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BAPTISTS FIGHT CATHOLIC MOVE ON PUBLIC HOSPITAL

RALEIGH, N. C.—(BP)—Baptists around the North Carolina capital city are opposing a Roman Catholic proposal to operate a hospital that will be built here with a \$5 million county bond issue.

Bishop Vincent Waters of the Catholic Church made the offer to Wake County (Raleigh) officials. The bishop offered the county a site on which to build the hospital, provided the county would turn the hospital over to an order of Catholic sisters for operation.

R. N. Sims, Jr., moderator of Raleigh Baptist Association, was one of the more outspoken opponents of Bishop Waters' proposal. Leaders of other non-Catholic denominations also have protested, claiming such an act will violate the principle of separation of church and state.

The Little River (N. C.) Baptist Ministerial Association also voiced its dislike of Waters' proposal.

The county delayed action on Waters' proposal.

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CAROLINA SCHOOL PUTS OFF RACIAL DECISION

RALEIGH, N. C.—(BP)—Trustees of Baptist-owned Meredith College here have postponed a decision on whether to admit Negroes to the women's school.

Two Baptist colleges in North Carolina recently have turned down Negroes. The state Baptist convention says it's up to each college to reach its own decision on student integration.

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SEMINAR ON PROTESTANTISM

DELAND, Fla.—(BP)—Sydney E. Ahlstrom, of Yale University divinity school, and John A. Hague, of the Stetson University faculty here, will offer a summer seminar at Stetson on "The Impact of Protestantism on American Democracy." Hague is director of the Merrill program of American studies at the local Baptist university.

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WARREN IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK CITY—(BP)—Southern Baptist Convention President C. C. Warren was here recently to attend the annual meeting of the Religion in American Life Corporation. While in the city, Warren was guest of honor at an informal luncheon arranged by Reuben E. Nelson, general secretary, American Baptist Convention.

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.....S. Madge Lewis, librarian, Golden Gate Baptist Seminary, Berkeley, Calif., has been elected president of the Western Theological Library Association.

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.....Mississippi Baptist Woman's Missionary Union will pay way for its executive secretary, Miss Edwina Robinson, of Jackson, to visit mission fields in Orient this summer on tour sponsored by Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

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.....T. D. Brown, senior professor and head of New Testament department at Clear Creek Mountain Preachers Bible School, Pineville, Ky., will retire Aug. 31 after nine years on faculty.

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.....Trustees of Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy, Seymour, Tenn., recently elected officers. T. L. Seeber, Clinton, Tenn., is chairman. Charles S. Bond, Knoxville, is vice-chairman. The school is operated by Tennessee Baptists.

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.....Alton Towery came to pastorate of First Baptist Church, Oil Center, N. M., recently from pastorate of the Baptist church in Royalty, Tex.

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.....Wayne White, pastor, Hastings, Okla., Baptist Church, resigned recently to begin work in Henderson, Nev., where Southern Baptist residents want to start a new church.

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.....South Harriman Baptist Church, Harriman, Tenn., has called Lyn Claybrook to be its pastor. Claybrook came to the Harriman church from pastorate of Oneida, Ky., Baptist Church.

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.....After 25 years as its pastor, Paul Wheeler retired from Park St. Baptist Church in Columbia, S. C., recently.

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I BELIEVE IN SOCIAL SECURITY

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There are three very definite reasons why I believe wholly in the Social Security Act which the Congress of the United States enacted Jan. 1, 1955, granting coverage to ministers.

First, one of my members, United States Senator Robert S. Kerr, was the author of an amendment to the Social Security Act granting this coverage on a voluntary basis to ministers and "members of religious orders other than those who have taken a vow of poverty."

In my opinion, Senator Kerr has rendered a valuable service to those covered by this amendment. He rendered invaluable service in committee hearings, helping to safeguard the time-honored Baptist principle of the separation of church and state.

Second, it was my privilege to be chairman of a committee which appeared before the Senate finance committee on behalf of Southern Baptists to lend whatever information and assistance possible in getting the type law which would be acceptable to Southern Baptist people.

I believe this has been done, resulting in a law that every minister can afford to take advantage of. The coverage is on a voluntary basis with no conflict between church and state involved. Just as a minister pays other taxes, including his automobile tags, as a citizen, so he can pay the social security tax individually as a citizen.

Much-Needed Addition

Third, this Social Security Act provides a much-needed addition to the retirement benefits available to a minister through the denominational retirement plan. There is no conflict whatever between the two. If someone has to choose between the denominational plan and the government plan by all means he should retain his denominational plan, which provides for more security than the other.

The ideal, of course, is to enter the social security plan of the government in addition to his denominational retirement benefits. This will insure a much needed income at a period in life when it will mean the most.

Thus, I would urge every Baptist minister and worker involved to avail himself of this opportunity. Under this law a minister had two years from Jan. 1, 1955 in which to enter the social security plan.

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In the case of a newly-ordained minister, he has two years following his ordination in which to enter. This means that those eligible Jan. 1, 1955, may enter the plan until Jan. 1, 1957.

Once In, Always In

Once in the plan, the person must continue in it.

To obtain social security coverage, file Form 2031 which may be secured from the nearest office of the bureau of internal revenue.

Payment at three per cent of salary, which gradually increases to six per cent of salary in about 20 years, on a maximum salary basis of \$4,200, may be made in one check at the time income tax is paid each year.

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DR. A. L. GOODRICH
FATALLY STRICKEN

CLINTON, Miss.--(BP)--Dr. A. L. Goodrich, editor of the Mississippi Baptist Record, weekly denominational newspaper, died in a Jackson hospital Mar. 14 following a heart attack.

Dr. Goodrich, who became editor of the Baptist Record in 1941 after six years as the paper's circulation manager, was stricken at his home here after returning from mid-week prayer service at Clinton Baptist Church.

Born Sept. 12, 1891, in Kenly, N. C., Dr. Goodrich was educated at Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C., and at Southern Baptist Seminary. Mississippi College honored him with a doctor of divinity degree in 1946.

He held pastorates in Lexington, Ky., and Pontotoc, Miss., before entering editorial work. He was a former vice-president of the General Association (state convention) of Baptists in Kentucky.

He is survived by his wife and several children. Funeral services were held Mar. 16 at Clinton Baptist Church.

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