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24 Mission Appointees Include
Long Island Director

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ATLANTA (BP)--Eleven missionaries were appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to serve in U.S. mission work, including James Samuel Wright who will direct Baptist work on Long Island in New York.

Other January appointments included four to serve under the board's Christian social ministries department; three to serve in National (Negro) Baptist work; two to work with Portuguese in Oakland, Calif.; and one to be superintendent of missions in Springfield, Ill.

Wright will serve under the board's pioneer missions department as a pastor-director, with headquarters in Jamaica, N.Y.

He will be pastor of the Highland Avenue Baptist Church in addition to correlating the work on Long Island, as an assistant to the superintendent of missions for Metropolitan Baptist Association.

When appointed, Wright was pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Riverhead, L.I. He also has been pastor of the Richland Baptist Church in Memphis, Mo., and the Northwood Baptist Church in West Palm Beach, Fla.

The Tennessee native is a graduate of Carson-Newman College (Baptist) in Jefferson City, Tenn., and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.

Those appointed to serve under the Christian social ministries department are Mr. and Mrs. Francis Batson and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Land.

Batson will serve as superintendent of migrant missions for the states of Florida, North and South Carolina, and Virginia, with headquarters in Orlando, Fla.

The South Carolina native previously served as pastor of the Alice Drive Baptist Church in Sumter, S. C. He has served in other pastorates in South Carolina and in Kentucky. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Batson, the former Alice Kiper, is a native of Kentucky and a graduate of the Kentucky Baptist Hospital in Lexington.

J. D. Land will serve as pastor-director in the Baptist center in Dayton, Ohio, and his wife will assist him.

At the time of his appointment, Land was pastor of the Valley View Baptist Chapel in Nashville, Tenn. He also has been pastor of churches in Eagleville and Baxter, Tenn., and in Jacksboro, Tex.

He is a native of Tennessee, and a graduate of Tennessee Polytechnic Institute at Cookeville and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Land, the former Sue Bragg, a native of Lebanon, Tenn., also is a graduate of Tennessee Tech and Southwestern Seminary.

Two of the three to serve under the department of work with National Baptists were jointly appointed by the Home Mission Board and state conventions.

Earle F. Stirewalt, a Georgia native, will serve as secretary of the program of Negro work for the Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia, with headquarters in Atlanta.

He is a graduate of Mercer University (Baptist), Macon, Ga., and Andover Newton Theological Seminary in Newton Center, Mass. Previously he served as an associate in Georgia Baptists' department of evangelism. He also has held pastorates in Georgia--in Millen, Madison, and Lithonia.

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Henry Lee Chennault will serve as state director of work with National Baptists and as an associate in the department of missions of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, with headquarters in Oklahoma City.

At the time of his appointment, he was pastor of First Baptist Church in Davis, Okla. His other Oklahoma pastorates include the Erin Springs and Payne Churches in Lindsay. He also was interim pastor of the First Baptist Church in Duke, Okla.

He is a native of Dalhart, Tex., and a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee; the University of Oklahoma, Norman; and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

Stanley B. Bagley, a New Jersey native, also was appointed by the department of work with National Baptists to serve as a teacher-missionary in Langston University, Langston, Okla. Previously he was pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. He also has served as assistant pastor of the Galilee Baptist Church in Trenton, N. J.

He is a graduate of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga., and Crozer Theological Seminary (Baptist) in Chester, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathanael Rangel were appointed by the language missions department to serve with the Portuguese in Oakland, Calif.

Rangel served as a worker with retarded children in Los Angeles, Calif., previous to this assignment with the board. A native of Brazil, he graduated from the Seminario Theological Baptista in Brazil and Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth.

He also served as a lecturer for the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade, education director for the Mount Zion Baptist Church in Evanston, Ill., and worked at the Baptist Publishing House in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Mrs. Rangel, the former Dilea de Souza Margues, also a native of Brazil, is a graduate of Souza Margues College in Rio de Janeiro, where she was dean and also taught. She attended Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth.

Robert C. Sherer, a missionary to Japan for 18 years serving under the SBC Foreign Mission Board, was appointed by the metropolitan missions department as superintendent of missions for the Capital City Baptist Association in Springfield, Ill.

He is a graduate of William Jewell College (Baptist) in Liberty, Mo., and Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Kan. Previous to serving in Japan, he was pastor of Baptist churches in Missouri.

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No One Attends Indiana
Baptist Unity Meeting

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By Al Shackelford

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (BP)--The first effort of the Indiana Baptist Convention (American Baptist) to bring about closer relationships with other Baptist groups in the state met with "near failure", according to Stanley Dodgson, chairman of the convention's division of cooperative Christianity.

Dodgson had invited representatives from 16 Baptist fellowships in Indiana to a recent meeting, but no one attended.

The only response to his letter of invitation, according to Dodgson, was a letter from E. Harmon Moore, executive secretary the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana (Southern Baptist).

Moore, in the letter, stated interest in any effort toward increasing understanding among Baptists within the state, but also expressed a hesitancy of involvement in any formal discussions or plans without authorization from the SBC-affiliated convention.

Dodgson was attempting to implement a resolution passed by the Indiana Baptist Convention (ABC) at its annual meeting last fall which stated "that beginning immediately, we join together with other interested Baptist bodies to study the Biblical basis of our faith, particularly. . . those things that tend to separate us in the light of all those things that should unite us."

The resolution also stated that "we are seriously considering eventual union with them (other Baptist groups) if we find during negotiations that the Holy Spirit is so guiding us."

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Dodgson made two observations concerning the results of the December meeting: (1) our inability to meet in December precludes a possibility to hold any organized rallies early in February as our directives from the convention requested; and (2) we confront the frustrating slowness with which Baptists must move.

Dodgson said he did not know why no one attended the initial meeting since he did not request replies to his letter of invitation.

Another similar meeting is being planned for February, Dodgson said.

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Perkins Succeeds Powell
As Committee Chairman

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WASHINGTON (BP)--A Baptist layman succeeded a Baptist minister as chairman of the powerful Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives in the U. S. Congress.

Rep. Carl Perkins (D., Ky.) is the new committee chairman. He succeeds Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D., N. Y.), also a minister of the Abyssinian Baptist Church of Harlem, who was deposed by the Democratic Party caucus, on alleged unethical conduct charges.

The House of Representatives also refused to seat Congressman Powell in the 90th Congress, pending a "trial" by a nine-member committee to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, Rep. John W. McCormack (D., Mass.). The committee is to report its recommendations to the House within five weeks after its appointment.

Perkins is a member of the Congress Heights Baptist Church in the District of Columbia, but he attends the Groveton Baptist Church, Alexandria, Va. of which A. Lincoln Smith is pastor. Smith baptized the Kentucky Congressman in 1946 while he was pastor of the Congress Heights Church.

Powell has been widely publicized and criticized for his flamboyant attitudes and conduct. The only charge that has been publicly stated against him in Congress is that he has used public funds for private purposes.

The New York Congressman, however, has been convicted for libel in the state of New York. He has been held in criminal contempt of court in New York. He also faces a sentence of a year and 90 days in jail.

Public opinion throughout the nation, except in his own home district in Harlem, has risen against Powell for his alleged disregard for the law in New York, his reported consorting with women, liquor drinking, as well as "high" living in general.

On the other hand Perkins is a quiet man who has not occupied the limelight of publicity, but who is reputed to be a hard-working, faithful member of Congress.

Both men have been on the liberal side of social legislation designed to help underprivileged people. Powell's interest has focused on the plight of poor Negroes, while Perkins, who comes from an underprivileged Kentucky mountain region, has fought for relief of migrant workers and for the poor in other areas of the nation.

Under Powell's chairmanship much of the "Great Society" legislation has been enacted into law. Perkins, however, was chairman of a subcommittee of Powell's committee and also pushed for the legislation.

Perkins sponsored and was the floor manager in the House of Representatives of the bill that became the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1964.

Many Negro leaders, while not condoning any alleged misconduct on the part of Congressman Powell, have sought to make his ouster a race issue. Others, however, have said, that if he were not a Negro he would have been ousted earlier than he was.

Some Congressmen and others opposed the action against Powell on the grounds that he was not given a fair trial before punitive action was taken against him. They claim that "due process of law" was not granted to him in his troubles with Congress.

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Teachers of Religion
Conference is March 17

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HOUSTON, Tex (BP)--Baptist teachers of religion from a five-state area will participate in the annual conference of the Southwestern Association of Baptist Teachers of Religion to be held at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth on March 17.

All Baptist teachers of religion, including religious education, at Baptist colleges, seminaries, and Bible chairs in Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas, are eligible for full membership in the association, according to A. O. Collins, secretary of the association and associate professor of Bible at Houston Baptist College.

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26 All Four Members of One
Family in College at Once

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WACO, Tex. (BP)--Ask any member of the Pratt family if he believes in getting a college education and he is sure to say yes. Each of the four members of the family--Thomas Eugene Senior, Tom Junior, Mrs. Dorothy Jean and Laura Jean--is working toward a degree from Baylor University here.

Although a common bond holds the family together, it is split in the direction that the obligation leads them. Each member is employed, attends classes, seeks a degree, has his own transportation and his own church membership.

The Pratts claim Liberty, Tex. as their hometown. The father is an ordained Baptist minister and received a bachelor of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1962.

Tom also is a minister and has been pastor of St. Joe Baptist Church in DeLeon, Tex.

Laura is a member and organist at the Western Heights Baptist Church in Waco.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Pratt teach. He is assistant principal at La Vega High School and she teaches at Richfield High School both in Waco. Laura works on campus in the Tidwell Bible Library and Tom has an off-campus job at Creative Fabrics, Inc., in Waco.

Mrs. Pratt has a Tuesday night English seminar for her masters degree requirements. She tentatively plans to teach on the college level. Pratt seeks a doctorate degree in philosophy in 1969. He and Mrs. Pratt took their bachelor degrees at the University of Corpus Christi (Baptist) in 1954.

Tom spent his freshman college year at the University of Corpus Christi. Now a senior, he is majoring in religion and minoring in English.

Laura, a sophomore, would like to teach music in public schools with a sideline in church choirs, she said. She has taken piano about seven years--on and off since the first grade.

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27 Paul Harvey Featured
On Howard Payne Program

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BROWNWOOD, Tex. (BP)--Paul Harvey, ABC News analyst, will serve as one of the principle speakers during the 12th Annual Democracy-in-Action Week at Howard Payne College.

The special week will be observed April 2-7 at the Baptist school here.

The DIA program, which was inspired by Howard Payne's president, Guy D. Newman, works through a faculty committee and a voluntary group of students and is centered around the history, the heritage and the present of America.

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28 Newsman Elected To
Hardin-Simmons Faculty

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ABILENE, Tex. (BP)--Sherwyn McNair, news editor of the Abilene Reporter News, has been named head of the journalism program at Hardin-Simmons University effective the spring semester.

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Elwin L. Skiles, president of the Baptist school here, and Zane Mason, acting dean, announced McNair's selection. He succeeds the late Fred C. Kendrick who died Nov. 29.

McNair, 43, will serve as acting head of the journalism department and head of student publications, the president said. The news editor has been an employee of the Abilene paper since 1948.

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~~28~~ Nursing Director Named
For New Baptist Hospital

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AMARILLO, Tex. (BP)--Lynda Bishop, R. N., associate director of nursing services, University of Kentucky Medical Center Hospital, has been appointed director of nursing services for the new High Plains Baptist Hospital, Amarillo Medical Center, here.

Emmett Johnson, administrator, in making the announcement, said that Miss Bishop will assume duties on Feb. 15.

The High Plains Baptist Hospital is the first major general hospital in the new 396-acre Amarillo Medical Center. The hospital is scheduled to open in early 1968. The hospital is being constructed at a cost of \$6,250,000. It will open with 241 beds, but is planned for easy expansion to 440 beds.

Miss Bishop, as director of nursing services, will be responsible for planning, establishing and controlling all nursing service functions throughout the hospital, Johnson said.

The High Plains Baptist Hospital is one of nine occupants in the Medical Center. Six institutions are now either finished or under construction at a cost in excess of \$16,000,000.

The High Plains Baptist Hospital is sponsored by the Amarillo Area Foundation, Inc., a non-profit community foundation developing the Amarillo Medical Center. Once completed, the hospital will be deeded to the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

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~~29~~ \$100,000 Gift Added
In University Campaign

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ABILENE, Tex. (BP)--Hardin-Simmons University has received a \$100,000 gift to its current \$2-million endowment campaign. Elwin L. Skiles, president, said the gift, designated for the School of Music, will be known as the Ouida Shepherd Smith Endowment Fund.

The late Mrs. Smith, the former Ouida Shepherd, and her husband, Clyde E. Smith of San Antonio, made the gift with provisions that it be used as endowment for the School of Music.

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~~30~~ Howard Payne Receives
\$100,000 Endowment Gift

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BROWNWOOD, Tex. (BP)--A gift of more than \$100,000 for endowment to Howard Payne College has been announced by Guy D. Newman, president.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Thomas, of Hattiesburg, Miss., have established a trust fund with the Mississippi Baptist Foundation which will benefit the Texas Baptist college.

The college will not benefit from the trust during the lifetime of the couple, but at that time the income from the trust will be used for scholarships for worthy students.

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