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Brotherhood Commission
Marks 50th Anniversary

RICHMOND, Va.--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission returned to Calvary Baptist Church here May 17 for a special service on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

It was in Calvary Baptist Church May 17, 1907, that a group of laymen in the Southern Baptist Convention met to discuss how they could do more to support the denomination's missionary program. Their meeting immediately preceded the 1907 session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Richmond.

A. Roy Greene, Nashville, Tenn., immediate past chairman of the Brotherhood Commission, brought the main message of the observance. Mason Connell, president of the Brotherhood organization in Calvary Baptist Church today, presented the Commission a gavel made from the wood in old Calvary Church building--site of the 1907 meeting.

(The church since has moved to another place in Richmond and has a new building.)

Commission Executive Secretary George W. Schroeder accepted the gavel for the Commission. He said it will be used by the presiding officer at the first National Conference of Southern Baptist Men in Oklahoma City Sept. 18-20.

Clyde Melton, the present pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, and Lucius M. Polhill, executive secretary, Baptist General Association of Virginia, Richmond, brought welcoming addresses.

Lawson H. Cooke, retired executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, spoke on "How It All Began."

The laymen's group was first known as the Layman's Missionary Movement. In the late 1920's, it became the Brotherhood. It is now an official agency of the Convention with a full-time executive staff.

The Brotherhood Commission's offices are in Memphis, Tenn.

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add honorary doctor's degrees. . .

Louisiana College, Pineville, La.----Honorary D. D.'s to Troy Val Wheeler, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Alexandria, La., and Jaroy Weber, pastor, First Baptist Church, West Monroe, La.

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Rock Endorsed As New
President of S.B.C.

PHOENIX, Ariz.--(BP)--A man from the western part of the United States should be the new president of the Southern Baptist Convention, according to the weekly newspaper of Southern Baptists in Arizona.

The Baptist Beacon endorses C. Vaughan Rock, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church here, in an editorial carried in its May 16 issue. Rock has been pastor of the Phoenix church over 20 years and four of those years was president of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona.

The Southern Baptist Convention will elect a new president at its 1957 session in Chicago. C. C. Warren, of Charlotte, N. C., has served two one-year terms and isn't eligible for re-election.

Endorsement of a denominational newspaper does not constitute official nomination, since candidates for Convention office must be nominated from the floor of the Convention during its session devoted to elections.

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SBC Messengers To Pick
Meeting Place For 1960

CHICAGO--(BP)--Messengers to the 1957 session of the Southern Baptist Convention will be asked to select the Convention's meeting place for 1960.

St. Louis, where the Convention held its 1954 session and other previous sessions, and Cincinnati, a city in which the Convention has never met, have placed their bids for the '60 session.

Cincinnati and Louisville, Kentucky, each bid for the 1959 Convention last year when messengers selected Louisville because of the centennial of Southern Baptist Seminary.

Some preference has been expressed for a centrally-located place in 1960, since the next Baptist World Alliance Congress will be held also that year and many Convention messengers may want to save transportation expense in order to go to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for the Congress.

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Winders To Do Student
Work With Mississippi

JACKSON, Miss.--(BP)--Ralph B. Winders, secretary of the department of student work for Virginia Baptists since 1944, has accepted the same position with Mississippi Baptists. He will succeed Charles W. Horner, who resigned several months ago to become BSU secretary for South Carolina Baptists. Winders is a native Mississippian.

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Illinois Associate In
Wreck; Back Is Broken

MURPHYSBORO, Ill.--(BP)--Associate executive secretary E. H. Moore of the Illinois Baptist State Association was seriously injured recently when his car skidded on wet pavement and nose-dived down a 30-foot embankment near here.

Moore suffered a broken back and minor lacerations of the scalp. Reports indicate that after he has been placed in braces he will be able to return to his home in a couple of weeks. He is hospitalized in the Doctors Hospital, Carbondale, Ill.

Moore had left his home at Carbondale to keep an engagement with the chaplain and warden of the Menard Prison at Chester, Ill., relative to mission work in the prison. About four miles west of Murphysboro on highway 144 his car apparently skidded and went out of control.

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N.C. Baptists Go To
S.B.C. Via Airplane

RALEIGH, N. C.--(BP)--Nearly 150 Baptists and their wives from North Carolina will literally be "up in the air" May 27, the day before the Southern Baptist Convention opens in Chicago.

They will be on their way to Chicago in two chartered planes, each carrying 72 passengers. One will originate at the Raleigh-Durham Airport and the other at the Municipal Airport in Charlotte. Both will fly non-stop to Chicago where chartered buses will take the passengers directly to their hotels. They will return Saturday, June 1.

This is believed to be the largest group going to Chicago on chartered planes.

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N. C. Minister Chosen
Year's Mountain Pastor

PINEVILLE, Ky.--(BP)--Clear Creek Baptist School here will confer its "Outstanding Mountain Minister of the Year" award for 1957 on a North Carolina pastor.

Sam O'Neal is being honored for his "outstanding service and achievements" during pastorate of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Rutherfordton, N. C.

The award, second of its kind, is based on nominations made by pastors, missionaries, and denominational leaders serving in the mountain areas of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Baptist Hospital Adds
New One-Story Addition

NEW ORLEANS--(BP)--A one-story addition to the side of Southern Baptist Hospital here will provide a new, modern lobby as well as a small prayer chapel and increased office space.

Construction will begin as soon as the necessary materials are on hand. It is expected to be finished in eight months.

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N.C. College May Start
School Of Nursing Soon

BOILING SPRINGS, N. C.--(BP)--Gardner-Webb College may inaugurate a school of nursing next fall, P. L. Elliott, president, announced recently.

The proposal is for Gardner-Webb to work jointly with the hospitals of Cleveland and Rutherford Counties in training their nurses.

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BP folks & facts

.....W. Hines Sims, secretary, church music department, Baptist Sunday School Board, was elected president of the Church and Sunday School Music Publishers Association recently at Sea Island, Ga.

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.....Wayne Broome has resigned pastorate of Bethesda Baptist Church, Calhoun, Ga., to become pastor of the Dowelltown Baptist Church of Dowelltown, Tenn.

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.....Joe C. Washburn, Shelby, N. C., has presented Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, N. C., with a collection of pictures of all the original trustees of the school. Washburn is a son of one of the founders of the college, the late W. Winslow Washburn.

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.....James G. Stertz, pastor of First Baptist Church, De Land, Fla., has been elected assistant secretary for missionary personnel for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. He will work with Elmer S. West, Jr., secretary for missionary personnel.

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