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### Baylor Alumnus Supplies "More Ferocious" Mascot

DALLAS (BP)--New Baylor football coach Bill Beall thinks that the present artists conception of the Baylor mascot is a little frivolous. "The one we have looks too much like Smokey the Bear, and I want a mean-looking bear," stated the grid mentor.

So Judge Fred "Red" Harris, a Baylor Alumnus, residing in Dallas, painted a picture for Beall's office, a fierce and formidable bruin.

It may be a good omen that Harris is the artist, Beall noted in the acceptance speech before the Dallas bear club. The Judge is one of the few four-letter men in the Waco school's athletic history.

Judge Harris earned nine varsity letters in all. In 1930-31 he won honors in football, basketball, baseball and track.

Following graduation from Baylor Law School in 1932, Harris served in the Texas Legislature for many years, and in 1963 accepted an appointment to the bench in the Dallas County Court.

Beall is trying to build a positive attitude and success image toward Baylor's beleaguered football fortunes and seems to be off to a good start, according to alumni.

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### Charles Ashcraft Named Arkansas Executive Secretary

6/4/69

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (BP)--Charles Ashcraft of Salt Lake City, Utah, has been elected executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and will begin his new duties Sept. 1.

In a called meeting here June 3 the Convention's Executive Board unanimously elected Ashcraft to succeed S. A. Whitlow who resigned to accept a pastorate.

For the past four and half years Ashcraft has been the first executive secretary of the newly formed Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention.

In other actions of the day the Convention Board dedicated the new Arkansas Baptist Building, a \$1,300,000 structure which has been occupied since Jan. 1.

Speaker for the dedication was Porter Routh of Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

The Board also presented a check for \$4,000 to S. A. Whitlow in appreciation for his service as state executive.

A native of Arkansas, Ashcraft is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, with a bachelor of arts and master of theology degrees. Ouachita Baptist University awarded him an honorary doctorate in 1968.

Ashcraft was a US Army chaplain in World War II and was decorated with a bronze star.

He was secretary of the Brotherhood and Foundation departments of the New Mexico Baptist Convention from 1946 through 1951.

His pastorates included the First Baptist Church, Los Alamos, N.M., and the First Southern Baptist Church, Las Vegas, Nev.

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Britain Mission Field For  
Baptists, Says English Educator

NASHVILLE (BP)--"Britain is a mission field. To treat it any other way is to not face reality," G. Henton Davies, principal (president), Regent's Park College, Oxford University, England, told news and press representatives gathered at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board recently.

Davies was visiting the board in connection with his authorship of a commentary on Genesis, to be included in volume one of "The Broadman Bible Commentary," to be released in October 1969.

The British educator said that the religious situation in Britian is in a bad state and that Baptists in the United States and Britian must get together to plan strategy. "I believe in the dimensions of ecumenical Baptists," he added.

He voiced further pleas that British Baptists invite Southern Baptists to set up four or five centers of evangelism in England, and that Southern Baptists "look on and treat Britian as a mission field," through the Foreign Mission Board.

Davies is one of 55 writers of the 12-volume "Broadman Bible Commentary." Volumes will be released in pairs at six-month intervals.

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Sunday School Board Names  
Vocational Guidance Consultant

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Lyle R. Smith has joined the staff of the vocational guidance section of the church training department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Bard as consultant.

A native Missourian, Smith holds a bachelor's degree from Southwest Missouri State College, Bolivar, and a masters degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Smith was formerly associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Lawrenceville, Ga., and has served as minister to youth at Beechwood Baptist Church, Louisville, and at Grant Avenue Baptist Church, Springfield, Mo.

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