

SMITH DECLINES JOB AS  
LOUISIANA SECRETARY

ALEXANDRIA, La. --(BP)-- Dr. R. Houston Smith, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pineville, Louisiana, has declined to accept his recent election to the executive secretaryship of the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

No further action has been announced by the executive board as yet. Dr. T.W. Gayer, a retired minister of Franlinton, Louisiana, is serving as interim secretary since the death of Dr. W.H. Knight, who was secretary since 1941.

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EIGHT SOUTHERN BAPTIST SCHOOLS  
RECEIVE HIGH RECOMMENDATIONS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- Eight of the twenty-four Southern Baptist senior colleges within specified enrolment limits are among the 125 "small" colleges "earnestly recommended to parents and prospective college students" by the Good Housekeeping Magazine in its February, 1952, issue.

Selection was made on the basis of financial stability, quality of faculty, adequacy of library facilities, and the percentage of students continuing with graduate work.

Included are Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina; Howard College, Birmingham, Alabama; Mercer University, Macon, Georgia; Meredith College, Raleigh, North Carolina; Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi; Shorter College, Rome, Georgia; Stetson University, DeLand, Florida, and William Jewel College, Liberty, Missouri.

Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, North Carolina, was among the institutions of recognized excellence but was excluded from the list because of size.

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CHURCH SECRETARIAL COURSE POPULAR  
SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY ELECTIVE

FORT WORTH, Tex. --(BP)-- Seventeen years ago when Dr. J.M. Price of Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth saw an increasing demand for church and pastors' secretaries--requests for which he had no one to recommend--he established a course which has increased in popularity through the years.

"We had the calls for them (church secretaries) but we didn't have anyone to recommend because we didn't know anyone trained for that type of work," Dr. Price says.

A recent article in a local Fort Worth newspaper featured in connection with the course both Dr. Price, head of the School of Religious Education, and Miss Gracie Knowlton who has been instructor of the course for the last five years. While doing her graduate work at the Seminary, Miss Knowlton was at one time enrolled in the course she now teaches.

The twenty-two students now taking the course, most of them women, study such points as personal appearance, personality, cooperation, discreet conduct, arranging office equipment effectively, letter writing and keeping proper records -- as related to effective service as a church secretary.

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