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FORMER BAPTIST STATISTICIAN
DIES IN NASHVILLE HOSPITAL

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Eugene P. Alldredge, 77, retired Southern Baptist pastor, statistician, and denominational leader, died in a local hospital, February 22. The cause of death was believed to be a heart attack. He had been ill with the flu for about three weeks.

Dr. Alldredge, a native of Alabama, had served his denomination from 1920 to 1945 as Convention statistician. He was also advisor to American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville.

His pastorates, before coming to Nashville, included Amarillo and Dallas, Tex., and Little Rock, Ark. From 1911 to 1912, he was state mission secretary of New Mexico; and, from 1919 to 1920, he was state secretary of the Arkansas Baptist Convention.

Dr. Alldredge received the A.B., A.M., and Th.B. degrees from Baylor University. He acquired the Th.M. degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Ouachita College conferred upon him the honorary D.D. degree.

From 1941 to 1946, Dr. Alldredge was editor of the Quarterly Review and he was the Southern Baptist Handbook editor from 1921 to 1945. He was the author of numerous books including Southern Baptists Working Together, The New Challenge of Home Missions, One Hundred Successful Country Churches, Forty Sermon Studies, Cowboys and Coyotes, and Sunshine and Shadows.

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST
EDITORS RE-ORGANIZE

CHARLESTON, S. C.--(BP)--Editors of the Southern Baptist Convention organized a Southern Baptist Press Association at their annual meeting here. For many years the group has met in an informal fellowship for study of mutual problems. The new constitution adopted by the group defines the purpose of the new organization: "To foster mutual helpfulness to the editors in solving common problems, to stimulate higher standards of religious journalism, and to afford a medium of expression of the mind of the editors on vital problems and issues that confront the denomination."

The new organization has twenty-six member papers and magazines with a total of 1,300,000 circulation. Twenty of the twenty-six are weekly papers with 950,000 circulation.

New officers elected for next year are W. Barry Garrett, Phoenix, Ariz., editor, Arizona Baptist Beacon, president; Samuel H. Jones, Greenville, S. C., editor, Baptist Courier, vice-president; and Orbie R. Clem, Wichita, Kan., editor, Kansas Southern Baptist Beams, secretary.

Among the speakers heard by the Press Association were Dr. Edgar E. Folk, professor of English, Wake Forest College. He appealed for new high readability standards for Baptist papers. He said that the average layman wants his church paper stories written with a dramatic or feature flair. Dr. Folk stated that, in spite of great gains, Southern Baptists have not yet realized the vast potential of the printed page.

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BRIDGES HEADS SECRETARIES

CHARLESTON, S. C.--(BP)--Dr. Ben L. Bridges, Little Rock, Ark., was elected president of the state secretaries' fellowship. R. E. Milan, Portland, Ore., was elected vice-president and Noel Taylor, secretary. The meeting next year will be at Edgewater Gulf, Miss., Feb. 9-11.

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DR. BOLTON COMMENDED
FOR FOUNDATION WORK

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Dr. Charles H. Bolton, former secretary for the Southern Baptist Foundation and now pastor of the First Baptist Church, Avon Park, Fla., has been commended by the Foundation for "service of permanent value." A resolution adopted by the Foundation stated, "He has established a friendly relationship to all of the state foundations, he has secured the co-operation of all the Southern Baptist Convention agencies, he has prepared and distributed basic literature explaining the purpose of the Foundation and the affairs of the Foundation have been handled in such a manner to merit and receive the commendation of outstanding business men."

Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Nashville, will assume the secretaryship of the Foundation after retiring from the Baptist Sunday School Board early this summer.

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PLOUGH SERVICE
TOTALS \$38,000

ABERNATHY, Tex.--(BP)--Last year the First Baptist Church in this small farming community conducted a "Consecration of the Plough" service, using as text, "Consider now from this day and upward...Is the seed yet in the barn? Yes, as yet the vine and the fig tree and the pomegranate and the olive tree hath not brought forth, from this day will I bless you" (Haggai 2:18-19). The pastor, Rev. C. A. Kennedy, asked the members to make an actual commitment of acres to the Lord's work. In spite of the greatest drought in recent years in surrounding communities, the people of abernathy gathered record crops. Total offerings received as a result of the service and dedication totaled \$38,000.

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J. W. (Bill) MARSHALL QUILTS
WAYLAND COLLEGE PRESIDENCY

PLAINVIEW, Tex.--(BP)--Dr. J. W. (Bill) Marshall has resigned as president of Wayland College, a position he has held since 1947. During his six years as head of the school he raised it from a junior college to a senior institution, doubled the enrolment and added five new buildings.

He also led the school to open its doors to Negro students on the same basis as white students. Eight Negroes qualified for entrance this year.

Dr. Marshall has not announced definite future plans, but said he hopes to return to evangelistic-missionary work and do at least one overseas revival campaign each year.

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PROGRAM

PASTORS' CONFERENCE

THEME: "We've A Story to Tell"

Monday Evening

TELLING THE STORY FROM HISTORY

- 7:00 P. M. Song and Praise
- 7:10 P. M. Scripture Reading and Prayer John E. Barnes, Mississippi
- 7:15 P. M. Greetings from Local Chairman James T. Draper, Texas
- 7:25 P. M. Program Prospectus. C. C. Warren, North Carolina
- 7:35 P. M. The New Testament Church in History J. H. Avery, Florida
- 8:05 P. M. Missions in Baptist History H. C. Goerner, Kentucky
- 8:35 P. M. Special Music
- 8:45 P. M. Preaching in Baptist History Robert A. Baker, Texas
- 9:15 P. M. Adjourn

Tuesday Morning

- 9:30 A. M. Song and Praise
- 9:45 A. M. Scripture Reading and Prayer. J. T. Ford, Alabama
- 9:50 A. M. Should the Down-town Church Move Out?. Paul S. James, Georgia
- 10:10 A. M. Questions Concerning Marriage, Divorce, Remarriage, Etc.
H. H. Hobbs, Oklahoma
- 10:30 A. M. The Preacher's Dress for All Occasions Wade H. Bryant, Virginia
- 10:50 A. M. Song and Praise
- 10:55 A. M. A Family Night Prayer Service James S. Day, South Carolina
- 11:15 A. M. Our Continuous Battle for Religious Liberty
Edward B. Willingham, Washington, D. C.
- 11:35 A. M. Special Music
- 11:45 A. M. The Preacher and His Message. R. C. Campbell, North Carolina
- 12:15 P. M. Adjourn

Tuesday Afternoon

TELLING THE STORY THROUGH CHURCH ORDINANCES

- 2:00 P. M. Song and Praise
- 2:10 P. M. Scripture Reading and Prayer. E. E. Garland, Maryland
- 2:15 P. M. Observing the Ordinance of Baptism Sam Reeves, Arkansas
- 2:35 P. M. Observing the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper. J. Harold Stephens, Tennessee
- 2:55 P. M. Song and Praise

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- 3:00 P. M. Question and Answer Period on Topics Discussed or Anything Pertaining to the Pastor's Work.
3:30 P. M. Growing a Great Church W. Fred Swank, Texas
4:00 P. M. Adjourn

Tuesday Evening

TELLING THE STORY TO ALL MANKIND

- 7:00 P. M. Song and Praise
7:05 P. M. Scripture Reading and Prayer Troy V. Wheeler, Louisiana
7:10 P. M. Telling the Story in Europe F. Bredhl Petersen, Denmark
7:40 P. M. Election of Officers, Announcements and Offering
7:50 P. M. Telling the Story to the Armed Forces . . . Ivan Bennett, Washington, D. C.
8:25 P. M. Special Music
8:35 P. M. Telling the Story to the World Billy Graham, North Carolina
9:15 P. M. Adjourn

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SBC CHILDREN'S HOME HEADS
TO PLAN PUBLICITY PROGRAM

SALEM, Va.--(BP)--W. C. Read, Thomasville, N. C., general superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina, was elected president of the Southern Baptist Association of Executives of Homes for Children, and Wade B. East, Baptist Children's Home, Carmi, Ill., was re-elected secretary.

A special committee was appointed to develop a joint publicity program for the children's homes. The committee will (1) plan and prepare material for state and Southern Baptist papers, (2) plan and produce a co-operative children's home film, and (3) develop liason with the Social Service Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The next annual meeting of the association will be held Jan. 28 - 29 in San Antonio, Tex.

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POSSIBLE LIBERALIZATION
RETIREMENT TERMS

CHARLESTON, S. C.--(BP)--Southern Baptist pastors may soon get increased liberalization of the terms of their Minister's Retirement Plan, if a readjustment program announced here to a meeting of Southern Baptist state secretaries and editors goes into effect. The new plan now ready for final approval in South Carolina will call for a slight increase in rates. Dr. Walter R. Alexander, Dallas, executive secretary for the Southern Baptist Relief and Annuity Board, made the announcement.

A committee of state secretaries consisting of Dr. Charles W. Pope, Tennessee; Dr. J. Howard Williams, Texas; Dr. James W. Merritt, Georgia; and Dr. John Maguire, Florida, has been appointed to confer with Dr. Paul Wheeler and Dr. Charles F. Sims, South Carolina representatives and officers of the Relief and Annuity Board, to study ways and means of adapting the plan to all the states. The conference will be held in Memphis, Tenn., on April 7.

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BAPTIST BRIEFS

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Dr. O. L. Wood, a former general superintendent of Baptist work in Missouri, died at his home in Newton, Kan., Feb. 4...Southeastern Seminary has added three new faculty members, Pope Alexander Duncan, church history; Richard Knox Young, pastoral care; and Garland Alford Hendricks, church-community development....Dr. Norman Shands, president of Limestone College in South Carolina, has accepted the pastorate of West End Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga....Fort Worth, Tex. Baptists have chosen their director of religious education as city missionary. He is Charles McLaughlin, who has been with the association for more than two years....Hawaiian Baptists have voted to open a junior college as soon as practical....Mrs. E. E. Steele, Atlanta, Ga., is the new W.M.U. secretary for California Baptists....Mrs. S. G. Posey, wife of California's state secretary, recently received two very painful breaks just above the ankle when she fell while inspecting remodeling of the state headquarters building.

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