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**Tribble Resigns As Head
Of Wake Forest College**

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (BP)--Saying he was "tired, very tired," Wake Forest College President Harold W. Tribble has asked that he be allowed to retire as president of the Baptist school here June 30, 1967.

Coupled with announcement of his plans to retire, Tribble made two suggestions concerning the college's future: (1) liberalization of the relationship between the college and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and (2) that the college advance to university rank in name.

Trustees of the school accepted Tribble's request to retire "with genuine regret." The president of the trustees was expected to appoint a committee to select a successor within a few days.

Tribble, who will be 67 on Nov. 18, became president of Wake Forest in September of 1950. Soon after he became president, the Baptist school moved to a new campus here from its old location in Wake Forest, N.C.

In his statement to the trustees, Tribble described his years as president as "exacting but exhilarating, controversial yet constructive." During his 16 years as president, Wake Forest has been involved in numerous controversies with the state convention which owns it, and in 1964 the convention defeated by an overwhelming vote to attempt to fire Tribble as president.

Tribble told the trustees that he had attempted to give his best at all times in service to the college. "Now I am tired, very tired," he said. "I need a long rest, followed by a slackening pace of activity.

"But this is not what Wake Forest College needs," he said. "The institution needs new and vigorous leadership."

Figures released by the college showed that during Tribble's administration, total assets of Wake Forest increased from \$10,454,000 to \$91,267,900; and the budget increased from about \$1.5 million to the current \$13.5 million. Student enrollment in 1950 was 1,750 compared to the 3,000 enrolled now. The college has also tightened admission standards, admitted its first Negroes, and resumed a graduate program.

Tribble said that he recommended the present retirement plan which provides for optional retirement after age 65 and mandatory retirement at age 70. "In November of this year I shall be 67, so this is a good time for me to abide by the policy that I recommended," Tribble said.

"I shall be glad to render such assistance as you may call on me for during this transition period," Tribble told the board of trustees.

"In two important respects," he said, "I believe this transition period should mark the consummation of studies and plans extending over several years. One is the advance to university rank in name, and the other is the liberalization of the relationship between the institution and the Baptist State Convention. I believe the time has come for bold action and dynamic leadership."

Tribble is a native of Charlottesville, Va., and has in his words "spent all of his life around schools." His father was president of a girls school in Charlottesville, and of another school in Lake City, Fla., that later merged with Stetson University, (Baptist), DeLand, Fla.

He is a graduate of Richmond College (now University of Richmond) in Richmond, Va.; and holds the master and doctor of theology degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He also received the master of arts degree from the University of Louisville, the doctor of philosophy from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland; and did additional graduate study in Bonn, Germany and Basel, Switzerland.

He was professor of theology at Southern Seminary, Louisville, from 1925 to 1947 when he became president of Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, Mass., where he served until becoming president of Wake Forest in 1950.

Baptist Schools Get College Housing Loans

WASHINGTON (BP)--Two Baptist colleges are among 18 church-related schools approved for college housing loans totaling \$13,294,000, according to an announcement by Secretary Robert C. Weaver of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Campbell College (Southern Baptist), Buie's Creek, N.C., has \$1 million reserved for two new dormitories and new housing for student families.

Ottawa University (American Baptist), Ottawa, Kan., has received a \$700,000 reservation for construction of a new dormitory.

Among the other church-related colleges approved for reserve funds are four Presbyterian, four Roman Catholic, three Lutheran, two Methodist, and one each Church of Christ, Christian Methodist Episcopal, and Disciples of Christ institutions.

According to the announcement, the federal fund reservation is established on the basis of preliminary application for assistance under the college housing program. It sets aside this amount for subsequent use by the college if the project is approved by HUD, following review of a complete application.

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South Carolina To Vote On Record '67 Budget

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COLUMBIA, S.C. (BP)--The General Board of the South Carolina Baptist Convention voted here to give initial approval to a record \$4½ million missions budget.

Final approval of the budget must come from the South Carolina Baptist Convention when it meets Nov. 16-17 in Greenville.

The budget would provide \$1,107,110 for general causes to be divided 60-40 between state and Southern Baptist convention causes; \$1,845,935 for current operations also divided on a 60-40 ratio; and \$1,296,955 for capital needs appropriations, divided on a 80-20 ratio between state and SBC causes.

The recommended budget carries percentage changes in distribution in order to retire indebtedness incurred last year when the convention voted to replace a \$611,898 federal grant to Furman University.

In other action, the General Board gave Baptist Hospital at Columbia, S.C., permission to borrow \$2 million for building construction, authorized distribution of capital funds to Baptist student centers, and opposed proposed changes in the state's liquor referendum.

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Former Michigan Pastor Joins Florida College

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ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. (BP)--Conrad Truett Smith, former pastor and state Baptist worker in Michigan, has joined the faculty of Florida Memorial College in St. Augustine as head of the department of religion.

Smith is a former editor of the Michigan Baptist Advocate and state Brotherhood secretary for the Baptist State Convention of Michigan, offices in Detroit.

A graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Smith is former pastor of several Southern Baptist churches in Michigan, most recently the First Baptist Church in East Lansing, Mich.

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**Caudill May Be Suffering
Further Eyesight Problem**

LONDON (BP)--Southern Baptist Missionary Herbert Caudill, imprisoned in a Cuban jail, has experienced further complications with his eyesight, unconfirmed reports from Cuba reaching the Baptist World Alliance here have indicated.

Caudill, who was jailed on April 8, 1965 along with his missionary son-in-law David Fite and 51 Cuban Baptist pastors and laymen, already is blind in one eye due to a detached retina.

It is feared that the same type of complication now is affecting his other eye, reports indicate.

Caudill and Fite have been imprisoned in the La Cabana Fortress across the bay from Havana along with many Cuban Baptist pastors and lay leaders.

In August, the Baptist World Alliance London office received reports indicating that both Caudill and Fite were in ill health, and that Caudill's eyesight was failing because of cataract growth.

Fite was described in the reports as being in "deteriorating health." At that time, reports indicated about 35 Cuban Baptist pastors were in Cuban prisons.

A report on the condition of Fite and the Cuban Baptist ministers was not mentioned in the information on Caudill's eyesight problems.