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Head-On Car Crash Kills Two
Baptists Returning From SBC

LA GRANGE, Ga. (BP)--A Tennessee Baptist Convention executive was injured and his mother and mother-in-law killed in a two-car crash on a rain-slick highway near here while returning from the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami Beach, Fla.

Listed in fair condition at City-County Hospital here was Wallace Anderson, program services manager of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville. Anderson suffered face and chest injuries, and was expected to be released from the hospital on June 8.

His mother, Mrs. Ernest Anderson, 58, of Crossville, Tenn., and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Iva Mai Gray, 65, of Bainbridge, Ga., were killed in the crash.

Also receiving minor injuries in the crash was Miss June Anderson, 34, of Crossville, Tenn., Anderson's sister.

A Georgia Highway Patrol trooper said Wallace's car collided head-on with a vehicle which went out of control on rain-slick U.S. Highway 27, near here.

The trooper said a car driven by Lorenza Potts, 56, of Tallapoosa, Ga., skidded on the wet pavement, crossed over the center line, and knocked Wallace's car off the side of the road, causing it to overturn.

Wallace tried to swerve to avoid the collision, and Pott's vehicle struck the rear of his car where Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Gray were sitting in the back seat.

Potts, who was not injured in the crash, was charged with driving on the wrong side of the road. Mrs. Potts, 49, was treated for chest injuries.

Anderson was one of more than 15,000 messengers to attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami Beach, and was returning home at the time of the accident. His wife, who works at the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, did not attend the convention.

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SBC Missions Gifts
Top \$27.8 Million

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Southern Baptist Convention contributions to world missions for the first five months of the year hit a total of \$27.8 million at the end of May, the SBC Executive Committee reported here.

The \$27.8 million figure includes a total of \$10,499,113 in gifts through the SBC Cooperative Program unified budget plan, and an additional \$17,317,780 to designated missions causes contributed to specified programs and organizations.

The total is an increase of \$1.4 million or 5.53 per cent over the grand total for the same five-month period in 1966, the Executive Committee reported. Last year the total for the same five months was \$26.3 million.

Both designated gifts and contributions through the Cooperative Program continued their upward swing, the report indicated.

The \$10.4 million Cooperative Program total was an increase of \$773,340 or nearly eight per cent over Cooperative Program contributions for the first five months of 1966 when \$9.7 million was given.

The \$17.3 million to designated causes was an increase of \$683,502 over the 1966 designated contributions, an increase of 4.11 per cent.

During the month of May alone, a total of \$4.5 million was contributed; including \$2,176,962 in Cooperative Program gifts, and \$2,355,207 in designated contributions.

The report prepared by the SBC Executive Committee was based on the amounts Baptist churches forwarded to the Executive Committee to channel to 19 SBC agencies and organizations, and did not include amounts given to support local and state-wide Baptist missions programs.

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Seminary Raises \$1,600 For
Hong Kong Dental Equipment

LOUISVILLE (BP)--Students and faculty of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here have raised \$1,668 to buy modern dental equipment for the Southern Baptist mission hospital in Hong Kong.

The gift of the needed equipment was part of William Wallace Week, an annual observance of the seminary student body recognizing the church's ministry through so-called "secular" professions, such as medicine.

It honors the vision of Southern Baptist Missionary William Wallace, who was martyred by the Communists in Wuchow, China, in 1950. A book on Wallace's life has recently been made into a motion picture.

A high point of the William Wallace Week observance was the presentation of an oil portrait of Wallace by Edna Frances Dawkins of the SBC Foreign Mission Board. The painting was commissioned by Ruth Everly Hayes, who served with Wallace in China and is currently a missionary to Indonesia.

Speakers during the week included Dr. Hobson Sinclair, a medical missionary to Hong Kong and one of the physicians who will use the dental equipment. On hand to demonstrate the devices was Ruth Ann Hall, a Southern Seminary student who recently became the first dental technician appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. She will serve in Nigeria following her graduation this year from the seminary.

Topics discussed by students and faculty during William Wallace Week included the church's ministry to the handicapped and to the young professional. Kentucky physician Donald Chatham also described his work as a layman in Ghana.

Since 1963 the students have chosen needy mission projects to receive aid from the Wallace Week offerings. In the past, students and faculty have purchased inoculation "jet-guns," built an outpost clinic, purchased a versatile operating table and provided a blood bank for mission hospitals from South America to Africa.

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Baptist Fund-Raising
Organization Proposed

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BAGDAD, Ky. (BP)--Baptists from ten states attending the second annual Southern Baptist Development Officers' Institute at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly near here heard a committee recommendation that the group look with favor on forming an organization for persons charged with the financial development of Baptist institutions, including Baptist Foundation executives.

The development officers voted to name a committee to formulate guidelines for membership in the proposed organization, and to consider the matter further at its 1968 meeting here on May 13.

James C. Austin, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation host for the meeting, said that invitations to attend the 1968 meeting would be sent to Baptist college presidents, agency heads, trustees and board members, vice presidents for planning and development, fund raising executives, business managers, public relations officers, alumni secretaries, fund directors, and others interested in increased public understanding and support of Baptist institutional ministries.

Named to the committee to develop the guidelines for the proposed organization were Austin, Jim Cherry of Greenville, S. C., Lloyd Wagnon, of Birmingham, Ala., Paul Kirkland of Louisville, Ky., and Robert Mills of Georgetown, Ky.

The program for the development officers' meeting featured an address by Edgar B. Cale, president of University and College Associates in Washington, D. C.; and an institute on tax aspects of philanthropic giving conducted by Conrad Teitell, co-editor of "Taxwise Giving" published in New York City.

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Speakers for Sunday School
Weeks at Assemblies Named

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Speakers have been named for the five Sunday School leadership conferences this summer at Glorieta (N.M.) and Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist assemblies.

Announcement was made by A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, which sponsors the conferences.

At Glorieta, June 22-28, leaders will be: preacher--B. Gray Allison, associate director, division of evangelism, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Bible teacher--Woodson Armes, pastor, First Baptist Church, El Paso, Tex.

For the week of June 29-July 5 at Glorieta, leaders will be: preacher--Warren Hultgren, pastor, First Baptist Church, Tulsa; Bible teacher, R. Earl Allen, pastor, Rosen Heights Baptist Church, Fort Worth.

Leaders for July 6-12 at Glorieta will be: preacher--John H. Parrott, pastor, First Baptist Church, Roswell, N.M.; Bible teacher--Kyle Yates Jr., professor of Old Testament and archaeology, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

Theme for the Sunday School leadership conference will be "A Leadership Committed...."

At Ridgecrest July 27-Aug. 2, leaders will be: preacher--J. T. Ford, pastor, First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Va.; Bible teacher--Walter Moore, pastor, Vineville Baptist Church, Macon, Ga.

For the final week at Ridgecrest, Aug 3-9, leaders will be: preacher--Wayne E. Ward, professor of Christian theology, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; Bible teacher--Roy J. Fish, associate professor of evangelism, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

The Thursday evening services will give special emphasis to reaching people for the church through an enlarging Sunday School program. At this time a dramatic interpretation of the conference theme will be presented.

Speakers for these services at Glorieta will be: first week, H. Leo Eddleman, president, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; second week, Robert E. Naylor, president, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; third week, Grady C. Cothen, president, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee.

At Ridgecrest, speakers for the special Thursday evening services will be: first week, Harold Ingraham of Nashville, retired director of service division, Baptist Sunday School Board; second week, Wayne Dehoney, pastor, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: The following story replaces the report carried 6/6/67, page 2 of BP Mailin headlined: "Flag Legislation Voted By House Subcommittee." Please kill the earlier story and use the following report, which includes new developments. Thanks.

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House Judiciary Committee
Approves Flag Legislation

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WASHINGTON (BP)--The Judiciary Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives has approved a bill that would make it a federal crime to publicly burn or otherwise defile or mutilate the American flag.

Action came after a judiciary subcommittee voted 6 to 1 for the measure, following several days of hearings.

Rep. Emanuel Celler (D., N.Y.) chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said he voted for the bill, but doubted its constitutionality. Calling it "a bad bill," he said, "Who can vote against such a bill? It's like motherhood."

Rep. John Conyers Jr. (D., Mich.) who cast the lone vote against the bill in the subcommittee, said he believes the act of burning the flag could be a "symbolic act of free speech" and that proposed prohibition collides with the First Amendment.

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The legislation is a trimmed-down version of earlier bills considered by the subcommittee. The bill declares that "Whoever casts contempt upon any flag of the United States by publicly mutilating, defacing, defiling, burning, or trampling upon it shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both."

The bill provides that state and local laws against desecration of the flag would continue to exist and that violaters could be prosecuted under these instead of the federal law.

Subcommittee chairman Byron G. Rogers (D., Colo.) said he hopes to push the bill through the House on Flag Day (June 14).

Similar legislation has been introduced in the Senate and is before the Senate Judiciary Committee. Hearings have not been held by that committee.

Sen. Norris Cotton (R., N.H.) told the Senate that he thought it would have a good "psychological effect" if the Senate joined the House in passing the bill on Flag Day.

Sen. Everett McKinley Dirksen (R., Ill.) author of one of the Senate measures to prohibit desecration of the flag, said;

"We have waited to see whether the House would act on the bill...if they will act, certainly the Senate will take immediate action."

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Jordan Gives Recognition
To Archaeological Project

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AMMAN, Jordan (BP)--An archaeological excavation at the site of the biblical city of 'Ai has received special recognition from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

Led by Southern Baptist Joseph A. Callaway, the international, inter-faith team of archaeologists have been at work for three years to uncover the historic evidences of religious and civic life in the area of "Et-Tell 'Ai," near Jericho.

The dig is co-sponsored by the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., and six other institutions in the American Schools of Oriental Research.

The Jordanian government director of antiquities, A. Dajani, said that the site of 'Ai was "very prominent, outstanding...and is considered one of our religious, cultural and archaeological" treasures. He announced that, after the excavation team consolidates and preserves its findings, the site would be bought and registered in the name of the government of Jordan.

"A road would be constructed, leading to the site," Dajani said, adding that the promotion of 'Ai as a permanent shrine for visitors to Jordan is scheduled in the government Five Year Plan.

Callaway, who is professor of Biblical archaeology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has spent eight seasons excavating Biblical cities in the Near East. The project is financed by contributions from interested individuals. The expedition's budget for the year is more than \$17,000.

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Alabama Baptists Name
New Survey Director

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. (BP)--The Alabama Baptist State Convention has employed an Alabama Baptist pastor, Billy Nutt, for a new position as director of survey and special studies.

Nutt, pastor of Millry Baptist Church in Washington County of Alabama, will assume an associate in the convention's associational missions department, with duties involving special studies in rapidly-changing areas of the state and areas where new churches and missions need to be established.

Nutt will also serve as state director for Baptist schools of missions in Alabama, and will assist rural churches in areas of declining population.

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