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JACKSONVILLE, Fla.--(BP)--Lawrence R. Payne, Tyler, Tex., was recently named administrator of the new Baptist Memorial Hospital now under construction in Jacksonville, Frank Tripp, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Hospital board and general superintendent of hospitals operated by the board, announced. Payne, executive director of the East Texas Foundation and administrator of the Medical Center Hospital in Tyler, will assume his new position September 1, according to Tripp.

Payne has been in the field of hospital administration since 1932 when he served as assistant superintendent of the Baylor Hospital, Dallas, Tex. In 1938 he was appointed administrator of the Hillcrest Memorial Hospital, Waco, Tex., where he served until 1943. At that time he returned to Baylor Hospital as administrator and executive director. He remained there until 1951 at which time he came to the Tyler hospital.

A native of Dallas, Tex., Payne was educated in the public schools of Dallas and Hardin-Simmons University.--(MAT ENCLOSED)

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N.C. PUBLICATIONS
TO REMAIN SEPARATE

RALEIGH, N.C.--(BP)--The Biblical Recorder, North Carolina state Baptist paper, and Charity and Children, North Carolina orphanage journal, will remain separate. Action was taken by a committee named by the North Carolina Baptist State Convention last fall to "study the advisability of future closer relations or merger of the two papers. The committee recommended "that the orphanage weekly publication be continued as an orphanage journal until and if conditions develop which make a merger with the Biblical Recorder seem wise."

Further recommendations of the committee were that the Baptist state paper "be printed in the orphanage print shop in tabloid form after the expiration of the present printing contract in July, 1956, provided the Biblical Recorder board and orphanage trustees agree on terms; and "that the subscription price of the Biblical Recorder be reduced in proportion to its reduced printing costs and an effort be made by the Convention to get the Recorder in every Baptist home in North Carolina."

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EMPHASIS
SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 10 IN '55

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Plans for the 1955 Convention-wide April emphasis on Christian education were approved by members of the Southern Association of Baptist Colleges and Schools and by members of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention during a joint meeting in Nashville.

The primary emphasis in 1955 will be during the regular Training Union programs and a fellowship hour scheduled to follow the evening worship services on April 10, the last Sunday of Youth Week. Based on the vocational interest theme, it will seek to acquaint Baptist students with opportunities for vocational preparation in Southern Baptist colleges.

Members of the two organizations also voted to distribute special materials supplementary to the Training Union programs to churches through the pastors.

During the business meeting of the Association, John W. Raley, president, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, was elected president; D. Harley Fite, president, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., was elected vice-president; and H. I. Hester, vice-president, William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

For the first time in its history, a junior college administrator, Charles L. Harman, president, Bluefield College, Bluefield, Va., was elected chairman of the Commission. Other Commission officers elected were Warren F. Jones, president, Union University, Jackson, Tenn., vice-chairman; and E. F. Haight, president, Anderson College, Anderson, S.C., re-elected secretary.

BAPTIST WORK IN GERMANY
Third in a series
By: J. W. Storer

On Sunday, June 27, we went to Waldshut, Germany, where the church was to install its new pastor, a young graduate of Ruschlikon, Immanuel Walter, who is, I believe, the treasurer of the German Baptist Union. The church is lovely and commodious, and was built in the main by gifts from the Southern Baptist Convention. The other Baptist bodies also contributed generously.

Waldshut is the little town from whence came Balthasar Hubmeier into prominence. He was, as you know, a Roman Catholic priest, who left the church; was baptized in 1525, and became a leader of the Anabaptist forces, later to suffer martyrdom. There are those who claim a rather tenuous link between Baptists and Anabaptists-- personally, I have never thought a very authentic one. Humbeier must have been more than merely unusually gifted as a leader and as one willing to break away from the ordinary theological format.

The Waldshut church membership is composed largely of refugees from behind the iron curtain, mostly from East Germany. They are very poor--having escaped with nothing but their lives, and perhaps a few personal possessions. They are part of the eleven million refugees in West Germany.

From Waldshut we drove twenty miles to one of the refugee camps. Once seen, a refugee camp is never to be forgotten. This one housed, in an abandoned three-story, wooden hotel, about 900 people. Food is cooked in a sort of communal kitchen and then in buckets and pans taken up to the space allotted to each family, couple, or group. Food is provided for by the Red Cross, by a grant from the West German government, and when a refugee can find work to do, by his earnings. Though this latter is not much, the people of the communities do welcome the refugees, for obvious reasons.

In the halls there are posted pictures of children with notations asking if any one might perchance recognize them, and help to locate their parents. Many of these children do not know their own names--they came on the tide of tortured humanity like chips floating on a swift stream, torn from their homes and lost in the vastness of this tragic aftermath of war. What is to become of them?

Today is now ten years gone by--and yet for this troubled people there is no peace--there is only fear. We were requested not to take pictures lest, somehow there might come still more trouble for others who are living behind the Iron Curtain whose relatives could be recognized through these pictures if they found their way to print.

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It is not possible for us to know in America the constant terror, dread, and suspense under which these refugees live. I am told they still are coming in through devious ways at the rate of about 1,000 a day. With a few exceptions, these all must in some mysterious way, be absorbed by West Germany.

One thing, I know for sure, the faces of these people especially the children, haunt me, and the thought of them turns my bread bitter. And is there an answer? Politically, none in sight--though the ground is trembling and acrid whiffs come on the economic breezes.

One shudders to think what could happen. Beneath this tight armor of hate and distrust can even a tip of the sword of the Spirit penetrate?

I have had an unforgettable experience which cannot be more than hinted at. It was to listen to one of the greatest of our German Baptist preachers now an old man, living in the Eastern zone. His name must remain blank, just let it be again said he is one of the grand old leaders of a day once brighter. For an hour, he told, guardedly, of course, of what is being endured by those who live so wretchedly, and under the tyranny of the Communists, whose whole purpose is to cast out Christ and destroy all religion.

I could wish that some of our preachers who think there is a bridge to be built between Christianity and Communism could have heard him and have looked at the pain etched lines on his strong old face. He said, and I believe him, that this present trouble now come upon the world, which he said began with Hitler, is born of Satan, and empowered by Satan.

His German, most eloquent, denunciation of the present situation was something I shall remember as long as memory lasts. And when he closed, having reviewed the vain attempts of the darkness to put out the light, with an apostrophe to our Lord, he used a phrase--"das ist mien glaupe"--"That is my faith"--I found myself in memory with the golden voice of George W. Truett.

Let the Baptists of our blessed peaceful land know that this terrible thing is not one to idly chatter about, it is real--and it means business. (A BAPTIST PRESS FEATURE)

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.....Joseph McClain, Oklahoma, was elected head of the Department of Religion of Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Ark., recently.

.....Ralph A. Herring, Winston-Salem, N.C., has been seriously but not critically ill and is now convalescing at home.

.....Ivan L. Bennett, retired Southern Baptist Army Chief of Chaplains, has been appointed a secretary of the American Bible Society and the executive secretary of the Washington City Bible Society with headquarters in Washington, D.C.

.....Adiel J. Moncrief, St. Joseph, Mo., conducted retreats and Bible conferences for chaplains of the Armed Forces in the Alaska military area for two weeks in June.

.....James Stoudenmier, Jr., administrator of the Nan Travis Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, Tex., is the new Business office manager of Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans. He served in the same position from July, 1947 to April, 1949.

.....Homer G. Lindsay, Jacksonville, Fla., delivered the baccalaureate address at the summer school commencement, Southwestern Seminary.

.....Bob Lancaster, Lexington, Ky., won first place in the Convention-wide Better Speaker's Tournament conducted at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C. Jimmy Maxwell, Shreveport, La., won second place.