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FREEMAN H. BEETS JOINS
EDUCATION COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Freeman H. Beets, assistant professor of journalism at Oklahoma Baptist University, accepted a position as assistant to the executive secretary, Education Commission, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn., according to R. Orin Cornett, executive secretary.

As assistant to Dr. Cornett, Beets will help with the work of the Education Commission in three principal areas: making educational surveys, performing special services to the colleges and universities throughout the Southern Baptist Convention area, and preparing materials for the various publications of the Commission. His office will be in the Baptist Sunday School Board building here.

Freeman H. Beets, a native of Chickasha, Okla., was educated in the public schools there. He received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Oklahoma, and will complete his work for the doctorate this summer.

He has served on the staff of the Chickasha Daily Express and was in the armed forces for three years.

Mr. Beets holds membership in Phi Delta Kappa, Kappa Delta Pi, the Association for Education in Journalism, the American Marketing Association, the American Economics Association, and is listed in the Directory of American Scholars.

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MRS. PAUL S. ETHERIDGE
DIED IN ATLANTA

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Mrs. Paul S. Etheridge, 70, immediate past president of the Georgia Woman's Missionary Union, died last Saturday in Atlanta after an illness of several weeks.

Mrs. Etheridge retired from the W.M.U. presidency in 1952 after serving the constitutional limit of five years. She was the mother of Miss Mary Etheridge, Home Board missionary to the Chinese in El Paso, Tex., who is one of the four children who survive.

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CONNELL ELECTED PRESIDENT
MERCER UNIVERSITY

MACON, Ga.--(BP)--George Boyce Connell, 48, has been elected president of Mercer University to succeed Dr. Spright Dowell, who will retire August 31 after serving for twenty-five years.

Mr. Connell has been vice president of Mercer since 1946. He was graduated from the Georgia Baptist Institution in 1924 and five years later received his M.A. degree from the college.

Mr. Connell is a past president of the Department of Higher Education of the Georgia Education Association and is vice president of the Association of Georgia Colleges. He also is president of the Dixie Conference, composed of schools with non-subsidized athletic programs.

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\$5000 RADIO STATION GIVEN
TO MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

CLINTON, Miss.--(BP)--Mississippi College will soon be able to present full training in the field of radio following the gift of \$5,000 worth of shortwave radio equipment to the college by Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Newcomb.

The one thousand watt short-wave radio outfit of the late Baxter Newcomb was presented this week by his parents, Bay Springs, Miss., as a memorial to their son.

Conversion of the transmitter for standard and carrier broadcasting will be done soon and the equipment will be employed to teach the many phases of radio.

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST COLLEGES
RECEIVE \$7,000,000 FROM CONVENTION

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--During the last completed fiscal year, Southern Baptist colleges, seminaries, academies, and Bible schools received a total of \$4,332,959 from Convention sources for operation, and \$2,659,341 for capital improvements announced R. Orin Cornett, executive secretary, Education Commission.

These same schools received approximately \$11,000,000 from tuition and fees, and about two million from endowment, making a total income of roughly \$22,000,000 in one year, about \$324,000 per school, or \$423 per student.

Dr. Cornett stated that each of our schools must convince its constituency that this money is being spent wisely in an efficiently-administered program.

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