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APPLICATIONS DUE AUGUST 10  
FOR SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY

WAKE FOREST, N.C. -- (BP) -- Applications for admission to the new Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, North Carolina, for the fall semester must be in the office of the Seminary before August 10, Joseph R. Robinson, comptroller, announces.

The Seminary's policy of closing the application files thirty days before the matriculation date each semester is in line with the policy adopted last year by the other Southern Baptist seminaries. September 10 is the date set for matriculation for the 1951-52 session. Classes will begin September 12 with the opening convocation the same day, according to Dr. Sydnor L. Stealey, president.

Dr. Stealey reports seventy formal applications for entrance to the Seminary filed in the comptroller's office in mid-July. All Atlantic seaboard states except Maryland are represented. Inland states of Tennessee, West Virginia and Michigan are also listed.

Married students applying outnumber single ones eight to one, most of them with children. The majority have some previous pastoral experience.

Administrative offices of the new seminary have been established in the Music and Religion Building on the Wake Forest College campus. Members of the faculty are already on the campus and available for interviews with interested students.

In addition to the president and comptroller the faculty includes Dr. J. Leo Green, professor of Old Testament Interpretation, formerly of Gainesville, Florida; Dr. J.B. Hipps, professor of Missions, former professor in the University of Shanghai; and W.C. Strickland, professor of New Testament and Greek, from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

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## FRIENDLY BAPTISTS NOTICED

BUFFALO, N.Y. -- (BP) -- Baptists are friendly even at conventions. In fact, so considerate were messengers to the June meeting of the American Baptist Convention here, that a hotel parking lot attendant wrote the Convention president a letter from "sheer admiration."

"I have never dealt with a finer, more considerate group of people since I started here... Many folks just came out to talk to me for a while," the attendant wrote Dr. E.H. Pruden, president of the Convention and pastor of the First Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.

The attendant says he hopes American Baptists will come back to Buffalo next year.

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THREE BASIC UNITS  
ASSURED FOR GLORIETA.

NASHVILLE --(BP)-- Assurance that three basic units at the Glorieta Baptist Assembly would be started in the near future was given this week with the appropriation of \$100,000 for the third unit at the annual meeting of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Funds for the \$100,000 auditorium unit were provided last year with the appropriation of \$50,000 by the Sunday School Board and gifts from two Texas Baptists. New Mexico Baptists have agreed to raise \$100,000 to build New Mexico Hall, the administration unit. The \$100,000 approved this week will provide for the dining hall and kitchen.

"We will have more than \$500,000 invested in Glorieta when these units are completed," Dr. T.L. Holcomb, executive secretary, told the Board, "but we are in urgent need of housing units if Glorieta opens next summer. The average cost of a room for these housing units is around \$1850, and we must depend on individuals and groups to provide them."

Dr. Holcomb called attention to the 391 young people who had made definite decisions for full-time Christian service for the first time during the first Training Union week at Ridgecrest.

"We must remember that investments in these summer assemblies are investments in the lives of future missionaries, ministers, and other Christian workers," he said.

The Sunday School Board also approved an appropriation of \$25,000 toward the erection of a library building at the Golden Gate Seminary when a permanent location is decided upon.

Special recognition was given in the Board meeting to the sixty employees who have served more than twenty-five years. Dr. W.R. White, Baylor University president, gave the Sixtieth Anniversary address. Dr. W.F. Powell was re-elected president, the thirtieth time he has been elected president of the Board.

OKLAHOMA COLLEGE CENTERS  
PLAN SIMULTANEOUS REVIVALS

OKLAHOMA CITY -- (BP) -- Simultaneous youth-led revivals are scheduled for every college center in Oklahoma during the week of October 14-21, Ira Prosser, state student secretary, announces.

Arthur Driscoll, student secretary at the University of Oklahoma, in charge of all general arrangements for the state-wide effort, reports that plans are nearing completion on all of the twenty-two Oklahoma campuses for the first such student evangelistic campaign in that state.

Pioneer youth revival promoter, Bill Cody, student secretary at the University of Kentucky, introduced the simultaneous plan for college centers in Kentucky two years ago. Texas conducted a similar campaign last year. Cody will supervise groundwork plans for the Oklahoma City city-wide campaign.

Among the youth speakers and singers scheduled are Bob Denny, associate in the Department of Student Work, Nashville; Jackie Robinson, all-American athlete; Howard Butt, Texas layman and vice-president of a large wholesale grocery firm; Milton Ferguson, former Oklahoma BSU state president and well-known youth evangelist in Oklahoma; Frank Boggs, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary musician; and others.

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BAPTIST BABY HOME  
BEGINS THIRD YEAR

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana --(BP)-- During its three-year existence, the Baptist Baby Home in New Orleans, operated by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, has provided for seventy-seven babies the foundation for a future -- a Christian home.

Organized in July of 1948, the home is affiliated with the Women's Emergency Home. Since its beginning the home has increased from a nursery capacity of ten to twenty and a nursing staff of three to eight. It is licensed by the Louisiana Department of Public Welfare. The Home keeps a list of approximately twenty approved families for each baby available for adoption.

Adoption regulations are very high. No homes where both parents have been divorced will be approved. Placements are made in non-Baptist homes as well as Baptist. Both parents must be active members of the same church. Inquiries by prospective adoptive parents since the home opened numbered 944 this month.

Present superintendent of the home is Mrs. Allegra LaPrairie.

SBC BAPTIST MISSIONARY  
PREACHES TO RED PRISONERS

PUSAN, Korea--(BP)--What is it like preaching to Chinese communist prisoners of war in United Nations Korean interment camps?

Dr. John A. Abernathy, veteran Southern Baptist missionary to China, can tell you. He is now in Korea organizing mission work, administering relief and preaching to both Chinese and Koreans.

Here is his story:

"Each Monday afternoon the past three weeks I've enjoyed preaching to Chinese communist prisoners of war. There are many thousands of these people in camps near here. Of course there are large numbers of Korean prisoners of war too. ~~CHQ~~ Chaplain (Col.) Bennett asked me when in Tokyo if I could spare some time to preach to these Chinese war prisoners. The chaplains here have followed it up and Mr. and Mrs. David Ahn and I go out in our car each Monday afternoon, they to preach to the Koreans and I to the Chinese.

"I doubt that I have done any kind of missionary work where there was greater and more immediate response than this. I preached my first sermon in a Quonset ward of over 300 wounded soldiers. You should have seen them perk up when they realized I was speaking Chinese. Even the more seriously wounded propped themselves up on their elbows to hear what I was saying. 'Anybody here from Shantung?' I asked. About twenty hands went up. Then I told them that was my home for the past twenty-nine years. Then I asked if there were any from Tsinan and three held up their hands. In talking with them I found they (two of them) knew me.

"I asked if there were any Christians among them. Between twenty-five and thirty held up their hands on this proposition. One lad was the son of one of our Baptist preachers in Kwanghsi Province. I asked what they were doing as soldiers in the Communist army. Nearly all replied that they had been either captured while fighting in the Nationalist Army or drafted outright. Some said they had been drafted as late as February this year and didn't know where they were going until they found themselves at the front. They had no choice in the matter. I was glad I could tell many of them I had been in their province or home towns. Many of them seemed as thrilled as if their daddy had come. Many of them are children sixteen years old.

"They learned quickly the chorus I taught and sang with me several times. After preaching a warm gospel sermon I asked how many of them would dare believe on Christ

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and be saved. David Ahn was with me and said later at least forty of them shoved their hands into the air and said, 'I want to be a Christian and follow Jesus.' It has been the same at each service.

"Going from ward to ward and talking individually to these people is most profitable. Most of them are badly wounded with bullets, shrapnel or burns. I saw one lad with no skin on most of his lower body and legs. Most of them are homesick but most of them hope the communist regime will be overthrown before they return to their homes. The Ahns and I have UN Army passes to go into these POW enclosures and are given all the freedom one could wish."

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## NEW BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZED IN KOREA

PUSAN, Korea---(BP)--Christian work is again thriving in Korea and a Southern Baptist missionary is at the forefront. One evidence of progress is a new Baptist church organized in Pusan late in June. The missionary is John A. Abernathy who reports, "One deacon was ordained, four elected and a pastor called. David Ahn is the pastor of this infant church and I am the associate. I shall be happy to do anything I can to back David in helping and encouraging the brethren and sisters. It will be his first pastorate, but he has many fine plans for a program of growth now and in the future."

The young church is looking for suitable land on which to build. "We are on the trail of some fine property formerly owned by Japanese. We feel government authorities are co-operating with us and we have hopes of getting the place. If we succeed there will be room for a church, missionary residence, clinic and space to put up our two strong army tents."

Will the work in Pusan be permanent? Missionary Abernathy thinks so. "I feel that we would be safe in investing funds in Pusan for a church because no matter how long the war lasts, chances are the communists will never come as far south as Pusan. It is an important city in many respects and Baptists ought to have a strong work established here."

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GLORIETA PROGRESS SEES  
FIRST BUILDINGS IN VIEW

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- The probable opening of Glorieta Baptist Assembly in New Mexico by the summer of 1952 is in sight. Dr. John L. Hill, who is in charge of Glorieta promotion, reports that the opening will be dependent on progress made in the construction of necessary buildings.

New Mexico Baptists are raising \$100,000 toward the erection of New Mexico Hall, administration building, and the Baptist Sunday School Board recently appropriated \$100,000 for the first unit of the dining room. Eual F. Lawson, state superintendent of evangelism, is directing the New Mexico campaign.

Construction on these two buildings, along with the auditorium for which funds are already in hand, will begin as soon as materials are available, Dr. Hill says. Lodging facilities are expected to be provided through individual gifts.

Buildings already on the site near Santa Fe, New Mexico, include a remodeled ranch home occupied by E.A. Herron who became manager of Glorieta in June 1950, and the recently completed caretaker's home near the highway entrance to the grounds.

Dr. Hill says that the entire property of 1,138 acres has been surveyed and road developments outlined. Major entrance roads and grading are already complete and ready for surfacing. Other roads in the first area developed are ready for surfacing and two bridges over a small stream are completed.

Much material is on the grounds and ready for use in other construction of bridges and roads, and installation of electrical equipment, plumbing facilities and water mains. An engineering contract has been signed with a Santa Fe firm for such projects as are assigned to them.

Water facilities are almost complete this summer. A ten inch diameter well is now producing a test flow of 400 gallons of water per minute and a 500,000 gallon reservoir tank has been erected on an elevated section of the grounds. Provisions have been authorized for a pump house, pump and controls for the well.

A master plan with perspective for the development of the entire site has been prepared by the Department of Church Architecture. Preliminary floor plan sketches for the first three buildings and several housing units are ready. Contracts have been signed for architectural services for preparation of working drawings, specifications and supervision of the first unit of the administration building.

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RELIEF FOR KOREA  
NEEDED IMMEDIATELY

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--There is need for immediate relief funds for Korea, according to a letter received here from Dr. John A. Abernathy, Southern Baptist missionary who is now living in free Korea.

There are four urgent needs: (1) medical, (2) help for war orphans, (3) general relief and (4) additional missionary personnel.

Dr. Abernathy says that there is now only one missionary doctor for over one million Koreans. All the native doctors are serving with the army. "Thousands of poor refugees and others have no place to go when they get sick. Many are unable to buy medicine or call a doctor. We are urgently requesting as soon as possible at least two ex-China missionary doctors with clinical equipment and medicines."

Another urgent need is for orphans' homes. "We have many Baptist orphans, but there are tens of thousands of homeless children roaming around from all over Korea. This is one of the saddest pictures I have seen in my survey trips. An old people's home would be a good investment from relief funds. There are hundreds of old men and women who have been uprooted from their homes and left to wander and die. Something is being done, but not much."

Plenty of usable warm clothing is needed but no "high-heeled" shoes or other unusable articles. Facilities such as trucks and storehouses are needed for distribution of the relief materials. Other general relief items needed are food, money for school books and tuition, and funds for rebuilding of homes. Abernathy expressed hope that America could get organized to supply these needs. "I hope Southern Baptists and the Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee will decide to launch a worthy relief program for Baptists and others in Korea. There is no limit to the need."

Also needed are additional missionary personnel. Abernathy says, "The last request we make is for more missionary personnel to help in the relief program and in general missionary work. There is no limit to the opportunities for all phases of our mission program of preaching, teaching and healing. The committee urgently requests the Foreign Mission Board to send two doctors and two evangelistic workers. There are many Koreans who speak Chinese and at least 3,000 Chinese living here with nothing being done for them in the way of religious work."

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HOME ON THE RANGE

EDINBURG, Tex.--(BP)--Jim Kincannon, pastor of the First Baptist Church here, made his Sunday morning report on the recent San Francisco Southern Baptist Convention. He closed by saying for the benefit of boys and girls present:

"I have never given much thought to Roy Rogers and to his wife Dale Evans until I heard that they were Baptist people....And...do you know that both of them are workers in the church there in California? I understand that Roy teaches a class of boys about your age and Dale is superintendent of a Sunday school department." He had no more than said the last word when a little girl sitting with her mother four rows from the front spoke out, "What does Trigger do?"

(For the information of the less erudite, Trigger is Roy's cow-pony.)

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## UN-CONVENTIONALITIES

by J. W. Storer

First Baptist Church  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

For more years now than I can remember, I have been writing these personal view-points. Certainly they commit no one but myself, and do not necessarily reflect anyone's impressions but my own.

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Coming into Oakland, there is a big ad that strikes your eye, "Nature furnishes no spare parts." But one's dentist does.

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You detrain and get on the ferry which brings you from Oakland across the bay to San Francisco - right past Goat Island, with a superb view of the Bay Bridge and also the Golden Gate Bridge, and "The Rock." They have wonderful bridges here - and Harry Bridges, who is not so wonderful.

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The meeting place - 90 cents distance by taxi - is fully adequate and the best we have had in years. Nearby, in the Civic Center, is the Opera House where was born what is now the dis-United Nations. The setting is beautiful; even the seats are not bad.

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Book exhibits draw their usual crowd of buyers, and moochers. Plenty of space for the brothers to politic, and start that conversation which begins with "I have no reason to leave where I am, the work is growing by leaps and bounds, but of course if it is the Lord's will that I should leave, I will not turn a deaf ear . . . . etc., etc." That's a standard SBC buyline.

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The brothers look prosperous as they arrive via plane, train and dyna-flow.

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As always, the big hour for the Southern Baptist Convention is the Annual Sermon. Preached this year by Roy Angell of Miami, it was a masterpiece. It had thought power and heart power. So much of our SBC fulminations are more forensic than factual.

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Speaking of preaching, I'm going out on a limb and say Dr. F. Townley Lord showed us how. He made us see the Book of John and the Christ of all promise and hope as no one else could do it, or did do it. Yet, I overheard a group giving him the works, because he referred to a Chaplain as "Padre." We certainly do have some small bores in our collection.

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Certain actions of the Convention disturb me. We are developing each year a greater tendency to out Torquemada Torky. I mean the definitions and strictures that link us up with a sort of Inquisition, and say, in ffect, that a hair in the butter is alright, so long as it has a curl, and not a crimp. I came into my Baptist faith by the route of conviction - but for the life of me I can't see why everyone has to duplicate my path - or else be thrown out of the synagogue. Brethren, we can get so definitive we will run out of definitions. When that happens, who knows what some of the boys will do!

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One thing everyone is happy about, and that is the daily Bulletin. It is possible - and some may do it - to get the daily Bulletins and attend the Convention without every leaving the lobby of the hotel.

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The election of a President developed into a horse race - with three of the selling platers dropping out in a hurry. From there on in, it was a fast heat between a dark horse and the favorite - with the Grey winning by a snozzle.

Dr. Grey will make a grand President; he has youth, virility, vigor and vision. And certainly he will have the prayers of all of us. As one whom he defeated, there is an ancient story which has full point. When the Spartan Pedaretus failed to be numbered among the 300 most distinguished men of his city, he returned with a smiling countenance. "I am overjoyed," he told his wife, "to find that there are 300 men in Sparta more honorable than myself."

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An oddity - both Vice Presidents belong to the First Baptist Church of Waco. Such a thing would seem to indicate that only Texas can grow 'em great enough.

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Billy Graham spoke at the close of the Friday session. Such a popping of flash bulbs you never saw. I doubt if the Veep would have had focused so much film.

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Governor Warren welcomed the Convention - did it aptly, and it is readily seen why he is so popular, he says his piece well, and gets thru. I kept thinking of his daughter, polio stricken, but fighting a winning battle. Governor Warren is a member of the First Baptist Church in Sacramento, and he is a good man. They tell me he is no Bourbon drinking, no poker playing Baptist. I like that kind of a Baptist.

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These cable cars are the cat's whiskers - and so many of our messengers rode up the hill and rode down again, just for the fun of it. There is a new book which tells all about it - but it costs \$6.00 - and that would almost buy a meal. Think of paying 40 cents for a soft-boiled egg! Sure, they gave you coffee with it - the generous souls!

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But there is one place where you get your money's worth - a shop on O'Farrell Street called "Nothing But Ties." Any tie in the shop for a dollar! I've been looking for a black tie with diagonal white stripes everywhere, but in vain. Here, all you wanted for a buck. I splurged and got two.

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It is always good to see the brothers who have stood alongside, since 1915, my first Convention. And there is a so worthwhile group of young men coming on - my boys, like Landon Miller and Boyd Hunt. Jimmy Landes is another of my lads, but I missed seeing him. Why do I call them mine? Oh, I just adopted them!

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Sometimes it's hard for a few of the brothers to get up a full head of steam over their reports - but they work hard, shout loud, and pound plenty. And for many Convention-goers, that's the recipe. To me, it's just yelling down a wind tunnel.

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The Manager of the Sir Francis Drake told me that this Convention crowd was the best behaved they have ever had, and, he added, with less breakage.

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I picked up a flu bug on Saturday. Went to see a doctor, and was it a ritzy office. When he had done his stint, he said, "I'll turn you over to Mrs. Wood, she will give you blank c.c.'s of penicilin." So she stabbed me. And when I went to pay my bill, she said, "Doctor Baron said that is just a sample of our California hospitality!"

The good doctor is a top hand, I'll say!

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We go to Miami next year, and to Houston in 1953. Both are hot spots in May. The weather here is delightful, if anything on the cool side. But it is a long way from our Baptist population plenitude!

Southern Baptists now latch on to Alaska! Why not shove on out as far as Joe goes? Anyone know any reason for stopping at the Canadian border? Nothing to it - just ask for passports and take in Shangri-La.

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Heard a brother haranguing about orthodoxy, and was he getting "amens." He has owed me \$25.00 for ten years. He got no "amens" from me. Personally, I don't think he's so orthodox!