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### Joint Baptist-Catholic Wedding Held in Clemson

CLEMSON, S. C. (BP)--A Baptist minister and a Catholic priest performed a joint wedding ceremony here at St. Andrews Catholic Church, believed to be the first such ceremony in the state of South Carolina.

It is one of the few such Baptist-Catholic weddings in the nation performed jointly by ministers of both churches. A similar wedding was performed in Memphis, Tenn., in June.

James M. Pitts, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Fairfax, S. C. assisted James Fisher, minister to Catholic students at Clemson University here at the St. Andrews church.

Doris L. Stewart, a Baptist, was married to Robert M. Guerreri, a Catholic. Pitts, the Baptist pastor who assisted in the joint ceremony, is the brother-in-law of the bride.

In the ceremony, Pitts read the Scripture, Ephesians 5:22-23, gave words of admonition and encouragement to the couple, and led the prayer of blessing and benediction.

Continuing the ecumenical atmosphere of the wedding, the organist was a Baptist, Mrs. Helen Stewart Singleton of Clemson; and the vocal soloist was Miss Christine Peterson, a Methodist, from Bethesda, Md.

A professor of religion at Furman University (Baptist), Greenville, S. C., who attended the wedding as a friend of the family, described the service as "beautiful and impressive in its simplicity."

"This young man and woman come from fine homes representing each of the two Christian traditions," said Joe M. King of the Furman faculty. "Christian faith is deemed very valuable by each of the contracting parties and their families," he said.

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### Baptist-Jewish Workshop Scheduled in Louisville

9/2/66

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)--A workshop on Southern Baptists' witness to their Jewish neighbors has been scheduled Oct. 10-12 at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

"Purpose of this meeting will be to build bridges of understanding that will give Baptists opportunity to exert a Christian witness to their Jewish neighbors," said William B. Mitchell, Jewish work director for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

This is the second conference in what Mitchell hopes will become an annual affair. Last year it was held at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo. About 250 attended.

The 1966 program calls for discussion and presentations on contemporary Jewish social institutions, the Bible and its use in Jewish evangelism, Biblical and theological trends in contemporary Judaism, a theology for Jewish evangelism, and the Jews and Judaism in Christian thought and practice.

Speakers and discussion leaders include G. Willis Bennett, associate professor of Christian ethics at Southern Seminary; Kenneth L. Chafin, Billy Graham associate professor of evangelism at Southern; A. Jase Jones, director of Jewish evangelism for the Kansas City Baptist Association; Dale Moody, Joseph Emerson Brown professor of Christian theology at Southern; and Frank Stagg, James Buchanan Harrison professor of New Testament interpretation at Southern.

The program is co-sponsored by the SBC Home Mission Board, the Long Run Baptist Association of Louisville, Southern Seminary, and the Baptist State Conventions of Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio.

Churches are especially encouraged to send their pastors and other interested persons, Mitchell emphasized. There is no registration fee. Mitchell urged those interested in attending to write him at the SBC Home Mission Board in Atlanta.

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Atlanta Baptist College  
Breaks Ground on Campus

ATLANTA (BP)--The proposed new Atlanta Baptist College has broken ground on its new campus, and has launched a \$2.2 million building program.

Construction of the four initial buildings on the new college campus will require 12 to 16 months with hopes that the freshman class can be enrolled in September of 1967.

First buildings to go up on the campus will be an administration building with classrooms, fine arts building, library with laboratories and classrooms, and a student center with dining facilities.

The college is located on a 562-acre tract just off Northeast Expressway, 12½ miles from downtown Atlanta.

Almost simultaneously with the groundbreaking, announcement was made of a \$500,000 gift to the school from the I. M. Sheffield Jr., family of Georgia.

Dick H. Hall Jr., vice president in charge of development, said that other cash gifts have totaled \$350,000. An additional \$750,000 has been pledged by 50 churches and individuals in the Atlanta Baptist Association, and laymen are paying interest on a \$750,000 bank loan for five years.

A new college president has not yet been selected, but college officials hope to make an announcement soon. This is one of the factors in whether the college will open in 1967 or the following year.

Initial plans call for an opening freshman class of 500 students, with one class being added each year for a four-year liberal arts college.

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Cutsinger Named PR  
Man for Arkansas

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (BP)--John W. Cutsinger, business manager for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, has been named public relations director for the state convention, according to an announcement by S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary.

Cutsinger joined the Arkansas Convention staff in February of 1965. In his new capacity, he will develop and coordinate public relations activities of the convention's Executive Board programs.

A native of Missouri, he is a graduate of William Jewell College, (Baptist) Liberty, Mo., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

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Arizona Board Creates  
Church Building Department

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PHOENIX, Ariz. (BP)--The Executive Board of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention here voted to recommend a 1966-67 budget of \$691,918, to create a new department of work, and to promote a current staff member to head the new department.

The board created the department of church building, which will assist Southern Baptist churches in Arizona in planning, designing, and building construction.

Bill Parker, associate director of the Baptist Loan Fund of the Arizona convention, was elected to head the new department.

Parker, a former Baptist pastor in Tuscon, Ariz., and Peach Orchard, Mo., has been on the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention staff since January of 1964.

The proposed \$691,918 budget includes a state-wide Cooperative Program goal of \$375,000. The remainder would come from Southern Baptist Convention sources. In turn, the Arizona convention would allocate 20 percent of the state goal, or \$78,750, to support Southern Baptist world missions causes through the SBC Cooperative Program unified budget.

Final approval of the proposed budget must come from the full convention when it meets in Phoenix, Nov. 15-17.

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Bramlette Named To SBC  
Education Commission

NASHVILLE (BP)--W. Howard Bramlette, consultant in the student department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here, has been named director of placement and promotion for the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, also with offices in Nashville.

Bramlette will assume the position effective Sept. 15, according to Rabun L. Brantley, executive secretary of the SBC Education Commission.

A native of Texas, Bramlette has served with the student department for the Sunday School Board since 1956. He first was in charge of religious emphasis week (focus week) programs at Baptist colleges and universities, and more recently has worked in the area of graduate and professional schools.

Before joining the Sunday School Board student department staff, Bramlette was assistant in the department of student work for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, in Dallas; and was previously student director and Bible instructor at West Texas State College, Canyon, Tex.

He is a graduate of Baylor University (Baptist), Waco, Tex., and Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., and received the master of theology degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Bramlette recently returned to Nashville from directing the Missionary Journeymen training program this summer for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. He was on leave from the Sunday School Board.

He will succeed Travis M. Adams who left the commission staff Aug. 15 to become assistant dean and professor at Arkansas Polytechnic College, Russellville, Ark.

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Courson Named Seminary  
PR, Development Director

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--The board of trustees for New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here has elected Joe H. Courson, administrative assistant to the seminary's president for the past two years, as director of development and public relations.

A native of Florida and a New Orleans graduate, Courson has served as assistant to the president for the past two years promoting foundations, recruitment and alumni affairs.

Courson, 35, is an ordained Baptist minister and has been pastor of three rapidly growing churches in Florida: the Azalea Park Baptist Church, Orlando; Pinecrest Baptist Church, Sanford; and the Terry Park Baptist Church, Jacksonville.

He is a graduate of Stetson University, Deland, Fla., and has taken advance studies at the University of Florida, Gainesville, and at the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, N. C.

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Indiana Baptist WMU  
Secretary Resigns

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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (BP)--Mrs. Otha Winningham, Indiana Baptists' first Woman's Missionary Union secretary has resigned effective Oct. 1. She has served in this position since August, 1959.

She will be moving to Gary, Ind. where her husband will become pastor of Black Oak Baptist Church. The Winninghams were married May 14.

Mrs. Winningham was one of the first department heads of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, having been employed in the convention's first year of operation.

A native of Tennessee, Mrs. Winningham is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. She came to Indiana immediately after her graduation from the Texas seminary.

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