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BOOKLET ON VATICAN APPOINTMENT
CIRCULATES OVER 100,000 TO DATE

WASHINGTON, D.C. --(BP)-- The initial printing of 100,000 copies of "An Ambassador to the Vatican," by Dr. J.M. Dawson, executive secretary of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, was exhausted soon after January 1 and another 50,000 have been ordered, according to Dr. Dawson.

The booklet was published recently to outline the Baptist stand on President Truman's appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican. The Committee made the publication available to all members of the four Baptist groups in the United States represented by the Committee.

Dr. Dawson says that the second printing of 50,000 was ordered by the Protestant and Other Americans United organization in Washington.

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SBC RADIO COMMISSION TO BE
ON NBC-TV NETWORK PROGRAM

ATLANTA, Ga. --(BP)-- The weekly thirty-minute television feature, "Frontiers of Faith," will be produced by the Southern Baptist Radio Commission Sunday, January 27, upon invitation of the National Broadcasting Company.

Charles Wellborn, Baptist Hour radio speaker, will give the message. The program, originating in New York, will include music by the choir of Calvary Baptist Church in New York City and Frank Boggs, Baptist Hour soloist. Dr. John S. Wimbish, pastor of the Calvary Church, will give the opening prayer.

The Radio Commission announces this as the first network telecast to be produced by the Southern Baptist agency.

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SEMINARY GETS
NEW YEAR'S GIFT

BERKELEY, Calif. --(BP)-- Golden Gate Baptist Seminary in Berkeley received \$16,000 as a New Year's gift from Mr. A.L. Wasson, Texas philanthropist and oilman, according to Dr. B.O. Herring, president of the seminary.

The gift will be used for seminary operating expenses. Mr. Wasson has previously given over \$50,000 in seminary endowment and trust funds, Herring said.

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ALABAMA SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK
WELCOMES NEW ASSOCIATE

MONTGOMERY, Ala. --(BP)-- H.D. Strickland, Dothan layman now a student in Howard College in Birmingham, came to Alabama Baptists as an associate in the Sunday School Department in Montgomery, January 1.

Now on a part-time basis, Mr. Strickland will assume full-time duties when he finishes his studies in June, according to Ellis B. Evans, Sunday school secretary.

He replaces Ralph Longshore who has recently moved to Nashville, Tennessee, to be an associate with the Baptist Sunday School Board.

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HOME MISSIONS TO STRESS
EVANGELISM AND THE CHURCH

ATLANTA, Ga. --(BP)-- With the hope that permanent evangelism programs will emerge among Southern Baptists from "the present interest in soul-winning," the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention will promote evangelism on the state level this year, according to Dr. Courts Redford, assistant executive secretary of the Board in Atlanta.

In a recent projection of the Board's plans for 1952, Dr. Redford said that the emphasis on the church will be continued through promoting doctrinal study, organization of new churches, encouraging local congregations to sponsor mission work in their own territories, and a campaign to re-enlist the many non-resident Baptists throughout the Convention territory.

He emphasized the significance of organizing new churches by citing achievements of the 3,942 churches organized from 1940 to 1950, reporting that they now have 513,501 members and gave over \$1,500,000 to missions in 1950.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD ANTICIPATES
BUILDING PROGRESS DURING YEAR

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- Expanded physical facilities in Nashville and continued progress on the Glorieta Assembly in New Mexico are two objectives in sight during the year for the Baptist Sunday School Board, according to Dr. T.L. Holcomb, executive secretary.

Completion of an addition to the Ninth Avenue building in Nashville, providing much needed office space and working facilities, is expected during the year. Equipment of the printing plant was moved to new quarters recently.

Construction is to be started on several buildings at Glorieta and a one-week "Pioneer Camp" is planned for the assembly this summer. Expansion at Ridgecrest is also being projected.

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