptist) here has conferred honorary degrees upon outstanding leaders and alumnae.

Receiving the degrees in 1965 commencement exercises were a lawyer, an educator, a Baptist pastor, and an Alabama Baptist Woman's Missionary Union leader.

They are, Miss Essie Stephens, executive secretary of the Alabama Baptist WMU; L. Dudley Wilson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Fairfield, Ala.; William Morris Beck, Sr., an attorney and president pro tempore of the Alabama State Board of Education; and Mrs. Sarah Blanton Folsom, state superintendent of public instruction for Arizona.

Not since 1936 has Judson College conferred honorary doctoral degrees. In that year, Anne Elizabeth Kirtley received the doctor of letters degree after teaching for 45 years at the Baptist school in Marion, Ala.

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Illinois Baptists Break
Ground on Student Center

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CARBONDALE, Ill. (BP)--The board of directors for the Illinois Baptist State Association participated in groundbreaking ceremonies for a new \$885,000 Baptist Student Center at Southern Illinois University here, and then elected a new director and business manager for the center.

Elected was Robert C. Fuson, Jr., pastor of the Third Baptist Church of Marion, Ill., for the past eight years.

Fuson will succeed Harold A. Hall who is retiring Aug. 31. He will assume the position in May.

In other action during its meeting at Carbondale, the board elected John W. Perkins Jr., of Saint Ann, Mo., as associate Sunday School secretary. Perkins has been minister of education for the Mary Ann Baptist Church of Saint Ann, Mo., for the past four years.

The committee responsible for nominating an executive secretary for the state Baptist association reported that they had held 12 meetings, and had interviewed two men as possibilities. Both had declined to be considered.

Prior to the board meeting, groundbreaking ceremonies were held for the new Baptist Student Center complex which will provide dormitory facilities for 300 students, plus facilities for Bible classes, Baptist student activities, and a cafeteria.

First shovel of dirt was turned by Harold A. Hall, who has been connected with the Baptist student work here for 17 years. Lee Swope, interim student ministry secretary for the Illinois Baptist State Association presided over the ceremonies.

Land for the Student Center was deeded to the association by the university in exchange for properties used by the Southern Illinois College of Bible, owned by the Illinois Baptist State Association.

Officials of the university also participated in the groundbreaking ceremonies.

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Dillard Named Seminary
Chief of Administration

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)--Badgett Dillard, executive assistant to the president at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary since 1963, will become director of administration and business manager of the school, effective Aug. 1.

He will be responsible for supervision of all non-academic departments at the seminary. No announcement has been made concerning his present public relations duties.

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A native of North Carolina and Georgia, Dillard is a graduate of Berea College in Kentucky and the University of Louisville, with bachelor and master of business administration degrees.

He also received both the bachelor of divinity in religious education and the master of religious education degrees from Southern Seminary, and is a graduate of the University of Kentucky College Business Management Institute. He has done graduate work at the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University.

Dillard is a charter member and a former president of the Baptist Public Relations Association.

He has been chairman of the deacons at Highland Baptist Church in Louisville, and moderator of the Long Run (Louisville) Association of Baptists. He is also a trustee for Kentucky Southern (Baptist) College here.

Before being named director of publicity at the seminary in 1953, Dillard served as minister of education for the First Baptist Church in Gainesville, Ga. Later he became the seminary's director of public relations and director of administrative services, assuming his present position as executive assistant to the president in 1963.

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South Carolina Baptists
Hold Workshop on Education

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GREENVILLE, S. C. (BP)--About 50 Baptist ministers ended a two-day workshop on Church-related vocations at Furman University here, coming to grips with ways in which youth can be encouraged toward church-related vocations, exploring the state of pre-seminary college training, and discussing the problem of declining Baptist seminary enrollments.

In a major address to the group, Claude U. Broach, pastor of St. John's Baptist Church in Charlotte, N. C., told the workshop that Baptists "must make an effort to declare in plain language what the Gospel is and how we ought to respond to its claims upon us."

"We are moving into a period which demands a radical and dramatic sloughing off of ecclesiastical barnacles and shibboleths and form," said Broach.

In another major address, Ben C. Fisher, executive secretary of the Council of Christian Education of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, said that there must be "dialogue between the seminary and the college."

He called for coordinated efforts involving local churches, state Baptist conventions, colleges and seminaries in solving problems.

Fisher said that the problem of declining enrollments in Baptist seminaries should be given high priority, and he praised Furman University and South Carolina Baptists for giving serious study to this matter.

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