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Biology Major Plans Career With Thailand Police Force

ABILENE, Tex. (BP)--When Hardin-Simmons University senior Anchali Chitrithiang graduates from the Baptist school here in May with a major in biology, she plans to return to her homeland, Thailand,--as a policewoman!

Several years ago, the Bangkok girl decided to go to the Baptist school after she had studied English in Bangkok with Benton Williams, a Southern Baptist missionary to Thailand and personal friend of the school's president, Elwin L. Skiles.

After meeting Skiles when he was on a trip to Southeast Asia, Miss Chitrithiang decided to go to Hardin-Simmons because, as she said, "I thought I'd like to go somewhere that I knew someone--especially if it was the president of the university!"

During summers when she returned to Bangkok, Anchali worked with the police department. Her late father had been a policeman, and she had done police social work.

In working with the police force, Miss Chitrithiang visited people who lived along the Cambodia-Thailand border whom, she said Cambodian Communists had sought to convert to Communism. She said she told them about Communism and sought to minister to their physical needs.

Miss Chitrithiang has had five months of summer training in Thailand and will have seven more after graduation in May.

She hopes to study at a professional police school in Washington, D.C., or Los Angeles beginning next January. After two years there she will return to Thailand.

"People here think that Thailand is like the "King and I" and that our king has a shaved head and bare chest," Anchali said. "But Thailand is a very modern country."

One disappearing part of traditional culture, however, is the Thai dance, she continued. The dance must be learned by the young to perfect movement, she said adding that because her family liked to hold the old customs, she had learned to dance as a child.

"My father was in the police force in a high rank and children of high officials honored the royal family by serving at teas and dancing."

She said further that "I couldn't do anything else but dance so I danced for many parties. It was very nice because I got to know many important people and everyone liked to do it because it was an honor."

Her uncle helps protect the king and queen of Thailand. The high-ranking police official assumed the role of head of the Chitrithiang household after Anchali's father's death.

Explaining that the Thai police force is a military service like the American Army or Navy, she said that there is a police force for the entire country rather than for a city or county. Other military services protect the country from the outside, while the police protect the country internally, she added.

Thai people have a great deal of respect for the royalty, and the royalty are not afraid of being hurt while walking among the people and talking to them, Anchali remarked.

"I can't tell you how much we love our king and queen. At the end of movies, for example, their picture is shown and everyone stands and sings the Thailand anthem. They are the royal class and they respect the common class--we love them for the traditions and also love them as people."

She added that many people realize that if Thailand should become Communist, the country could no longer have the king and queen whom they love so deeply.



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SBC Evangelism Leader Named
North Greenville College Head

GREENVILLE, S.C. (BP)--Harold E. Lindsey, associate in the evangelism division for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, has been elected president of North Greenville Junior College by the Baptist school's board of trustees.

Lindsey, a native of Greenville, will assume the college post effective July 1. Thomas L. Neely, who has been president of the school since 1962, has previously resigned, effective June 30.

His election was announced by Robert H. Greene, chairman of the board of trustees and head of a special committee to select a new president. Greene is a Greenville motel owner.

For the past five years, Lindsey has been an associate director in the Home Mission Board's evangelism division. Previously, he was secretary of evangelism for the South Carolina Baptist Convention in Columbia for four years.

A native of South Carolina, Lindsey is a graduate of Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N.C., and Furman University, Greenville, S.C. He earned the doctor of theology degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Lindsey, 49, has been pastor of Baptist churches in South Carolina, Kentucky, Oklahoma and Texas. For seven years he was pastor of First Baptist Church, Waco, Tex.

Greene pointed out that for 15 years, Lindsey was pastor of churches adjacent to colleges or universities and has had a close association with college students as a pastor. He also taught at Northeast Oklahoma A&M College while pastor of First Baptist Church, Miami, Okla.

He has also served on the boards of trustees for a Baptist hospital, the Southern Baptist Foundation and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Lindsey will become the third president of the Baptist school since it became a junior college in 1934. The school was originally founded in 1893 as an academy with local Baptist support.

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Alaska Tax Board Rules
Baptist Office Exempt

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska (BP)--The Greater Anchorage Area Burrough Assembly, organized as a board of equalization, ruled here that the Baptist Building housing offices of the Alaska Baptist Convention should be tax-exempt after a lengthy discussion with Baptist leaders.

The Baptist Building was not taxed prior to 1970, but the facilities received an assessment, as did all other denominational facilities here, after an Alaska Supreme Court decision sustaining taxation of a Seventh Day Adventist residence-office facility for denominational officials.

By a vote of 7-0, the tax equalization board ruled that the Baptist Building should be tax exempt after hearing an appeal from Convention Executive Secretary E. W. Hunke who stated that the building "was a religious office-facility used only for religious and charitable purposes."

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The burrough attorney concurred with the action since the earlier court decision had involved religious buildings including a residence for church officials.

At the same hearing, the board heard an appeal from Turnagain Children's Home President Edward Wolfe, who asked for a lower tax rate on property owned by the child care institution. The burrough assessor had recommended raising taxes on the children's home by 319 per cent on two tracts and 432 per cent on another tract.

Wolfe pointed out that though the burrough assessed the property at \$2,500 per acre, a current condemnation proceeding by the State of Alaska to take ten acres for a freeway was offering only \$1,500 for the same land.

The board did not lower the tax rate, but did restore five acres of the children's home property to tax-exempt status.

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Southeastern Seminary Names
Taylor Visiting Professor

WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP) -- Charles L. Taylor Jr., former executive director of the American Association of Theological Schools, will be a visiting professor of Old Testament at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here for the first term of summer school.

Taylor, former professor and dean at Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Mass., will teach a course on "The Psalms in Israel's Worship."

In addition, the seminary will offer the fourth annual seminar in urban studies in the Research Triangle Area on the structures and problems of cities with an evaluation of efforts toward church renewal.

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