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Baptist Colleges Name
Honorary Degree Group

By the Baptist Press

Basil O'Connor, former president of the American Red Cross and president of the National Foundation, is among persons chosen by Baptist institutions to receive honorary degrees this year.

Baylor University College of Medicine, Houston, Tex., will confer the doctor of laws degree upon O'Connor at May graduation exercises.

Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, Ariz., is granting its first honorary degree. The doctor of laws will be conferred upon Mrs. William Fleming of Fort Worth, Tex. The Flemings have been donors to Grand Canyon College and to numerous other Baptist groups in the West and Southwest.

Other colleges reporting, and degree recipients are:

Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex. --- Howard Scott, pastor, First Baptist Church, Hereford, Tex., doctor of divinity; Richard Manning Morehead, Austin, Tex., correspondent for Dallas Morning News, doctor of laws.

Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla. --- Evans T. Moseley, pastor, First Baptist Church, Ponca City, Okla., and J. Marvin Gaskin, pastor, First Baptist Church, Heavener, Okla., doctors of divinity; Victor C. Hurt, Tulsa, Okla., president, Southwestern Art Association, and Kenneth Stanley Adams, Bartlesville, Okla., chairman, board of directors, Phillips Petroleum Co., doctors of laws.

University of Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, Tex. --- Robert E. Smith, pastor, First Baptist Church, McAllen, Tex. (June commencement), and H. E. Gary, president, Valley Baptist Academy, Harlingen, Tex. (August commencement), doctors of divinity; R. A. Springer, Dallas, treasurer, Baptist General Convention of Texas, doctor of laws.

William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss. --- Clyde C. Bryan, pastor, First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, doctor of divinity; Floyd C. Barnes, executive secretary, Mississippi Education Association, Jackson, Miss., doctor of laws.

Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Tex. --- William H. Vann, for 40 years a member of the faculty of Mary Hardin-Baylor College and chairman of the English department for most of this period, doctor of literature.

William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo. --- Sterling L. Price, pastor, Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo., doctor of humanities.

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Indiana WMU Conducts
Organization Meeting

EVANSVILLE, Ind.--(BP)--The organizational meeting of Indiana Woman's Missionary Union was held at Washington Ave. Baptist Church here, with 292 persons registered.

Mrs. T. B. Rollins of Gary, Ind., was elected president, and Mrs. E. Harmon Moore, Plainfield, Ind., recording secretary.

The 1960 meeting will be with the East Gary Baptist Church, E. Gary, Ind.

The first item of business in this organizational meeting was the adoption of the bylaws. Theme for the meeting was "Laborers Together With God".

Indiana Woman's Missionary Union is a department of the work of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana. The 119 churches composing the convention show 3000 persons enrolled in W.M.U. work.

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\$45,000 Building Gift
To Meredith College

RALEIGH, N. C.--(BP)--Trustees of Meredith College here have announced the gift of about \$45,000 for constructing and equipping a new "home management" residence on the campus of this Baptist woman's school.

Talcott W. Brewer, Raleigh farm implement dealer and insurance man, presented the gift. Brewer is a great-grandson of the founder and first president of Wake Forest College, Samuel Wait.

Home management classes have been conducted in a rented house adjacent to the Meredith campus for lack of space in college buildings.

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Stewardship Method
Proves Value Abroad

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Stewardship methods developed for Southern Baptist churches in the United States can work overseas. Another evidence of that fact is a \$637 gift to the Cooperative Program from an English-speaking Baptist church in Frankfurt, W. Germany.

The money arrived at the office of Porter Routh, treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention, here from Bethel Baptist Church of Frankfurt. It represented Cooperative Program funds from June 1, 1958, through last Feb. 28.

Herbert L. Stout is pastor of the church. He is former pastor of First Baptist Church, Notrees, Tex. The church at Notrees successfully used the Forward Program of Church Finance during Stout's pastorate there, he said.

When budget time came for the Frankfurt church, Pastor Stout led them in using the Forward Program of Church Finance there as well. The church, less than six months old at the time proved it a success, and each of its 47 resident members signed a pledge card. The amount pledged for the year was \$11,100--\$600 above the goal.

Of the 47 members, 36 pledged to tithe their incomes. Of 92 enrolled in Sunday school, 74 pledged support of the church's new budget. The church is mainly comprised of American servicemen and families stationed in West Germany but many of the servicemen are in the first two enlisted men's ranks, without large incomes.

"When people tithe--even in the smaller income brackets--the total gifts are astounding," Stout said. The success of the Forward Program attracted the attention of the German Baptist congregation, in whose building the English-speaking church meets. As a result, they had a special stewardship message and several members of this German church declared their intention to tithe.

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Dr. George B. Connell,
Mercer President, Dead

MACON, Ga.,--(BP)--George B. Connell, 54-year-old president of Mercer University here, died Apr. 20 of a heart ailment.

Dr. Connell had been in bad health for several months. He was leaving Macon in an automobile with his wife for Florida when stricken and was dead on arrival at a hospital.

Dr. Connell went to Mercer, a Georgia Baptist Convention university, in 1946 as vice-president and succeeded to the presidency in 1953 when Spright Dowell retired.

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Note to Editors:

The special SBC presidents committee studying the Southern Seminary situation met in Atlanta Apr. 20 to prepare its report but will make NO announcement as to its findings. It will report to the Executive Committee of the SBC at the Louisville meeting since it was so instructed when created.

Folks & Facts . . .

.....The printing shop in Albuquerque, N. M., operated by the Baptist Convention of New Mexico has discontinued accepting job printing orders. Manager-Editor Horace F. Burns said this was done so that the shop could give full attention to producing the convention's weekly newspaper and printing convention supplies.

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.....Dr. A. M. Townsend, for nearly 40 years executive secretary of the Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., died in Nashville, where board offices are located.

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