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Applications Due Now...
SINGLE MICROPHONE WILL SERVICE HUNDRED
WIRE RECORDERS AT CONVENTION SESSIONS

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Except for a novel invention of the Southern Baptist Radio Commission, it probably would be impossible for messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention at Oklahoma City to see their speakers.

That is, the speakers undoubtedly would be buried behind and under a mass of wire recorder microphones -- except for this amplifying box perfected by Jack Robertson, Radio Commission technician.

Indications are that between 100 and 200 pastors will bring wire recorders to the Convention for the purpose of transcribing the session's business and inspirational periods for replay back at their home churches. Thirty pastors did so at the Memphis meeting last year when wire recorders were a comparative novelty.

Dr. Sam F. Lowe, director of the Radio Commission, said that provision for wire recorders will be made off the Convention platform, both in the auditorium and at Taft Stadium. A central microphone will be placed on the pulpit stand used by speakers, and the sound will be carried through an amplifier to a special room set aside for wire recorders. Outlets from the amplifier will plug directly into the microphone post of the recorder. The extra sensitive pulpit microphone plus the amplifier will give even better recordings than would be possible through the recorder's own microphone.

Positions on the amplifier board and space for the recorders will be assigned by Dr. Lowe, and a service charge of \$2.50 will be made on each recorder to pay for cost of the special equipment and the technician who will handle it. Reservations for space should be made immediately, with payment enclosed, to Dr. Lowe at 427½ Moreland Avenue, N. E., Atlanta 6, Ga. Numbered cards will be issued entitling the holder to choice recorder space. Low numbered cards will be most sure of space.