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GLORIETA AUDITORIUM  
NAMED FOR T. L. HOLCOMB

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The Glorieta Baptist Assembly auditorium has been named the Holcomb Auditorium in honor of Dr. T. L. Holcomb, former executive secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

The action taken at the August meeting of the Baptist Sunday School Board was announced by James L. Sullivan, successor to Dr. Holcomb.

The auditorium, when completed, will care for fifty conference and classrooms. The stage will have complete facilities for dramas and large musical programs. Dressing and rest rooms, storage rooms, pipe organ chambers, radio and television control rooms, lighting, etc., will also be provided.

Architecture of the auditorium is New Mexican "territorial." It will have a large tower, complete with Carillon bells, amplifier system, and reflective lights.

The first section of the auditorium is already completed and is in use this summer. (mat enclosed)

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CONTRACT SIGNED FOR  
JACKSONVILLE HOSPITAL

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.--(BP)--Frank Tripp, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Hospital Board, and Bert Reid, president of the local trustees, recently signed a \$2,156,800 contract for construction of Jacksonville Baptist Memorial Hospital's first unit. The contract was made with Henry G. DuFree Company.

Construction, scheduled to start within a few days, will be completed within 540 days after work starts.

The first project will provide hospital space and facilities for 152 patients.

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KENTUCKY BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME  
DEDICATES NEW BUILDING FOR BOYS

LOUISVILLE, Ky.--(BP)--Kentucky Baptist Children's Home recently dedicated a large, modern home for boys.

On program were C. Ford Deusner, superintendent of the home, T. L. Maddux, pastor, Gilead Baptist Church, Gilead, Ky.; W. W. Stevens, pastor, First Baptist Church, Hodgenville, Ky.; A. W. Allison, Sonora Baptist Church, Sonora, Ky.; and R. T. Skinner, editor, Western Recorder, Louisville, Ky.

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GROUP STUDIES  
DOCTRINE OF CHURCH

LOUISVILLE, KY.--(BP)--Fifteen men spent six hours a day for the first week of August on the campus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary exploring what the New Testament has to say about the church.

Papers presented for discussion included "The Origin of the Church," by Robert W. Kicklighter, Elizabeth City, N. C.; "The Nature of the Church," by W. O. Carver; "The Doctrine of Baptism in the New Testament," by T. C. Smith; "The Lord's Supper in the New Testament," by Dale Moody; "Discipline in the Church," by Theron D. Price, all of Louisville; "The Problem of Baptist Succession," by Wendell H. Rone, Middlesboro, Ky.; "Beginnings of Baptist Churches," by Robert G. Torbet, Philadelphia, Pen.; "The Land Mark Schism," by John Steeley, Walnut Ridge, Ark.

The personnel of the study group was selected in terms of special interest and study in some phase of the doctrine of the church. Representation was sought from the various Southern Baptist seminaries, geographical areas, and theological points of view.

The study was summed up in the statement "the most important theological task confronting Southern Baptists and indeed all Baptists today is the articulation of the New Testament doctrine of the church as understood by Baptists."

The members of the study group considered the week to be so profitable that they voted to assemble for another week in the summer of 1954. In the meantime an effort will be made to edit the various papers so as to provide them in book form.

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JACKSONVILLE FIRST CHURCH  
ADDS EDUCATIONAL UNIT

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.--(BP)--A contract of \$268,898 was let recently by the First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., to add another educational building. A quarter million dollar educational building was erected only five years ago.

The building will be completely air-conditioned and will house eleven departments. There will be eleven assembly rooms and eighty-five classrooms.

A feature of the new building will be a play deck for recreational purposes.

The deck will contain an outdoor grill, shuffleboard courts, ping-pong tables, and other such facilities, including a refreshment area.

Homer G. Linday is pastor of the church.

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ALASKA BAPTIST PAPER  
MOVES TO NEW HOME

SEWARD, Alaska--(BP)--Seward, Alaska, seaport for the Interior of Alaska and Terminus of the Alaska railroad, is the new home of the Alaska Baptist Messenger, according to an announcement made by B. I. Carpenter, editor.

"We trust that our great mailing difficulty will be helped here. We can serve all our Interior by rail, and Southeastern Alaska by steamship. Air mail subscriptions will go as usual," Carpenter said.

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GEORGIA W.M.U. BUYS  
ISLAND FOR R.A. CAMP

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)-- In the future when Georgia R. A. boys go to camp they will have to ride a boat to get there. Georgia's Woman's Missionary Union purchased a twenty-five acre island ten miles south of Brunswick, Ga., on which it plans to build a summer camp for Royal Ambassadors.

Blue Heron Island, which in addition to the twenty-five acres has 100 acres of marsh land, was acquired last week at a cost of \$12,000.

"Plans for building a camp there will be considered immediately," Miss Janice Singleton, executive secretary of W.M.U., said.

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VIRGINIA BAPTIST EDITOR  
CHALLENGES HOUSE ACTION

RICHMOND, Va.--(BP)--The House of representatives of the federal government at Washington, D. C., acted unwisely in raising the House chaplain's salary and making him, for all practical purposes, a full-time employee, thinks Dr. Reuben Alley, editor, Virginia Religious Herald. The action amounts to use of public tax funds for a religious purpose.

"By unanimous vote a few hours before adjournment the House of Representatives raised the salary of the House chaplain from \$3,000 to \$4,250 a year. Proponents of the bill pointed out that the present incumbent, Dr. Bernard Braskamp, had made the position "a full-time job" since coming into office three years ago. "He regards the entire House, their families, and all Congressional employees-- about 2,000 people in all--as his ministry, his parish." Dr. Braskamp retired from active ministry in the Presbyterian church three years ago when he accepted the appointment by the House.

"That is the substance of a news report from Washington. Apparently everyone was happy with the decision to use public tax funds to pay a Christian minister who will be pastor of congressman. Though the implications are obvious and serious, not a single congressman raised objection. The exigencies of the case seem to make it expedient for the government to employ Christian ministers as chaplains in the armed services, but that is quite different from using public tax funds to pay the salary of a pastor for congressmen. Every intrusion upon the principle of separation of church and state appears easier."