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BAPTIST SEMINARIES ANTICIPATE  
INCREASED SEPTEMBER ENROLMENT

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- Southern Baptist seminaries this fall expect an increased enrolment of nearly 7 per cent over last year.

This is 5 per cent more than the 2 per cent increase expected in theological seminaries throughout the country according to a nation-wide survey made by the Department of Public Relations of the National Council of Churches and released by Religious News Service recently.

The survey reported an over-all total registration last year of 21,455 (based on 100 seminaries participating) and an expected total of 21,876 for this fall. Enrolment in the five Southern Baptist seminaries last fall totaled 3,256. Six theological schools, including the new Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, North Carolina, anticipate nearly 3,500 students in September.

Many more would enrol in the Baptist seminaries if housing facilities were available for married students. "If we could offer housing facilities for rent to married students," writes Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, president of the New Orleans school, "we would be able to enrol from 200 to 250 more, but 'there is no room in the inn' for many who are seeking entrance here."

An increase of about fifty students over last fall's total of 560 is expected at New Orleans, while Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, is anticipating a capacity enrolment of 1,450 compared to the near-capacity number of 1,435 last year.

The total at Southern Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, according to Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins, president, should reach the 1,000 mark. More than 950 enrolled last fall.

Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, operating for its first time this year, set a goal of sixty enrolled in the first-year work to be offered. Seventy-five have already applied for admission, Dr. Sydnor L. Stealey, president, reports, and others may raise it to near 100.

Golden Gate Seminary, Berkeley, California, is expecting from 225 to 275 to enter its classes this fall, while American Baptist Seminary (Negro), Nashville, partially supported by Southern Baptists, hopes to equal last year's number of 120.

The National Council survey reports that "church membership in this country is at an all-time high and there are about 15,000 vacant pulpits" in American churches today. Only one denomination of those included in the survey reported that its seminary and colleges were producing enough preachers to fill their needs.

TEXAS STUDENTS SPONSOR  
EUROPEAN YOUTH RETREAT

DALLAS, Tex. --(BP)-- Baptist youth from all over Europe are getting a taste of a "Little Ridgecrest" this summer in Zurich, Switzerland, because one young lady had an idea.

When Miss Eunice Parker, former student worker in Texas, went to Zurich in 1949 as librarian of the Baptist Seminary there, she began to see visions of a summer student assembly on the Seminary campus. She wrote to Texas student friends about her vision and also about the major hindrance -- European young people had no money to travel long distances to a youth retreat.

Two years later the dream is coming true. In the fall of 1949, Miss Parker's appeal was presented to the state convention of the Baptist Student Union and Texas students gave \$1,216 for travel expenses of European Baptist students to the encampment.

Youth from France, England, Holland, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Portugal, Austria, Germany and Switzerland are spending a week this summer on the shore of "lovely lake Zurich" in Miss Parker's "Ridgecrest of Europe." (Ridgecrest is the assembly of the Southern Baptist Convention in Ridgecrest, North Carolina.)

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MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET APPROVED  
IN OKLAHOMA MID-YEAR MEETING

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. --(BP)-- A million-dollar goal for missions through the Cooperative Program in 1951 and the election of a state evangelist were the results of the summer meeting of the Board of Directors of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma recently.

Dr. Thomas P. Haskins, pastor of the Immanuel Church, Oklahoma City, was asked to become state evangelist to work through the department of evangelism in revival meetings throughout the state. Dr. Haskins' decision is not yet announced.

Among the approved recommendations of the stewardship committee, reported by Paul Stevens, pastor of First Church, Ada, were the goal of \$1,000,000 for missions in 1951, the re-affirmation of emphasis on the percentage plan of giving by the churches and the suggestion of the slogan "up two in fifty-two," meaning the churches be urged to give an additional 2 per cent of their budgets to missions next year.

Dates were set for stewardship emphasis weeks for the next three years and for the Evangelistic Conference in 1952. Plans were also discussed for another simultaneous revival campaign in 1952.

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EDUCATOR LISTS COMMANDMENTS  
FOR COLLEGE ADMINISTRATORS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain; but thou shalt include religion and morals in what is studied and in what is taught."

Thus reads the third of the "Ten Commandments for College Presidents" given to the Institute of Higher Education meeting at Scarritt College in Nashville recently by Dr. Ernest C. Colwell, former president of the University of Chicago, now holder of the Distinguished Visiting Professorship at Emory University.

The lack of morality and religion in institutions of higher learning was blamed on the desire of the average college president to keep out of controversy. And Dr. Colwell explained that "morality is the one realm in which controversy is inevitable."

He listed some morally "low-level" and "high-level administrative achievements" and said that college presidents fail, "not because they are stupid, but because they are immoral."

Following are the other nine of Dr. Colwell's forceful commandments:

I. "Thou shalt not be afraid; neither of the alumni, nor of the Board, nor of anything that is in the Heavens above or the Earth beneath or the Waters under the earth -- caring neither for a quiet life nor for public praise, but only for sound learning that will destroy the vicious ignorance and prejudice which today darken the minds of our people.

II. "Thou shalt not make unto thee a graven image of the Chairman of the Board, nor of the Governor of the State, nor shalt thou bow the knee before legislative committees who would limit or destroy that freedom of the mind without which all other freedoms are brutalized.

IV. "Each semester shalt thou labor -- thou, and thy faculty, and thy student body; thou shalt not make a carnival out of the works of the mind."

V. "Thou shalt not covet a championship football team, nor the largest student body, nor the largest stadium, nor to have the largest number of unused books in your library.

VI. "Thou shalt not kill the intellectual curiosity of either student or teacher by substituting empty routines for the excitement of learning.

VII. "Thou shalt not commit 'adultery,' but to thine own institution and its distinctive function thou shalt be true. Thou shalt not tolerate degradation -- neither of the faculty nor of the course of study.

VIII. "Thou shalt not steal thy neighbor's quarterback nor the students that should be his, nor shalt thou take from any source, money to be squandered upon an incompetent staff and wasted for the prestige of your institution.

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IX. "Thou shalt not forswear thyself -- not with alumni, nor with donors, nor with the Board; but thou shalt perform thine oaths to lead the faculty in the pursuit of that truth which makes men free.

X. "Thou shalt honor sound learning and attack shoddiness and pretension that thy name may be remembered in the company of learned men."

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SBC RADIO COMMISSION  
LOOKS TOWARD TELEVISION

ATLANTA, Ga. --(BP)-- The Southern Baptist Convention's Radio Commission, meeting in Atlanta recently, approved a program looking to its entrance in the television field should financial arrangements be made in later years.

Dr. S.F. Lowe, director of the Commission, said a meeting would be held in Washington this fall with television producers to provide discussion as to how the Commission could assist local churches in their own television programs.

Dr. Lowe points out that some churches are televising services and that correlation of their activities, with expert guidance from the television industry through the Commission, should prove valuable.

There was general agreement, in the tentative discussions by the Commission, that consideration would be given to televising the Baptist Hour when the field is entered. Dr. Lowe said such a program would be somewhat experimental. The Commission also discussed a series of television dramas on the Christian home and the possibility of purchasing or renting religious films for television.

"We are spending all our funds on the Baptist Hour," Dr. Lowe explained, adding that nothing would be done in the television field involving appropriations until the money becomes available.

Dr. Lowe reported to the Commission that 240 stations are carrying the Baptist Hour during the summer months when no time is being purchased on the stations. Rev. Charles Wellborn is the speaker on these transcribed programs and has been elected for 1952.

Dr. Lowe, Commission director since 1944, was re-elected as was Dupree Jordan, associate director.

Dr. Ramsey Pollard of Knoxville, Tennessee, was re-elected for his fourth term as chairman and Dr. Allen Graves, Tulsa, Oklahoma, was elected vice-chairman for a second term. Rev. Nathan C. Brooks of Greenville, South Carolina, was elected secretary.

Committee chairmen are Dr. W.E. Denham, Jr., Macon, Georgia, finance; Dr. R. Alton Reed, Dallas, Texas, radio; Rev. C.C. Meeden, Baltimore, Maryland, television; and Dr. Allen Graves, Tulsa, transcriptions and FM radio.

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#### MISSOURI CHURCH TRAINS FOR SERVICE

ST. LOUIS, Mo. --(BP)-- Thirty-five young people from one church enrolling in Southern Baptist colleges and seminaries this fall may not be a record, but it's significant when all thirty-five, nearly 6 per cent of the total church membership, are preparing for full-time religious service.

This is what will happen this September at the 635-member Calvary Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri, Nelson Reagan, pastor, reports.

An average attendance of 210 also probably puts their Training Union, Sunday evening young people's training program, among the state's largest in churches of its size. The majority of the 443 additions to the church in the last two and one-half years have been for baptism.

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#### COLWELL PROPOSES CODE OF RELIGION FOR COLLEGES

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- Universities should have their own confessions of faith and give religion and morals an important place in college life. Such was the proposal of Dr. Ernest C. Colwell, former president of the University of Chicago, to the closing session of the Institute of Higher Education meeting at Scarritt College in Nashville recently.

Emphasizing that it is impossible to be neutral in regard to religion, Dr. Colwell told university administrators from throughout the country that many colleges and universities passively throw their weight against religion.

Universities cannot afford to suspend judgment on moral matters in a time when society is selling religion on a competitive market in which it must contend with "faith in wealth, faith in the state, or faith in man's intellect alone," he said. Then he pointed out that these faiths all have their apostles and leaders on every university campus.

The church's difficulty in creating or sustaining in students a strong religious faith, Dr. Colwell said, is increased by the emphasis of educational institutions upon analysis and a detached, scientific objectivity.

Dr. Colwell will go to Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, in September as visiting professor and adviser.

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WYOMING ORGANIZES FIRST  
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH

CASPER, Wyo. --(BP)-- The first Southern Baptist church in Wyoming was organized in mid-summer, according to O.R. Delmar, pastor of the Tolleson, Arizona, church, who assisted in the organization.

The First Southern Baptist Church of Casper has twenty-one charter members and has obtained an option on a building site which has a small brick home and ample space for future construction.

According to Delmar who was invited to come to Casper to help a group of Southern Baptists there begin a church, the prospects for growth of the church in the city of 30,000 people are good. "Oil field people are moving here by the thousands," he said. "Five hundred families from one company in Oklahoma are moving here soon,"

The church will associate with the Utah Baptist Association and the Baptist General Convention of Arizona. They have called Delmar to be pastor but his decision is not yet known.

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RIDGECREST OFFERING SUPPORTS  
GERMAN STUDENT EVANGELISM

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- Evangelistic work among German Baptist students is being aided by a special offering during Student Week at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly this summer, according to Dr. G. Kearnie Keegan, secretary of the Student Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville.

Distribution of the funds, which totalled \$1,309.39, is under the direction of Dr. Joel Sorenson, youth secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, and Hans Arndt, director of Baptist Youth Work in Germany.

The emphasis of student evangelism in Germany has been on summer camps and work on university campuses, Dr. Keegan said.

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BAPTIST BRIEFS \*\*

NEW DEPARTMENT

FORT WORTH, Tex. --(BP)-- Coming to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth soon to begin his duties as head of the new Department of Pastoral Ministry is Dr. Franklin M. Segler, pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Alexandria Louisiana.

Among the suggested courses being considered for the new department are pastoral leadership, pastoral duties, pastoral counselling, ministerial ethics and etiquette, parliamentary procedure, and worship.

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INAUGURAL ADDRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- "Finding the Footprints of God" will be the subject of the inaugural address by Dr. Norman W. Cox, executive secretary, at the meeting of the Historical Society and the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, August 17-20.

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POTTER IMPROVES

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. --(BP)-- Dr. Andrew Potter, executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, is steadily improving following major surgery at Wesley Hospital in Oklahoma City in mid-July. He had not been well since returning from the Southern Baptist Convention in San Francisco in June.

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