

June 14, 1958

Ramsey Pollard Elected Committee Chairman

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Ramsey Pollard, pastor of Broadway Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn., has been elected chairman of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He succeeds H. G. Lindsay, pastor, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

Kendall Berry, Blytheville, Ark., businessman, was elected vice-chairman. Elwyn N. Wilkinson, pastor, Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., was re-elected recording secretary.

Each of the administrative officers of the Executive Committee was re-elected. They are Porter Routh, executive secretary and treasurer; Merrill D. Moore, associate secretary and director of promotion, and Albert McClellan, associate secretary and director of publications. All live in Nashville.

Pollard, a native of Cleburne, Tex., is former pastor of churches in Tampa, Fla., and Handley and Fort Worth, Tex. He has been pastor at Broadway Church, Knoxville, since 1939.

Pollard, at the time of the election of officers, observed that he once taught a Sunday school class in Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas, and that Executive Secretary Routh was a student in the class.

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Congress Registration Passes 1235 Figure

MEMPHIS--(BP)--Advance registrations for the Second Southern Baptist Convention Royal Ambassador Congress have reached 1235, according to the Convention's Brotherhood Commission, which is sponsoring the Congress.

Edward Hurt, Jr., RA secretary here, said host Texas leads in number of boys registered---223. Alabama is second with 138 advance registrations. However, Illinois RA's are closer to reaching their goal than any other state. The 49 registered from Illinois represents 70 per cent of the state's goal.

The RA Congress will meet in Fort Worth Aug.12-14. Attendance goal is 8858.

Hurt reported that boys attending the Congress will have "a rare opportunity to learn first hand something of the mysteries of the space age." Conrad D. Swanson, chief of the preliminary design section of the Army ballistic missile agency at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala., will be a Congress speaker.

Swanson, a top scientist in the nation, will bring an illustrated lecture of behind-the-scenes activities of the men who prepare the nation's rockets and other instruments of the space age.

According to present plans, Swanson will bring a model of the Explorer, which was launched into orbit earlier. Swanson was one of the scientists who helped develop the Explorer satellite.

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CORRECTION:

In Baptist Press release of June 6 datelined Washington, captioned: "Former Baptist Leader Honored by Congress," paragraph five should read ". . . Priest was a deacon in Park Ave. Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. . . ." not First Baptist Church, Nashville.---Baptist Press

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Executive Committee
Honors Merrill Moore

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Merrill D. Moore, associate secretary and director of promotion for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee here, was honored by the Executive Committee on the 10th anniversary of his joining the staff as an administrative officer.

He received a plaque inscribed: "Service recognition presented to Merrill D. Moore in appreciation of 10 effective years as associate secretary (and) director of promotion, S. B. C. Executive Committee, 1948-1958."

During his decade of service, Moore has promoted the Cooperative Program, Southern Baptist plan for financing their missionary and educational work at home and overseas, and has more recently led in development of the Forward Program of Church Finance of Southern Baptists.

The Forward Program is designed to be used by churches in their annual budget and budget-planning campaigns. Pastors of many churches have reported that use of the Forward Program schedule and printed materials has resulted in increased number of tithers, increased per capita giving, and increased contributions to local church and worldwide Baptist work.

Moore was pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville, when called to serve as director of promotion. He was a member of the Executive Committee for six years before becoming one of its administrative officers.

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New Office Building
Decision Deferred

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention has deferred for six months a decision on the location of an office building it will share with several other Baptist agencies.

The Executive Committee and some other Convention agencies located in Nashville occupy space in office buildings belonging to the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The 1958 session of the Southern Baptist Convention authorized the Executive Committee and other agencies to occupy a separate building. The Sunday School Board offered to remodel its building at 161 Eighth Ave., No. in Nashville and to give it to them to use.

On recommendation of a special building committee, the Executive Committee put off its decision at least until its next meeting here in December.

The Executive Committee voted to "express its appreciation to the Sunday School Board." It asked its special building study committee to report back in December with "some definite recommendations or proposals," after conferring with other agencies which might be involved in the new office arrangement.

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Teletypewriter Circuit
Proposal Under Study

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Southern Baptist Convention public relations leaders are exploring the possibility of a special leased wire, teletypewriter circuit linking major Convention centers.

This was reported to the Convention's Executive Committee at its semi-annual session here.

The circuit, if established, could connect offices of denominational agencies, state Baptist conventions, state Baptist newspapers, and Baptist book stores.

The study of the proposed teletypewriter system is being made by a public relations committee of the Executive Committee and by the Executive Committee's

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division of publications.

Communications experts say the system would offer instantaneous and simultaneous communication between all offices on the circuit. Baptist news, inter-office memoranda, and statistical reports are among the materials which would be sent over the leased wire network.

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Father Of The Year
Baptist All The Way

DALLAS--(BP)--Joseph Carroll Allison, tax assessor and collector at Eastland, Tex., has been named Texas Baptist Father of the Year.

Allison, 76, says he's held "every position in the church but pastor and Woman's Missionary Union president." He has been a deacon 32 years.

Three of his six sons are pastors of Texas Baptist churches. One of his three daughters is a minister's wife. Six of Allison's children are graduates of Hardin-Simmons University, Baptist school at Abilene, Tex. Five of them were enrolled in Hardin-Simmons at the same time, "and that was during the depression," he explains.

Another child graduated from Baptist-related Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex.

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Special Committees
Get Operating Funds

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The Executive Committee in its semi-annual meeting here allocated \$7500 for the work of two Southern Baptist Convention special committees during the next year.

It allocated \$5000 for the Committee to Study Total Southern Baptist Convention Program and \$2500 to the Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee.

Both committees will report to the 1959 session of the Convention at Louisville in May.

The Committee to Study Total Convention Program presented 38 recommendations to the 1958 session of the Convention, setting forth proposed reorganization of procedures used by the Convention and its agencies.

15 of the recommendations were referred back to the special committee for another year of study.

The Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee is recommending ways in which Southern Baptists will co-operate with six other Baptist groups in North America in a six-year program of Baptist growth.

The six-year program culminates in 1964, with the 150th anniversary celebration of the founding of the first nationwide Baptist organization.

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Consultants To Help
Plan New Procedures

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention will employ Booz, Allen & Hamilton of Chicago to help develop new procedures for the Executive Committee.

The new procedures were adopted by the 1958 session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Thomas P. Pruitt, Hickory, N. C., attorney, and chairman of the administrative committee of the Executive Committee, reported that the cost of the

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management consultant firm's services would be from \$10,500 to \$12,000.

The Executive Committee voted to employ the firm. It also set aside the necessary funds from Executive Committee operating reserves.

The Convention at Houston adopted recommendations that provide for strengthening the Executive Committee and for giving it an impartial position in working with agencies of the Convention.

Features of the new Executive Committee procedure will include two new administrative posts---a program analyst and a financial analyst.

They also include development of a format on which agencies of the Convention will present their annual reports to the Convention on a "more appropriate and comparable basis" and will "provide more information about program plans, accomplishments, and costs."

The Executive Committee authorized employment of the program analyst and financial analyst, but there was no indication when they would be employed.

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Midwestern Authorized
To Borrow \$200,000

NASHVILLE--(BP)--An action of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee here makes it possible for Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., to borrow up to \$200,000 in August against their 1959 capital fund allocations.

The money will be used by the seminary in developing its 99-acre campus in Kansas City.

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Special Committee
Assignments Made

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Committees of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee were appointed by Chairman Ramsey Pollard. They are:

Administrative Committee---Thomas P. Pruitt, Hickory, N. C., chairman; Ramsey Pollard, Knoxville, Tenn.; B. J. Martin, Pasadena, Tex.; Clare C. Clark, Shreveport, La.; Charles E. Curry, Kansas City, Mo.; J. Ralph Grant, Lubbock, Tex.; J. D. Grey, New Orleans, La.; A. B. Hawkes, Waycross, Ga.; Frank A. Hooper, Atlanta, Ga.; M. H. Mabry, Tampa, Fla.; Elwyn N. Wilkinson, Louisville, Ky.

Finance Committee---Kendall Berry, Blytheville, Ark., chairman; Charles C. Bowles, Birmingham, Ala.; Douglas M. Branch, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Carr P. Collins, Dallas; W. Curtis English, Altavista, Va.; Haskell McClain, Oklahoma City; Carl G. McCraw, Charlotte, N. C.; Sterling L. Price, Abilene, Tex.; Frank P. Semford, Birmingham, Ala.; Walter L. Moore, Meridian, Miss.; Frank F. Norfleet, Paducah, Ky.

Program Committee---Herschel H. Hobbs, Oklahoma City, chairman; J. Carroll Chadwick, Center, Tex.; John H. Haldeman, Miami, Fla.; Harold W. Seever, Mobile, Ala.; W. A. Buckner, Desloge, Mo.; A. Judson Burrell, Columbus, Ga.; James M. Windham, Maryville, Tenn.; Homer H. Waldrop, Jackson, Tenn.; Alvin O. West, Arlington, Va.; James W. Meritt, Gainesville, Ga.

Stewardship Committee---Archie Ellis, Columbia, S. C., chairman; Horace G. Adams, Charleston, S. C.; Mrs. Gordon Maddrey, Ahsokie, N. C.; Philip H. Wilson, Glasgow, Ky.; C. Vaughn Rock, Phoenix, Ariz.; J. Melvin Ray, Carlsbad, N. M.; Charles R. Walker, Carterville, Ill.

Public Relations Committee---Purser Hewitt, Jackson, Miss., chairman; Brooks Hays, Little Rock, Ark., and Washington, D. C.; John A. Jones, Macon, Ga.; Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Waco, Tex.; Charles L. McClain, Long Beach, Calif.; Clyde Hickerson, Richmond, Va.; R. L. South, North Little Rock, Ark.; F. Ralph Swanson, Baltimore.

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Bylaws Committee---J. D. Grey, New Orleans, La., chairman; Frank A. Hooper, Atlanta; Thomas P. Pruitt, Hickory, N. C.; Kendall Berry, Blytheville, Ark.; Herschel H. Hobbs, Oklahoma City; Archie Ellis, Columbia, S. C.; Purser Hewitt, Jackson, Miss.

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\$5000 Made Available
To European Baptists

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Executive Committee voted to make \$5000 available to Baptists in Belgium or the European Baptist Federation to enable them to help in the Protestant Pavilion at the World's Fair at Brussels.

Allocation of the money is contingent on further conferences with Baker James Cauthen, Richmond, Va., executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and with European Baptists.

"Other major American denominations have made contributions to the chapel which features the open Bible," Porter Routh, Nashville, executive secretary of the Executive Committee, said.

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BP Folks and Facts.....

.....Mrs. Ruth Nelson, bookkeeper for the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, was presented an orchid and a check in appreciation of her 25 years of service. Mrs. Nelson joined the staff of the Executive Committee in July, 1932. The presentation was a surprise to Mrs. Nelson, and when she received the check she said, "I've been looking for this voucher all day." The check, of course, had been made out without Mrs. Nelson knowing about it and she had been searching in vain for the voucher to place in her files.

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Outline:

Mitchell Wood (L) and Patrick Kagy, Eudora Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., examine a coonskin cap which they plan to swap at the Royal Ambassador Congress, Aug. 12-14, in Fort Worth. It's anybody's guess what 8000 boys will bring to the swap shop at the Congress. Most of the boys probably could have a fairly good start in swapping simply by emptying their pockets. The swap shop might be the place to find a white elephant, stamps, rocks, and butterflies--of course, in exchange for such items as model airplanes, model trains, and horned toads. The Texas boys are preparing for any eventuality--as a non-Texan trying to swap a Texan a jack rabbit for an oil well.

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We are also enclosing a picture of R. G. Puckett, new editor of the Ohio Baptist Messenger.