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RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)--The elected Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, responding to action of the convention six weeks earlier, instructed its employees to carry out their duties consistent with the convention-adopted "Statement on Baptist Faith and Message."

The board also adopted literature prices for 1970 and approved a 1969-70 budget for the board totaling nearly \$39 million.

Text of the brief motion adopted by the board in compliance with the 1969 convention in New Orleans, which asked all SBC agency trustees to make sure that their programs were consistent with the SBC doctrinal statement, read as follows:

"The Sunday School Board instructs its employees to see that programs or tasks assigned to them are carried out in a manner consistent with and not contrary to the Statement of Faith adopted by the convention in Kansas City in 1963."

It was James L. Sullivan, the board's executive secretary, who made the motion at the New Orleans convention asking all SBC agency trustees to see that their work is done consistent with the 1963 doctrinal statement. Sullivan made the motion at the convention as a substitute for a stronger motion which would have required all Baptist publication writers and seminary professors to sign a statement upholding the Bible as infallible.

The literature prices beginning in October of 1970 as approved by the board will reflect an increased number of pages in many periodicals, improved design with more art and use of color, and the inflationary economic trend, board officials said.

Cost figures for the new literature for an individual church were not predicted. Comparisons with present literature are difficult because of upgraded quality and the introduction of new pieces, the board was told.

According to board officials, churches will be furnished a literature selection guide which will help to determine the items needed by an individual church. Each church will also be sent a price list.

The selection guide and the price list will be sent churches in the immediate future and soon enough for them to budget for the 1970-71 literature, officials said.

Other factors entering into the decision to set the new prices included: increase amount of editorial work required, increased number of periodicals, increased manuscript costs, higher paper costs, increased labor costs for mailing and sorting, postage rate increases, and increased cost of shipping and wrapping materials.

Herman L. King, director of the board's publishing division, told the board that the new literature prices are in most cases less than the present prices of other publishers.

The board adopted a sales budget of \$38,939,000, for the fiscal year Oct. 1, 1969-Sept. 30, 1970. This is an increase of \$2,145,000 over the previous year. The budget includes \$6,272,000 for direct costs of the education and service programs the board makes available to the churches.

In other action the board authorized the establishment of a campus stores department in the book store division beginning Oct. 1. The new department will have supervision of six seminary stores, a pilot project at the University of Corpus Christi (Tex.), plus other stores on Baptist senior and junior college campuses which will be added as opportunities arise and as budget is provided.

William S. Graham, manager of the Baptist Book Store at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was named to head the new campus stores department.

Appeal for the annual Southern Baptist Convention program to be presented on a program basis rather than an agency basis was also made by the board. A petition to the SBC committee on order of business to arrange presentations to the SBC messengers according to the convention's programs of work rather than according to agencies was approved.

The board gave as reasons for this action:

1. It would make the reporting to the messengers consistent with other reporting procedures.
2. It would give messengers a more consistent basis for evaluating the programs of work of the convention.

Landrum P. Leavell, II, pastor, First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Tex., was re-elected president of the board. Leavell has also served as a vice president of the SBC.

Nashville Postmaster Lewis E. Moore was chosen as chairman of the Executive Committee. Re-elected to serve the board as recording secretary was Roy W. Babb, pastor, Edgefield Baptist Church, Nashville.

The dates of the next elected board meeting are January 26-27, 1970.

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Southeastern Seminary
 Founder Stealey Dies

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RALEIGH, N.C. (BP)--The first president and key man in the founding of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Sydnor L. Stealey, died at his home here of an apparent heart attack, at nearly midnight, July 24.

Stealey, who had been president of the Baptist seminary in nearby Wake Forest, from the time it was founded in 1951 until his retirement in 1963, had been in poor health much of the time since his retirement. He was 72.

Funeral services were to be held at the First Baptist Church, Raleigh, where Stealey was a member and where he had served as pastor from 1938-42. Burial was to be at the Southeastern Seminary campus cemetery.

Immediately before being elected president of the seminary, Stealey was professor of church history at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, from 1942-51.

Southeastern Seminary opened in the fall of 1951 with 85 students and four faculty members and Stealey as president. The seminary is located on what was the old campus of Wake Forest College, which moved to a new campus in Winston-Salem, N.C., in 1952.

Southeastern Seminary, now headed by Olin T. Binkley who succeeded Stealey as president, had a total enrollment in 1968-69 of 683 students.

Stealey had been widely recognized throughout the Southern Baptist Convention as both pastor and educator. He was the first person to receive the E. Y. Mullins denominational service award from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary when the award was created in 1963.

The retired seminary president had received both his master and doctor of theology degrees from Southern Seminary, and was a "fellow" to Dr. Mullins as a student. He was also a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla.

He had been pastor of the First Baptist Church of Raleigh, N.C., and Bloomington, Ind., and the Bainbridge Street Baptist Church in Richmond, Va. Previously, he was principal of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., and principal of a high school in Ringling, Okla.

The son of a Baptist preacher, Stealey was born in Martinsburg, W.Va., March 7, 1897. His father was C. P. Stealey, who was for many years pastor of churches in Richmond, Va., and Washington, D.C., and founder of the Oklahoma Baptist Messenger (1912).

Stealey was a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the executive boards of the Baptist state conventions of Indiana and North Carolina.

Survivors include Mrs. Stealey, a son, Sydnor Jr., of Fairbanks, Alaska, and a daughter, Mrs. Frank Vanece of Winston-Salem, N.C.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Funeral services are pending the son's arrival from Fairbanks, Alaska, but probably will be held Sunday afternoon at First Baptist Church, Raleigh.

Student Manager Named
By Sunday School Board

NASHVILLE (BP)--Ed Rollins, former director of student work for the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, Fresno, has been named manager of the student department for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here.

Rollins, a native of Mississippi, is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., and holds bachelor of divinity and master of religious education degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

He served as campus student director for the Los Angeles area, 1952-56, and taught at California Baptist College, Riverside, 1952-55.

Rollins has served as vice-president of the Western Religious Education Association.

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Tennessee Convention
Moves To New Offices

7/25/69

NASHVILLE (BP)--The Tennessee Baptist Convention has started its move to a new office building in nearby Brentwood, Tenn., planning for full occupancy and operation in the new facilities on Aug. 4.

The 80 employees in 17 departments of the state convention office are moving to a two-story building with award-winning architectural design just south of the Davidson County (Nashville) line in Brentwood, Tenn.

The building is located on U. S. Highway 31 about 12 miles south of downtown Nashville, with quick access to Interstate 65.

It will be the first building to be built by the convention for its offices, and the fifth home for the convention. Previously, the convention rented quarters from Belmont College at 1812 Belmont Blvd. The building was once a dormitory.

Plans to move to the Brentwood, Tenn., location were approved by the convention's board after Nashville zoning restrictions prevented building across the street from the Belmont College.

The building was designed by Earl Swennson Architects, who won an award earlier this year for the design of the building.

Located on a 6½ acre tract across from a planned new shopping center, the building includes not only office space, but a 200-seat chapel and conference room, a cafeteria and dining area seating 125, and parking area.

With the move to the new building comes a new mailing address. After Aug. 1, the new address for the Tennessee Baptist Convention is P. O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tenn., 37027. New phone number is (area 615) 833-4220.

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NEW TENNESSEE BAPTIST BUILDING: Tennessee Baptists moved into their new office building in Brentwood, Tenn., 12 miles south of downtown Nashville, On Aug. 1. The building, located on U. S. Highway 31 halfway between Nashville and Franklin, Tenn., recently won a national award for its architectural design. (BP) Aerial Photo by Jim Lester.