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D. C. Baptist School  
Recommended By Editor

WASHINGTON--(BP)--Baptists could render "an immeasurable service" by establishing a "first rate graduate school" in Washington, the editor of the Capital Baptist declared in a recent editorial.

"A graduate school situated in the Nation's Capital," he said, ". . . could bring an intelligent Baptist witness before the executive, legislative, and judiciary branches of our government that would be felt around the world."

Editor James O. Duncan said that "today when a Congressional committee wants to hear the ideas of an expert, too often it is one of the members of the faculty of either of the great Catholic universities here."

The graduate school, Duncan continued, should be "well staffed with qualified men in different fields of service."

"A call has come from two groups in the Southern Baptist Convention for 5000 dedicated young people to enter the fields of communication," according to Duncan. "Do we have the faculty to train this many people?" his editorial asked.

He cited the facilities available to graduate students in Washington--the Library of Congress and libraries of other universities, opportunity for employment in government and other related agencies, and meeting people from all parts of the world.

"Baptists have said a lot and done a lot about going to the wide open spaces with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but the day will soon be upon us -- if it is not already -- when the great mission fields of America are its large cities," Duncan wrote.

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McNabb Named Head  
Of Children's Home

ROUND ROCK, Tex.--(BP)--James S. McNabb, Jr., has been named administrator of Texas Baptist Children's Home here. He has been the home's acting administrator since July, 1956.

McNabb was previously manager of the college book store at the Stephen F. Austin College in Nacogdoches, Tex., a personnel director for the National Youth Administration and assistant manager of the Mineral Wells, Tex., office of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

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Baptist Group Commends  
Chaplains Commission

ASHEVILLE, N. C.--(BP)--The pastor's conference of Buncombe Baptist Association has voiced "a strong word of commendation" for the Chaplains Commission of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

In a letter to Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, Nashville, Tenn., the president of the pastor's conference said the vote of the association's pastors was unanimous.

The association is composed of Baptist churches in the Asheville vicinity.

"We are located near Moore General and Oteen Hospitals, both of which are Veteran Hospitals, and we have had some opportunity to observe our Baptist chaplains at work," conference President W. F. Wagoner reported.

"It is our observation that the Chaplains Commission has done a good job in screening undesirable men before approving them for a chaplain's commission," the conference president added. "We would certainly hate to see anything happen to this Commission and its future usefulness between our denomination and the Government."

Recent events, the pastors said, "have strengthened our feeling that the work of the Commission is vitally important and that the Commission should be continued."

A new set of policies and procedures for the Chaplains Commission was approved by the December meeting of the Home Mission Board. The Home Mission Board asked the Executive Committee to review the policies and procedures.

A committee of the Executive Committee recently held a public hearing in Nashville, Tenn., to hear pros and cons on the policies and procedures.

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Seminary Professor New  
Area Secretary For FMB

RICHMOND, Va.--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has elected H. Cornell Goerner, professor of comparative religion and missions at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, to be its new area secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East.

Goerner, ending a 22-year teaching career at the seminary, will succeed George W. Sadler, who is retiring after 1957. Goerner originally planned to be a Baptist missionary to Romania, but instead became a professor for the seminary at Louisville.

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Calendar of Activities  
Prepared For Adoption

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Committee on Denominational Calendar has prepared a calendar of activities for 1958 which it will ask the Convention to adopt at its Chicago session May 28-31.

The major emphases by months, according to Albert McClellan, Nashville, chairman of the committee:

January--Church schools of missions; Special Bible study week, Jan. 6-10; Woman's Missionary Society Focus Week, Jan. 12-17.

February--Emphasis on theological seminaries and Carver School of Missions and Social Work; Baptist World Alliance Sunday, Feb. 2; Young Women's Auxiliary Focus Week, Feb. 9-15; Southern Baptist Rural Life Conference, Feb. 24-27.

March--Home Missions emphasis; Woman's Missionary Union week of prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions, Mar. 3-7; Training Union study courses; Home and Foreign Missions Day in the Sunday school, offering, Mar. 30.

April--Stress Baptist colleges and schools; youth week, Apr. 6-13; Baptist youth night, Apr. 12; Jewish Fellowship Week, Apr. 14-20; Christian Education day, Apr. 27.

May--Emphasize ministry of Baptist hospitals and nurse recruitment; Christian Home Week, May 4-11; Girls Auxiliary Focus Week, May 11-17; annual session, Southern Baptist Convention, May 21-23, Houston, W. M. U. session, May 18-20.

June--Emphases are Southern Baptist Relief and Annuity Board; life commitment to Christian service; Vacation Bible Schools; Convention assemblies at Ridgecrest, N.C., and Glorieta, N. M., begin summer season.

July--Assemblies at Ridgecrest and Glorieta.

August--Assemblies at Ridgecrest and Glorieta in final weeks; Sunbeam Focus Week, Aug. 10-16; Off-to-College day; Convention-wide Royal Ambassador Congress, Aug. 12-14, Fort Worth.

September--Emphasis on church music and on state Baptist foundations and Southern Baptist Foundation; associational Sunday school planning meetings, Sept. 9; Training Union planning meetings (may be observed in October or November if desired); W.M.U. season of prayer for state missions.

October--Call attention to Cooperative Program, the financial plan of the Convention, and to associational mission rallies; Sunday school training courses; Layman's Day, Oct. 12; State mission day in the Sunday school with offering, Oct. 26 (may vary in some states); Christian Stewardship Week, Oct. 26-Nov. 2.

November--Christian literature is emphasized listing the various types published

by the Convention; Pledge Day (for church budgets), Nov. 2; Royal Ambassador Focus Week, Nov. 2-8; Children's Home day (as promoted by state Baptist bodies).

December--Special emphasis on foreign missions; Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to Foreign Missions and Woman's Missionary Union prayer week for foreign missions, Dec. 1-5; Training Union "M" night, Dec. 1; Student night at Christmas service, Dec. 28.

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Points Of Interest  
In Illinois Shown

CHICAGO--(BP)--Here are points of interest related to Southern Baptist work in Illinois which those planning to attend the 1957 Southern Baptist Convention in Chicago next month might like to visit.

Carmi--State Highway 1, site of Baptist Children's Home operated by Illinois Baptist State Association. Carmi is in southeast part of the state.

Carbondale--on State Highway 13 and U. S. 51 in southern Illinois. Site of office of Illinois Baptist State Association and of Southern Illinois College of the Bible, on campus of Southern Illinois University.

Champaign-Urbana--U. S. 45 in east central Illinois. Site of Chair of Bible on campus of University of Illinois.

Pinckneyville--State Highways 13, 127, in southwestern section of state. First Baptist Church of Pinckneyville is where Illinois Baptist State Association was organized in 1907. 10 miles north of city on Highway 127 is Lake Sallateeska, 80-acre summer encampment and assembly grounds of state association.

Jonesboro--U. S. 51 in extreme southern part of state. Site of First Baptist Church, oldest Southern Baptist church in Illinois and second oldest church in the state with a continuous history.

O'Fallon--near E. St. Louis. The oldest Baptist church in Illinois--Bethel Baptist Church--is located about five miles south of O'Fallon in the country.

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Tennessee Colleges  
Share Clark Estate

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Tennessee Baptist Convention's three senior colleges shared in the estate of the late Dr. Harry Clark of Knoxville, Tennessee educator prominent in Baptist life.

The Clark estate provided \$4,342 to Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City; \$4,198 to Union University, Jackson, and \$3,619 to Belmont College, Nashville.

Dr. Clark was a former superintendent of Knoxville city schools and president of Tennessee College for Women.

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Brotherhood Leaders  
Conducting Clinics

MEMPHIS--(BP)--Two Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission leaders recently spent a week in Panama conducting Brotherhood clinics.

The two men are George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Commission here, and John W. McCall, Memphis, who has been a member of the Commission for 20 years.

These men went at the invitation of R. G. Van Royen, superintendent of Baptist work in Panama, who is anxious to strengthen and enlarge Brotherhood work there.

Working as a team, McCall will bring the devotional message and Schroeder will give the men information about the best ways to organize and operate the Brotherhood organization.

This will be the fourth such trip Schroeder has made to help establish and enlarge Brotherhood work in other countries.

His first trip was to Zurich, Switzerland, in 1953. In 1954 he helped in clinics in Cuba and in 1956 accepted an invitation to Hawaii.

Plans are in progress for Schroeder to go to Australia in spring, 1958, to conduct similar clinics there.

"It is heartening to know of the increasing interest in Brotherhood work in all parts of the world," says Secretary Schroeder. "There seems to be an ever-growing realization that men must shoulder more and more responsibility in our church life if the conquest of this world for Christ is to succeed."

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Baptist Paper Manager  
Dies Of Heart Attack

GREENVILLE; S. C.--(BP)--Funeral services and burial were held here for Robert Francis Terrell, circulation manager of the Baptist Courier for more than 25 years.

Terrell suffered an apparent heart attack shortly after completing his sermon Apr. 7 at Starr Baptist Church, Starr, S. C. The congregation was singing the closing hymn when the attack came. He was supplying the pulpit in the absence of the pastor.

Terrell joined the Baptist Courier, weekly paper of the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina, in 1926 as circulation manager.

He filled the same post for the Biblical Recorder, Baptist weekly paper in North Carolina, from 1935-1940, then returned to Greenville and his former post with the Baptist Courier.

Courier Editor S. H. Jones assisted Pastor C. Earl Cooper in funeral services at Earle St. Baptist Church here, where Terrell held his membership.

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Missouri WMU Workers  
Killed In Auto Wreck

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.--(BP)--Two office workers for the Woman's Missionary Union of Missouri here were killed recently in an automobile wreck while en route to a WMU convention in St. Louis.

A field secretary for the state WMU organization was injured and a fourth passenger in the car escaped injury.

Editor H. H. McGinty of the state Baptist paper, Word and Way, said the workers killed were Mrs. Helen Stacy and Mrs. Bernice Scrivner. Mrs. A. B. Constantz, driver of the car, was injured. The other passenger was Miss Mary Bidstrup, associate secretary of the state WMU.

McGinty said Mrs. Constantz was forced off the highway by another motorist. It was the first fatal accident involving state Baptist workers, who travel thousands of miles a year by various modes of transportation.

Funeral services and burial were held in Jefferson City.

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Urges New Policy For  
President Of Seminary

NASHVILLE--(BP)--If the 1957 Southern Baptist Convention approves a recommendation of one of its agencies, the presidency of American Baptist Theological Seminary will no longer be restricted to a member of the Negro race.

The Southern Baptist Commission on American Baptist Theological Seminary will present the recommendation as part of its annual report to the 1957 session of the Convention in Chicago.

L. S. Sedberry, Nashville, executive secretary of the Commission, said the proposed change originated with the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., and has already been approved by National Baptists.

The Southern Baptist Convention and the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., largest organization of Negro Baptists in America, jointly operate the seminary for Negroes.

Victor T. Glass, now serving as acting president of the seminary, is the first white man to serve as head of the institution.

Previously the agreement of the two Conventions has required the president of the seminary to be a Negro man and a member of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A. Inc.

Sedberry said the Commission recommends this requirement be changed so that any "qualified theologian a member of either the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., or of the Southern Baptist Convention" shall be eligible to serve as president.

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.....The fifth annual National Church Conference for the Blind will convene in Kansas City, Mo., July 22-25. Information about the conference may be secured from Edwin Wilson, executive director, Braille Evangel, Box 6999, Fort Worth 15, Tex.

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.....Baptists in Texas are planning to construct an amphitheater at their Palacios Assembly Grounds to honor John L. Hill, retired book editor of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. For many years, Hill was vesper speaker at the assembly.

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.....Miss Johnie Barnhart, YWA president at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., will become YWA and GA secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of Oklahoma on June 1.

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.....Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance, and Howard Butt, Baptist lay evangelist, will be among the speakers who will address the Southern Presbyterian Men's Convention at Miami in October.

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.....William C. Doster, chairman of the humanities division at Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Ark., was elected president of the Arkansas College Teachers of English for 1957-58 at the group's annual meeting.

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