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SOUTHERN BAPTIST COLLEGES
CONTRIBUTE SCIENCE PAPERS

GREENVILLE, S. C.--(BP)--Three Southern Baptist liberal arts colleges are among leading contributors of articles published by Chemical Abstracts, nationally-recognized science journal.

The schools are University of Richmond, Richmond, Va.; Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., and Furman University, Greenville, according to John R. Sampey, Jr., professor of chemistry at Furman.

In a report submitted to the Southern Baptist Educator, Sampey said he had surveyed liberal arts colleges having material published in Chemical Abstracts over a six year period.

Baptist colleges led other denominations in the church-related college field with articles published. Furman contributed 27 articles; Carson-Newman, 22, and University of Richmond, 11. The survey covered a span from July, 1950-December, 1955.

Sampey pointed out that Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C.; Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and Howard College, Birmingham, Ala., also have "impressive" lists of publications. However, he said, the College Blue Book does not list them as liberal arts colleges, so these Southern Baptist institutions were not a part of his survey.

Sampey, in 1954, received the Charles H. Herty Medal, awarded by the Georgia section of the American Chemical Society for scientific achievement.

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CLARKE PUTS \$100,000
LEGACY INTO ENDOWMENT

NEWTON, Miss.--(BP)--Trustees of Clarke Memorial (Junior) College here have voted to place in the permanent endowment fund a \$100,000 legacy left the college by the late Mrs. Bessie Eastland Kent, of Forest, Miss.

Mrs. Kent and her late husband served as trustees of the Baptist college and Mrs. Kent also taught speech.

Clarke's trustees also have re-elected Horace Headrick, of Laurel, Miss., their chairman and Estus Mason, Crystal Springs minister, their vice-president.

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TEXAS BAPTISTS TO CHOOSE
1956 'MOTHER OF THE YEAR'

BROWNWOOD, Tex.--(BP)--Texas Baptists will name a "1956 Texas Baptist Mother of the Year" as part of their public relations program this year.

The name of the mother will be announced during the week preceding Mother's Day. A special story about the mother's contributions to her community through religious work and church life will be written.

The mother-of-the-year project was one of several discussed here by a public relations advisory committee. Other matters taken up included choosing a newspaperman to receive the annual press award from Texas Baptists, picking a church for a model public relations program, public relations education for ministers, and a series of layman's radio programs.

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GILLELAND RA SECRETARY

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Roy J. Gilleland, Jr., recent ministerial graduate of Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., has been appointed secretary for Royal Ambassador work in Tennessee Baptist Convention.

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STUDENTS EARN EDUCATION
PRODUCING VBS MATERIALS

CAMPBELLVILLE, Ky.--(BP)--The Vacation Bible School handwork material you use this summer may help some student secure a college education.

Campbellsville College Industries, associated with the local Baptist junior college, is producing wood-work material to be marketed by the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The student industry also turns out a variety of products, including small aluminum fasteners for doors and windows, and covers for truck beds.

The student industry--main purpose of which is to assist students through Campbellsville College--started a year ago when community leaders here met with Campbellsville President John M. Carter.

They pledged financial support for student factory buildings, and raised \$25,000 in a few weeks' time. Seventy-five students are earning college money in the factory, and at the same time are learning metal-and wood-working for future use in hobbies and vocations.

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MEMPHIS, Tenn.--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission has appointed committees which will start next month to plan for the first National Conference of Southern Baptist Men.

The conference will meet in Oklahoma City, Sept. 18-20, 1957. From 8000 to 10,000 laymen are expected. The year 1957 marks the golden jubilee of the Brotherhood.

Committees, announced by Commission Executive Secretary George W. Schroeder, of Memphis, are:

Steering Committee---Schroeder, chairman; A. Roy Greene, Nashville, chairman of the Commission; R. L. Sherrick, Memphis, vice-chairman of the Commission; T. Gordon Ryan, Fort Worth, assistant recording secretary of the Commission; Fred Cole, recording secretary, Artesia, N. M.; James M. Sapp, Memphis, associate secretary of the Commission; David T. Mashburn, Memphis, associate secretary; Edward Hurt, Jr., associate secretary, Memphis; Frank Black, assistant secretary, Memphis, and E. M. Coleman, Commission business manager, Memphis.

Program Committee---Lucien Coleman, Louisville, Brotherhood secretary for Kentucky Baptists, chairman; Sherrick, co-chairman.

Finance Committee---C. H. Heacock, Memphis, chairman.

Promotion Committee---Bernard King, Atlanta, Brotherhood secretary for Georgia Baptists, chairman; L. H. Tapscott, Dallas, Brotherhood secretary for Texas Baptists, co-chairman.

Publicity Committee---Albert McClellan, Nashville, director of publications, Southern Baptist Executive Committee, chairman.

Attendance Committee---W. R. Roberts, Jackson, Miss., Brotherhood secretary for Mississippi Baptists, chairman.

Local Arrangements Committee---Allen Pennington, Oklahoma City, Brotherhood secretary for Oklahoma Baptists, chairman; W. E. Grindstaff, promotion secretary for Oklahoma Baptists, Oklahoma City, co-chairman; Max Stanfield, Oklahoma City minister and president of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma; Gov. Raymond Gary of Oklahoma; H. H. Hobbs, pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City; Dr. W. R. Fisher, Edmond, Okla., president of Oklahoma County (Oklahoma City area) associational Brotherhood; A. L. Lowther, superintendent of missions, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma City; Bruce Carter, Miami, Okla., president of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College.

Local Publicity Committee---Arthur Davenport, Oklahoma City, secretary of public relations for Oklahoma Baptists, chairman.

Local Transportation Committee---D. L. Valentine, Oklahoma City, chairman.

Local Exhibits Committee---Tom Carter, office manager for Oklahoma Baptists, Oklahoma City, chairman.

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EDITORS ADVISED TO USE
GOSPEL SUCCESS STORIES

MOBILE, Ala.--(BP)--A former missionary to the Orient says gospel success stories in distant lands make foreign mission news interesting to read.

Eugene L. Hill, secretary for missionary education and promotion, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., said Baptists also want foreign mission stories because they know many missionaries personally and want to hear what they are doing.

Hill was one of several speakers addressing the mid-winter session of the Southern Baptist Press Association, an organization of Baptist journalists, here recently.

Purser Hewitt, managing editor of the daily Jackson, Miss., Clarion-Ledger, gave the journalists pointers for improving writing and editing.

The son of a Baptist minister, Hewitt is a member of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

He urged the editors and reporters to write brief articles, to explain difficult words and ideas, to use plenty of features and pictures, and to champion points of view in editorials without being unfair to those who have opposing viewpoints.

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CHOWAN GETS \$15,000
FOR STUDENT BUILDING

MURFREESBORO, N. C.--(BP)--Chowan College here will have a student union building soon, made possible by a gift of \$15,000 by John O. Askew, of Harrellsville, N. C.

Although the estimate for constructing the student union building is \$24,000, college officials hope to stay within the \$15,000 gift by eliminating the contractor's part of the building cost.

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BAPTIST NEWSMEN ELECT
H. H. MCGINTY PRESIDENT

MOBILE, Ala.--(BP)--Members of the Southern Baptist Press Association have elected H. H. McGinty, editor of the Word and Way, Missouri Baptist newspaper, Jefferson City, president.

He succeeds B. J. Murrie, editor of the Illinois Baptist, Carbondale.

Other association officers include Leon Macon, Birmingham, editor of the Alabama Baptist, vice-president, and Hoyt Gibson, Wichita, editor of the Kansas Baptist Digest, secretary-treasurer.

The 1957 meeting will be Feb. 5-7 in Washington, D. C.

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CONVENTION REPORTS MOST
JANUARY GIFTS ON RECORD

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The largest Cooperative Program and designated offering receipts on record for the month of January were reported here by Porter Routh, treasurer for the Southern Baptist Convention.

The January, 1956, financial statement shows a grand total through both types of contributions of \$2,566,017, more than a half-million dollars greater than for the same month in 1955.

Cooperative Program receipts were \$1,082,933 for the first month, 1956, up 7.43 per cent over the previous year. Designated receipts--mainly foreign missions giving through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering--were up 42.09 per cent at \$1,483,084.

The financial statement, Routh continued, includes only that portion of Southern Baptists' contributions which go to denomination-wide uses. It does not represent funds kept for local church use or for use by state Baptist conventions.

(Cooperative Program signifies the money was given with the understanding it would be divided among Southern Baptist missionary, educational, and agency work under a per centage distribution system voted by the Convention. Designated indicates funds received from donors who gave specific instructions for the money to be used for certain purposes.)

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering receipts for foreign missions for January, 1956, were \$1,320,498, compared with \$897,549 for the corresponding month the year before.

Texas led all states in the Convention in giving with \$524,211, including \$344,836 designated. Georgia was second with a total of \$279,713, including \$184,090 designated. Other states in the first 10, in order of ranking, were Virginia, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, and Arkansas.

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'THOROUGH-GOING CONCERN
FOR RELIGION' REPORTED

MOBILE, Ala.--(BP)--In contrast to a "curiosity" in religion around 1925, "there is a thorough-going concern for religion and theology today," a Baptist seminary professor declared here.

C. Penrose St. Amant, professor of church history at New Orleans Baptist Seminary, described the change to editors of Baptist periodicals here for the annual mid-winter meeting of the Southern Baptist Press Association.

"People don't want social security today so much as they want cosmic security," St. Amant said. "We are no longer in a technological age; we are now afraid of our technology. This a theological age."

St. Amant reported that during the period since 1925, secular schemes for redemption of man have failed. "Man has lost his way," he said, and discovered that his Utopian plans didn't work.

He also reviewed for the editors current major theological emphases.

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BAPTIST AGENCY SUPPORTS
LIQUOR ADVERTISING BAN

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Congress should pass legislation banning interstate advertising of alcoholic beverages, the executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission declares.

A. C. Miller, Nashville, has submitted his views to committees of the Senate and House of Representatives which are studying the proposed legislation.

Following up a resolution passed by the Southern Baptist Convention at St. Louis in 1954, Miller says such advertising is not in the interest of public health and welfare. Neither is it in the interest of American business or national morality, he continues. Liquor ads are misleading, Miller says, because they fail to reveal facts showing the effect and consequences of using these beverages. They are also "false" when they represent or suggest "by word or implication that beverage alcohol is a stimulant."

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T. L. HOLCOMB TO JOIN
SON AT DALLAS CHURCH

NASHVILLE--(BP)--T. L. Holcomb, Nashville, will step down in May as executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foundation to become associate pastor of Lakewood Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., where his son, Luther, is pastor.

During his 52 years as an ordained minister, T. L. Holcomb has spent almost 23 years in non-pastoral denominational work, the last three years with the Southern Baptist Foundation.

Before becoming associated with the Foundation in June, 1953, he served as executive secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board for 18 years.

His other denominational work included serving as executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas for 1½ years. He held pastorates of First Baptist Church, Sherman, Tex., and First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.

The elder Holcomb, a native of Mississippi, was ordained to the Baptist ministry at Poplarville, Miss., in April, 1904, in the church of which his father, W. B. Holcomb, was pastor.

RECORD 30,377 CHURCHES
REPORTED BY CONVENTION

Not For Release Before Feb. 23.

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The number of churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention reached a record 30,377 last year, the first time over 30,000, the Convention's statistician reported.

J. P. Edmunds, Nashville, released the denomination's statistical report for 1955 which also showed that the average Southern Baptist church had a larger membership; its church property was worth more; it received more money from individual members, and it reported more baptisms.

The number of churches represents a 1.6 per cent gain over the 29,899 churches reported in 1954, Edmunds said. They are located in about 35 states from Maryland to Washington.

The total membership of churches reached a new high also, 8,474,741, up 3.7 per cent over the 1954 figure of 8,169,491. The average number of members to a church jumped from 273 to 279 during the year.

Baptisms, which indicate the number of converts, topped 400,000 for the first time --416,867--compared with 396,857 the year before. This was a 5 per cent gain.

The average property value of an individual church in the Convention was \$38,889 in 1954 but soared to \$43,470 in 1955. The total value of property of all churches increased from \$1,162,761,138 to \$1,320,488,639 during the year, according to Edmunds.

Gifts to churches also set a new record, a total of \$333,990,556, which was 9.3 per cent greater than the \$305,573,654 reported in 1954. Per capita giving--the average per member of a Baptist church---rose from \$37.40 to \$39.41.

Of the total gifts, during 1955, \$58,202,299 went for missionary and benevolent activities of Southern Baptists. This compared with \$52,926,157 during 1954, Edmunds continued.

The enrolment of Sunday schools and other church organizations also reached new highs during 1955. Sunday school enrolment attained 6,640,868; Vacation Bible school enrolment reached 2,652,788, and Baptist Training Union enrolment came to 2,223,502.

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST STATISTICS, 1955

		Per Centage Gain
Associations	1,049	1.6
Churches	30,377	1.6
No. Jews baptized	110	-
No. Revivals Held	45,658	-
Baptisms	416,867	5.0
Additions by letter	542,348	4.8
Total Membership	8,474,741	3.7
S. S. Enrolment	6,640,868	4.5
V.B.S. Enrolment	2,652,788	3.2
T. U. Enrolment	2,223,502	7.8
W.M.U. Enrolment	1,245,358	-4.4**
Brotherhood Enrolment	404,281	47.9 *
Value Church Property	\$1,320,488,639	13.6
Total Gifts	\$ 333,990,556	9.3
Total Mission Expenditures	\$ 58,202,299	10.0
Pastors Annual Salary	\$ 66,937,762	7.3

* Includes Men's Brotherhood and Royal Ambassadors. The Royal Ambassadors are carried as a part of the Brotherhood for the first time this year.

** Until this year, the Royal Ambassadors (now shown with the Brotherhood) were included with the W.M.U.

SOURCE: Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information
Baptist Sunday School Board
Nashville, Tennessee

SOUTHERN BAPTIST PASTORS' CONFERENCE
Kansas City, Missouri
May 28-29, 1956

MONDAY EVENING

- 7:00 Praise His Name - Gale Dunn - Texas
Prayer - Clifton C. Thomas - Maryland
- 7:15 "Greetings and Salutations" - Conrad R. Willard - Missouri
- 7:20 "Thanks a Million" - Glen Braswell - Montana
- 7:25 "This Is It" - Sterling L. Price - Texas
- 7:30 - Jack Hamm - Texas
- 7:40 "The Place of the Pulpit in Evangelism" - John Edmund Haggai - Kentucky
- 8:05 "The Christ We Preach" - J. D. Carroll - Louisiana
- 8:30 "A Study in Elbows and Fingertips" - Clarence W. Cranford - D. C.
- 8:55 Special Music -
- 9:00 "The Chemistry of the Cross" - Angel Martinez - Arkansas

TUESDAY MORNING

- 9:30 Praise His Name -
Prayer - B. L. Bridges - Arkansas
- 9:45 - Jack Hamm - Texas
- 9:55 "The Offense of the Cross" - Jack K. Maben - Arizona
- 10:20 Congregational Hymn -
- 10:25 "Are You A Blunt Ax?" - G. Avery Lee - Louisiana
- 10:45 "My God Is Able" - W. D. Morris, - North Carolina
- 11:10 Special Music -
- 11:20 "Ye Must Be Born Again" - W. Marshall Craig - Texas
- 11:50 Adjourn -

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

- 2:00 Praise His Name -
Prayer - R. E. Milam - Oregon
- 2:15 - Jack Hamm - Texas
- 2:25 "Human Standards or Divine Objectives" - John M. McBain - Kansas
- 2:50 Congregational Hymn -
- 2:55 "God, Man, and the Atom" - George K. Schweitzer - Tennessee

- 3:20 Special Music -
- 3:25 "The Fellowship of Kindred Minds" - Theodore F. Adams - Virginia
- 3:55 Adjourn -

TUESDAY EVENING

- 7:00 Praise His Name -
Prayer - M. Chandler Stith - District of Columbia
- 7:10 "Y'all Come" - Noel M. Taylor - Illinois
- 7:15 - Jack Hamm - Texas
- 7:25 "Spiritual Values and Pastoral Counseling" - R. Lofton Hudson - Missouri
- 7:50 Election of Officers and Miscellaneous Business -
- 8:00 "Christian Education Is Missions" - Thomas H. Taylor - Texas
- 8:25 Special Music -
- 8:35 "Bothered By Brevities But Inspired By Immortalities" - Robert G. Lee -
Tennessee
- 9:10 Adjourn -

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This is another in a series of articles on world evangelism by the Baptist Press.

TRIUMPH DESPITE BARRIERS OF HATE, STRIFE
By C. C. Warren
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President, Southern Baptist Convention

The impressions I received on my visit to Southern Baptist mission fields abroad will linger with me all my life.

Everywhere I went, I was impressed by the lower standards by which millions are forced to live when they are denied the saving and elevating power of the gospel of Christ.

This was not only true in Africa and the Near East, but in the more economically blessed areas of England and continental Europe, it was evident men cannot live by bread alone.

Faithful missionaries are struggling against inconceivable odds on these fields. They are facing walls of ecclesiasticism and ritualism thrown up by some religions. The barriers of nationalism seem almost too much to overcome.

Tension and strife are coupled with a feeling of something close to hatred for Americans, dampening the possibility of much progress for the time being.

God-called Southern Baptist men and women, however, are standing in their places "round about the camp," and they are not griping or complaining.

Although far from home and loved ones, denied many comforts and luxuries enjoyed in the United States, and even threatened by rulers, they appear to have the spirit of the Apostle Paul, who said: "I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."

God's message is triumphing over these many obstacles. The Baptist seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, is a strategic and centrally-located oasis for Christ in the European desert of unbelief and skepticism.

New mission work in Cairo, Egypt, showed me the difference Christ makes in the lives of those who follow him. The church and school at Beirut, Lebanon, are commanding a respect for Southern Baptist work that is most unusual in foreign lands.

The hospital at Ajloun, Jordan (Ed. Note: This hospital was recently damaged by rioters but the missionaries there are sticking it out.) does a marvelous service in an area where 100,000 Arabs need medical care.

These, and other places of mission service where progress is not so evident, may well be the little beginnings that God will use someday to confound the mighty.

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HONESTY--THE ONLY BUSINESS POLICY

By Maxey Jarman
Nashville, Tennessee

Two factors determine honesty in any business.

First is the kind of top management in that business. Enlightened management knows that honesty is not only the best policy but the only policy. The larger a business becomes, the more necessary it is to be able to depend upon the integrity of people in business. Business just could not function at all if commitments were not lived up to.

J. C. Penney, who heads a business doing over a billion dollars a year, once told me that none of his thousands of employees were bonded. The explanation as he put it: "They can make money faster than they can steal it."

Aside from the moral factors involved, able business men believe in and practice honesty because they believe it pays.

Some people will disagree as to policies followed by a particular business, frequently because they are not fully informed. Men have always disagreed on the interpretation of ethical principles, just as churchmen have disagreed on church polity.

My observation, however, is that the principles followed by successful businesses are based on integrity for the very good business reason that it pays.

The second factor in business honesty has to do with the individuals who are employed. Just as no church member is perfect, so no employee is perfect. Some individuals are weak and do things that are wrong. A business organization does not condone those things, but neither can it demand perfection any more than a church can demand perfection among its members.

By and large, however, a person in business will not make much progress in getting promoted unless he shows himself a man of integrity, dependable, one whose word you can trust.

Other Qualities Required

But make no mistake about this. Just because a man is honest, dependable and has fine principles does not mean that he will automatically get promoted in a business. He must in addition have those qualities of talent, energy, resourcefulness, personality, that bring success in business.

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And in selecting a man for a position sometimes we have to compromise with the best material that we have, which means that we will take someone who is not perfect in his ethical principles, and not perfect either in his other attributes. A similar situation exists when a church selects a man to be a deacon who does not measure up to all the qualities that a deacon should have, but what deacon does?

In developing individuals who practice honesty, who try to be dependable, who strive to keep their word, Christ is the greatest help of all. Christ-centered churches build character in individuals. Laws, reform movements, exhortation, publicity campaigns will fail, but Christ in the heart of a man will give him the wisdom, self-control and strength to live a more honest, more dependable life.

Business, whether it is controlled by Christian people or otherwise is looking for people of strong character and good principles. If churches develop more such individuals, it will be the greatest thing they can do to further integrity and honesty in business.

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