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Missionary Learns: Sheer  
Gossip Can't Be Ignored

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ATLANTA (BP)--Gaylon Wiley, superintendent of missions for the Blue Stem Baptist Association in Kansas, was on the field less than a month when he learned that rumors can't be ignored.

By following up on fourth-hand information, Wiley uncovered a nest of Baptist families and organized a church-type mission within 30 days of his arrival on the field last July.

Wiley, here at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board for orientation with 51 other recently-appointed missionaries, said a pastor's wife from a neighboring association first stumbled on to an unconfirmed report that 30 Baptist families lived in Hillsboro, Kan., a community of 2,800.

"The pastor's wife had taken her mother to the doctor there," Wiley said, "and the doctor asked her why there was no Baptist work in Hillsboro. He told her 30 Baptist families lived there."

She passed the word on to her associational missionary, Weldon Barnett, and he passed it on to Wiley, who departed almost immediately with a member of his missions committee.

"We went to visit with the doctor and to get him to repeat that statement and to tell us who they were," Wiley said.

But the doctor, a Mennonite Brethren, said he had only "heard" there were 30 families. He called his pastor, however, who gave Wiley the name of one Baptist family, the Bill Stonecipher.

That day--a Monday--Wiley and Stonecipher contacted eight other families, and on Friday night prayer services were held in the city building. Fifteen people attended.

Seventeen other interested families were discovered and the group moved to a Sunday program within a month, reporting Sunday morning attendance regularly between 25 and 35. The First Baptist Church of Madison, Kan., where Wiley also serves as pastor, is the sponsoring church.

Wiley and other pastors in the Blue Stem association have preached for the new Hillsboro Baptist Chapel, which now is seeking a mission pastor.

"If there's any lesson to be learned from this," Wiley said, "it's that you can't afford to miss any opportunity. We even need to follow up on sheer gossip sometimes."



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**Life-Work Materials  
Gain Quick Acceptance**

NASHVILLE (BP)—The new Southern Baptist Life and Work curriculum accounted for more than half the fourth-quarter literature circulated for Young People and Adults, a Sunday School Board report reveals.

According to facts compiled by the Board's church literature department, the Life and Work materials accounted for 54 percent of Sunday School literature for the two groups and 62 percent of Training Union literature.

The department had estimated earlier in the year that 61 percent of the fourth-quarter circulation would be Life and Work materials.

The figures show the preferences of five geographical areas. In terms of percentage of circulation of Life and Work materials, Texas and states west used about 70 percent. In contrast, states along the Eastern seaboard averaged about 52 percent.

Life and Work literature circulation in the South Central part of the U.S. averaged about 54 percent of the total. States in the Midwest and Great Lakes area used about 66 percent Life and Work, while states east and southeast of the Great Lakes used about 55 percent.

Thirty percent of those churches preferring the Uniform series and the Christian Training curriculum requested samples of Life and Work literature, the report stated.

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Baylor Trustees OK  
Expansion; Elect VP

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WACO, TEX. (BP)—The Baylor University board of trustees approved an \$8-million expansion program for the Baylor Medical Center in Dallas and elected Boone Powell vice president in charge of its Dallas operations. Baylor, at Waco, is the largest Baptist university in the world.

Powell became the second vice president named recently by the Baptist university system to supervise one of its major branches. Dr. Raymond Pruitt, vice president in charge of the College of Medicine at Houston, was elected to that post at the board's last session. Both serve under President Abner V. McCall, who recommended the changes.

Powell's appointment gives him supervision of the College of Dentistry at Dallas and the School of Nursing. Part of the nurses' training program is on the Waco campus and part at Dallas.

The expansion program provides for construction of facilities for an additional 200 beds at Baylor University Medical Center, where Powell has been administrator. It will include expansion of emergency service facilities, additional operating rooms, laboratories, and intensive care units.

This calls for a new seven-floor building, complete shelled-in wings of the women and children's hospital, and other expansions, Powell told the board.

The community fund drive for the first \$4 million of the \$8 million needed is scheduled to start in Dallas March 1, 1967.

The administrative changes give Baylor a total of three vice presidents, including financial vice president Roy McKnight, at Waco.

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Baylor Breaks Ground  
For New Library

WACO, TEX. (BP)--The largest Baptist university in the world recently broke ground for its new \$3.4-million library. The ceremony at Baylor University was in conjunction with homecoming. The total area of the new building will be 175,000 square feet. The Moody Foundation contributed \$1 million to the project.

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Baptist University Matches  
Layman's Grant of \$500,000

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MARSHALL, TEX. (BP)--East Texas Baptist University here has raised more than \$500,000 in cash and commitments to match a challenge gift of \$500,000 by a prominent Texas Baptist layman.

J.I. Cartlidge, president of the ETEU board of trustees and pastor of the First Baptist Church of Gilmer, Tex., made the announcement at a victory dinner on the campus Oct. 25.

He said the school has received \$505,499 in cash and pledges, matching the challenge gift of half a million dollars made by Carr P. Collins Sr., Dallas insurance executive.

The fund-raising activity will add more than \$1 million to the endowment of the Baptist school.

Gifts and pledges made by trustees, faculty and staff, ex-students, citizens of Marshall and other friends of the school will be paid over a three-year period.

Collins, president of Fidelity Union Life Insurance Co. in Dallas, made the offer in April to match funds raised by the school for endowment. The trustees accepted the challenge at their May meeting and set a goal of \$500,000 to be raised by the university.

Special guests for the "victory" event, addressed by Collins and the university's president, Howard C. Bennett, were J. Carroll Chadwick, president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas; T.A. Patterson, BGCT executive secretary, and Mrs. Patterson; R.A. Springer, convention treasurer, and Mrs. Springer; J.C. Cantrell, executive secretary of the Baptist Foundation of Texas; and E.N. Jones, secretary of the convention's Christian Education Commission.

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Mississippi College Honors  
Sunday School Executive

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NASHVILLE (BP)--A Southern Baptist whose entire adult life has been spent in service to his denomination has received an award for distinguished service to college, church, and country.

James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, received the "Alumnus of the Year" award from R.A. McLemore, president of Mississippi College (Baptist), Clinton, at an annual dinner during homecoming at the college.

Sullivan is a 1932 graduate of Mississippi College. He has been executive secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School Board since 1953.

Sullivan is author of the Broadman Press books, Memos for Christian Living and John's Witness to Jesus, and of the Convention Press book, Your Life and Your Church.

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Baylor Receives Gift  
From Deere Foundation

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WACO, TEX. (BP)--Baylor University, a Baptist school, has received a \$500 unrestricted gift from the John Deere Foundation.

The farm and industrial equipment company is a long-time donor to Baylor.

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Baylor Journalism Awarded  
Foundation Scholarship Funds

WACO, TEX. (BP)--The Dallas (Tex.) Press Club Foundation has granted the Baylor University Department of Journalism \$900 for scholarships in the school year 1966-67. Baylor is the largest Baptist school in the world.

This is the second year that the total has been \$900.

The foundation specifies that the scholarship or scholarships be awarded junior and senior students with acceptable academic records, whose performance has demonstrated substantial promise in the field of newsgathering and writing, and who have real need for financial help.

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Baylor Law School  
Receives Gift of Books

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WACO, TEX. (BP)--Gulf Oil Corporation has given books and book shelves valued at about \$14,000 to the Baylor University School of Law. Baylor is a Baptist school.

Volumes, including reporters, treatises, statutes, and legal periodicals, number 2,688 and are valued at \$11,919. Forty sections of steel book shelves containing seven shelves apiece are worth \$1,800.

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