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Dr. L. L. Carpenter  
Announces Retirement

RALEIGH, N. C.--(BP)--Dr. L. L. Carpenter, who for almost 17 years has been editor of the weekly Biblical Recorder here, said he plans to retire from office Dec. 31.

The Biblical Recorder, with 62,000 subscribers, is the publication of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Dr. Carpenter told the paper's board of directors that he had considered retirement for some time and had decided to retire when 68. His 68th birthday will be next Nov. 29.

He added that he was making the announcement early so that a nominating committee could be appointed to find a successor. John W. Kincheloe Jr. of Raleigh, chairman of the board, was expected to appoint this committee.

Dr. Carpenter joined the Biblical Recorder as editor in September, 1942. The paper had about 10,000 subscribers then, only a sixth of its present circulation.

The Biblical Recorder recently announced that it had a new printing contract which would improve the format and typography of the periodical.

A native of the Raleigh area, Dr. Carpenter graduated from Wake Forest College when it was located in nearby Wake Forest, N. C. He has master's and doctor's degrees in theology from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and a Ph.D. from Yale University.

He was ordained to the ministry in 1912 and taught at several colleges before becoming editor. He was an instructor at Southern Seminary, 1916-18; at University of South Carolina, 1921-26; at Furman University, 1926-27; at Limestone College, 1927-36, and at Baylor University, 1936-42.

He was pastor of churches in North and South Carolina and in Texas.

Dr. Carpenter also has served on several committees in Baptist denominational life and is author or co-author of at least six books. His varied experience includes also having served as a chaplain during World War I and holding memberships in educational, historical, and civic associations.

He is a past president of the Southern Baptist Press Association and former vice-president of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. During compilation of the Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists, Dr. Carpenter was chairman of the committee gathering monographs related to North Carolina Baptists.

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Pamphlets To Portray  
American Convention

NEW YORK, N.Y.--(BP)--"What is an American Baptist?" This question will be discussed in a series of pamphlets to be prepared next year by a newly-appointed committee of the American Baptist Convention, according to an announcement by Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge, Portland, Ore., convention president.

Among the topics to be covered in the pamphlet series are the Baptist concepts of baptism, its Biblical and historical background and significance today; the Baptist concepts of democracy; the denominational policy and procedure of American Baptists; and a simplified statement of basic Baptist beliefs.

Two theological school professors and four denominational executives are on the committee. All are ordained ministers and graduates of Baptist seminaries. The professors are Robert T. Handy, associate professor of church history, Union Theological Seminary, New York City, and Robert G. Torbet, dean of the seminary and professor

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of church history at Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Kans.

Executives, all from the New York City offices, are R. Dean Goodwin, director of communication for the American Convention; Lynn Leavenworth, head of the department of theological education; Reuben E. Nelson, general secretary, and W. Hubert Porter, associate general secretary.

In all their articles, the writers will avoid making creedal statements. They will show instead the varieties of opinion which are most common among American Baptists, pointing out which are the majority opinions. They will draw heavily on the findings of the denomination's various theological conferences.

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#### 11 States On Hand For Camping Clinic

PASS CHRISTIAN, Miss.--(BP)--A new, modern campcraft program for Royal Ambassadors was unveiled in a convention-wide, week-long clinic at Camp Kittiwake here under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission.

More than 30 state Royal Ambassador secretaries and other delegates from 11 states got detailed instruction on camping skills.

They returned to their states to hold clinics for RA chapter leaders who, in turn, will put the camping practices into use among their boys.

At the close of the clinic the 30 participants got certificates showing they had completed instruction in the fields of firecraft, food, toolcraft, ropecraft, trip, gear, map and compass, health and safety, nature and conservation, and leadership.

The course was drawn up by the Brotherhood Commission with the assistance of the American Camping Association.

Frank Black, Memphis, assistant secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, was camping director, assisted by David Mashburn, Memphis, Baptist Brotherhood associate secretary. Campcraft instructor was Gunnar Peterson of Chicago, vice-president of the American Camping Association.

"The new campcraft program was developed to permit Royal Ambassador counselors to lead boys in accomplishing sufficient skills to actually take care of themselves in the out-of-doors," Black said.

It has four Royal Ambassador badges marking achievements. They are "hiker," "camper," "woodsman," and "adventurer."

Robert R. Harvey, Dallas, associate secretary of Brotherhood department of Texas, reporting his impression, said: "This program will lift the Royal Ambassador camps from assembly to real camping."

J. C. Maddox, Columbia, RA secretary for South Carolina added, "It is going to be the type of camping we want to go into. This is pioneer camping and will mean a much better camping program. We have been doing everything for the boys. Now they will do for themselves. We are endorsing this type of program all the way."

Bob M. Boyd, Nashville, of the recreation department, Baptist Sunday School Board, declared, "It's one of the greatest things Brotherhood has done. It is just tremendous. Of course, good leadership is the secret for any successful program. But this is a natural activity for boys and will have a great effect on the growth of the Royal Ambassador organization."

Other states represented at the clinic were Illinois, Mississippi, New Mexico, Alabama, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Georgia, and Virginia.

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Christian Citizenship  
Group Leaders Named

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Conference leaders for two Christian citizenship workshops at summer assemblies have been announced by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention here.

Four subjects will be discussed each morning at the conference in Ridgecrest, N. C. Ralph A. Cannon, Methodist minister, of Spartanburg, S. C., will lead the conference on combating the traffic in obscene literature.

Wayne E. Oates and Samuel Southard, both from the faculty of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will lead the conference, "Beverage Alcohol and the Alcoholic." T. B. Maston, professor of Christian ethics at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., will lead the discussion on "Community Tensions."

Church-state relations and their bearing on the Christian citizen is subject of the fourth Ridgecrest conference. W. Barry Garrett, Washington, associate director, Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, will direct the conference.

Dates for the Ridgecrest conference are Aug. 20-26.

Due to limited space, only one workshop will be held each day at Glorieta, N. M. Dates are Aug. 6-12. This will concern church-state affairs and Christian citizenship, with C. Arthur Insko, associate professor of preaching and Christian ethics, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Berkeley, Calif., in charge.

H. Clayton Waddell, professor of social ethics at New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary, will lead a Bible conference class under Christian Life Commission sponsorship at Ridgecrest. C. W. Scudder, associate professor of Christian ethics at Southwestern Seminary, will lead the class at Glorieta.

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Tarheel Committee  
To Nominate Branch

RALEIGH, N. C.--(BP)--Douglas M. Branch, pastor of First Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, N. C., for the past six years, will be nominated to succeed Dr. M. A. Huggins as general secretary and treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

After several days of speculation among Baptists, Clyde E. Baucom of Wilson, chairman of the nominations committee, confirmed the unofficial reports of Branch's nomination with a formal announcement.

The name of the 50-year-old native of Wake County, N. C., will be submitted to the special session of the convention in Raleigh May 5-6 and the convention will then act on the committee's recommendation. Nominations of other persons can be made from the floor.

The statement released by Baucom said the nominating body came to "unanimous, hearty, and enthusiastic agreement that the best man for the position was one of our own North Carolinians, one who had received many endorsements and careful consideration at all times from the very first."

The nominee is vice-chairman of Wake Forest College board of trustees. The Baptist institution gave him an honorary doctor of divinity degree in 1956. For nearly three years--from early in 1953 until late 1955--he was president of the Baptist State Convention.

He was first vice-president when the president, R. Archie Ellis of Salisbury, N. C., moved to First Baptist Church, Columbia, S. C. Branch was automatically elevated to the presidency and was re-elected by the 1953 and 1954 conventions.

For the past five years he has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and is chairman of the Committee to Study Total Program of Southern Baptists.

Branch is also serving on the committee of 25, a survey group, which is to make recommendations concerning all phases of North Carolina Baptist work at the special session here.

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