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Joint Public Affairs
Group Elects Officers

WASHINGTON--(BP)--The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, meeting here, has re-elected E. B. Willingham, of New York City, as its chairman.

Willingham is general secretary of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

The committee also re-elected Vice-Chairman Walter Pope Binns, a Southern Baptist who is president of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

J. H. Jackson, president of the National Baptist Convention, Inc., Chicago, was elected to fill the new position of second vice-chairman.

A. C. Miller, executive secretary of Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, Nashville, remains as recording secretary. W. Hubert Porter, New York City, fills the new post of assistant recording secretary. Porter is assistant general secretary, American Baptist Convention.

Two Washington laymen continue to hold positions as treasurer and assistant treasurer. They are E. H. DeGroot, Jr., and Ralph Cole.

Committee members, who represent six Baptist bodies in the United States, discussed ways in which the agency could increase its work in proclaiming the witness of the Baptist people.

Future policy will be decided by the agency's executive committee, based on sentiment expressed during discussions at the annual meeting.

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Hurricane-Fearful Folk
Get Spiritual Counsel

NEW ORLEANS--(BP)--New Orleans residents fearful of approaching hurricane "Flossie" received spiritual counsel through a service of the First Baptist Church.

Pastor J. D. Grey's Sunday night service was broadcast over a local radio station. "Flossie" was aimed at New Orleans at the time. Grey invited listeners with fears of the storm to call a special telephone number.

Three men at the church answered calls for over an hour. Those who gave their names and addresses received tracts from the church through the mails.

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.....Donald F. Callahan, pastor of First Baptist Church, Semmes, Ala., has accepted a call from Enoree Baptist Church, Enoree, S. C.

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.....New pastor of First Baptist Church, Clover, S. C., will be George Story, who previously pastored Calvary Baptist Church, Hamlet, N. C.

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.....Gage Ave. Baptist Church, Bell Gardens, Calif., has called Virgil L. Hopper as pastor. Hopper comes from pastorate of Red Fork Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.

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Taiybeh, Jordan---Southern Baptists have assumed responsibility for a medical clinic in Taiybeh, Jordan, which has previously been under direction of Anglican missionaries. Dr. and Mrs. L. August Lovegren, who have been at the Baptist hospital in Ajloun, Jordan, have already moved to Taiybeh to direct the clinic.

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Birmingham, Alabama---Miss Juliette Mather, editorial secretary for the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention for eight years, has resigned her office effective in January. Miss Mather, who has been in WMU work since 1919, plans to sail March 15 for Japan to teach English in the Baptist boys' high school and university, Seinan Gakuin, Fukuoka, Japan.

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Hong Kong---Enrolment of the newly-organized Hong Kong Baptist College will be more than 150, it is predicted. The college opened Sept. 10. About two-thirds of the student body will be men. Forty per cent of students will be from Christian groups, and about half of this number will be Baptists.

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Richmond, Virginia---Home from a 32,000-mile tour of 15 countries, Baptist World Alliance President Theodore F. Adams said he was impressed by the "vitality of Baptist work and life even in the face of persecution and trouble."

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Atlanta, Georgia---The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has 1,163 missionaries on the field. In addition to work within the United States proper, it has mission work in Alaska, Cuba, Panama, and the Canal Zone.

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Nashville, Tennessee---The Southern Baptist Convention is striving to double the number of churches and missions it has within the United States. A "30,000 Committee" has been named to plan for the establishment of 10,000 churches and another 20,000 missions, chapels, and preaching stations. Convention President C. C. Warren is general chairman of the committee.

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New Orleans, Louisiana---New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, owned by the Southern Baptist Convention, is planning to build a \$500,000 chapel which can seat 1700 persons. A 185-foot spire on the proposed chapel will be a duplicate of the one atop First Baptist Church, Providence, Rhode Island, the oldest Baptist church in the United States.

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Nashville, Tennessee---The Baptist Sunday School Board, main publishing agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, has recently agreed to purchase \$800,000 worth of property in downtown Nashville. The property is next door to its present buildings and will be used for future expansion, according to Executive Secretary James L. Sullivan.

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