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**"BAPTIST REVIVAL" IN  
POLITICS DEMANDED**

DALLAS, Tex.—(BP)—A Texas woman lawyer picked up the term "Baptist revival" to describe the kind of renewed interest in politics she wants to see. Speaking to 200 club women here, she said that Americans need to take a renewed interest in government and in the candidates for office. She listed four requisites for citizenship: (1) Realization of the responsibility of citizenship; (2) full participation in public affairs; (3) improvement in human character; (4) renewal of faith in one's institutions.

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**FORMER TEXAN LEAVES  
ESTATE TO BAPTISTS**

DENVER, Col.—(BP)—Mrs. May Thomas Miller, a former Texas woman, died here recently. The entire proceeds of her estate, valued at a million dollars in 1919, when the will was made goes to two Texas Baptist institutions, Buckner Orphans Home and Baylor Hospital. Most of the estate is in government bonds and Dallas real estate. The Orphans Home will use their part of the funds to expand a boys' ranch in Burnett County for unfortunate boys and a home in San Antonio for unwed mothers. The hospital will apply its part on the Truett Memorial Hospital of Dallas.

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**CAPITAL BAPTISTS  
BEGIN NEW CHURCHES**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(BP)—A Baptist mission in the capital city has been started with a \$25,000 nest egg, furnished by the sponsoring congregation, the National Baptist Memorial Church. The name of the new project is Wheaton Baptist Chapel. The move is a part of a \$250,000 Washington City convention project for the establishment of new Baptist churches in the city recommended by Dr. M. C. Stith, executive secretary. Dr. Edward B. Willingham is pastor of the National Memorial Church, and Dr. William J. Crowder is acting pastor of the new mission church.

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BIRMINGHAM BAPTISTS REFUSE  
FEDERAL FUNDS FOR HOSPITALS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.--(BP)--In a four-hour session the Birmingham Baptist Association voted to "refuse and reject" Hill-Burton funds offered for enlargement of the Birmingham Baptist hospitals. At the same time the Association refused to surrender the properties to a self-perpetuating board of trustees. According to the Alabama Baptist, "Laymen took the lead in the fight against the move to take the hospitals out of the hands of the Baptists, and more specifically against having an institution that remained property of the denomination accepting, or preparing the way to accept Federal funds. This was based on 'the traditional Baptist stand for the separation of church and state.'"

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TENNESSEE AND TEXAS LEAD IN  
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GIFTS

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--May receipts to the Cooperative Program were \$571,010 and to designations \$425,939.65, according to Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee. Total receipts first five months of 1950 were \$5,532,813.33 as compared with \$5,307,843.34 in 1949.

The Foreign Mission Board has received a total of \$3,351,828 of the total. The Home Mission Board has received \$1,084,397.

Highest state Cooperative Program contributions for May were received from Tennessee, \$265,895, and Texas, \$466,666.

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TWO SOUTHERN BAPTISTS NAMED  
"RURAL MINISTERS OF THE YEAR"

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Two Southern Baptist ministers have been designated "Rural Ministers of the Year" by the Progressive Farmer, national rural life magazine. They are Rev. W. T. Red, pastor, Lebanon Baptist Church, Anderson, S. C., and Dr. Sam W. Scantlan, superintendent of rural and city missions for Oklahoma.

Both men have been awarded scholarships for a three-week course in Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., July 3 - 20.

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DR. HAROLD W. TRIBBLE ELECTED  
PRESIDENT WAKE FOREST COLLEGE

WAKE FOREST, N. C.--(BP)--Dr. Harold W. Tribble, president, Andover Newton Seminary, Newton Center, Mass., has been elected new president of Wake Forest College. There is little doubt that he will accept.

Tribble was born at Charlottesville, Va., but spent most of his boyhood in Florida. He received a B. A. Degree from Richmond College in 1919, Th. D. from Southern Seminary in 1925, and a Ph. D. from University of Edinburgh in 1937. He studied also in the University of Bonn and the University of Basel.

Ordained in 1919, Tribble pastored churches in Kentucky while a student in Southern Seminary. He served as teacher and professor in Southern from 1920-1947. He has been at Andover Newton since 1947.

Tribble is expected to assume office before the fall semester. One of the major tasks facing him is removal of Wake Forest to its new undeveloped site in Winston-Salem.

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CHICAGO CONVENTION ACTION  
PLEASES RAILROAD CLERKS

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Southern Baptists are in good graces with the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, according to a letter received by Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary, S.B.C. Executive Committee.

It happened like this: Southern Baptists held two dates for the 1951 San Francisco convention, pending convention action in Chicago. When they took the June date, the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks got the May date. If it had worked the other way around the railroad clerks would have had to change cities, which they didn't want to do. So, now they are breathing easy and thanking the Baptists.

Caution: This accidental gesture of good will is not good for a ride on the railroad.

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MISSOURI BAPTISTS ADD  
TWO NEW STATE WORKERS

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.--(BP)--Two new workers have recently taken up positions with the Missouri Baptist General Association, according to Dr. T. W. Medearis, state secretary. They are Dr. A. L. Bishop, Kansas City, Training Union secretary, and Dr. Glen Yarborough, Kentucky, Baptist Student Union secretary.

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DR. PRUDEN EXPRESSES DESIRE TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD  
SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN TWO CONVENTIONS

WASHINGTON, D.C.—(BP)—Dr. Edward H. Pruden, new president of the Northern (American) Baptist Convention, has issued a statement to correct an impression gathered by newsmen watching the recent Northern Convention in session at Boston. Wire service reports indicated that Dr. Pruden's election and subsequent statements were definite moves by the northern group to draw the Southern Convention into union with itself.

Dr. Pruden says that this is not true. He says, "Whoever gave expression to that idea was certainly an enthusiastic optimist! All that I have said to anyone on the subject is that I only hope that I may make some contribution toward a larger spirit of understanding between the two Conventions which may ultimately lead to a reunion of the two bodies."

Dr. Pruden also said, "During the thirteen and one-half years that I have been associated with the Northern Convention, I have been impressed again and again with the fact that a great majority of both conventions is essentially alike. We have a few extremists on both sides of the main stream of our Baptist outlook and program, but in between these two small minority groups is the vast majority of those who would feel perfectly at home together in one national body. Being affiliated with both, and on the border line between the two, I have heard repeated expressions from representatives of both bodies which have convinced me that a vast amount of misunderstanding exists, and while I have tried desperately to allay many of these groundless suspicions, I shall work even harder at the task during the coming year. The first thing I did after being elected President of the Northern Convention was to speak to a ministers' group in Boston and at that time I did my best to interpret our Southern Baptist people in the most brotherly and sympathetic way. On this occasion, and on all others previous to it, I got an immediate response of approval. Our Northern brethren seem eager to understand the Southern brethren more clearly, and rejoice over every helpful word of interpretation which comes to them."

Dr. Pruden addressed his statement in a letter to Dr. R. G. Lee, president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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TO PUBLISH MUSIC MAGAZINE

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—A new magazine will roll from the Baptist Sunday School presses in October. It is The Musician, devoted to choir and music work and edited by Dr. B. B. McKinney.

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Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, president, Baptist World Alliance, will conduct congress sessions at Cleveland, July 22-27, in strict line with the preamble of the constitution which reads:

"The Baptist World Alliance, extending over every part of the world, exists in order more fully to show the essential oneness of Baptist people in the Lord Jesus Christ, to impart inspiration to the brotherhood, and to promote the spirit of fellowship, service and cooperation among its members, but this Alliance may in no way interfere with the independence of the churches or assume the administrative functions of existing organizations."

--Baptist Press

Southern Baptists have recently purchased Wake Forest College property in North Carolina for a new eastern seminary. Shown above is the beautiful colonial chapel on the Wake Forest campus. Purchase price was \$1,600,000. The new seminary will open September, 1951.

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