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**Baptist Pastor Develops
Anti-Pollution Device**

By Jerry Schaeffer

LOWELL, Ark. (BP)-- A Baptist preacher in the hilly Arkansas Ozarks has developed a "secret" chemical and anti-pollution device that reportedly is 50 per cent more effective than the pollution control devices auto manufacturers have installed on their 1972 models.

What's the secret? He won't give away any of the particulars, but it's a formula called EPC-3 which Roe Matthews, pastor of the First Baptist Church here, and several associates have developed to help curb automobile pollution.

Tests at the University of Arkansas Graduate Institute of Technology and a Little Rock firm, Morton Consultants, Inc., showed "a 48 per cent reduction in carbon monoxide, a 42 per cent reduction in hydrocarbons (which cause smog), a 7.7 per cent reduction in nitric oxides and a 41 per cent reduction in particulates with the use of the Baptist pastor's chemical and anti-pollution device.

The two chemists who ran the tests seemed amazed that a Baptist preacher from a community with less than 300 people would come up with an anti-pollution device which is even better than those produced by Detroit's automobile manufacturers and their experts.

Although Matthews will not disclose the formula for his chemical, the principle behind the anti-pollution device is an old one. He got the idea from a World War II technique of vapor injection designed to increase the power of American fighter planes.

"The pollution problem has bugged me for several years, ever since I studied it in college," said Matthews, who minored in chemistry at the University of Arkansas. "And I guess I've been tinkering with the idea of helping to eliminate it since then.

"This principle we've come up with is nothing new at all," he continued. "In fact, many people have tried similar ideas but haven't been as successful with it. The fluid is what makes it work, and somehow, we managed to hit the right combination."

The fluid is an alcohol-based solution which contains varying proportions of seven undisclosed chemicals. Bluish-green in color, it is housed in a slim plastic cartridge that is easily attached to the fender under the hood of the car.

"A pneumatic aeration device incorporated into the container causes the liquid to bubble," he explained. "And when the bubbles burst, they form a vapor which flows into the carburetor through a rubber hose.

"Actually, what happens is that the vapor from these chemicals puts more oxygen into the carburetor to force a more complete combustion," he went on. "It's merely one vapor neutralizing another, and this cuts down on the lead, carbon monoxide, and other pollutants discharged from the engine."

The 52-year-old minister believes that his device, which he calls "Scatpac," is the only one developed which is directed at the "origin" of the pollution in the engine itself. Other gadgets have been aimed at catching the unburned pollutants in the exhaust and recycling them.

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The formula itself is nothing new either. It was developed in 1969 but kept secret until it had been tested, improved, and retested countless times. And, it's still undergoing tests at several universities throughout the South and Southwest.

Matthews, who has a patent pending on Scatpac says that he has used one on his car for over 190,000 miles and has calculated a reduction in gasoline consumption at about 10 percent.

He has been marketing Scatpac without any publicity or advertising at 27 service stations and five car dealerships in Arkansas since February, 1970, to test its saleability. He said nearly 5,000 had been sold at a retail price of \$34.95 each.

"We're going to begin selling them nationally later this year, with publicity, advertising, and the works," he revealed. "We're doing away with the expensive, bulky glass Scatpac which we first developed and going to a more convenient plastic cartridge."

The cartridge (resembling a small fire extinguisher), the mounting bracket, and the rubber hose will retail for \$17.95 installed. Refill cartridges, replaceable about every 2,000 miles, will sell for \$2 apiece.

"It will be like an oil filter, only not as hard to change," he said. "The cartridge will hold about a quart of fluid but will be a little larger to allow space for the vapor."

Matthews, who will sell Scatpac under the firm name "Breakaway and Associates", has been pastor at the Lowell church for 16 years.

He was graduated from the University of Arkansas in 1949 with a degree in agriculture and a minor in chemistry. He received a theology degree from Central Baptist Seminary in Kansas City in 1953, then was pastor for eight years at Springdale, Ark., before going to Lowell.

He has already talked with Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) about his device and has scheduled appointments to talk about the test results with Sen. Edmund Muskie (D-Me.) and officials at the federal Pollution Control Board in Washington, D.C.

"We're not going to stop where we are now," Matthews stated.

"Since we've been so successful thus far, we're going to go all out to try to make EPC-3 surpass the government's 1975 standards in all categories."

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Jerry Schaeffer is a sports writer for the Arkansas Gazette and former associate editor of Probe, the monthly magazine for Royal Ambassador Pioneers published by the SBC Brotherhood Commission.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

During the next two weeks, Baptist Press mailings will be handled by the Dallas Bureau of Baptist Press. Please send any stories you need to submit or direct any questions you have to: Orville Scott, the bureau chief; Robert O'Brien, the assistant bureau chief; or Janice Henry, the editorial assistant. The Nashville office will resume handling mailings on Tuesday, July 18.

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Missouri Pastor Elected
To Board Staff Position

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RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)--Dwight A. Honeycutt, pastor of First Baptist Church, Platte City, Mo., was elected by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board here as an associate secretary in the department of missionary personnel, effective Aug. 1.

As one of three associate secretaries in the department, Honeycutt will interview and counsel persons interested in appointment for overseas service and assist them in completing application to the board.

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Based in Richmond, Va., the board's headquarters city, Honeycutt will work with missionary volunteers in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Illinois, and the Northwestern states. His territory also will include Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

The board's two other associate secretaries for missionary personnel, Melvin Torstrick and W. L. Smith, counsel with interested persons in Eastern and Western sections of the country, respectively.

Honeycutt has been pastor of the church in Platte City, near Kansas City, since 1968. He previously served on the staffs of churches in Columbus, Monticello and Greenville, Ga., and Richmond, Mo.

Born in Bessemer, Ala., Honeycutt is a graduate of Mercer University, Macon, Ga., Midwestern Seminary and the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

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Board Votes Division
Of Its Work in Africa

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RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)--Declaring that his "parish of 600 souls is far too large," H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa for the SBC Foreign Mission Board, proposed a new administrative division of his territory during a meeting of the board here.

Following Goerner's proposal, the board approved recommendations of its Africa committee that (1) the area known as "Africa south of the Sahara" be divided into two areas of missionary administration to be known as "West Africa" and "Eastern and Southern Africa." effective Jan. 1, 1973; and (2) that at his own request, Goerner be named secretary for West Africa and a new secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa be named by the board.

The proposed division would result in two areas of approximately equal size and population, Goerner pointed out. Presently, 277 missionaries are assigned to eight countries in West Africa, while 341 serve in 11 countries in Eastern and Southern Africa.

In view of future expansion, Goerner would recommend that any Baptist work established in Zaire (former Belgian Congo), the People's Republic of Congo (former French Congo), the Central African Republic, Chad and other countries westward be under the administration of the secretary for West Africa.

Likewise, work developed in Sudan, Rwanda, Burundi, the Republic of South Africa, and Malagasy should be under the secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa.

As to his request that he be named secretary for West Africa, Goerner told board members here, "The choice is not an easy one since I have a deep interest in the developing work in all of Africa and have many warm personal friendships with both missionary and national personnel in the countries of eastern and southern Africa. He added he felt an initial concern for Nigeria and Ghana in 1957 when he felt called to the work, and that he recently had become burdened for French-speaking West Africa.

Goerner succeeded George W. Sadler as secretary for Africa, Europe and the Near East in 1958. At the time, of 341 Southern Baptist missionaries assigned to 12 countries in the total area, 264 served in five countries of Africa.

In 1964, John D. Hughey became secretary for Europe and the Middle East, and Goerner retained responsibility for Southern Baptist Work in nine countries of Africa south of the Sahara with 428 missionaries.

Goerner said that it is his conviction that "the doors of opportunity in Africa were never wider open, and that for the next five or 10 years at least the phenomenal response to the gospel and the dramatic growth of Christian churches can be expected to continue if the encouragement and stimulation provided by a missionary presence can be maintained."

In spite of limited opportunities in some places, most African countries can be expected to continue to welcome the presence and assistance of American missionary personnel for years to come, said Goerner.

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He said the two proposed new areas of Southern Baptist work should soon be able to absorb effectively and constructively as many as 500 additional missionaries, creating the possibility for further administrative division.

"The rapidly developing African churches will be more and more under the leadership of trained pastors and qualified laymen," predicted Goerner. "But for the foreseeable future the opportunity is too vast and the needs too overwhelming for the young churches and relatively new leadership to match," he added.

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1971 VBS Statistics
Reveal Increases

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Vacation Bible School statistics for the Southern Baptist Convention in 1971 have shown increases in professions of faith, enrollment, attendance, adult enrollment, mission schools and prospects over 1970 figures.

In 1970, there were 42,963 professions of faith; in 1971, there were 45,016. Enrollment in 1970 was 3,212,436; for 1971, enrollment was 3,213,473.

Average attendance showed a gain of approximately 78,000 with 1970 figures showing 2,412,058 average attendance, and 1971 figures showing 2,490,513. Adult enrollment increased by approximately 5,000.

In 1970, 20,871 adults were enrolled in VBS; in 1971, there were 25,880. The number of mission schools increased, with 1,657 conducted in 1970 and 1,904 in 1971. An increase of more than 300,000 prospects were discovered through VBS in 1971 than in 1970. Prospects in 1970 numbered 899,901; in 1971, there were 1,263,757 prospects found.

The figures, just released by A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, were prepared by the board's research services department.

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Astronaut James Irwin Sets
Up Independent Organization

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HOUSTON (BP)--Apollo 15 Astronaut James B. Irwin, who recently resigned from the nation's space agency here saying he wanted to devote full time to religious work, announced here that he was forming his own independent organization.

The new non-profit corporation will be called "High Flight," and will be designed to utilize the former astronaut's Christian witness to the maximum.

Irwin will serve as president of the corporation, which will have its headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colo.

William H. Rittenhouse, pastor of the Nassau Bay Baptist Church here where Irwin is a member, will become executive director of the new organization. Rittenhouse was to resign as pastor of the church, effective Sept. 1.

Irwin had earlier announced his resignation from National Aeronautics and Space Administration (N.A.S.A.) effective Aug. 1, and his plans to retire from the U.S. Air Force with the rank of Colonel.

Rittenhouse, in an interview with the Baptist Standard, described the corporation "as a means through which Irwin can do his work." He said it would be expanded to include the witness of other astronauts and individuals.

Being close to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Rittenhouse said they hoped to open a retreat center for cadets.

Rittenhouse said Irwin would continue to give time to the Southern Baptist Convention, as he did in Philadelphia recently. Almost at the same time the plans for Irwin's new corporation were announced, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board approved plans to invite Irwin to

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visit Baptist missions work in the Middle East, East Asia, and Africa this fall and early next year.

Currently, Irwin's arrangements are handled by a committee composed of SBC President Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss.; Russell H. Dilday, Jr., pastor of Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta; and Rittenhouse.

Rittenhouse said that Irwin's religious broadcasting would be done exclusively through "High Flight" for the BC Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth.

Irwin will also work with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, the Campus Crusade for Christ, and other organizations through High Flight.

Rittenhouse said that rumors and published reports that Irwin would join the Graham team were incorrect, although Irwin and Graham had discussed the possibility. Graham told Irwin he would be welcome in his association, but that he thought Irwin would be more effective in an organization of his own, Rittenhouse said.

Financial arrangements and selection of a board of directors for the corporation are still being worked out, Rittenhouse said.

Several individuals have agreed to serve on the board of directors, and others are being invited, he said. Those who have agreed to serve on the board include Cooper, Jack U. Harwell, editor of The Christian Index, Atlanta; Paul Stevens, executive director of the SBC Radio-TV Commission; and D. L. Claborn, an Atlanta automobile dealer.

Incorporation of "High Flight" will be completed by Oct. 1. The name for the corporation was inspired by a poem of the same name written by a pilot named John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

Irwin said he would be living in Colorado Springs because of his love for the mountains. During the Apollo 15 flight, Irwin read back to the earth a portion of Psalms 121:1, which states: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."

In an interview with the Detroit Free Press, Irwin said he wanted to spread the message of Christ and his own personal testimony around the world. "I don't know what you would call me, maybe a world evangelist. I certainly fall into that category." Irwin told the Free Press of his hopes for the new independent organization, but at that time, it was still indefinite.

Irwin said he did not plan to be ordained, "although that might be something that would come up later. With my particular message," he said, "I believe I can be most effective as a layman."

Irwin, 42, was command pilot for the lunar module on the Apollo 15 flight, July 26-Aug. 7, 1971. He was the eighth man to walk on the moon, and the first Southern Baptist to do so.

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Openess to the Gospel,
Many Baptisms Reported

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RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)--"Unusual openess to the gospel in almost all parts of the world" was reported to members of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board by their consultant in evangelism and church development, Joseph B. Underwood.

In a business session of the board held during the week-long Foreign Missions Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Underwood gave a rundown of recent outstanding developments in Baptist work in some countries.

He noted that during 1969- and 1970 the SBC Foreign Mission Board assisted Baptists in more than 70 countries in evangelistic campaigns. About 150,000 "decisions"--individual responses to evangelistic appeals--were recorded, and in the succeeding year of follow-up work more than 120,000 of those decision makers were baptized into Baptist churches.

Some results by country:--In Korea 8,538 persons were baptized in the 1969-71 period, with 20,000-plus decisions reported in the first half of 1970. Sunday School enrollment more than

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doubled and financial contributions in Korean Baptist churches increased over six-fold in the years 1966 through 1971.

In Nigeria, in the aftermath of civil war, Baptists reported more than 8,000 baptisms in 1971 and the organization of many new churches.

Baptist church membership in Malawi increased 400 per cent in the years 1970 and 1971.

A reported 2,242 baptisms in Kenya in 1971 is a ratio of one baptism for every three church members.

Reports of a five-year (1966-70) program of advance of the National Baptist Convention of Mexico indicate: total churches, 300; professions of faith in Christ, 35,000; baptisms, 10,000, church membership, 25,000; preaching centers opened, 600; missions started, 225; churches organized, 80.

Underwood told board members that it is the conviction of both missionaries and national Baptists that the nationals should be encouraged to plan, initiate and promote programs they judge to be appropriate in their particular circumstances.

"They need the development," he said. "They need to learn skills. They need to train and utilize laymen in personal witnessing. They need to be participants, not simply recipients and spectators."

The efforts of missionaries and other Southern Baptists "to share plans, ideas and suggestions whereby we seek to inspire greater vision and definite planning...can only be 'seed planting' in most instances," added Underwood.

James D. Belote, the board's secretary for East Asia, reported that "one of the most significant responses to the gospel in recent years is in progress" in Korea.

Hundreds of men in the Republic of Korea armed forces are turning to Christ, said Belote, constituting "an amazing spiritual movement in the area."

Several Southern Baptist missionaries are witnessing to these servicemen and are reporting "remarkable opportunities and results." Recently the Foreign Mission Board appropriated funds for Bible correspondence courses which are now being used for follow-up and Christian nurture among servicemen making professions of faith in Christ, Belote continued.

He reported that Baptist churches and missions in Okinawa continue to have opportunities to proclaim the gospel since the reversion of Okinawa to Japanese sovereignty May 15.

According to proposed guidelines by a joint committee of Japanese Baptists and Southern Baptist missionaries in Japan, the two groups will continue to work in a cooperative relationship in all phases of Christian ministry, reported Belote.

At the same time, either group will be free to carry out evangelistic projects on its own, with the expectation that this will be done in consultation with the other, he continued. Evangelistic outreach will be in the forefront of all aspects of Baptist work in Japan.

In recent years Japanese Baptists have asked the Foreign Mission Board for additional missionary personnel, and the number appointed has been far below that needed to meet present challenges and opportunities in Japan, Belote told the board.

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Crusade Starts Language Work
With Youth Choir's Assistance

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BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (BP)--A week-long Baptist-led "Festival of Faith" crusade in a city which has no Southern Baptist church has resulted in 120 recorded decisions for Christ and the formation of Bible study groups in Slavic, Spanish, Portuguese and English languages.

The crusade was led by Southern Baptist Home Mission Board staff members with the assistance of a 104-voice youth choir from First Baptist Church, Hendersonville, N.C., called the "Sound of Singing Youth."

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Singing original presentations, the choir received a standing ovation from one packed high school auditorium crowd, and prompted merchants in Lafayette Plaza, a Bridgeport shopping center where the choir sang twice daily, to write letters saying the choir had brought a feeling of good cheer in an area where crime had given shoppers sense of uneasiness.

The most dramatic result was the conversion of the leader of a local street gang called the Warlords. Richie, the gang leader, drove up beside the choir's bus as it was leaving and yelled to the choir member who introduced him to Christ to reach down and take his knife. As the bus sped away at 40 miles per hour, Richie handed over the knife, yelling: "Take it, I don't want to see it anymore."

During the crusade itself, language missions workers from the SBC Home Mission Board held services in Polish, Italian, German, Spanish, English, Russian and Portuguese.

Joint services were held in the city auditorium, led by W. D. Lawes of the SBC Home Mission Board Evangelism Division. His messages were translated simultaneously into six other languages.

The choir, led by Hendersonville First Baptist Church minister of music Aubrey Edwards, raised \$16,000 by cutting yards, digging stumps, and conducting other projects to finance the trip.

Kathy Roper, 18, said of her experience as a choir member, "It opened my eyes to needs of people. I want to always mean something to people."

Elias Golonka, associate secretary of the board's department of language missions and coordinator of the crusade's language work, said, "Those kids couldn't even finish their musical invitation before people ran out of the audiences to go forward. The choir members would stop singing and greet them with hugs and tears."

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Communications Workers
Study at Baptist Center

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CALI, Colombia (BP)--Communications workers from 11 Latin American countries are studying journalism and related subjects in the International Baptist Communications Center here. The course, intensive in nature, lasts five weeks.

Countries represented by the 12 students are Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Argentina, Uruguay and Chile.

Most of the students are presently working in some phase of communications for Baptists in their respective nations. They were selected by their respective countries on the basis of aptitude in communications skills and present connection with Baptist work in the field of mass media.

Teachers for the courses are Alan Compton, Southern Baptist mass media representative for Latin America; missionary John Magyar, director of the center; and Mr. and Mrs. Wally Poor, missionary journalists in Uruguay.

The course in journalism this year is intended as the first of a four-year cycle of classes of brief but intense nature designed to equip workers in each country to work at a professional level in the mass media. Studies planned for 1973 through 1975 are in radio, television and film making, respectively.

Classes meet in the still uncompleted Communication Center being built to serve Baptists of Colombia. The center is located on the grounds of the International Baptist Theological Seminary here.

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