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NOTE TO EDITORS: Please use the following story to replace story sent 6/20/67, headlined Kendall Berry Elected Foundation's Executive. The biographical sketch had incorrectly listed Berry as a former missionary to Nigeria and pastor in Louisiana. Thanks.

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Kendall Berry Elected  
Foundation's Executive

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Kendall Berry, prominent Baptist businessman and banker from Blytheville, Ark., has been named executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Foundation, effective Aug. 1.

Berry will succeed J. W. Storer, who retires Aug. 1 after 10½ years as head of the foundation, which invests reserves, endowments and trusts for agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Berry is a director for three banks, director of the Arkansas-Missouri Power Co., vice chairman and director of the Blytheville (Ark.) Warehouse Co.

A deacon for 22 years, active in denominational affairs, Berry was chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, 1959-60. He currently is chairman of the finance committee for the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary board of trustees.

Storer, who had announced plans on March 16 to retire when a successor could be named, said he was delighted over Berry's election, and added that he has "all the qualities this position needs."

When asked about his future plans, Storer said that at least for the present, he and Mrs. Storer will continue to reside in Nashville at the Windsor Towers, 4215 Harding Road.

Storer for 25 years was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Tulsa, Okla., before heading the foundation in 1956. "Perhaps a bit of relief from labor will do me good," the 82-year-old Storer added.

"The foundation, and all phases of Baptist life are indeed fortunate in his acceptance of the position," said Storer following Berry's election.

Berry had earlier told the executive committee of the SBC Foundation, "It will be my purpose to expand the excellent program of the Southern Baptist Foundation to the fullest possible financial undergirding of all our Baptist causes.

"It will be an opportunity," he said, "to serve the denomination as we work together toward building the foundation into a service institution for all other Southern Baptist agencies in providing investment service, writing of wills, trusts or any other financial advice for the benefit of Baptists in relation to our denomination as a whole."

The Southern Baptist Foundation is an agency of the SBC which invests and administers wills, trusts, endowments and reserves for the benefit of SBC agencies and related organizations. Total amount held and invested during 1966 was \$8.6 million.

Berry, 60, was born and reared in Prentiss, Miss. He attended the University of Mississippi, Oxford and graduated with the bachelor of journalism degree from the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.

He has had careers as a weekly newspaper editor, publisher, commercial printer, banker and investments expert.

Berry and his wife, Thelma, have two sons, Alan and John.

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SBC Missionaries  
Return To Lebanon

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RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)--All nine Southern Baptist missionaries evacuated from Lebanon during the Middle East war are now back at work.

The announcement was made in a special report on missionaries in the Middle East crisis given by John D. Hughey during the annual Foreign Missions Conference at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly.

Hughey is secretary for Europe and the Middle East, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

What is done in a crisis, Hughey explained, depends on the attitude of the local people toward the effect of the presence of missionaries on national Baptist groups and the future of missions in the locality.

"The only Americans allowed to remain in Yemen were four Southern Baptist missionaries," said Hughey. They are Dr. and Mrs. James M. Young Jr., of Ruston, La., Miss Jean Potter of Johnson City, Tenn., and Miss Maria Luisa Hidalgo.

The audience of 1,800 heard Hughey say that the attitude of Southern Baptists to the Arab peoples was best expressed by Cynthia, the six-year-old daughter of Jordan missionary Wayne Fuller when she was told that she and her parents and other missionaries were to be evacuated, Cynthia said, "My heart is broken in the middle if I can't live in Jordan."

The Middle East report was made in one of six evening sessions held on the theme "Teaching Them To Observe."

The conference, held June 15-21, also featured a series of morning presentations on "The Difference Christ Makes," led by Harold G. Basden, associate secretary for promotion for the Foreign Mission Board. Attending the conference were 196 Southern Baptist missionaries

Located in the Blue Ridge Mountains of western North Carolina, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly is owned and operated by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville.

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Hymn Writing Contest  
To Open In November

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NASHVILLE (BP)--The church music department of the Baptist Sunday School Board will begin accepting entries in the fifth biennial Southern Baptist Hymn Writing Competition Nov. 1.

Entries from members of Southern Baptist churches should reach the board between the opening date and April 1, 1968, to be eligible for first and second place cash prizes.

A first prize of \$200 and a second place award of \$100 are to be given.

The expected 300-500 entries will be judged after the contest closes, and the winners will be notified by mail.

The hymns should relate to the ministry function of the church.

Contest information is available from: 1968 Hymn Writing Competition, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

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**MINISTRY IN THE MARKETPLACE:** George Colgin, known in Winston-Salem as a liquor store counselor, has his headquarters in a real estate office, where he counsels with men and women about personal problems they face in a complex society. Comparing his ministry to that of Jesus who ministered to the woman at the well in Samaria, the pastor at the church where Colgin is assistant pastor said: "George talks to many a 'woman at the well.'" (BP) Photo by Orville Scott.

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**NEW FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE:** Kendall Berry, a banker and prominent Baptist layman from Blytheville, Ark., has been named executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Foundation in Nashville, effective Aug. 1. He will succeed J. W. Storer, who is retiring on that date. Berry is a former chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee. (BP) Photo

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