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Mississippi College  
President To Retire

CLINTON, Miss. (BP)--The president of Mississippi College (Baptist) here for the past ten years, R. A. McLemore, has resigned, effective Aug. 31, 1967.

McLemore announced his early retirement following a meeting of the school's board of trustees in mid-December. He is 63.

No reason was given for the early retirement, but his resignation was presented to the board following the refusal of the trustees to accept a proposal that would have allowed students to participate in federal aid programs.

During the same meeting, the trustees tabled a motion, after lengthy debate, to sign the Civil Rights Compliance form necessary for Mississippi College to receive federal funds,

The proposal, in effect, would have allowed qualified students to be enrolled at the Baptist school here without regard to race, color or national origin.

The motion, made by Baptist Pastor Raymond Parker of Meridian, Miss., would also have allowed students to participate in the National Defense Education Act loan fund, the new College Work-Study program, and in Economic Opportunity grants.

In addition there are an estimated 300 students in the college who are under either the G.I. bill or the War Orphans Act, who probably will be cut off from such assistance in the near future.

Already lost are funds granted through the Disabled Veterans and the State Vocational Rehabilitation programs.

Also lost are funds available through national foundations, which will not consider applications from colleges which have not agreed on the compliance pledge.

The board unanimously requested McLemore to reconsider his resignation, but according to B. C. Rogers of Morton, Miss., president of the board, ~~McLemore~~ has not indicated that he will reconsider.

The school faculty later met and voted to ask the trustees not to accept McLemore's resignation, and also to reconsider the action taken in refusing to approve the proposal to allow students to accept federal aid.

McLemore's mandatory retirement date would have been June 6, 1968 when he will be 65 but his announced retirement on August 31, 1967 will come about nine months earlier.

In other actions the board of trustees designated \$100,000 from the college's operating funds to be added to the student loan fund.

This was done after the board rejected a proposal by the president that more than that amount be used for renovation, redecoration and repair for some of the buildings.

"The board felt that it is more important at this time to meet student loan needs, than it is to renovate buildings" said Rogers.

Only one Mississippi Baptist institution, William Carey College of Hattiesburg, has signed the compliance agreement.

The William Carey trustees voted to sign the agreement almost two years ago, and at a recent meeting announced that while they will follow the state convention suggestion not to apply for or accept federal grants or loans, they will continue to participate in the student loan and grant program. The college has several Negro students enrolled this term.

One authority estimated that the loss to Mississippi College in not participating in the student funds includes \$604,000 already in the NDEA fund used by Mississippi College students and secured prior to the federal government's requirement of signing the compliance

pledge, an additional \$300,000 which has been sought under NDEA, \$207,000 in a new College Work-Study program, and \$34,000 in Economic Opportunity grants. All of these are for students, and are not direct grants to the institution.

These sums do not include the student funds under G. I. and War Orphan programs.

Rogers stated that as long as Mississippi Baptists in convention vote against accepting federal money, he feels that the trustees will continue to refuse to sign the compliance agreement. He added that he felt that the recent action of the state convention meant that the majority of Mississippi Baptists do not want the trustees to sign such agreements.

At the recent convention the messengers adopted the following statement saying:

"We suggest that our institutions not make application for or accept any Federal money."

Many observers have felt that the adopted statement did not give clear guidelines in the areas of such matters as student loans, and that it left to the trustees the decision as to what to do in such matters.

One board of trustees has interpreted the directive one way, and another has interpreted it in a different way.

In a Friday morning chapel service, the college president announced his plans to the student body, and received a standing ovation from the students.

Prior to coming to Mississippi College in 1957, McLemore was dean of the college and acting president at the University of Southern Mississippi. He is a native of Perry County and a graduate of Hattiesburg High School, Mississippi College, George Peabody College for Teachers and Vanderbilt University, both in Nashville.

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Former HMB Editor  
John Caylor Dies

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (BP)--Dr. John Caylor, 72, editor of Home Missions magazine for 14 years, died of cancer here on Dec. 20.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 22 at the First Baptist Church of Little Rock. Courts Redford, former executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, assisted in the services.

While editorial secretary of the Home Mission Board from 1945-1959, Dr. Caylor edited the magazine, more than 120 mission study books, and styled tracts and other printed material for the agency.

He wrote five of the mission books and authored two books of sermons.

A native of Opp, Ala., Dr. Caylor was educated at Howard College (now Samford) in Birmingham and at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. He served as a student director, an education director, a college president, and a pastor before coming to the Home Mission Board.

Dr. Caylor is survived by Mrs. Caylor; a son, John Caylor Jr. of Carrollton, Ga., Baptist student union director at West Georgia College; and two daughters, Mrs. Jack Jones of Little Rock and Mrs. C. R. McLellan of Baton Rouge, La.

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Former Oklahoma WMU  
Leader Dies in Tulsa

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TULSA, Okla. (BP)--Funeral services were held here Dec. 21 for the woman for whom Oklahoma Baptists named their annual state missions offering.

Mrs. Edna McMillan died Dec. 19 in a Tulsa nursing home. Friends estimated her age to be close to 90, although in recent years she had refused to disclose her age.

For 11 years, Mrs. McMillan served as state president of the Woman's Missionary Union for Oklahoma Baptists. She was also for 10 years chairman of the organization's state advisory board.

The state missions offering promoted by the Woman's Missionary Union of Oklahoma was named for Mrs. McMillan in 1939.

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**Dallas Firms Give \$11,000  
Value Clothing To Children**

By LaWayne Hulse

DALLAS (BP)--Ninety-six teenagers in Dallas had a better Christmas this year, thanks to the spirit of Christmas in the personnel of a modeling school, an association of advertising agencies, and more than 100 merchants and manufacturers here.

The beneficiaries are 60 girls and 36 boys at Buckner Baptist Children's Home in Dallas, known as the nation's largest Baptist children's home.

Altogether, the Buckner teenagers received clothing valued at about \$8,000 this Christmas, plus an additional \$3,000 worth of clothing in the spring of 1967.

It all started last year with the establishment of a non-profit organization called Miss Teen Care, Inc., which assists the girls at Buckners to develop financial responsibility and budget management while also experiencing the joy of doing much of their own personal shopping.

Patricia Stevens College, a modeling school owned and directed by Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Cockrell of Dallas, is largely responsible for the new organization.

Last year the modeling school conceived a plan by which the school's students modeled fashions for the Buckner girls. The clothing was solicited from about 30 merchants, and was to have been returned to them afterward, but the merchants decided that the clothes should be given the girls after the show.

Good became better, and this year more than 100 merchandising and manufacturing firms donated \$9,000 worth of clothing to the new organization. Clothing valued at \$6,000 was given to them at Christmas, and the rest will be offered to them later.

The organization has set up "bank accounts" for the girls. Each account is for \$100, and checks may be written on it negotiable in purchase of clothing from the 22 show rooms set up for this purpose at the Dallas Apparel Mart.

Plans are to open the store at the Apparel Mart for the Buckner girls about three times a year, allowing them to use their accounts as they please. New deposits are to be made before each shopping time.

At the Christmas-time shopping day, lunch was served to the girls at a special restaurant, and three door prizes were awarded. One was a \$400 fur jacket, another was a \$170 hair piece, and the other was a transistor radio.

For the 36 Buckner boys in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades of high school, the Association of Industrial Advertisers is purchasing blazers, trousers, and dress shirts. The association is also providing gifts for 37 girls of the home.

Don Howard of Dallas, chairman of the association's annual Christmas party, said the association would either purchase the gifts or provide the money for the home to purchase them, depending on which method could provide the better result for the teenagers. The total cost is estimated to be \$1,500.

In the association's plans for the girls, an arrangement has been made by which a Dallas manufacturer is setting aside 80,000 dresses, from which the girls are to be allowed to choose two each.

Except for the dresses, the gifts from the association were wrapped and presented at the Buckner Christmas tree during the Baptist home's regular party.

In addition to all that was done by the local merchants, the Baraca Bible Class (Sunday School) at First Baptist Church of Dallas gave the home \$10,000 through the annual offering for the home it has conducted for the last 62 years.

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Brotherhood Leader's Family  
May Hang Up Single Shingle

By Elinoir Grusin

MEMPHIS (BP)--When the family of Southern Baptist Brotherhood leader George Schroeder sets out to make a name in the world a few years from now, chances are they'll only have to hang out one shingle.

If they decide to set up a clinic, there should be no trouble in staffing it with two doctors, a dentist and a nurse.

They're medically minded, these children of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Schroeder. Their father is executive secretary of the SBC Brotherhood Commission here.

Asked what their father thinks of their chosen field, the answer is quick.

"He wonders where he's going to get next term's tuition."

That's because there were three Schroeders at University of Tennessee Medical Units at the time.

George Schroeder Jr. was the first of the three to receive his degree, becoming a M.D. graduate of the University of Tennessee in December.

Then there is his pretty, auburn-haired sister, Harriet Schroeder, who will receive her medical degree from the same college one year from now.

A third member, Lawson Schroeder, is due to receive his degree in dentistry with the University of Tennessee class of March, 1968.

George Schroeder's slender, blond-haired wife, Mary, can also hold her own in the medical world. She's a nurse and clinical instructor at Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

She and her husband celebrated their second wedding anniversary on the day George received his medical degree.

When they are all at home, the Schroeder household is a gay and happy place, marked by family togetherness.

Their mother, a petite, gray-haired woman who smiles a lot while she's handing out snacks from her kitchen, is used to running a home for medical students.

"It's like operating a short-order restaurant and a quick-service laundry," she said. "There has to be a fresh white coat every morning. But I like it."

So does their father, who heads Baptist work with laymen throughout the nation. Perhaps his emphasis on Baptist laymen actively serving God through their vocation and total life influenced the vocational choices of his offspring.

While the four relaxed in their parent's spacious den, they talked about their interests in medicine. George, the more serious-natured of the three, said he "always wanted to be a doctor."

Lawson turned to dentistry "because I like to work with my hands, and besides there are cures in dentistry. If a tooth is decayed, well. . ."

Harriet, listening to her two brothers, spoke up. "Bet he couldn't pull a tooth."

"Bet you couldn't cure an ulcer," was the return.

Ulcers aren't necessarily in Harriet's plans, for she, like George, is interested in pediatrics.

She received her master's degree from Memphis State University here and taught at Hardin-Simmons University (Baptist) in Abilene, Tex., and then at Belmont College (Baptist) in Nashville, before turning to medicine.

Now the three talk of setting up practice together. "But you can't have two pediatricians in the same family," Harriet said.

"We might wind up in the same little town of 2,000 out West. The military may scatter us before we're set up in practice," she said.

To Lawson, the clinic sounds like a good idea. "They can refer me dental patients," he quipped.

"And you can send us your ulcer patients," the young Mrs. Schroeder replied.

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**BUCKNER HOME GIRLS GET CLOTHES:** Two girls from Buckner Baptist Children's Home in Dallas, among 96 teenagers at the home who received Christmas gifts of clothing from Dallas merchants, examine a party dress in a department store set up by a modeling school in Dallas for the Buckner teenagers. At right is Alida Harper of New Orleans, (right), a student at the school, shows the dress to Malie Swain (left) and Linda Hurst of Buckners. Clothing valued at \$11,000 was given to the 96 teenagers at Buckners by the Dallas merchants.  
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