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Richmond, Virginia---On January 2, the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention entered its new office building at 3806 Monument Avenue here. The new building will be formally dedicated April 8. Executive Secretary Baker James Cauthen predicted Southern Baptists will have 2000 missionaries under appointment by 1964. Active missionaries now number 1288.

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Anchorage, Alaska---In the land of the northern stars and the 49th star of Old Glory, one of the most important needs is the establishment of a Baptist hospital, Southern Baptist leaders here say. Rapid growth of the area is expected now that it has become a state.

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Rio de Janeiro, Brazil---Making ready for a Baptist "invasion" of South America next year, numbers of Baptist leaders have been through this city and other cities on the continent. Rio is to be the meeting place of the Baptist World Congress in 1960. Five Baptist editors from Canada and the U. S. took a tour of several South American cities starting January 28. On their return from the tour, they will write articles to familiarize Congress-goers with the South American scene.

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Nashville, Tennessee---Southern Baptist editors say that the crisis at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, was the major news story of the Convention during 1958. The crisis centered around the dismissal of 12 professors. Second most-important story was the defeat of Congressman Brooks Hays by his constituents in Little Rock, Arkansas. Hays had represented them in Congress for 16 years. After the defeat, Hays announced he would devote much of his time during the next few months to his responsibilities as president of the Southern Baptist Convention. He also has opened a private law practice in Washington.

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Nashville, Tennessee---According to the Southern Baptist Convention treasurer's office here, 1958 was record year for giving to Convention objectives. The total was \$24,808,919. Of this, the Foreign Mission Board of the Convention received \$14,912,666.

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Jacksonville, Florida---T. Sloane Guy Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, has been elected executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Hospital board. He will succeed Dr. Frank Tripp who retires June 1. The board operates hospitals in Jacksonville and in New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Albuquerque, New Mexico---Horace F. Burns, a former editor of the Baptist New Mexican here, has been recalled to the editorship. The Baptist New Mexican is the weekly publication of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico. Burns succeeds Dr. Lewis A. Myers, who retired January 31.

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Louisville, Kentucky---"Committed to the Commission" will be theme of the Pastors' Conference meeting here preliminary to the 1959 session of the Southern Baptist Convention. Scripture reference for the theme is Matthew 28:19-20. Several thousand Baptist ministers will be present.

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Philip B. Harris Named
Successor To Lambdin

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The man who has led Southern Baptist in "training for church membership" during the last three decades is retiring.

J. E. Lambdin, secretary of the Training Union department of the Baptist Sunday School Board here, will pass his mantle to Professor Philip B. Harris on Dec. 31.

The announcement of Lambdin's retirement and of the appointment of his successor in office was made at the Sunday School Board's January meeting here.

Harris is professor of youth education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. He will come to Nashville this summer to begin acquainting himself with the duties of his new position.

Lambdin joined the Sunday School Board staff in Nashville in 1925 and was elected secretary of Baptist Training Union work in 1929. He was state Baptist Young People's Union secretary in Alabama from 1917-1925. (The Baptist Young People's Union was forerunner of the Training Union.)

Mrs. Lambdin has been associated with her husband in the Training Union work, serving as editor of junior and intermediate-age periodicals used in Training Union organizations. She will retire ~~two months later~~ *at the same time.*

The secretary-elect of the department was born in Creal Springs, Ill., is a graduate of Southern Illinois University, and received the doctor of religious education degree from Southwestern Seminary.

He is a former state secretary of Sunday school and Training Union work for Southern Baptists in Illinois. Harris was the Sunday School Board's superintendent of young people's work in the Sunday school department from 1943-49. He joined the Southwestern faculty in 1949.

Baptist Training Union, a church organization, has as one of its primary goals training Baptists to be better church members.

The news of Lambdin's retirement and of the election of his successor was the top development of Convention-wide interest at the Sunday School Board's winter meeting. But it was not the only major action.

Wayne E. Todd, pastor of First Baptist Church, Brookhaven, Miss., was elected secretary of the Board's church library service. The position has been vacant since the retirement of Miss Florida Waite a year ago.

A new department of wholesale sales was established. James W. Clark, the Board's present trade sales supervisor, will manage the new department.

Cornerstone-laying ceremonies at the Board's \$4.5-million operations building, now under construction, were held during the meeting. Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Dallas, retired executive secretary of the Board, was principal speaker.

Construction was in progress nearby even as the ceremony was conducted. The building is expected to be ready for occupancy this summer. It will provide better accommodations for the Board's processing and shipping work and will free present operations space for badly-needed office facilities.

Total sales of Sunday School Board literature during 1958 were \$24,227,869, the Board reported. This was a gain of 7 per cent over 1957.

Assistance to churches in their public relations, heretofore handled by the Board's service division, was made a responsibility of the new church administration department.

Moore, Allen Take Part
On Buenos Aires Agenda

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Two Southern Baptist Convention leaders here will attend the Latin-American Mission Conference at the request of the Convention's Foreign Mission Board. The conference will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Feb. 8-20.

Making the trip are Merrill D. Moore, stewardship promotion secretary of the Executive Committee, and Clifton J. Allen, editorial secretary of the Sunday School Board.

Their four-week itinerary also includes visits and conferences with Southern Baptist missions in central and South America en route.

The Latin-American Mission Conference will have Southern Baptist foreign missionaries from countries in central and South America present. Moore and Allen will be conference speakers and group leaders.

Other countries on their tour are Brazil, Paraguay, Chile, Peru, Colombia, Panama, Costa Rica, and Mexico.

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.....Funeral services were conducted Feb. 1 at First Baptist Church, Vienna, Ill., for Otto Murrie, 86. He was the father of B. J. Murrie, former editor of the Illinois Baptist. He is survived by two sons, B. J. and L. S. Murrie.

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