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James Young Named Baptist
Press Feature Editor

NASHVILLE (BP)--James Lee Young of Mill Valley, Calif., has been named to the newly created position of Feature Editor of Baptist Press, news service of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He will begin duties in Nashville, Oct. 1., according to W. C. Fields, director of Baptist Press.

Young, 30, a student at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, has served since March as media representative for Family Stations, Inc., an Oakland-based company which operates a string of radio stations in six major metropolitan areas.

Mrs. Katherine Bengé Chute, 22, a former copy writer for Broadman Press, publishing arm of the SBC, will also join Baptist Press, Oct. 1, as editorial assistant. She will work with Robert O'Brien, who became Baptist Press News Editor, Aug. 15, succeeding Jim Newton.

Miss Teena Andrews, 22, currently a BP editorial assistant, will work with Young.

Before joining Family Stations, Inc., a Christian radio operation, Young served for two and-a-half years as director of news and information services at Golden Gate Seminary.

Young formerly reported for the San Diego Evening Tribune and managed a news and public relations operation for the U. S. Navy Seabees in Gia Le, Vietnam, and Gulfport, Miss.

He also was minister of music at First Baptist Church, San Rafael, Calif., for two years.

A native of Oklahoma, Young earned a journalism degree from California State University, San Diego, where he served as Baptist Student Union president and was managing editor of the school's daily newspaper. He was cited for achievement by both the school's journalism department and Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalistic society.

He has completed 30 hours toward a master's degree in religious education from Golden Gate Seminary.

Young will be responsible for feature and interpretive articles released through Baptist Press to the 33 Baptist state papers, the religious press and secular news media.

Baptist Press is a cooperative news operation among Southern Baptists, involving five bureaus, about 300 Baptist news and public relations personnel, numerous "stringers" or part-time correspondents and press representatives in 76 countries around the world.

"We are fortunate to find persons as qualified as Mr. Young and Mrs. Chute to fill out our staff and strengthen our efforts to increase the quality and breadth of Baptist Press," Fields said.

Mrs. Chute, a native of Brookhaven, Miss., is a graduate of William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss. She is married to Michael D. Chute, information specialist for the SBC Sunday School Board's public relations office.

Young is married to the former Glenda Charlene Melton of El Cajon, Calif.

Commissioners Void Church
Fire Protection Assessments

DECATUR, Ga. (BP)--The board of commissioners of DeKalb County ended a controversy here by eliminating fire protection bills which had been issued earlier to county churches and charitable institutions.

Churches and other charitable institutions in DeKalb County had received first-time bills from the county tax commissioner, who said they were assessments for fire protection.

The Decatur - DeKalb Ministerial Association met and decided to fight the billings, in the courts if necessary.

But a court battle became unnecessary when two county commissioners sided with the church group. Commissioners Tom Callaway and Horis Ward sponsored a successful resolution, which said the levy on the churches for "fire protection" was not a special assessment but in reality, a tax.

They contended it's unconstitutional for a government to tax a church.

J. Don Aderhold, pastor of Columbia Drive Baptist Church, in the Decatur area, said his church was billed \$353, about the size of bills to other county churches.

Aderhold, president of the Decatur-DeKalb Ministerial Association, said churches within the city limits were not billed--only those in the surrounding county.

Before the commissioners struck down the ruling, DeKalb County Tax Commissioner Eugene Adams told The Atlanta Journal that "churches, hospitals and other exempt institutions should have been paying fire protection all along."

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Swilley Named to Vice
President Post By Mercer

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ATLANTA (BP)--Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., president of Atlanta Baptist College before it merged with Mercer University, Macon, Ga., has been named vice president for long range university development by Mercer.

Following the merger, Atlanta Baptist College became Mercer University in Atlanta.

Swilley, who will work out of an Atlanta office, served as pastor of Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, 1945-68, before assuming the Atlanta Baptist College presidency. A native of El Dorado, Ark., he is former president of the Georgia Baptist Convention.

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