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CONFIDENTIAL TO PASTORS:
A WAY TO INTEREST YOUTH

JERSEYVILLE, Ill.--(BP)--Juniors and intermediates at nearby Otterville Baptist Church grew restless during Sunday worship services. Pastor Avery Courtney wondered what he could do to keep them interested.

He began passing out pencil and paper to each of them before starting the preaching service, asked them to outline the sermon as he preached it, and then took up the outlines afterward to see who had made the best one.

The youngsters and teen-agers all became interested in this project, and sometimes their outlines have been exactly like the one the pastor writes out himself.

Since he started this Courtney reports, "the fine group of young people have been wonderful during the worship services."

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NEW FOOTBALL COACH

PINEVILLE, La.--(BP)--Leslie S. DeVall has been appointed athletic director and head football coach at Louisiana College here. He came to the Baptist college here from a coaching position at another Baptist school, William Carey College in Hattiesburg, Miss.

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RECORD YEAR IN ILLINOIS

CARBONDALE, Ill.--(EP)--Members of Southern Baptist churches in Illinois last year contributed \$477,388 through the Cooperative Program, exceeding their goal of \$450,000, according to State Secretary Noel M. Taylor. This, he added, is "by far" the largest contribution through the Cooperative Program in the history of the Illinois Baptist State Association (state convention).

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RECORD HOSPITAL DAY

LEXINGTON, Ky.--(BP)--Central Baptist Hospital here treated 143 patients in a single day recently, its record to date, according to hospital officials.

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**TENNESSEE CONVENTION HAS
THREE NEW STAFF MEMBERS**

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The Tennessee Baptist Convention has a new state secretary of evangelism, new business manager, and new director of Baptist Student Union work in Nashville.

Joseph Kesler, Jr., Nashville businessman, becomes the convention's business manager succeeding Gene Kerr, whom the convention recently selected as director of promotion and administrative assistant to the state secretary.

The pastor of First Baptist Church, Athens, Tenn., F. M. Dowell, Jr., succeeds Leonard Sanderson as state secretary of evangelism. Sanderson recently accepted the secretary of evangelism position in the Home Mission Board.

George W. Jones, of Springfield, Mo., Baptist student director there, becomes student director for the colleges in Nashville. David K. Alexander, former student director in the city, resigned last year to become associated with the student department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

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KANSAS CENTER OPENS

WICHITA, Kans.--(BP)--The first Southern Baptist seminary extension center in Kansas opens Jan. 26 here. Courses in Bible, religious education, and evangelism will be offered at the center, sponsored by Sedgwick County Baptist Association. Raymond Collier, superintendent of missions for the Wichita area, will serve as director and dean.

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WAKE FOREST HOUSING

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.--(BP)--Fifty low-rent apartment units for married students at Wake Forest College will be built here, according to College President Harold W. Tribble. A section of the school's new campus also will be set aside for automobile trailers. Wake Forest enrolment includes 226 married students.

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HEWITT'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

JACKSON, Miss.--(BP)--W. A. Hewitt, pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., celebrated his 80th birthday recently. The congregation which he pastored for 28 years presented him with a bouquet of roses in recognition of his service. The day also marked the 60th anniversary of his ordination as a minister.

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NEW OFFICERS CHOSEN
AT LOUISIANA COLLEGE

PINEVILLE, La.--(BP)--Trustees of Louisiana College here have elected the second dean in the 49-year history of the Baptist college and also have elected a president of the board.

John R. Timmerman, former head of the Louisiana College English department now teaching at Oklahoma Baptist University, succeeds H. M. Weathersby as dean on June 1. Dean Weathersby is retiring then after holding his position for over 40 years. He joined the college faculty in 1911 as a history teacher.

The trustees also set up separate offices of dean and registrar. Weathersby has held both. The new registrar, effective June 1, will be Miss Dorothy Calhoon, who has been assistant registrar since 1950.

Dr. James A. White, Jr., prominent Alexandria, La., physician, was elected president of the trustees.

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TEXAS SECRETARY URGES
PRAYER DAY FOR RAINS

FORT WORTH, Tex.--(BP)--The executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas has urged that Feb. 11 be set aside to fast and pray for rain in the state, which is suffering a drouth.

"I believe God has brought this drouth on us to turn our attention to him," Forrest C. Feezor, of Dallas, declared. "When we have learned the lesson he wants us to know, then he will break the drouth."

He said the people of Dallas, where a company has been employed to try to bring about rainfall, ought to pray for rain instead.

Feezor quoted portions of the Bible books of Haggai, Jeremiah, and the Chronicles to show how God punished the Jewish people by refusing to send rains.

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MEMO TO STATE EDITORS: One of the editors has raised a good question about the two series of articles we are now carrying, on world evangelism and on Christian morality. He wanted to know if he might leave off the editor's note saying this is the (whatever number) in a series on this subject from the Baptist Press since this might commit him to running the entire series. He asked if he could select certain ones of each series without using all articles in it. He asked further if he could condense the articles if need be. The Baptist Press certainly believes it to be an editor's prerogative what articles he uses. The same thing is true about editing. If you are wondering the same thing as this editor, please feel free to leave off the editor's note, for that is intended to be a guide to the editors more than anything else. We are happy if you use the entire series but we are equally glad for you to select articles from the series to print, and to omit others. We make no guarantee to any writer that any paper will publish his article. Neither do we guarantee that his article will not be condensed or edited if the need arises. --The Baptist Press.

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SECOND PUBLIC RELATIONS
WORKSHOP IS SCHEDULED

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Harold E. Hammond, executive secretary of the National Lutheran Council, New York City, will be a featured speaker at the second Southern Baptist Public Relations Association workshop here Feb. 15-16.

Denominational workers engaged in news writing, promotion, radio and television, publicity and public relations will attend the meetings at the Baptist Sunday School Board Building.

Leonard L. Holloway, president of the association, will call the workshop to order at 9 a.m. Feb. 15. Holloway is public relations director for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, in Dallas.

Hammond will speak to the workshop twice on Feb. 16.

Other speakers include James L. Sullivan, executive secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board; Max Benson, public relations director, General Shoe Corporation; Ed Shea, assistant executive director, Vanderbilt University Development Foundation; Guy Wagner, public relations counselor; H. C. Brearley, professor of sociology, George Peabody College; Porter Routh, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Executive Committee; H. Franklin Paschall, pastor First Baptist Church, all of Nashville; and Holloway.

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BATON ROUGE CONTRACT

BATON ROUGE, La.--(BP)--Baton Rouge General Hospital has awarded a contract for \$595,831 to build a new hospital unit and to remodel part of the present building. The bed capacity will be increased from 250 to 350 through this expansion. The Baptist-operated hospital plans to use the money it will receive from Ford Foundation in this project.

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WITTY AT EAST TENNESSEE

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn.--(BP)--Fred Witty, Baptist student director at University of Louisville, has been elected Baptist student director at East Tennessee State College here. He will be employed jointly by Holston Baptist Association and the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

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OKLAHOMA WMU CAMP

DAVIS, Okla.--(BP)--The new camp for Woman's Missionary Union youth groups will be ready for use this summer. The camp will be located at Falls Creek, popular Baptist assembly grounds a few miles south of Davis in the Arbuckle Mountains.

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WILLIAMS, ROUTH NAMED
TO CONVENTION COMMITTEE

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--J. Howard Williams, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., and Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, Nashville, have been appointed to a Southern Baptist evangelism committee.

The committee, of which Convention President C. C. Warren is chairman, will represent Southern Baptists in planning an evangelistic program to be undertaken by several Baptist groups in the United States.

The six-year, soul winning program will begin in 1959 and end in 1964, the year which is the 150th anniversary of organized Baptist work on a national level in the nation.

The appointments of Williams and Routh to the committee were announced by Warren and by Federal Judge Frank Hooper, chairman of the Executive Committee.

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.....Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., has set a goal of \$125,000 for its proposed William Wallace Chair of Biology. Dr. Wallace, a medical missionary to China, died behind the Bamboo Curtain while a prisoner of the Communists there in 1951.

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....."The Divine Imperative" is theme for the Mississippi Baptist Evangelistic Conference in Tupelo, Miss., Feb. 13-14. This will be the first major statewide Baptist meeting in extreme north Mississippi in several years.

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.....The American Baptist Convention reports its membership gave \$5,392,769 to missionary work during the period May-December, 1955. The gifts were figured on an eight-month basis because the Convention shifted the start of its fiscal year from May to January, effective Jan. 1, 1956. The goal for missions was \$5,200,000, during this period.

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.....W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., was painfully injured recently in an automobile wreck in front of the Baptist Orphanage in Jackson. Though severely bruised, no bones were broken. The minister's car was rammed by a large truck and the truck driver was arrested on charges of breaking traffic laws.

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.....Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Ark., has received a \$2000 grant from the Esso Education Foundation, according to Ralph A. Phelps, president of the Baptist college.

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.....Delegates to the National Association of Home Builders Convention in Chicago this month will see a prefabricated church, one of 15 designs available in prices ranging from \$15,000 to \$35,000, the Wall Street Journal reported. It will have nail-on brick and a stainless steel spire.

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BAPTIST FEATURES

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EDITOR'S NOTE: In this, the second in a series of Baptist Press stories on world evangelism, a student who served as a summer missionary in the Pacific Northwest last year tells of her experience and impressions. Several hundred students serve at home and in foreign countries each summer.

STUDENT MISSIONARY FINDS "WHITE FIELDS" AT HOME

By Zona Eaton
Lequire, Oklahoma
For the Baptist Press

Mountains covered with giant trees and frosty snow-caps; Streams of water rushing down the mountains from melting snow; Clear blue skies: Surely God has shown his handiwork here. These people are very fortunate to live in a place where God has manifested himself so beautifully.

These were my first impressions of the Northwest.

All the student missionaries who were to work in the Northwest met on Wednesday afternoon at Jennings Lodge, near Portland, Oregon, for a series of inspirational, informational periods. There were 37 of us.

Some were sent by their Baptist Student Unions; some came, paying their own expenses, and the remainder of us came under appointment of the Home Mission Board.

After our Vacation Bible school/clinic ended, from four to eight of us went with each of the six associational missionaries of the Oregon-Washington Convention to our fields of service on Saturday.

As I began my work, I was reminded again of John 4:35. . . "Look unto the fields for they are white already unto harvest." In spite of the physical evidences of God's beauty I saw people steeped in sin. I found adults disinterested in Christianity. Religion is prevalent, but not Christianity. Student missionaries found many 75-and 80-year-old people without Christ.

The adults are very difficult to reach; therefore, our hopes lie in the youth of the Northwest. Many of these were reached last summer through VBS, youth revivals and youth camps.

An example is Rita, a 15-year-old girl whose father was a Catholic, (having studied for the priesthood). She accepted Christ as her Saviour, (against her father's wishes), after talking with three summer workers. Rita's was a victory but this is not always the case. There are many problems to be faced. Among these problems are a multitude of indifferent parents, but perhaps our greatest problem was the lack of trained, Spirit-filled workers.

How can you help in this? You can continue to give of your income that

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student missionaries and permanent missionaries may be sent. You can pray for those who labor as Christian workers and pray that God will send forth more laborers. And if God calls you, you can go.

Remember John 4:35. . ."Look unto the fields for they are white already unto harvest."

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