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Dehoney Says Major SBC Issue Will Be Evangelism

EDITOR'S NOTE: The president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Wayne Dehoney of Jackson, Tenn., outlines the major issues facing the SBC's annual sessions in Detroit, May 24-27, and recounts his experiences as president for the past two years of the 10.7 million-member denomination. The interview was conducted by John J. Hurt Jr., editor of the Christian Index, weekly Baptist state paper in Georgia. Following is text of the interview:

Q. You undoubtedly have given more time to the presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention than any predecessor, through travel to mission fields, speaking engagements and correspondence. What are your personal reactions as you approach presidential retirement?

A. I have but one reaction, that of deep gratitude and thanksgiving. Thanksgiving--to God for his leadership, for good health, a sturdy constitution, and his protective care -- to my wife and children, my church and dedicated staff, who have shared so substantially in my ministry-- and to the brethren who elected me to this high office and have undergirded my leadership with their prayers and their loyalty.

Q. How many miles have you traveled?

A. In excess of 300,000 miles. I have been in 30 states and 28 foreign countries on every continent. I was away from home 211 days of the calendar year of 1965 -- but I have not tried to tabulate the number of speaking engagements.

Q. We understand you have kept one secretary rather busy with the presidential correspondence. What has been the average number of letters you have received each week?

A. A tabulation was kept by Miss Mildred Snow, my secretary, for the first six months to be filed with the SBC Executive Committee. For example, a report for the month of September reveals 381 pieces of mail received, and 479 letters written.

Q. Where did you find time for this volume of work?

A. I live with a portable dictating machine at my side, in my study, in hotel rooms, in my automobile, on the plane, in the airport. I try to make the minutes count, and "shift gears" from one responsibility to another quickly.

Q. Back to the mission travels, isn't a book about one of these journeys off the press?

A. Yes, **AFRICAN DIARY**, 50,000 words and 16 pages of pictures on my tour of the African mission field in the late summer of last year. The book was written in the back seat of taxis, airports and planes, in 60 days last fall during the period of the state conventions. The book was easy to write because I was sharing a tremendous experience of the dynamic things that are happening in Africa today. I am not at all modest -- I wrote the book to be read. I have something to say and I will be telling the Convention at Detroit of some of these experiences. I hope every Baptist will read it!

Q. You will recall some agitation in recent years, defeated by a wide margin at the convention last year, to limit the term of the president to one year because it imposed too great a burden upon his own church. What has been the penalty, if any, upon your church?

A. Our church has been greatly strengthened during this period. I have tried to involve the church in all that I did and they have caught the vision of a world and the strategic responsibility that is ours as Southern Baptists in it. The deacons, other leadership and the church staff have gladly accepted additional burdens and responsibility in return for the privilege of sharing in a worldwide witness and ministry. As a result, I believe that there is the finest spirit in the church today of any church I have ever known at any time in my ministry!

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Q. Now, looking to the convention in Detroit what do you see as a major debate or discussion?

A. I sense the finest spirit of unity in the convention in many years. Divisive issues are behind us. We have a new vision and a new sense of responsibility and commitment to God to be instruments in witnessing to this lost world. I believe that the convention will be overshadowed with a sense of urgency and that the major concern will be the launching of the Crusade of the Americas with all-out emphasis on outreach through evangelism and missions.

Q. Do you detect any restlessness among Southern Baptists and if so what?

A. I am not aware of any restlessness or sharp controversy or blocs of hostile interests with axes to grind.

Q. You said last year you knew of no particular theological division. Is that still your opinion?

A. Yes.

Q. The convention last year authorized study of proposals for changing its name, now that geographically it is no longer Southern. Do you hear much discussion of this?

A. Yes, considerable discussion, pro and con, and disagreement as to the necessity or advisability of a name change. However, there seems almost universal agreement, that, as yet, no adequate new name has been proposed.

Q. What is your personal opinion?

A. I have no fixed judgement on the matter and am open to discussion on both sides. I think a study and hearings soliciting suggestions are in order--and this is the course the convention has followed. The matter is in the hands of the Executive Committee and I am sure a report will be forthcoming at the appropriate time. I definitely feel that this is not a matter to be settled by impulse and floor debate at a convention. There are many considerations that enter in and a study by a responsible group followed by many months of dissemination of information and issues involved should precede any report to the convention or any discussion on the floor.

Q. Southern Baptist have not returned to their booming increase in baptisms, organizational enrolment and the like. Do you have any concern about this?

A. Yes, all of us are concerned. However, we must remember that substantial increases are the fruits of solid groundwork and program and organizational planning coupled with a continued consuming aggressive spirit at the grassroots. I think the tide has turned in the direction of another era of great growth and increase. There is a new spirit abroad in the convention. We have laid the groundwork of tangible programs that will harness this spirit of evangelism and outreach. The Church Growth Plan will be presented on Wednesday night in Detroit and it is fundamentally a program that broadens the base of involvement and participation and outreach at the local church level. We are also launching the Crusade of the Americas in Detroit on Friday night. As Baptists from Hudson Bay to Buenos Aires join hands in this hemispheric crusade, we will involve more nations, and more churches and more people than any other organized evangelistic undertaking in the history of Christianity. I believe we stand on the threshold of the greatest advance Baptists have ever known!

Q. Do you continue as chairman of the committee promoting the Crusade of the Americas?

A. Yes. The personnel of the committee for the Crusade of the Americas is a standing committee of six that will serve through 1969. Serving with me are H. H. Hobbs, M. B. Carroll, Owen Cooper, Ray Roberts and J. Conally Evans.

Q. Back to your presidency, for what would you like to be remembered most?

A. As the president who called and challenged Southern Baptists to the single task of outreach through evangelism and missions.

Q. Some argue that the experience of the presidency is largely lost in that automatically you have no further assignment. There could be no bylaw change this year insofar as you are concerned so modesty should not prevent your answering about your reaction to this.

A. Yes, I have deep feelings about this matter and do not hesitate to say that I personally have felt greatly handicapped because I did not have available in the mainstream of Baptist life and policy the wisdom, experience and judgement of past presidents to assist me during these two years. Not a single past president serves on the Executive Committee of our denomination. It is inconceivable to me that with the concentration of more and more responsibility in the Executive Committee, that the denomination does not provide some channel of service for past presidents to this group. I think this question revolves around a basic philosophy -- is the presidency of the convention simply an honor, a letterhead office and the presiding officer of a four-day convention that meets once a year? Or, is the presidency a working office, a singular place of leadership when a man gives unity, direction and purpose to a convention of millions of people and thousands of churches and the convention boards and agencies for two full years?

Two years in office as an active president gives a man resources and experiences that cannot be secured in any other way by any other person. I have felt that we have needed the experience and leadership of past presidents on many occasions in the Executive Committee in times past and I have been more acutely aware of this need during my two years as president.

Q. What advice do you have for your successor?

A. Trust God, love all the brethren, and always request a reporter to read your quotes back to you.

Q. Who will the next president be?

A. I make only one prediction -- it will not be me! However, after reading the results of one gubernatorial primary, I have been considering "running my wife."



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ADVANCE FOR AM'S OF WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

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Crusade, Budget, Officers
Named Major SBC Business

DETROIT (BP)--More than 15,000 Baptists attending the Southern Baptist Convention here May 24-27 are expected to launch a hemisphere-wide evangelistic effort slated in 1969, elect a new convention president, adopt a record budget, and conduct for four days the business of the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

Convention President Wayne Dehoney of Jackson, Tenn., named these as the major items of business to come before the 109th annual session of the convention at Detroit's Cobo Hall Convention Arena, Tuesday through Friday, May 24-27.

Two of the most talked about issues to face Baptists during the past year---the question of changing the convention's name and of accepting federal aid for Baptist institutions--will probably come up in the form of progress reports from Baptist agencies and groups studying the issues.

The convention voted in Dallas last June to request the SBC Executive Committee to study the possibility of changing the name of the convention, and the Executive Committee will probably bring a progress report on its long-range study.

In February, the 58-member committee authorized an opinion poll among a broad cross-section of Baptists to determine public opinion on the name change question.

The Baptist Education Study Task, a grass-roots Baptist study of the denomination's total program of Christian higher education, is in the midst of a two-year investigation of practically every area of the education program, including the question of using federal loans and grants by Baptist institutions.

A progress report on the BEST program will be delivered as part of the convention's Education Commission report.

These and any other items of business could, however, also come up as motions or resolutions presented from the floor of the convention by elected "messengers" (delegates).

Of the 15,000 Baptists expected to attend the four-day convention, about 13,000 are anticipated as registered "messengers" to the convention representing Baptist churches throughout the nation.

They will vote on a dozen recommendations from the convention's Executive Committee, elect a new convention president to succeed Dehoney, adopt resolutions, vote on a budget, and launch the "Crusade of the Americas" in the closing session.

Dehoney, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jackson, Tenn., said he believes "the convention will be overshadowed with a sense of urgency, and that the major concern will be the launching of the Crusade of Americas with an all-out emphasis on outreach through evangelism and missions."

Dehoney added that he had "no fixed judgement" on whether or not the SBC should change its name, saying that the SBC Executive Committee is approaching the question in the right way with deliberate study and hearings.

"I definitely feel that this is not a matter to be settled by impulse and floor debate at the convention," Dehoney said of the name change proposal. "There are many considerations that enter in and a study by a responsible group followed by many months of dissemination of information and issues involved should precede any report to the convention or any discussion from the floor."

In addition to presenting a progress report on the SBC name change study, the Executive Committee is expected to recommend a record \$24.2 million 1967 budget, program statements outlining the purpose and scope of work for three SBC agencies and an SBC Auxillary, 1967

convention meeting site and dates, and an added assignment for the denomination's Christian Life Commission.

If adopted by the convention, the \$24.2 million budget, called the Cooperative Program, would be an increase of \$2.4 million over the 1966 Cooperative Program budget goal. Biggest items in the proposed budget are \$11.7 million for foreign missions and \$4 million for home missions.

The Executive Committee will recommend St. Louis as the site for the 1971 convention sessions, with June 1-4 as recommended dates.

Detailed program statements will be proposed for the SBC Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, American Baptist Theological Seminary Commission, and Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary. The Woman's Missionary Union is an auxiliary, not an agency, of the SBC, and the program statement would be advisory rather than binding as in the case of agencies.

Program objective statements will be recommended for nine other convention agencies which have already received convention approval of program statements.

A recommendation that the Christian Life Commission of the SBC interpret Baptist views on motion pictures and communicate with the movie industry will also come from the Executive Committee.

The convention in Dallas last year referred to the Executive Committee a proposal by Gregory Walcott of Hollywood, Calif., a television actor and then vice president of the SBC, that the convention establish a "diplomatic unit" to Hollywood motion picture and television producers and distributors. The Executive Committee will recommend that no new SBC agency be created, but that the role be assumed by the existing commission.

Other recommendations to come from the Executive Committee will include proposals to permit renovations at Baptist seminary, changes in the Annuity Board's charter, second wording changes in the SBC Constitution and Bylaws and a definition of length of term for board members serving partial terms.

Most of the four-day convention will be devoted to annual reports from 21 agencies of the SBC, and to inspirational messages by Baptist ministers.

Major speakers will be Gov. Carl Sanders of Georgia, White House Press Secretary Bill Moyers of Washington, Convention President Dehoney, and Ray E. Roberts, executive secretary of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, who delivers the annual convention sermon.

Closing speakers during the Friday night session designed to launch the Crusade of the Americas will be Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor, First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, and Roberto Porras Maynes, executive secretary of the National Baptist Convention of Mexico. Both are vice presidents of the Baptist World Alliance.

Other Baptist ministers on the program are Millard J. Berquist, president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.; Warren Hultgren, pastor, First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.; W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.; H. Franklin Paschall, pastor, First Baptist Church, Nashville; and Monroe Swilley, pastor, Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.

Four other nation-wide Baptist conventions will precede the sessions of the SBC. Meeting on Monday and Tuesday, May 23-24, will be the SBC Pastors' Conference, the SBC Woman's Missionary Union Convention, the SBC Religious Education Association, and the SBC Church Music Conference.

House Unit Votes 4-year
Education Act Extension

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP)--The House of Representatives' General subcommittee on education has voted to recommend a four-year extension of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

This action was taken in spite of protests from the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and other religious and civil liberties agencies.

These groups asked for a one or two year extension instead of four years in order to give time to correct improper church-state administration of the act. They were fearful lest church-state abuses should become established precedents within four years time.

The recommendations of the subcommittee now go to the full House Committee on Education and Labor which is likely to accept the proposals of its subcommittee.

After that the Rules Committee must clear the bill for floor debate and vote. If opposition is encountered here, the 21-day rule could be invoked to force the issue to the floor of the House.

The Senate subcommittee on education has not yet made its report on the same legislation, but it traditionally favors long-term extensions of legislation.

In testimony before both the House and Senate subcommittees on education, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs charged that the administrative regulations include "dangerous distortions of the 'child benefit' theory and of the church-state relations on which the act was built."

Among the other groups making similar objections have been the National Council of Churches, the American Jewish Committee, the American Civil Liberties Union and Americans United.

In an interview with Baptist Press, a member of the staff of the House subcommittee said that the committee was likewise concerned about the church-state problems in the administrative regulations of the education act.

The report of the committee, he said, would contain some "admonitions" to the Office of Education on the administration of the act. These admonitions will not be known until the full committee makes its report.

On the other hand, the staff member said that the committee thought it would have a better chance to exercise legislative oversight of the administration of the act over a four-year period than it would during only a one-year extension.

He listed three possibilities of recourse if the intent of Congress were violated in the administration of the act. They are: (1) litigation in courts; (2) hearings each year on the administration practices; and (3) hearings when appropriations are considered each year.

One of the problems faced by the Congress, the administration and the protesting agencies is that not enough time has elapsed to secure specific information about how the education act is actually being operated in all parts of the country.

It is hoped by the general subcommittee on education in the House that the four-year extension and earlier appropriations of funds each year will give more time to the administrators for more careful implementation of the programs, thus avoiding many church-state pitfalls that may be caused by pressure of time and lack of adequate personnel.

J. E. Taylor To Head
Baptist Migrant Work

ATLANTA (BP)--John Edward Taylor, one of the pioneers of the modern concept of migrant missions work, has been named to head the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's migrant missions ministry.

Taylor, most recently superintendent of missions in the Savannah River Association in South Carolina, was a missionary to Migrants for nine years in Texas, Oklahoma, Georgia, Florida, and North and South Carolina.

During his years in the field, Taylor helped to formulate and put into action the concept of getting churches and associations involved in permanent ministries to migrants, according to Loyd Corder, associate director of missions for the Home Mission Board.

Previously, missionaries were appointed to move with the migrants in trailer houses, Corder said.

"Now, this ministry is directed toward getting people, plans, and know-how to churches so that they can carry on a permanent, well-grounded ministry to migrants as they move from area to area," Corder added. "This has broadened the ministry a thousand-fold."

Taylor's official title will be assistant secretary in the department of Christian Social Ministries, the department assigned the responsibility within the Division of Missions.

He replaces Robert Harvey, who directed migrant missions during the time of transition. Harvey recently resigned to become executive secretary of the Judson Baptist Association in Baton Rouge, La.

Taylor, a graduate of North Greenville Junior College in Tigerville, S. C., will operate out of the Atlanta office of the Home Mission Board. His office will provide information to churches and associations interested in a migrant ministry, Corder said.

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Oklahoma Baptists
Promote News Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY--Joan Harvison, staff writer for public relations department, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, has been promoted to assistant director of communications for Oklahoma Baptists.

"The job title change reflects the additional responsibilities Miss Harvison will assume", explained Floyd A. Craig, director of communications.

"There is a great need to give more emphasis to news writing which goes beyond the superficial news report," he said.

"Miss Harvison will supervise additional work in these areas and assist in office administration. "We are fortunate to have someone who is a professional in the field to lead in the work," Craig concluded.

For the past two years, Miss Harvison has written and edited the weekly Oklahoma Baptist news program, Newsbreak, currently on 15 Oklahoma radio stations, and she has prepared Baptist news copy for state weekly and daily newspapers.

A native of Mobile, Ala., Miss Harvison was assistant editor of southwestern News, official publication of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, before assuming duties with the Oklahoma Convention in 1964.

Formerly an art teacher in Dallas, she is a graduate of Louisiana State University, and has studied at Southwestern Seminary.

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Gen. Taylor Named
To Southwestern Post

FORT WORTH (BP)--Maj. Gen. Robert Preston Taylor, who is retiring as U.S. Air Force Chief of Chaplains, will become director of institutional resources at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here Aug. 1.

The appointment was announced by President Robert E. Naylor, who said Taylor will be associated in the work of development with L.B. Reavis, the seminary's director of development.

Chaplain Taylor, completing 26 years as an armed forces chaplain, will be renewing an association with the seminary which began when he was a student in the 1930's. He received the master of theology degree from Southwestern in 1936 and the doctor of theology degree in 1939.

In 1965 he received one of six distinguished alumni awards presented by the Seminary Alumni Association.

His military career began in 1940 after service as pastor of the South Fort Worth Baptist Church. On his first military assignment he was sent to be post chaplain at Barksdale Field, La.

From Barksdale he was assigned to be regimental chaplain of the 31st Infantry Regiment, Philippine Division, which fought on the front lines on Bataan Peninsula.

Chaplain Taylor was cited for bravery and awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in the Battle of Bataan.

After the surrender of the American Forces there, he became a member of the "Death March" from Bataan through the streets of Manila to a prison camp about eight miles east of Cabanatuan.

In the prison camp hospital he ministered as chaplain to more than 10,000 patients, and in the summer of 1944 he spent 14 weeks in solitary confinement for smuggling food and medicine to the patients.

Later he was taken to Japan and Manchuria on a "hellship" that was twice bombed by American planes with a loss of more than 1,000 lives.

After 42 months in concentration camps, Chaplain Taylor returned to Barksdale Field, where he served as deputy chief chaplain, Headquarters Army Air Forces Training Command.

In December 1957, after serving in four other posts, he was assigned to the Office of the Chief of Air Force Chaplains as Chief of personnel division.

In 1958 he was appointed Brigadier General and became deputy chief of Air Force Chaplains.

He took over the duties of Chief of Chaplains on Sept. 1, 1962, and was promoted to Major General on Oct. 1, 1962.

His decorations include the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, and the Presidential Unit Citation with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

Chaplain Taylor is married to the former Mildred Good of Carrollton, Tex.

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Veteran Educator Joins
Hardin-Simmons Faculty

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ABILENE, Tex. (BP)--Phillip Graham, chairman of the English department at the University of Texas until 1964, will head the English department at Hardin-Simmons University, effective this fall semester.

He had served as chairman of the university of Texas English department for 11 years and was a member of the teaching staff for 40 years.

During the 1965-66 school year, he has been serving as a visiting professor at Louisiana State University and was a visiting graduate professor at Ohio State University during the 1964-66 academic year.

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Baptist College Students
Fast to Understand Hunger

LIBERTY, Mo. (BP)--A sociology class at William Jewell College (Baptist) here studied so much about population growth and hunger that they wanted to see for themselves what it would be like to really be hungry. So they went on a three-day fast.

Edward Chasteen, professor of sociology, took part in the experiment with others in the class of 20 members.

One student, Joe Duffey, a junior, ended his fast two hours early because he had to participate in a wedding, and "I had to eat so I wouldn't faint at the wedding," he said.

Duffey's observations were general of the reactions of the class. He said he lost about 10 pounds, an average loss for the others, and he noted that his blood pressure had risen.

"It dropped to its normal rate about two hours after I had eaten," he added.

"I think its something everybody should try," he added. We thought it was funny at first but as we went along it got pretty serious.

He also said that "the fast made me tired and difficult to get along with. Two friends who took part in the fast told me they felt the same way." He said that he and most of the others were not extremely hungry, but were very weak.

Chasteen said, after his first meal in 72 hours, "I feel very good. I really wasn't as hungry as I thought I would be."

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Southeastern Appoints
3 Visiting Professors

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WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP)--Three visiting professors have been appointed to teach at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary next year, the seminary's president has announced.

They are: Archie L. Nations, professor at Seinan University in Fukuoka, Japan; I. N. Patterson, former general secretary of the Nigerian Baptist Convention; and A. C. Reid, professor emeritus at Wake Forest College (Baptist), Winston-Salem, N. C.

Nations, professor of New Testament at the university in Japan, will be visiting professor of New Testament. He has been a Southern Baptist missionary to Japan since 1960.

Patterson, missionary to Nigeria for 40 years, will serve as visiting professor of missions. A native of Alabama, he was made an honorary officer of the British Empire in 1952 for his contribution to Nigeria.

Reid, distinguished author, lecturer and professor at Wake Forest College, will teach. He is a native of North Carolina.

In making the announcement, President Olin T. Binkley said, "These competent and devout teachers will bring to us productive scholarship from many lands and will strengthen the relation of this school to the Christian missionary enterprise."

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Memorial Scholarship
Endowed at Southeastern

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WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP)--A memorial scholarship has been established at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here in honor of a young student who planned to attend the seminary but was killed in an automobile accident just after college graduation.

The scholarship, endowed by friends and his parents, will be in memory of George T. Noel, III of Kannapolis, N.C. Income from the \$12,000 endowment fund will provide an annual scholarship at the seminary.

Young Noel was killed June 15, 1962, while enroute from Wake Forest to Raleigh, N.C., where he was helping with a Vacation Bible School at the First Baptist Church.

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A Bible was found in the wreckage of the car, evidence that he was "about his Father's business even when death came," said the editor of the Biblical Recorder, state Baptist paper in North Carolina at the time.

Just a few days before the accident, Noel had graduated with honors from the University of North Carolina. He planned to enter Southeastern Seminary that fall.

His dream was not fulfilled, but his parents and friends are making its fulfillment possible for other young men who aspire to be ministers.

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E. C. Routh, Retired
Baptist Editor, Dies

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DALLAS (BP)--Dr. E. C. Routh, retired editor of "The Commission" magazine and former editor of Baptist state weekly papers in Texas and Oklahoma, died here at the age of 91.

His son, Porter W. Routh of Nashville, is executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

Memorial services were (to be) held Saturday, May 14, at the Sparkman Funeral Home, Dallas, with W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist church in Dallas, officiating.

Dr. Routh was editor of "The Commission," monthly magazine published by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., from 1943 until retirement in 1948.

For 15 years previously, he was editor of the "Baptist Messenger," weekly newspaper of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, offices in Oklahoma City.

He was editor of the "Baptist Standard" in Dallas, Tex., for 14 years, serving for two additional years as associate editor.

In 1912 the Baptist Standard was merged with "The South Texas Baptist," which Dr. Routh had edited from 1907 until 1912, in San Antonio, Tex.

An 1897 graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., Dr. Routh also was the recipient of an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Baylor in 1919.

At the time of his death, Dr. Routh was a resident of the new Frank M. Ryburn home for the aging in Dallas, and had lived for three years at the Mary E. Trew Home, Dallas. Both are affiliated with the Buckner Baptist Benevolences System owned by Texas Baptists.

After retirement in 1948, Dr. Routh and his late wife lived in Lockhart, Tex., where he had in early life served as pastor of the Lockhart Baptist Church. Mrs. Routh died in 1957.

Survivors include three sons, Porter Routh, Nashville; Ross H. Routh, Austin, Tex.; and Copass Routh, Midland, Tex.; and three daughters, Mrs. Wendell Arnett, Louisville, Ky.; and Mrs. Clinton Burnett, San Marcos, Tex.; and Mrs. J. C. Pool, SBC missionary to Nigeria. 19 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

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Billy Graham Receives
'66 Big Brother Award

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WASHINGTON (BP)--Evangelist Billy Graham has received the annual Big Brother of the Year Award from President Lyndon B. Johnson at the White House.

He was selected from the citation by Big Brothers of America (United States and Canada) in recognition of his "love for the children of the world and his dynamic leadership to influence young people in their character development and to nurture their spirituality and brotherhood."

The ceremony was attended by Big Brother leaders from the United States and Canada. Charles G. Berwind, international president of Big Brothers of America, read the citation.

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Big Brothers help fatherless boys between eight and 17 years of age of all races and nationalities. The purpose of the Big Brother Movement is to give boys growing up without a father the individual guidance of a man, a volunteer, who can direct them toward sound character development.

Graham, a Southern Baptist, has conducted major evangelistic crusades in almost every state in the United States and in sixty foreign countries.

Graham is the author of numerous books including "Peace with God," "The Secret of Happiness," "My Answer," and "World Aflame" and many magazine articles.

From 1947-1951, he was president of Northwestern schools (now Northwestern College) in Minneapolis.

Other awards Graham has received include the Ninth International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation, the Freedoms Foundations "Distinguished Persons Award," the Bernard Baruch Award of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the "Gold Award" of the George Washington Carver Memorial Institute.

Last year Bob Cousy, world-famous basketball player and coach, accompanied by his Little Brother, received the Big Brother of the Year Award. In the four prior years the award was received by President Lyndon B. Johnson, Danny Thomas, Meredith Willson and President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

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Routh Named Life Member
Of American Bible Society

5-13-66

NEW YORK (BP)--The executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee, Porter W. Routh of Nashville, has been named one of ten honorary life members of the American Bible Society.

The announcement came while he was attending the Bible Society's 150th annual meeting in New York.

Meeting at the New York City Hall where the organization was set up on May 11, 1816, the Bible Society session launched "Year of the Bible" observances in thousands of churches of nearly every Protestant denomination.

The U. S. Senate has passed a bill urging President Lyndon B. Johnson to proclaim 1966 as "The Year of the Bible" in observance of the Bible Society's organization.

Governors of 49 states in the nation have issued proclamations on the observance. In keeping with the theme for the Bible Society anniversary, the Southern Baptist Convention was scheduled to use the society's slogan, "God's Word for A New Age" as the theme for its convention meeting in Detroit, May 24-27.

Principal speakers for the Bible Society meeting here were evangelist Billy Graham, a Southern Baptist; and U. S. Senator Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island.

World religious leaders named as honorary life members of the American Bible Society were Routh; Kenneth Scott Latourette, professor emeritus at Yale University and a Baptist; Kenneth David Kaunda, president of Zambia; Edward H. Moody, general secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society in New Zealand; Kurt Aland, professor at the University of Munster, Germany, Matthew Black, head of the St. Mary's Divinity School, St. Andrews, Scotland; Johannes Smemo, bishop of Oslo and president of the Norwegian Bible Society; Oskar Sohngen, president of the Union Evangelical Bible Societies, Germany; Charles Copley Swift, chairman of the general committee of British and Foreign Bible Society; and Allen P. Wikgren, professor at the University of Chicago.

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World Issues Addresses
Slated on NBC in June

FORT WORTH (BP)--Tape recorded addresses delivered at a recent Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission seminar on world issues in New York will be carried on the National Broadcasting Co. (NBC) "Faith in Action" radio program series during the month of June.

Announcement of the June programs for "Faith in Action" on NBC came from the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, which recorded the addresses and made them available to NBC.

The program will feature an address by George Schweitzer, chemistry professor at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, on June 5; by Samuel Miller, dean of the Harvard Divinity School, on June 12; by Roger Shinn, professor at Union Theological Seminary, on June 19; and by George Kelsey, professor at Drew University, on June 26.

Each of the four men were principal speakers at the seminar on Christianity and World Issues in New York, sponsored by the SBC Christian Life Commission.

Miss Rhoda Grady, supervisor of religious radio programming for NBC, is producer of the series.

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Oklahoma Board Adopts
Budget, Sells Property

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OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)--The board of directors of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma authorized the sale of an 800-acre farm site, invited its top missions official to continue services on a retirement basis, and approved a \$3.1 million state and world missions budget.

Sam W. Scantlan, missions secretary for the state convention since 1944, announced to the board that he will retire at the end of this year.

The board recommended that Scantlan be invited to continue his services for the convention on a retirement basis as supervisor of buildings and grounds at Falls Creek Baptist Assembly near Davis, Okla.

Scantlan is currently business manager of the convention-owned encampment as part of his responsibilities as secretary of the missions department.

Board members also approved a record 1967 Cooperative Program budget of \$3,125,000 for distribution to state and world mission causes.

Proposed division of the budget provides that 57 per cent of funds be used for support of Baptist work within the state. Remaining 43 per cent will be used for missions beyond Oklahoma.

The budget, which is determined by receipts from the 1,340 Southern Baptist Churches in the state, is subject to the approval of the convention it meets in annual session in November.

Sale of the farm land to W. P. Bill Atkinson Enterprises, Inc. and Travco Developers, Inc., both of Oklahoma City, was negotiated on a site currently being used by the Oklahoma Baptist Children's Home here.

Plans approved by the board, pending ratification of the buyers, call for the immediate sale of a 160-acre tract in the amount of \$400,000.

Remaining four quarters of the farm will be sold separately on a purchase-option agreement over a ten-year period.

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Scholarship to Honor
Adams at New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--An alumni scholarship has been established by the 1966 graduating class at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary as a tribute to W. W. Adams who this spring completed 41 years of teaching New Testament in four seminaries.

Members of the graduating class are making living endowment gifts to the scholarship fund which will amount to annual grants of approximately \$1200 for the next ten years.

Adams, for whom the scholarships are named, was professor of New Testament at Eastern Baptist Seminary in Philadelphia, Pa., for 21 years. He has taught at Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville and was president of Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, for nine years.

The 72 year old Bible scholar has taught at New Orleans since 1963.

Grants from the 1966 class alumni scholarship fund will be made to students on a financial need basis. Representatives of the graduating class who will select recipients are Wayne Burkes, Philadelphia, Miss., Gerald Coggin, Jr., Mobile, Ala., Bill Wilkinson, Meridian, Miss., and Larry S. Andrews, Montgomery, Ala.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: The Baptist Press will be mailed daily from the pressroom of the Southern Baptist Convention, at Cobo Hall, Detroit, during the week of May 23-27. Mailings this week and next are not being issued daily because of convention preparation. See you in Detroit.

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