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.....An estimated 30,000 persons lined the downtown streets of Albemarle, N. C., to view an all-religious Christmas parade. Around thirty entries participated in the procession, including floats from a number of churches.

..... A light airplane, a gift of the Holloway Street Baptist Church, Durham, N.C., with the help of several other churches in North Carolina, one in South Carolina, and one in Texas, was presented to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. John S. Oliver, Southern Baptist missionary to the state of Piaui, Brazil will use the plane.

.....B. O. Baker, Sr., Baptist layman from Farmersville, Tex., has been elected to head the farm management and public relations departments for the Baptist Foundation of Texas.

.....Edgar F. Hallock, Jr., Southern Baptist missionary, is the new director of the Baptist Publishing House, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He was unanimously elected by the Brazilian Baptist Sunday School Board. He succeeds Missionary T. B. Stover, who died May 11, 1954.

.....Winfield Edson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Long Beach, Calif., and past president of the American Baptist Convention, saved the life of a Long Beach man trapped in a sinking boat on Lake Mead recently. Edson received a broken hip and broken nose in the accident.

.....A civic group in Oklahoma has joined American Baptist churches in helping to put the Bacone College Diamond Jubilee Anniversary Fund Campaign "over-the-top." The campaign will raise \$250,000 for reconstruction and rehabilitation work at the Indian college located in Muskogee, Okla.

.....Herbert Baucom, pastor, Takoma Park Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., for the past nine years, has accepted the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Oxford, N. C.

.....Fred Wasson, member of the Brotherhood Commission for the past twelve years, died at his home in Carrier Mills, Ill., recently. Wasson, outstanding Baptist layman in general merchandising, toured South America in the interest of the Brotherhood Commission in early fall.

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST LEADERS
PURSUE PROBLEM OF AGING

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--A group of Southern Baptist leaders have recommended that the Christian Life Commission pursue an intensive research on the problem of the increasing numbers of the aged. Called together by A. C. Miller, Nashville executive secretary of the Commission, the men and women asked Miller and his Commission, "To undertake a serious research of this field, including, first, a presentation of facts; second, a summary of what is being done by society generally and by Baptists in particular; and third, the proposal of a comprehensive Southern Baptist program. This research would be made by competent enlisted personnel, with care being given to include representation of those affected agencies which would be expected to implement the program."

The request was formally stated in a report of the findings committee for the group consisting of Porter Routh, chairman and executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee; W. L. Howse, Baptist Sunday School Board, Wayne Oates, Louisville, Ky., A. C. Miller, Nashville, and Joe W. Burton, Baptist Sunday School Board.

The findings committee in its report also said that: "The challenge basically is related to family life and the answer to it is to be found primarily in a new solidarity in family living; institutional care as a social policy is to be thought of as an expediency when family life is unequal to the need. Churches may well consider a readjustment of program and of architecture to serve the aging, just as they have well done for infancy and the early years. We commend the Sunday School Board for the alert consideration being given to the life adjustment needs during maturity."

Martin Bradley, statistician in the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information, Baptist Sunday School Board, pointed out that recent findings of the Federal Security Agency revealed:

"There are now nearly 13,000,000 persons in the United States 65 years old and older. The number of this age is increasing by 400,000 each year. The total represents 1 in 12 of the population today compared to only 1 in 25 in 1900. Of the 13,000,000 at least 10,000,000 live in households which include relatives, thus pointing up the interrelated nature of the situation. Eight of the ten states in which this age group is increasing most rapidly are in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. The whole new science of gerontology has been developed in recent years as an expression of the social awareness of this problem."

DALLAS CHURCH STARTS
"ON THE JOB TRAINING"

DALLAS, Tex.--(BP)--An "On the Job Training Program" has been devised by East Grand Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., for solving its leadership shortage.

It does not take the place of the regular program of study courses or Training.

Once a month the church observes "On the Job Training" Sunday. Names of potential leaders are mimeographed and placed in the hands of all Sunday school officers and teachers who ask the prospects to substitute for them on the designated days. Teachers and officers "stay on the job" to observe and encourage the trainees. Before and after the "On the Job Training" Sunday prospects are urged to attend teachers' and officers' meeting on Wednesday, study courses, associational conferences, and clinics.

"Results have been gratifying. Many of the trainees have accepted places of leadership, and we are now at the point of seeing the real fruits," says T. D. McCulloch, educational director. Joe W. Bailey is pastor.

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COMPERE TO HEAD
CLARKE COLLEGE

NEWTON, Miss.--(BP)--W. Lowrey Compere, pastor Parkview Baptist Church, Greenville, Miss., has accepted the post of president of Clarke Memorial College, Newton, it was announced by Horace Headrick, Laurel, president of the school's board of trustees.

Compere, pastor of Parkview church for nearly a year and a half, is a member of the school's board of trustees and formerly was board president. He went to Greenville from the pastorate of the Northside Baptist Church, Jackson.

A graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Compere succeeds W. E. Greene, assistant to the president of East Texas Baptist College, Marshall.

Clarke College is one of the four institutions of higher learning owned and operated by the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

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MISSIONS CONFERENCE
SPEAKERS NAMED

DALLAS, Tex.--(BP)--Frank C. Lauback, New York, N. Y., and Congressman Walter Judd have accepted invitations to speak at the World Missions Conference to be held in Fort Worth, Tex., March 21-23, 1955. Pastors and all church leaders are invited to attend the conference.

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