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Foreign Board Projects
Addition to Building

RICHMOND (BP)--The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has announced plans to add a new wing to the headquarters building located here. Anticipated cost of the addition will be between \$1,250,000 and \$1.5 million, according to board officials.

A building committee, composed of members of the Foreign Mission Board, is working with a local architectural firm on the building plans which are expected to be completed shortly after the end of the year. Construction is projected to start in 1977 with completion of the new wing anticipated for early 1978.

The new addition will be the culmination of a planning process which started in 1972 with an initial allocation of \$250,000. Due to the economic downturn and escalating building costs, additional allocations were delayed until this year.

Two appropriations of \$500,000 each were approved by the board in April and July, bringing the total appropriated to date for the building to \$1,250,000. Appropriations for the new construction are from current operating funds.

The last addition to the present headquarters building was in 1965. The original structure was built in 1958. The new wing will provide space for administrative offices, conference rooms and future expansion.

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'Minister, Psychiatrist
Should Be Colleagues'

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By David Wilkinson

RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP)--The minister and the psychiatrist or psychologist should be colleagues, not competitors, according to a Southern Baptist minister noted for his abilities in the field of counseling.

"The minister is the poor man's psychiatrist," Albert Cardwell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Macon, Ga, said at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center. "He's available, and he's accessible. You can stop him on the street and talk with him."

Cardwell, who led a conference on pastoral counseling during a Baptist Sunday School Board-sponsored Bible Preaching Conference, ought to know what he's talking about.

He counsels about 30 individuals a week and participates in numerous meetings with groups ranging from divorcees to workers in a clinic for alcoholics, in addition to performing his other pastoral duties.

The 20-year veteran Southern Baptist minister is certified by the American Association of Marriage and Family Counselors and is known for his involvement in the fields of mental health, alcoholism, and drug addiction.

Cardwell points to a study conducted several years ago by the National Institute for Mental Health which revealed that more than 40 percent of the people seeking help for personal problems consulted a minister before any other professional caretaker.

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"While that figure may have decreased somewhat," Cardwell says, "chances are it is still appreciable. People with problems do seek help from their minister."

In spite of the statistics, Cardwell admits that the quality of counseling help offered by many ministers is poor, and he points out two shortcomings that often are prominent in the minister's role as counselor.

Few ministers are adequately trained in the field of counseling, he says, and many others fail to recognize their counseling limitations.

At times, Cardwell explains, there are some needs and problems that the minister cannot solve alone.

"The minister ought to know when he needs to refer a person to someone else," he emphasizes. "He also should know the resources in his community."

One of the best resources is the psychiatrist. Yet, Cardwell says, few ministers know a local psychiatrist or psychologist by name.

"Most of the ministers I know are afraid of the psychiatrist," he says, "which is unfortunate. There are some wonderful social workers, chaplains, psychologists and psychiatrists. Many of these people are wonderful Christians, who operate on the basis of right and wrong.

"The minister needs to realize that he isn't the only one in the community who's interested in helping people."

Cardwell adds, however, that if a minister receives adequate training he can be a competent counselor.

"I would suggest that every minister get enough training in pastoral care to handle the problems that come to him," he states.

Proper training is available from a number of sources in addition to seminary instruction. There are numerous short-term clinics, seminars and training sessions in the counseling field of which ministers can take advantage, along with informative books on the subject.

Once he has received proper training, the extent of a counseling ministry is primarily in the minister's hands, according to Cardwell.

"It's what he's willing to do," he says. "If he's willing to involve himself with people, he's going to find needs he can help meet."

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Injured Sunday School Board
Employees Improving

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Three Southern Baptist Sunday School Board employees who received multiple injuries in a two-car collision Aug. 5 are all listed in fair condition and improving, according to a spokesman at Baptist Hospital here.

Wilbur Lamm and Tom Lee of the Sunday School department and Bill Junker of National Student Ministries at the board were injured when Junker's car was struck by a car driven by a 16-year-old Nashville girl as the men drove to work, she was only slightly injured.

A hospital spokesman said that Junker, who suffered 22 broken ribs and a punctured lung, along with other injuries, is improving and has moved from the intensive care unit to a private room.

Lamm, although still in intense pain, is slowly improving and also has been moved from intensive care to a private room.

Lee, who had a pin inserted in his injured hip, is expected to be released from the hospital within a week.

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WrapupBoard Trustees Set Budget,
Focus on Bible Study

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)--Trustees of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, in their semi-annual meeting here, adopted a record \$73.9 million budget for 1976-77 and emphasized the agency's priority area of Bible teaching for the masses.

During the two-day session at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center approval was given to a joint project with the Southern Baptist Convention Radio and Television Commission looking toward exploring the possibility of a radio-television Bible teaching program in conjunction with correspondence Bible study. The next step in the sequence of events will be to present the proposal to the Radio and Television Commission board of trustees for approval at their meeting in October.

Plans for release of four curriculum publications in the Bible Book Series on Oct. 1, 1978, also were approved. The periodicals, for youth, adults and leaders of each group, will provide systematic Bible study in both the Old and New Testaments each year.

In adopting a \$73,997,000 budget, up from \$64,761,000 the previous year, trustees noted that while the church literature production costs will have increased approximately 11 percent in two years, no price increases would be passed on to churches at this time. Another area of controlled price increases for the coming year, a board spokesman said, will be meal cost increases of 25 cents a day at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center and 75 cents a day at Glorieta (N.M.) Conference Center. Current daily meal costs at the conference centers is \$6.75.

The trustees joined with the administration in moving toward the goal of helping churches receive maximum financial benefits from management productivity effectiveness by holding down price increases as much as possible during the continuing inflationary spiral, a board spokesman said.

Additional emphasis in Bible study for the masses came through a report on the continuing successes of the board's new ACTION Sunday School enrollment plan by ACTION Plan originator and Sunday School Board consultant Andy Anderson.

In other matters, trustees took the following actions:

--Approved for recommendation to the SBC Executive Committee a publication entitled "Living With Children," aimed toward parents of children ages six to 11.

--Noted with approval the fact that the board is an equal opportunity employer and encouraged the administration to continue its affirmative efforts to comply with guidelines of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

--Elected Presnall H. Wood, pastor of Park Place Baptist Church, Houston, as chairman of the trustees; Marvin Sharpton of Sharpton Sales Company, Nashville, as chairman of the executive committee and vice chairman of the trustees; and re-elected Melvin Harris, second vice president of National Life and Accident Insurance Company, Nashville, secretary.

--Adopted a policy dealing with property needs for conference center operations and criteria for buying and selling of properties located at Glorieta and Ridgecrest.

--Changed the name of Lifeway Stores to Lifeway Book Stores. Church program materials, including Convention Press books and Vacation Bible School materials, will be added to merchandise sold in the three Lifeway Book Stores currently operated by the board.

--Changed the Baptist Book Store in Albuquerque, N. M., to a Lifeway Book Store effective Oct. 1, 1977. The board operates 57 Baptist Book Stores across the country.

--Voted to continue both mail order and local mailing at the Baptist Book Store in Vancouver, Wash. Under previous action, this store was to have been limited to local sales only.

--Approved increasing annual number of issues of "The Student" magazine, produced by the National Student Ministries office, from nine to 12.

State Baptist conventions, having fewer than 25,000 Southern Baptists, which sent fraternal representatives, included the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention, Baptist Convention of New York; Hawaii Baptist Convention, Northern Plains Baptist Convention, the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists, and the Alaska Baptist Convention. Five youth representatives were also special guests of the board of trustees.

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Former Police Officer Finds
Experience Vital as Chaplain

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By Carmen Sandoval

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (BP)--One night during a regular patrol here, a policeman stopped to inspect a car in a park after curfew. The investigation led to the decision by a young boy to accept Jesus Christ as personal Savior.

While officers talked to the car's occupants, police chaplain Bill Bathe, a student at California Baptist College (CBC) here, talked to a youth standing nearby. Bathe finally asked the boy if he had accepted Christ. And the youth replied, "Yes, twice." His mother was crippled, the youth explained, and actually he had prayed twice for transportation to get her to a healing service.

By the end of their conversation, the youth had asked Christ into his life. Bathe instructed him in the next steps he needed to take--including involvement with a local church. He also sent the boy some follow-up Christian-growth materials.

Bathe is a member of the Riverside Chaplain's Corps and rides one night a week in a patrol car. His interest in the program stems from his experience in police work. He was a law enforcement officer 13 years and served with the Los Angeles Sheriff Department, the California Highway Patrol, and the Huntington Beach Police Department, until disabled in an accident.

After his injury, Bathe manned the front desk where he would read his Bible. Somehow, a policeman reading the Bible calmed some distraught people coming into the station, he recalls.

When he felt led to become a minister, Bathe looked into further schooling. He was reluctant to leave police work but finally did. The former officer expects to be graduated from CBC in 1977 with double majors in religion and behavioral science and would like to pursue a masters degree in counseling, to work with young people.

Bathe's former police experience is valuable, he says, for his present ministry, particularly as a chaplain. He understands street language and the officers he accompanies. He often helps in family disturbance calls by talking with family members.

His attitude toward police work has improved--if that's possible, considering his love for the field all along. As a regular patrolman he would not work a minute overtime, he recalls. Now he donates his time.

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Dillard Elected
To ATS Office

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BOSTON (BP)--Badgett Dillard, vice president for business affairs at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., was elected to a two-year term as treasurer of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) during the association's 30th biennial meeting here.

Dillard has held his present position at the seminary since 1972. He has been on the Baptist seminary staff since 1953.

The ATS, with about 200 member institutions in the United States and Canada, is the accrediting agency for graduate professional education in theology.

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