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**First Negro Professor
Named At New Orleans**

NASHVILLE (BP)--Charles E. Boddie, president of the American Baptist Theological Seminary here, has been named the first Negro professor at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La.

Boddie, president of the Negro Baptist seminary affiliated with both the Southern Baptist Convention and the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., for the last five years, has resigned effective April 15.

He will be the first Negro member of the New Orleans faculty, and the first Negro professor in the six seminaries of the Southern Baptist Convention, according to H. Leo Eddleman, president of New Orleans Seminary.

Eddleman said here the school is looking forward to its association with Boddie, whom he called "a recognized leader among American Negroes and a man of national and international reputation" in religious circles.

Boddie will teach in the social ethics department of New Orleans seminary.

He is a graduate of Syracuse University, Colgate Rochester Divinity School, the University of Rochester, and holds the doctor of divinity degree from Keuka College, Keuka Park, N. Y.

Before he became president of the American Baptist Theological Seminary here, Boddie was associated with the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies for more than seven years.

Previously, he was pastor for 13 years of the Mount Olivet Baptist Church in Rochester, N. Y. He has also been pastor of Baptist churches in Elmira, N. Y., and Huntington, W. Va. His father was for many years pastor of Bethesda Baptist Church in New Rochelle, N. Y.

An accomplished organist, Boddie is a member of the American Guild of Organists.

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**Expanded National Efforts
Urged To Fight Alcoholism**

(2-21-69)

WASHINGTON (BF)--Recommendation for an extensive program to combat alcoholism have been made to the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare by the National Advisory Committee on Alcoholism.

After a two-year study, the advisory committee has issued an interim report highlighting the need for:

- * Attention to alcohol problems in all federally supported health and welfare programs;
- * Incorporation of control of alcohol problems in all programs dealing with poverty;
- * Elimination by hospitals of discriminatory policies denying admission to alcoholic patients;
- * Health insurance coverage for alcoholics;
- * Increased support for research; and
- * Prevention and control of alcoholism as a vital part of national highway safety programs.

The National Advisory Committee on Alcoholism is headed by Dr. Robert Straus of the University of Kentucky Medical School.

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"The magnitude of the problem is enormous," Dr. Straus said. "Our country has more than five million alcoholics. Their suffering alone is intolerable, but the need for increased action is made even more imperative by the fact that affected families may include as many as 20 million Americans."

The committee consists of representatives from all sections of the country and includes specialists in the fields of medicine, psychiatry, sociology, vocational rehabilitation, law and public health.

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Paul Allison Named New
Stewardship Communicator

(2-21-69)

NASHVILLE (BP)--F. Paul Allison, field service consultant for the education division of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here, has been named director of communication for the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission here, effective March 15.

Announcement of Allison's appointment was made by Merrill D. Moore, executive director of the SBC Stewardship Commission with offices at 460 James Robertson Parkway. The Stewardship Commission is one of 22 agencies of the SBC and is not part of the Sunday School Board.

Before joining the Sunday School Board staff in 1967, Allison was associate executive secretary-treasurer of the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists in Wichita, Kan.

His major responsibility during his nine years on the Kansas convention staff was in the area of stewardship development, but he was also editor of the state paper, the Baptist Digest, for a period.

He assumes a position created only last January by the Stewardship Commission in an effort to communicate the commission's message through all possible means, Moore said.

Primary responsibilities of the office Allison will direct include creation and production of materials needed for the support of the three programs of the Stewardship Commission--Cooperative Program, capital giving, and stewardship promotion, said Moore.

Allison will serve under the executive director, and work very closely with the other three area directors. In the office of communication, Paul M. Darden serves as publishing supervisor, a post he has held for several years.

Before joining the Kansas convention staff in 1958, Allison was pastor of Baptist churches in Columbia, Independence, and Kansas City, Mo. He is a graduate of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., and attended Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Kan.

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Kiwanis Convention To Hear
"Good News" Folk Musical

(2-21-69)

CARMI, Ill. (BP)--The folk musical, "Good News", will be presented at the Kiwanis International Convention in Miami Beach this summer by a community youth choir made up largely of Baptist young people from Carmi, Ill.

The group is directed by Mick Croghan, local high school band director and a deacon in the First Baptist Church of Carmi.

Community leaders are seeking to raise \$5,000 to send the 60 singers and five instrumentalists to the international convention in Miami Beach, scheduled June 29-July 3. Proceeds from the Kiwanis annual Pancake Day here will also be applied.

When the choir gave selections from the Christian folk musical at a recent meeting of the Carmi Kiwanis Club, the men gave the group a standing ovation.

The president said he was so impressed that he arranged for a tape to be sent to the convention program committee, which invited the Carmi youth group after seeing the film.

"Good News" was produced by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville primarily for presentations by youth groups.

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Bible Class Establishes
Scholarship For Envoy

GEORGETOWN, Ky. (BP)--A \$3,000 scholarship honoring the late John Gordon Mein, U. S. ambassador to Guatemala who was killed in ambush in Guatemala City last year, has been established at Georgetown College (Baptist) here.

The Vaughn Men's Bible Class of the Clavary Baptist Church in Washington, D. C., where Mein was a long-time member, established the scholarship.

Ambassador Mein was slain on the streets of Guatemala City last August by assassins as he was being driven home from his office. He is the first American ambassador to be killed by terrorists.

Mein, the son of Baptist missionaries to Brazil, was a 1936 alumnus of Georgetown College. The late ambassador's son and daughter, David and Marilyn, are now students at Georgetown College.

Mein was a long-time member of the Vaughn Men's Bible Class, and at one time taught the class.

The men of the class, in making the announcement, said they felt this memorial expression best typifies the continuing major interest of the late ambassador who maintained an avid interest in higher education and youth.

The college was notified of the decision by the class by one of its past presidents, Navy Captain Ancel Cook, a native of Georgetown, Ky., and a graduate of the college.

Capt. Cook said the men of the class have also resolved to solicit funds from other sources.

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Golden Gate Seminary Sets
Lectures By Theodore Adams

(2-21-69)

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP)--Former Baptist World Alliance President Theodore F. Adams, retired pastor of the First Baptist Church of Richmond, will be the first lecturer in the H. I. Hester lectureships on preaching at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary here, March 24-28.

The first endowed lectureship at Golden Gate seminary, the lectures are named for its donar, H. I. Hester, long time professor at William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., and former vice president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.

Adams is currently a visiting professor at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N. C. He retired as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Richmond last year after being pastor there for 33 years.

The chief emphasis of the H. I. Hester lectures on preaching will be "effective preaching of the gospel," seminary officials here said.

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