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SOUTHERN BAPTISTS WELL REPRESENTED
IN BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE OFFICERS

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Southern Baptists are well represented on the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, according to an official list of members received here from Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, executive secretary. The total is twelve.

Included among the officers are Dr. Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, Ga., vice-president; Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, St. Louis, Mo., past-president; and Mr. George B. Fraser, Washington, D. C., treasurer for the Western Hemisphere.

Regional members of the Executive Committee from the Southern Baptist Convention are Dr. Theodore F. Adams, Richmond, Va.; Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, Louisville, Ky.; Dr. J. D. Grey, New Orleans, La.; and Dr. Duke K. McCall, Nashville, Tenn.

At large members from the Southern Convention are Mrs. George R. Martin, Norfolk, Va.; Mr. Robert Denny, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. Walter Pope Binns, Liberty, Mo.; Dr. R. Paul Caudill, Memphis, Tenn.; and Dr. Edward H. Pruden, Washington, D. C.

Other American members are Dr. D. V. Jamison, vice-president; Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary; Dr. E. T. Dahlberg; Dr. E. A. Fridell; Dr. W. H. Jernagin; Dr. A. A. Lucas; Dr. Reuben E. Nelson; Miss Nannie Burroughs; Dr. Roger Fredrickson; Mrs. F. C. Wigginton; Dr. P. S. Wilkinson; Dr. Luther Wesley Smith; and Dr. William Turnwall.

The Administrative Committee consists of the following: C. Oscar Johnson, past-president; Louie D. Newton, vice-president; Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary; George B. Fraser, Western treasurer; Theodore F. Adams, Virginia; Duke K. McCall, Tennessee; John B. McLaurin, Canada; Reuben E. Nelson, New York; W. H. Jernagin, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. George R. Martin, Virginia; and Edward H. Pruden, Washington, D. C.

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NOTE TO THE EDITOR: Various reports naming members of the BWA Executive Committee members have inadvertently omitted certain names. The above is based on a typewritten list obtained directly from Dr. Ohrn. The list is correct.—A.M.

97-YEAR-OLD MISSIONARY FLIES
TO FOREIGN MISSION CONFERENCE

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--"I am not ready for a wheel chair yet," said Dr. J. G. Chastain, 97-year-old missionary emeritis, when offered the use of one while attending the Foreign Mission Conference at Ridgecrest, N. C.

When reminded that the late President Roosevelt used a wheel chair and was four times elected to the presidency while so doing, Dr. Chastain replied, "Well, when I decided to run for President, I will use one."

Dr. A. L. Goodrich, editor, Mississippi Baptist Record, reported the conversation. "Dr. Chastain is the oldest person connected with Southern Baptist foreign missions. Along with more than 100 other missionaries, active and retired, he was invited by the S.B.C. Foreign Mission Board to go to Ridgecrest. To the surprise of all but himself, he accepted," Goodrich said.

Dr. Chastain was not sure he could survive a train or automobile trip from South Mississippi to Ridgecrest. He now lives with his son, Dr. F. Judson Chastain, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Poplarville.

A plane trip was the only other way to come. Never having travelled by air, the aged missionary was fearful. But having given most of his 97 years to missionary endeavor, he stoically said, "I'll try it. If the plane wrecks or I fail to survive the trip you can know I am doing it for missions."

But Poplarville is 100 miles from New Orleans, the nearest passenger airport. How to get there? His preacher son solved that one. He provided an ambulance from Poplarville to New Orleans. Another ambulance was waiting when the plane arrived at Asheville.

Dr. Chastain went to Mexico as a missionary in 1888 at the age of 34. Altogether he spent thirty years as a missionary in Mexico. He returned to the United States because of the Mexican Revolution of 1917. He was then employed by the Home Mission Board to edit a Spanish language Baptist paper in Cuba. Three years later he became a missionary to the Spanish speaking people in Tampa, Fla. After seven years in Tampa, at the age of 74, he retired.

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DR. COX'S DECISION PENDING

MERIDIAN, Miss.--(BP)--Norman W. Cox, pastor of the First Baptist Church here, has not yet decided on the call to become first executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Historical Society. His decision is expected after September 1.

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ARKANSAS CONVENTION CLOSES
58-YEAR-OLD CENTRAL COLLEGE

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—(BP)—The 58-year-old Central College has been permanently discontinued, according to B. H. Duncan, editor, Arkansas Baptist, by almost unanimous standing vote. The Arkansas State Convention meeting in a called session in Immanuel Church, Little Rock, on August 22, voted to adopt a recommendation of the state Executive Board to close the school and liquidate the property. An earlier resolution introduced in the special session by E. C. Brown, Blytheville, to reaffirm support was defeated by seventy votes. Insufficient funds for operation was given as the reason for closing the school, Duncan said.

Established in 1892 at Conway, Arkansas, the college continued there as a school for girls until 1948, when it was moved to the hospital area of Camp Robinson in Little Rock and made co-educational.

Arkansas still has two Baptist schools—Ouachita College at Arkadelphia, organized in 1886, had 1,213 enrolled the past year and will receive \$180,000 from the convention this year; Southern Baptist College at Walnut Ridge, organized in 1941, had 1,320 enrolled last year and will receive \$43,000 from the convention this year.

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METHODIST SERGEANT IN GERMANY
DISCOVERS BAPTIST QUARTERLIES

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Sergeant Joe L. Ford, a Methodist from Texas, has organized a Baptist Sunday school for children of U. S. Army personnel in the resort town of Garmisch, Germany, according to Aubrey Hearn, Nashville.

Last Fall, Ford decided something should be done about the religious life of American children in Garmisch. He gathered together 55 boys and girls to organize the Sunday school. Looking about for literature that would teach the Bible and emphasize the plan of salvation, he discovered a very high grade series of quarterlies published by an organization at Nashville, Tenn. which he had never heard of before—the Baptist Sunday School Board. So he ordered the material. The Sunday school has since grown to an enrolment of 73 pupils and eight teachers.

Mr. Hearn met Sergeant Ford while passing through the Texan's customs station on the border between Austria. Hearn, of the Baptist Sunday School Board Training Union Department, was en route to Oberammergau where he attended the famous passion play.

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SOCIAL SERVICE COMMISSION SEEKS LOCAL
CHURCH SUPPORT IN TEMPERANCE EDUCATION

CHAPEL HILL, N. C.—(BP)—Southern Baptists will take their alcohol education campaign to the grass roots next year. The Social Service Commission of the Convention will spend the rest of this year and all of 1951 in emphasizing the importance of the local church as a link in temperance training. The plan developed out of the annual meeting of the Commission at Ridgecrest, N. C., according to Dr. Hugh H. Brimm, executive secretary.

The plan calls for an eight-point program: (1) creation for pastors and churches of the most modern, attractive literature possible to assist them in alcohol education, (2) urge the churches to establish special temperance shelves in their libraries, (3) invite the 38 Baptist Book Stores to cooperate by grouping existing temperance books on special shelves or counters, (4) solicit help from the Baptist Sunday School Board in the establishment of an approved list of temperance books, (5) work with youth camps in suggestion of temperance themes and supplying of speakers for alcohol education purposes, (6) compiling of a suggested film list, (7) preparation of a church worker's kit, containing pamphlets, booklets, leaflets, object-lessons, and other material to serve as teaching aids, (8) promotion of the use of plays and pageants. In this connection, the Commission hopes to establish contests for the authors of plays, pageants, and essays on temperance subjects.

Dr. Brimm, who has offices in Louisville, Ky., will direct the program. He will be assisted by the members of the Commission, each serving as the leader in his own state.

The Social Service Commission also considered the legal aspects of the alcoholic problem, suggesting that Dr. Brimm compile a book of practical suggestions on how to get better controls, particularly at the point of local option.

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BECOMES PROFESSOR AT GOLDEN GATE

BRITTON, Okla.—(BP)—Dr. Jack Warren Manning, pastor, First Baptist Church here has resigned to become registrar and instructor in homiletics at the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Berkeley, Calif.

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