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New Mexico Recalls  
Former Paper Editor

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.--(BP)--Horace F. Burns of Portland, Ore., has been called as editor of the weekly Baptist New Mexican here, publication of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico.

It is Burns's second time to serve as editor of the paper. He will also manage the printing shop owned by the convention.

Editor Lewis A. Myers is retiring Jan. 31 and will be succeeded immediately by Burns, who has been serving as mission superintendent for the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington in the Portland area.

Burns is a native of Oklahoma, attended New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and has been pastor of churches in New Mexico, California, and Alabama. He also has been in mission work for the Oregon-Washington convention in Washington and in western Canada.

After leaving New Orleans, Burns became pastor of a church in Santa Rosa, N. M., and was called from there to establish the printing plant for the New Mexico convention. Upon resignation of H. C. Reavis as editor a year later, Burns assumed editorship of the paper also and served for four years.

A pastorate in Alabama intervened, then Burns served on two different occasions with the Baptist Standard, publication of the Baptist General Convention of Texas at Dallas.

Burns became interested in the printing industry in childhood because of family ties to this occupation. Three brothers are presently in printing or related work.

The new editor has travelled widely in North America, Europe, and the Near East. "He has attended all sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention for about the last 15 years and also has attended three sessions of the Baptist World Congress," according to Harry P. Stagg of Albuquerque, executive secretary of New Mexico convention.

"We believe he is especially qualified for the editorship," Stagg said, "in view of his wide experience in the printing industry and his past association with the New Mexico convention."

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(Note to Editors: No photo of Burns available immediately. Have requested one to be sent at earliest possible date.)

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Baptist Record Aide

JACKSON, Miss.--(BP)--E. C. Williams, Jackson, who recently retired as state Baptist Sunday School secretary after serving 20 years in that capacity, has become part-time field representative of the Baptist Record, weekly journal of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

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Reorganized Council  
Adopts Constitution

MOBILE, Ala.--(BP)--Courts Redford of Atlanta, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board, has been elected here as first president of the reorganized Inter-Agency Council of the Convention.

Paul Stevens of Fort Worth, executive secretary of the Convention's

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Radio and Television Commission, was elected vice-president and Norman W. Cox of Nashville, executive secretary of the Historical Commission, secretary-treasurer.

The Council, reorganized under vote of the 1958 session of the Convention, was attended by 28 Convention agency representatives.

Members adopted a new constitution in harmony with instructions received from the Convention. The reorganization was recommended by the Convention's survey committee. The scope of the Council's work, its members said, will be in keeping with the aims of the Convention and its agencies.

A portion of the constitution reads: "It (the Council) will neither launch nor execute programs. It will formulate no policies except those which govern its own activities. Its chief purpose is that of consultation, communication, and co-operation."

Its functions, defined in the constitution, will be:

(1) "To consider program problems of importance to Convention agencies and plan ways to overcome them through co-operative effort.

(2) "To consider the need for co-operation in establishing and carrying on new programs authorized by the Convention and plan the ways in which that co-operation should be achieved.

(3) "To consider the need for co-operation to overcome problems, eliminate duplication of effort, and otherwise improve the effectiveness of existing programs and plan ways in which that co-operation should be achieved.

(4) "To recommend to Convention agencies the measures they could take to correlate their programs and to strengthen their programs so that they could contribute more effectively to the total Convention effort.

(5) "To develop specific plans for conducting programs co-operatively.

(6) "To prepare a proposed denominational calendar for consideration by the Convention's Committee on Denominational Calendar."

The Council will meet twice a year, in March and in November. The next meeting will take place in Richmond, Va., Nov. 16-17. Places of meeting will vary.