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MIAMI BAPTISTS WEIGH  
PROPOSAL OF HOSPITAL

MIAMI--(BP)--Any request that the Southern Baptist Hospital Board be authorized to establish and operate a hospital in the Miami vicinity should be presented to the Southern Baptist Convention by the Miami Baptist Association.

This is the declaration of Frank Tripp, New Orleans, executive secretary of the Hospital Board.

It followed an offer by a Florida land developer and multi-millionaire chairman of the Aluminum Corp. of America, Arthur Vining Davis, regarding a Baptist hospital near Miami.

Davis offered the Hospital Board \$500,000 and property he said was worth \$250,000 in Kendall, a community 10 miles south of Miami. It was offered on condition that Baptists build and operate a 200-bed general hospital which would cost about \$3 million.

Tripp reported that he had made two visits to Miami, on request of Davis, "to discuss with him the possibility of his making a substantial contribution toward the building of a hospital to meet the critical shortage of hospital facilities in the Miami area."

He also has been contacted about the offer by C. Roy Angell, pastor of Miami's large Central Baptist Church.

According to Tripp, Miami Baptist Association, which represents Southern Baptist churches in the area, secured the services of the National Fund Raising Agency to find out how many hospital beds Miami needs and what the chances would be for a successful fund-raising campaign.

## No Formal Proposal

"It is my understanding that the results of the survey have encouraged Dr. Angell and his associates to believe that a minimum of \$3 million can be raised under the proper leadership," he continued.

The Hospital Board has not received any formal proposal from the Miami Baptist Association and the Board's annual report to the approaching annual Southern Baptist Convention session will carry no reference to the Miami hospital matter.

The annual report will contain a reference, however, to a proposed large Baptist teaching hospital in Alhambra, Calif., a suburb of Los Angeles.

At its annual meeting in Miami last year, the Southern Baptist Convention voted conditionally to go ahead with the Alhambra project at an estimated cost of \$2 million or more.

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However, during the period since the Convention, the Southern Baptist General Convention of California reported that the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce could not provide a site for the hospital and \$250,000 as agreed.

This apparently has killed the Alhambra hospital project for the present.

#### Tripp's Comment

The Alhambra project would require two affirmative votes of the Convention under its procedure for new hospital projects. The first affirmative vote was recorded in 1955.

Speaking of Davis' proposal in the Miami area, Tripp added:

"Although the matter has not been brought to the attention of the Hospital Board, it is my opinion that if the people of Miami provide a building site and enough money to build and equip a modern hospital and if the Convention gave its approval to such a project, the Hospital Board would be glad to build and operate a hospital with a minimum of 200 beds in the Miami area."

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ADD TO 4-21-56 ARTICLE "BARTLE STILL TO GIVE---"

Mayor Bartle said he was a stockholder in a company that primarily was a food supermarket operator but that also distributed liquor.

Kansas City newspapers quoted W. T. Holland, associational missionary for Southern Baptists here and co-chairman of the local Convention arrangements committee, as saying that Mayor Bartle had been a stockholder in the food company before it began to distribute liquor.

Bartle described himself as a Presbyterian (Southern) who graduated from a Southern Baptist educational institution, Fork Union Military Academy in Virginia.

He said he had cancelled engagements in order to be available for the Convention address of welcome, and that he had arranged for many Convention messengers to have accommodations in homes of his friends in Kansas City while they are here.

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OH, COME, COME, COME--

LAWRENCEBURG, Ky.--(BP)--First Baptist Church of Lawrenceburg might qualify as the church in the wildwood. Its Sunday school superintendent is J. B. Sparrow and its Baptist Training Union director is Truman Birdwhistell.

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THOSE TO GET HONORARY  
DEGREES ARE ANNOUNCED

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Several Southern Baptist colleges and universities have announced persons on whom they will confer honorary degrees at spring commencement exercises.

The colleges, persons receiving degrees, and degrees to be conferred:

Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee---Thomas Grady Nanney, pastor, University Baptist Church, Shawnee, Okla., and Wilmer E. Grindstaff, assistant executive secretary, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, doctor of divinity degrees; Robert Harrison Nicholson, president, Ellis, Nicholson, and Cramer, Oklahoma City, doctor of laws.

William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.---Earl Harding, executive secretary, Missouri Baptist General Association, Jefferson City, Mo., and Theodore Distler, executive secretary, Association of American Colleges, Washington, LL.D. degrees.

Wayland College, Plainview, Tex.---Mrs. H. G. Stinnett, Jr., Austin, Tex., on the staff of Texas Atty. Gen. John B. Sheppard, doctor of humanities; George L. Shearin, Dallas, endowment secretary, Baptist General Convention of Texas, doctor of laws; Harlan Harris, Plainview, pastor First Baptist Church, doctor of divinity.

Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Tex.---Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, Houston, former Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, U. S. government, doctor of humanities.

Union University, Jackson, Tenn.---H. Franklin Paschall, pastor First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., and W. A. Boston, pastor, Raleigh Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., doctor of divinity degrees; Samuel S. Sargent, dean, Northeast Mississippi Junior College, Booneville, doctor of laws.

East Texas Baptist College, Marshall---A. B. Rutledge, pastor, First Baptist Church, Marshall, Tex., and Ira H. Peak, pastor, Tower Grove Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo., doctor of divinity degrees; V. H. Hackney, superintendent, Marshall, Tex., independent school district, and W. T. Bruce, Greenville, S. C., assistant superintendent, Greenville County school unit, doctor of laws degrees.

Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex.---E. S. James, Dallas, editor, Baptist Standard, and J. M. Crowe, administrative assistant to executive secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., doctor of divinity degrees; Fred M. Lange, executive vice-president, Dallas County Community Chest, Dallas, Tex., doctor of laws.

R. T. SKINNER WEDS  
MRS. IRENE DUFFER

LOUISVILLE--(BP)--R. T. Skinner, editor of the Western Recorder, Kentucky Baptist weekly, and Mrs. Irene Hale Duffer were married recently at Walnut St. Baptist Church here.

W. R. Pettigrew, pastor of the church, officiated.

The bride is a native of Gibson, Tenn., but was reared in Tampa, Fla., where she maintains a home. For the past 10 years, she has resided part of the time in Hopkinsville, Ky., and was a member of First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville.

She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hale, Tampa. The Hales were members of Palm Ave. Baptist Church, Tampa, where Editor Skinner's father, the late J. E. Skinner, was pastor.

The couple were friends in church and high school in Tampa.

Their home will be in Louisville, where offices of the Western Recorder are located. Skinner has edited the weekly newspaper since 1946.

He is former pastor of First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. He also pastored churches at Watertown, McMinnville, and Milan, Tenn., and Central Park Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.

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CHURCH EXPANSION NEWS  
IN SAN DIEGO VICINITY

SAN DIEGO, Calif.--(BP)--Southern Baptists in the San Diego area made news recently with the opening, on a single Sunday, of three churches and three missions.

The new churches are First Baptist Church of Johnstown, Coronado Baptist Church, and First Baptist Church of Cabrillo Heights. Each was organized from an already-existing mission.

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OPEN ASSEMBLY SEASON

PASS CHRISTIAN, Miss.--(BP)--A state Baptist pastors' assembly and associational missionaries' institute, scheduled for April 30-May 4, will inaugurate the 1956 program of the newly-acquired Kittiwake Baptist Assembly here. It is operated by the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

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# BAPTIST FEATURES

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WORLD EVANGELIZATION--AT HOME  
By L. O. Griffith  
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"When you trust the Lord, he will save you." This personal word fresh from the rich Christian experience of an older person, brought a younger man to a place of complete trust in the Lord.

"You don't believe that book, do you?" the salesman asked a businessman, as he pointed to a Bible on the desk. Beside the Bible was the "Sunday School Builder" magazine which this Christian read and studied with his Bible between business transactions.

The businessman answered, emphatically, "Yes, I do believe this Bible. I have experienced its teachings!" With this same earnest, fervent testimony, the businessman also gave witness to many others who came into his office.

An Indian girl came home and recited Bible verses which she had learned in Vacation Bible school. Her parents were so impressed with these wonderful words, they invited the missionary to visit their home.

God opened their hearts and the hearts of some of their children. Sunday school was started in the home; others were won to Christ. Today, a beautiful church stands in this Indian village as a testimony because a little girl quoted Bible verses to her parents.

A woman on the West Coast rented a room to a military family with a little boy. This family had been unable to find living quarters because of their child. The first time the young mother went to get groceries, she saw her landlady sitting in a rocking chair reading the Bible with such interest that it made a very strong impression on her.

Soon, an invitation was given to attend services, and it wasn't long before the mother had accepted Jesus as her Saviour and in turn, became a dynamic witness to the saving power of Jesus.

Calls kept coming to the laundry, saying, "My clothes have not been picked up." It was during the Baptist revival.

The man on the truck had been saved from a life of sin. He felt the urge to witness to others so strongly that his concern for soiled souls to be cleansed became so great that he forgot about the soiled clothes of people.

As he went from home to home picking up soiled clothes he witnessed personally to the soiled souls until he led 14 to accept Christ during that revival.

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Baptist Press Feature

These are but illustrations of what Christians in all walks of life, including you, may do--right in their own home town--to lead others to Christ.

World evangelism begins at home, with each Christian doing what God wants him to do and working for the salvation of those who are not Christians.

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FILM STUDY---Representatives of the Southern and American Baptist Conventions met in Nashville recently to discuss a proposed Baptist film, possibly on the theme of religious liberty. They included, from left, Earl Waldrup, secretary, audio-visual aids department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; R. Dean Goodwin, director of communications, American Baptist Convention, New York; Edmund C. Shaw, director, department of visual aids, ABC, New York, and Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, Ga., minister, and chairman SBC film committee.--Baptist Press.