

KANSAS CITY AUDITORIUM  
COST CITY \$6½ MILLION

March 1, 1956  
127 Ninth Avenue, North — Nashville, Tennessee

KANSAS CITY, Mo.--(BP)--It requires 70 full-time employes to maintain Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, which will be the meeting place for the 1956 Southern Baptist Convention.

The auditorium, circular in shape, normally seats 10,500 but has accommodated 13,000. When it was dedicated after its opening in 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt attracted 40,000 to the dedication program. The overflow stood outside in the streets.

The city-owned auditorium is downtown and is across the street from a new municipal parking lot. There are other garages and parking lots in the area.

The auditorium has indirect lighting, also spotlights. It has upholstered opera seats.

A snack bar and concession stand is located in the building but the downtown location places restaurants and cafeterias in comfortable walking distance.

The auditorium, which cost \$6½ million, will be air-conditioned. It covers an entire block and has several units. Southern Baptist Convention messengers will use the entrance on 13th St.

The registration booth and information desk will be located in the auditorium as well as a place to check articles. A number of pay telephones are located in it also.

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## MEMPHIS HOSPITAL OFFICER TAKES OKLAHOMA POSITION

OKLAHOMA CITY--(BP)--John M. Hendricks, assistant administrator at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, has been named administrator for a Baptist hospital soon to be built here.

The Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, which will operate the hospital, expects work to start soon on the first hospital unit. The unit, to cost \$2 million, will have 200 beds. Long-range plans are for a 500-bed hospital.

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## SEMINARY MISSIONS CONFERENCE

LOUISVILLE, Ky.--(BP)--Presenting Christ in such a way that young people may find his will in their lives was the goal of the week-long missions emphasis conference at Southern Baptist Seminary here. About 250 attended.

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**BAPTIST CHAIRMAN HONORED  
FOR PRAYER ROOM MOVEMENT**

WASHINGTON--(BP)--Rep. Brooks Hays, of Arkansas, chairman of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, has received an award from Freedoms Foundation Inc.

The congressman won second place in the over-all general category. He was given \$50 and a gold medal for initiating a movement which resulted in establishing a prayer room in the Nation's Capitol.

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**JUDSON COLLEGE ADDS  
TO CAMPUS STRUCTURE**

MARION, Ala.--(BP)--A Selma, Ala., firm will build a \$283,995 addition to WMU Hall at Judson College here, trustees have announced.

The addition, scheduled for occupancy this Fall, will provide classroom and office space as well as dormitory facilities.

The college, supported by Alabama Baptists, will install an elevator and place a new roof on the present WMU Hall.

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**OUACHITA ADMITTED TO  
EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

ARCADELPHIA, Ark.--(BP)--Ouachita College, supported by Arkansas Baptists, has been admitted to the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

The association seeks to improve teacher training on local and national levels.

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**ALABAMA CHURCH EDUCATOR  
ACCEPTS LOUISIANA POST**

PINEVILLE, La.--(BP)--Grady E. Welch, for the past three years educational director and financial secretary for Dawson Memorial Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., has been appointed administrative assistant for Louisiana College here.

He will assist with fiscal management and work of non-academic personnel in the newly-created position, according to College President G. Earl Guinn.

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**11-YEAR-OLD BOY HASN'T  
MISSED S.S. IN DECADE**

JEFFERSON CITY, Tenn.--(BP)--One of the youngest persons ever to complete 10 years of perfect Sunday school attendance is William Norman Snodderly, of Jefferson City, who is 11 years old.

Norman began attending Sunday school in October, 1945, a few months after his first birthday. He hasn't missed a Sunday since.

His parents are students at Carson-Newman College here.

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A T T E N T I O N E D I T O R S !

Harold G. Sanders, chairman, Committee on Order of Business for the Southern Baptist Convention, reports the following changes have been made since the Baptist Press released the Convention program recently:

Thursday Morning, May 31, 1956---Please change time of special music from 11:45 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. (thus extending the period for recognition of fraternal messengers five minutes).

Thursday Afternoon, May 31, 1956---At 2:15 p.m. under American Baptist Theological Seminary, delete address by T. B. Maston, of Southwestern Baptist Seminary.

Saturday Morning, June 2, 1956---Change presentation of new officers of the Convention from 12:30 p.m. to 10:30 a.m. Then, advance the hour of the Christian home service and church music festival from 10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. The adjournment hour remains unchanged.

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RETIRING SEMINARY DEAN CHALLENGED BY NEW TASK

By Gaines S. Dobbins, Dean  
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For the Baptist Press

Retirement to inactivity has little appeal to a healthy man in the habit of working. The 36 years of my service in Southern Baptist Theological Seminary have passed with amazing swiftness, each year bringing multiplied responsibilities.

To accept the invitation to continue to teach in Southern Seminary would be a happy privilege, but the invitation to join the faculty of Golden Gate Baptist Seminary is even more challenging.

This young seminary is the Southern Baptist answer to the call of the Pacific West, with its unsaved and unchurched millions and its limitless opportunities. I have not been able to get away from the conviction that a period of my ministry can best be invested where the need is greatest and my experience in theological education can under God count for the most.

My wife and I are grateful to Southern Seminary for "lending" us to Golden Gate in this its time of transition and growth, as it prepares to move to its new campus and take its place among the notable seminaries of the Convention and the nation.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: In this article for the Baptist Press, the retiring dean of Southern Baptist Seminary school of religious education tells why he has accepted a position as "distinguished professor of church administration" at Golden Gate Baptist Seminary, Berkeley, Calif.

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