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**ALBERT McCLELLAN ACCEPTS WORK
AS S.B.C. PUBLICITY DIRECTOR**

OKLAHOMA CITY--(BP)--Albert McClellan, editor of the Oklahoma Baptist Messenger since 1945, has accepted the position of publicity director for the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. He will begin his new duties August 1.

The Oklahoma editor was unanimously elected by the Executive Committee at its semi-annual meeting in Nashville, June 15-16. He succeeds C. E. Bryant, who resigned to become director of press relations at Baylor University.

As publicity director for the Executive Committee, McClellan will edit The Baptist Program, promotional publication sent to Southern Baptist pastors, and the Baptist Bulletin Service. He will direct the Baptist Press, a news service to the religious and secular press, and will serve as press representative at the meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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**SEDBERRY WILL SUCCEED ALLDREDGE
AS SEMINARY COMMISSION SECRETARY**

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--L. S. Sedberry, pastor of the Lockeland Baptist Church here, has been elected general secretary and treasurer of the Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary to succeed Dr. E. P. Alldredge. He has accepted the new position, effective July 1.

The new general secretary is a native Tennessean, and is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been a successful pastor of churches in Tennessee for nearly 30 years, and has served as chairman of the Commission on the Seminary for the past two years.

At the vote of the Commission, Mr. Sedberry will give his full time to the promotion of the Seminary among Southern Baptists. He will also represent Southern Baptists in the expenditure of Convention funds used in connection with the school. Dr. Alldredge has served on a half-time basis since his retirement from a Baptist Sunday School Board position nearly four years ago, and he joins with others in highly recommending Pastor Sedberry for the full-time position.

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MANY PASTORS PLANNING NOW
TO ATTEND CHICAGO CONVENTION

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Many pastors in the Southern Baptist Convention who have not attended sessions of the Convention because of crowded conditions are planning to attend the meeting in Chicago, May 9-12, 1950, if the results of a random sample of Southern Baptist pastors can be taken as an indication.

Of the 200 pastors responding to a questionnaire sent out by Porter Routh, secretary of the Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board, only 95 attended the Convention in Oklahoma City, but 156 are planning to attend the meeting in Chicago.

In order to get a cross section of Southern Baptist life, Routh sent the questionnaire to pastors of city, town, village, and open country churches in all of the states of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The survey showed: 74.3 per cent of the city pastors attended the Oklahoma City meeting, but that 95 per cent indicated they are now making plans to be present in Chicago, and three-fourths of these plan to take their wives; 58.3 per cent of the town pastors were in Oklahoma City, but 80.6 per cent plan to go to Chicago; 27.1 per cent of the open country pastors were in Oklahoma City, but 68.7 per cent plan to go to Chicago.

For the date of the Convention, a majority of those questioned favored the week of May 7-14; but three times as many favored the May 9-12 dates as favored the May 10-14 dates. Nearly four times as many pastors of open country churches favored the May 9-12 dates as favored the May 10-14 dates, and nearly five times as many pastors of churches in small towns favored the May 9-12 dates. These pastors evidently find it difficult to get supplies for the Mother's Day services.

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JOEL SORENSEN OF STOCKHOLM
ELECTED B.W.A. YOUTH LEADER

WASHINGTON, D. C.--(BP)--Joel Sorensen of Stockholm, Sweden, has accepted the position as youth secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, according to an announcement made here by Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Alliance.

Sorensen will assume his new duties in connection with the third Baptist World Youth Congress which is to meet in Stockholm, August 3-9. Approximately 3,000 Baptist young people from nearly every country in the world, except Russia, are expected to attend the meeting.

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