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**Louisville Bank Files Suit
Against Kentucky Baptists**

LOUISVILLE, (BP)--A Louisville bank has gone to court in an effort to force the Kentucky Baptist Convention to pay the Bank a pledge made to Kentucky Southern College, here.

The Liberty National Bank claims it is entitled to a total of \$294,839 as the convention's remaining pledge to Kentucky Southern, even though the former Baptist college is merging with the University of Louisville.

The convention stopped its scheduled payments to Kentucky Southern when it was announced earlier this year that the University of Louisville was taking over Kentucky Southern College.

In 1967 when Kentucky Southern separated from the Kentucky Baptist Convention, the convention agreed to give the college \$500,000 immediately and \$77,010 each year for five years. The \$500,000 was given in two installments of \$300,000 and \$200,000 in 1967.

Liberty National Bank, which had lent the college \$545,358, filed a lien on the \$500,000, but through negotiations with the college, the bank agreed to take \$200,000 and release its claim for the other \$345,358 provided that the college would assign to the bank the five annual payments of \$77,010 from the convention.

The Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention had noted in subsequent action that its financial obligations to Kentucky Southern would end should the school cease to be a separate institution.

In its court suit, the bank claims that the convention made an irrevocable pledge to make the payments and cannot now claim that it is not obligated to make them, or to deny the validity of the assignment of the payments by the college to the bank.

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The Jefferson Circuit Court/has been assigned to Judge Lyndon R. Schmidt.

In an editorial, the editor of the Kentucky Baptist state paper, the Western Recorder, wrote that the courts will have to decide on the legal aspects, but "on the moral aspects there can be no question."

Editor C. R. Daley of the Western Recorder stated that the convention made the pledge to Kentucky Southern in a "desperate effort" to keep the school alive. "By no stretch of the imagination did we plan to contribute as a convention to the University of Louisville."

The editorial argued that the University of Louisville should pay this debt of Kentucky Southern along with the other debts it assumed in the merger.

"Surely the bank is due its money," concluded the editorial. "The only question is who pays it. It would be extremely poor public relations for the bank or the University of Louisville to resort to court action to force Kentucky Baptists to pay money promised to a college which no longer exists."

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Oklahoma Church Pledges
\$675,000 For Auditorium

6/25/69

DEL CITY, OKla. (BP)--In a fund drive to finance the largest church auditorium in the Southern Baptist Convention, First Southern Baptist Church of Del City, Okla., has over-pledged its goal of \$650,000 by more than \$25,000.

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John R. Bisagno, pastor of the 4,000 member church, said that the church not only surpassed what they called the victory goal of \$500,000, but went beyond what they called the "hallelujah goal" of \$650,000.

Bisagno said the church members had pledged \$675,000 to date, and pledges were still coming in. He estimated that 2,500 to 3,000 resident members of the church were involved in the pledging.

When the victory day celebration was held, the church pledged \$661,607.

Bisagno said that the campaign was completed successfully in only ten weeks primarily because of the enthusiasm of the people, and the use of a plan suggested by the Southern Baptist Convention Stewardship Commission.

"I could tell you dozens of stories about people in our church who sold big cars to buy compact economy cars, people who decided to do without vacations, people who sold color television sets and bought cheap black and white sets," Bisagno said. He added that many of the people made real sacrifices because they wanted the new auditorium so much.

Bisagno also had high words of praise for the fund-raising plan developed by the SBC Stewardship Commission and for James Lackey, director of Cooperative Program promotion for the commission who served as consultant for the Del City church campaign. Bisagno called the program "the greatest thing ever developed" to help a local church in a fund drive, and commended every aspect of the total plan.

The Del City church campaign is the largest that the Stewardship Commission in Nashville has helped conduct as part of their convention approved program.

The 3,450-seat auditorium, the largest church auditorium in the SBC, is expected to cost \$800,000. Bisagno said that he expects pledging to go over the \$700,000 mark and that the remainder of the funds will be borrowed in a few years on short-term financing.

Average age of the 4,000 member church is only 20, Bisagno said. He explained that most of the members are working-class people and have a lot of children, and there are few really wealthy people in the church.

The pastor of the church which has led the Southern Baptist Convention in the number of baptism (conversions) in the last two years said that the fund campaign was "the greatest thing our church has ever done. It has put new life in the church."

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Photo mailed to Baptist State Papers.

Yates Named Oklahoma
Prof, Leaves Seminary

6/25/69

STILLWATER, Okla. (BP)--Kyle M. Yates Jr., professor of Old Testament and biblical archaeology at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., has been named professor of religion at Oklahoma State University here.

Yates, a member of the faculty at the Baptist seminary since 1953, will teach not only in the field of biblical studies, but also will have broader responsibilities in the Oklahoma State University division of humanities.

Yates said that he was making the change to meet the "challenge of teaching in an academic environment where contacts can be made with students needing guidance in preparing for the ministry." He added that the vast majority of Baptist students attend state universities.

He is a graduate of Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, earning the doctor of theology degree there. He has done post-graduate study at the University of Manchester, England, the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and at Harvard University.

He was an archaeology site supervisor in Jordan in 1964, 1966 and 1968, and is the author of the book, Studies in Amos.

Golden Gate Seminary President Harold K. Graves expressed regret over the resignation, and praised his work. Graves said that Jack Finegan of the Pacific School of Religion would teach Yates' archeology classes next fall.

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**Bramlette Named Board
Chairman of Registry**

WASHINGTON (BP)--W. Howard Bramlette, director of placement and promotion for the Southern Baptist Convention Education Commission in Nashville, was elected here chairman of the board of the Cooperative College Registry.

It is the first time that a Baptist has been elected board chairman for the organization which assists more than 300 church-related colleges and universities affiliated with 15 different denominations in their recruiting of faculty and staff members.

Bramlette serves as a member of the board as part of his staff functions for the SBC Education Commission, which cooperates with the organization and assists the administrations of the 74 Baptist schools in the nation in contacting prospective faculty and staff members. The services are available to Baptist schools on a request basis.

Currently, the Cooperative College Registry has on files the names and data on 10,000 persons who are interested in teaching or serving at one of the 300-church-related schools.

The Cooperative College Registry refers qualified candidates for specific vacancies at the 300 schools, and if interested, the institutions contact the applicants direct. The registry merely puts the schools in contact with the prospects.

Central offices for the Cooperative College Registry have been in Philadelphia, but will move in September to Dupont Circle in Washington.

Denominations participating in the Cooperative College Registry include the American Baptist Convention, the American Lutheran Church, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Church of the Brethren, Church of God in North America, Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Disciples of Christ, United Methodist Church, Lutheran Church in America, Presbyterian Church of the U.S., Reformed Church in America, Southern Baptist Convention, United Church of Christ, and United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

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**J. M. Dawson Feeted
At 90th Birthday**

6/25/69

WACO, TEX. (BP)--Joseph M. Dawson, a founder of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, and first executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, was honored on his 90th birthday at Baylor University here.

Dawson is an authority on church-state relations and is the former editor of several denominational publications, including the Baptist Standard, the Western Evangel, and the Baptist Report from the Capitol. He has written 14 books and is currently working on another.

The J. M. Dawson Studies in Church and State at Baylor University here is named in honor of his work in the area of church-state relations.

At the luncheon in his honor, the director of the Baylor church-state research center, James E. Wood Jr., announced that a doctoral dissertation and two masters' thesis on the life and work of Dawson will be incorporated into the research center.

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**Texas Baptist Cage
Coaches Honored**

6/25/69

DALLAS (BP)--Baylor University Basketball Coach Bill Menefee has been named "coach of the year" in Texas basketball for the second consecutive year.

Menefee took a team picked to finish in the Southwest Conference cellar and guided them to an 18-6 record and second place in the conference.

Howard Payne College Coach Glen Whitis, whose Yellowjackets posted a 24-3 slate, placed second in the voting, completing a one-two sweep of honors for Texas Baptist schools.

The coach of the year competition is conducted annually by the Texas Sports Writers Association.

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Southwestern Seminary Names
Three New Faculty Members

FORT WORTH (BP)--Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has named three new faculty members, one in each of the three schools of study.

Gerald Eugene Marsh, presently assistant director of hospital chaplaincy at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, will join the faculty Aug. 1, as associate professor of pastoral ministry.

Jack Dootree Terry Jr., has been named assistant professor of principles and philosophy of religious education. He currently is professor at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex.

Named instructor in church music is David Maness, a 1969 graduate of the seminary receiving the master of church music degree.

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Mars Hill College Gets
\$53,000 Reynolds Grant

6/25/69

MARS HILL, N.C. (BP)--Mars Hill College here has been given a \$53,144 grant by the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation of Winston-Salem, N.C. to establish a program called Community Development Institute.

The funds will be used to set up an administrative and academic structure to coordinate the college's new programs of learning and service, including such things as tutoring programs, internships, recreational programs for the underprivileged children, leadership training, an Upward Bound program, and a Christian Ethics Institute.

Under the direction of the academic dean, the newly founded institute will provide qualified personnel and other resources for coordination of these programs and others, said Fred Bently, president of the college.

Eighteen months ago the foundation gave the college \$21,375 to establish a political science course in which students spend part of a semester in practical internship in some unit of local government or community action agency.

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Florida Church Names
Generation Gap Minister

6/25/69

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (BP)--In an effort to help parents and teenagers solve their problems, the First Baptist Church of West Palm Beach has named a "minister to the generation gap."

First clergyman to hold the position is Fenton Moorhead, who is joining the church's staff after serving previously as pastor of First Baptist Church, Lake Park, Fla.

Moorhead will seek to help parents and youth to work together in solving the problems they face mutually, to establish communications between youth and adults, and to bring into focus the spiritual resources that offer stability, purposes and bouyancy to life, said the church's senior minister, Jess Moody.

Moorhead, 29, will also become a faculty member of Palm Beach Atlantic College as instructor in comparative religions. The college meets for classes at the First Baptist Church here.

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Furman Reaches \$5 Million
Goal, Gets \$2 Million Grant

6/25/69

GREENVILLE, S.C. (BP)--Furman University here has exceeded a \$5 million fund campaign in order to earn a \$2 million challenge grant from the Ford Foundation offered three years ago.

University officials said here that \$5.6 million has been raised in the first phase of Furman's "Program for Greatness," a five-year campaign launched in 1966 to raise \$10 million by 1971.

At the same victory banquet, it was announced that pledges in the fund campaign have exceeded the \$10 million goal. An additional \$1½ million will be sought by 1971 to offset

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effects of the national inflationary spiral.

When the program was started, cost estimate for a new physical education building was \$2.6 million, but the current estimate sets cost at \$3.2 million. A fine arts center planned for \$1.6 million has now been increased to \$2.1 million.

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Baptist TV Film On "Aunt Clara" To Go To Schools

6/25/69

FORT WORTH (BP)--A television film produced jointly by the Southern Baptist Radio Television Commission here and a major network about an elderly Texas artist known as Aunt Clara will soon be distributed to fine arts departments of schools throughout the country.

The television profile of 93-year-old frontier artist Clara McDonald Williamson of Dallas was produced jointly by the SBC Radio-TV Commission and the American Broadcasting Co.

Copies have been sold to McGraw-Hill for distribution to the fine arts departments in schools throughout the country, and the film has also been placed in the archives of the Museum of Modern Art for use as a reference, commission officials said.

Mrs. Williamson, known as Aunt Clara, was born in Iredell, Tex., and took up her hobby as a "primitive" or natural artist at the age of 68. Most of her paintings depict the early West as she remembers it from her childhood.

The TV program, tracing her rise to international recognition and discussing the frontier memories captured in her artwork, first was aired in October, 1967, on ABC's "Directions" program.

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Hawaii Baptist To Go To Each Church Member

6/25/69

HONOLULU, Hawaii (BP)--The Hawaii Baptist, news publications of the Hawaii Baptist Convention, will be mailed to each resident member of churches affiliated with the state convention, beginning in January of 1970.

The Executive Board of the convention voted here to send the state Baptist paper to each member, thus increasing circulation from the current 1,100 copies per month to about 4,500 per month.

It becomes the second state convention to vote to send its publication to every member. The Illinois Baptist is sent to each family in that state.

In other actions, the Hawaii Baptist board approved a program of Filipino language work by the Kalihi Baptist Church and throughout the state led by a mission pastor from the Philippines. About half the annual immigration to Hawaii is Filipino.

The board also authorized a \$75,000 loan for classrooms, cafeteria, and nursery facilities to be used jointly by Hawaii Baptist Academy and Central Baptist Church, approved a 5,000 grant to Wailuku Baptist Church for renovation of its building, and voted approval of block allocations for a \$599,184 convention budget for 1970 and a \$285,320 budget for the Hawaii Baptist Academy.

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HALLELUJAH GOAL" SURPASSED: Members of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., hold up placards indicating the successful completion of a fund drive to raise \$650,000 to build the largest church auditorium in the SBC. The church had a \$500,000 "victory goal" and a \$650,000 "Hallelujah goal." Pledging has since gone beyond \$657,000. (BP) Photo.

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