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**Hensley Named Mississippi
Christian Action Director**

JACKSON, Miss. (BP)--J. Clarke Hensley, for eight years superintendent of missions for the Hinds County Baptist Association here, has been elected the first executive director of the newly-formed Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Commission.

Hensley, a native of Missouri, will assume the position Oct. 1, according to an announcement from E. F. Hicks of Waynesboro, Miss., chairman of the commission.

Hensley will work in the areas of "Christian citizenship, Christian home life, church-state relations, the alcohol problem, narcotic problem, social and moral problems, and any other problems as the need may arise."

The commission, similar in some respects to the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, was created in 1964 by the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The convention, which assigned the areas of work listed above, approved the objectives and program of work for the commission in 1965.

"We hope to bring to our churches a keener sense of awareness of needs in areas of the prophetic, cutting edge of the Gospel," Hensley said in accepting the position.

Hensley said the commission's approach to its work will be primarily educational, providing assistance to Baptist churches in the convention-assigned areas.

The commission plans to sponsor workshops, offer printed materials, work through Baptist organizations, and give "encouragement whenever and however practical to those engaged in moral conflict with the forces of evil," according to Hensley.

Hicks said that the commission may bring recommendations to the state convention on the assigned topics, although the commission does not speak for Mississippi Baptists.

Hensley will have an office in the Baptist Building here. Although he is responsible directly to the commission and the state convention, he will work cooperatively with the state executive secretary-treasurer, Chester L. Quarles.

Hensley has spent more than 20 years as pastor of Baptist churches. He served as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Pulaski, Tenn., just prior to becoming superintendent of missions for the Hinds County Baptist Association with offices in Jackson.

A graduate of William Jewell College (Baptist), Liberty, Mo., Hensley earned the doctor of theology degree from Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kan., where he served later as associate professor in the department of religious education. He is the author of four books.

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**Seminary Professor Named
Visiting Religion Prof**

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MARION, Ala. (BP)--H. Clayton Waddell, professor of Christian ethics at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, has been named visiting distinguished professor of religion at Judson College,

In addition to lecturing at the Baptist school here during the regular 1966-67 academic year, Waddell will do graduate studies in sociology and philosophy at the University of Heidelberg, Germany, May through August, 1967.

He has been granted a sabbatical leave from the seminary for the year of special lectures and studies.

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Court Settles Gun-Knife
Fight Over Baptist School

SHELBY, N. C. (BP)--An argument over who has done more to help a Baptist college in Boiling Springs, N. C., resulted in two Shelby Negroes being tried here on assault charges.

One of the men, Abb McDowell, argued that R. Patrick Spangler of Shelby had done the most to help Gardner-Webb College, a Baptist school in Boiling Springs.

Roscoe Lowe took issue with McDowell, and contended that L. C. Bost of Shelby was the Baptist college's chief benefactor.

In a court trail here, McDowell was found guilty of assault by pointing a gun and was sentenced to six months. The sentence was suspended upon payment of a fine of \$20 and costs.

Lowe, who argued for Bost, was found not guilty of assault with a deadly weapon, a knife.

Both Spangler and Bost are prominent businessmen in Shelby, N. C. Spangler is associated with Spangler and Sons Concrete, and Bost is the founder of Bost Bakery. Both men have done much for Gardner-Webb.

Spangler said, "It just shows that everybody is talking about Gardner-Webb." Then Spangler paid the fine for McDowell.

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New Mexico Baptists
Vote Budget, Promotion

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ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. (BP)--The Executive Board for the Baptist Convention of New Mexico voted to promote a staff associate to director of the convention's missions department, and gave initial approval for a 1967 \$1½ million state Baptist budget.

Elected director of the missions department was Mike C. Mojica, associate director for several years. Mojica succeeds Joe Carl Johnson, now director of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's work in Panama and the Canal Zone.

The proposed budget must get final approval from the full convention next November. An increase of \$41,000 over the current budget, the proposed \$1,250,699 goal includes an anticipated \$620,000 raised through Cooperative Program contributions in New Mexico, and the remainder from the SBC Home Mission Board and Sunday School Board. Twenty-seven percent of the total would go to support SBC world missions causes.

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Gardner-Webb Nursing
School Gets Accreditation

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BOILING SPRINGS, N. C. (BP)--Full accreditation has been granted the Gardner-Webb College School of Nursing by the North Carolina Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education.

"We are pleased with the accreditation which comes before we even begin our second year in the program," stated Eugene Poston, president of the Baptist school here.

The school operated under a provisional accreditation standard during its first year. After state representatives surveyed results of the first year's work with students, the state board voted to grant full accreditation.

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