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Missionary Ed Council
Elects Mary Christian

ATLANTA--(BP)--The Missionary Education Council of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting here, elected Miss Mary Christian of Nashville as president.

Miss Christian, missions book editor of the Baptist Sunday School Board, succeeds Fon H. Scofield, Richmond, Va., director of audio visual aids for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

The Missionary Education Council, although not an official SBC agency, helps the official agencies co-ordinate their various activities in missionary education.

It includes representatives of the Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood Commission, Sunday School Board, SBC seminaries, Home Mission Board, and Foreign Mission Board. They meet once a year--ordinarily in January--to discuss production and use of missionary materials.

The representatives form age-level committees and special emphasis committees which consider background books on mission subjects, mission promotion and publication, and use of visual aids in missionary education.

They develop annual missionary themes for study course books on missions. The 1959 themes for graded study books of the Foreign Mission Board and Home Mission Board are "World Evangelism Overseas" and "World Evangelization in the Homeland" respectively. Both themes follow the Baptist Jubilee Advance emphasis on evangelism next year.

Other officers elected were Herbert Cross Jackson, associate professor of comparative religion and missions, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, vice-president, and Mrs. Mildred Dunn, associate editor, Royal Ambassador magazine, Memphis, secretary.

The Council meets next in Richmond.

Leonard Hill Accepts
Baptist Program Work

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Leonard Hill, working toward a doctor of theology degree at Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, has accepted a position as production editor of the Baptist Program here starting Feb. 1.

Albert McClellan, Nashville, associate executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee and editor of the magazine, announced Hill's appointment.

The Baptist Program is published by the Executive Committee. It is a magazine for denominational leaders, reaching more than 30,000 pastors, missionaries, and other workers throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

Hill is a native of Alva, Okla., and was reared in Waurika and Hobart, Okla. His father, Ralph A. Hill, served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Waurika, immediately preceding McClellan's service as pastor of the same church.

The elder Hill is now administrator of a Baptist Hospital in Oklahoma.

Leonard Hill attended Oklahoma Baptist University and studied religious journalism. He graduated in 1951. While in OBU, he served as sports editor of the OBU Bison, weekly college newspaper, and participated in track.

He then entered Southwestern Seminary. For three years while a student at the seminary, Hill pastored Liberty Baptist Church, Comanche, Okla. He was editorial assistant for one year at All-Church Press, Fort Worth, an independent company printing church newspapers.

Hill was interim editorial assistant on the Baptist Standard, weekly Texas Baptist newspaper, while the regular assistant was on leave. He has contributed material to the Baptist Program and to Baptist Training Union quarterlies.

Mrs. Hill is the former Katie Lou Stringer, also an OBU graduate. She teaches in the public school system at Fort Worth. They have a 15-month old daughter.

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BP folks and facts.....

.....First Baptist Church, Anchorage, Alaska, is seeking an educational director. Contacts may be made with Carl J. Rylander, chairman of the church personnel committee, Box 1903, Anchorage.

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.....Charles C. Lemons, former pastor of Northside Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., has become pastor of First Baptist Church, Delray Beach, Fla.

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Baptist Record Enters
Year With 'New Look'

JACKSON, Miss.--(BP)--The Baptist Record, official weekly journal of Mississippi Baptist Convention, began 1958 with a "new look."

After several months of study, preparation, and professional counsel, Editor W. C. Fields approved the new dress which gives the 81-year-old paper a more distinctive appearance.

Changes include new headline type, better grade of paper, flush right headlines, informal balance in makeup, brighter cutlines, more white space, a better use of pictures, and several minor changes.

The paper, with a circulation of 87,585, has the largest circulation of any newspaper of any kind in the state.

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Buckner Orphans' Home
Presented Navy Mascot

DALLAS--(BP)--Children at Buckner Orphans' Home here have a reminder of Navy's 20-7 victory over Rice in the Cotton Bowl Jan. 1. It's the goat Navy had as their mascot while in Dallas for the game.

Texas Bill, as the goat was named, served as a temporary mascot for the sailors. In the future, he will be the mascot to inspire the athletes at the Baptist orphans' home.

Rear Adm. W. R. Smedberg III, superintendent of the U. S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., presented the mascot to Buckner. The goat was raised on a west Texas ranch.

The blanket Texas Bill wore in the Cotton Bowl also will be kept by Buckner--after it's dry cleaned.

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Southwestern Seminary
Marks Golden Jubilee

FORT WORTH--(BP)--Southwestern Baptist Seminary, the Southern Baptist Convention's largest institution training ministers and other religious workers, is marking 50 years of service this year with a golden jubilee celebration.

Each of the three seminary schools--theology, religious education, and church music--will observe a jubilee week. Featured speakers will highlight the purposes of each of the three schools, and special activities have been

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scheduled to recognize their contributions to the growth and development of Southern Baptist work.

Southwestern Seminary began in 1908 as a department of theology at Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and has grown into the largest evangelical seminary in the world. Last school year, the enrolment reached 2411, and prospects are that the current student body will exceed this record.

Feb. 17-21, the school of religious education will hold its jubilee week celebration; the school of theology follows with its special activities Mar. 17-21, and the school of music will present several music programs during its jubilee week Apr. 14-18.

The climax to the celebrations will be the spring commencement on May 16, when 96 new student apartments will be formally dedicated following graduation exercises.

In its 50-year history, Southwestern Seminary established the first school of church music for Southern Baptists, pioneered in religious education, held the first summer school among Southern Baptist seminaries, and led in the idea of evangelistic conferences.

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Baptist Editors Plan
Albuquerque Meeting

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.--(BP)--Southern Baptist editors will meet here Feb. 3-6 for the mid-winter conference of the Southern Baptist Press Association.

The Baptist Convention of New Mexico is host to the meeting of the editors and the state Baptist executive secretaries, who will hold a separate meeting on the same dates.

John Hurt, Atlanta, editor of the Christian Index, said that the Wednesday session of the Press Association will be at Glorieta, N. M., site of Southern Baptist Convention's western assembly grounds.

Kenneth B. Butler of Mendota, Ill., will be special guest lecturer for the meeting of the editors. Butler heads the Butler Typo-Design Research Center in Mendota. The center specializes in aiding publications with typography.

Another speaker is Wilfred McCormick, Albuquerque, instructor in journalism at the University of New Mexico.

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NOTE TO STATE BAPTIST EDITORS: On Dec. 6, 1957, the Baptist Press carried an article referring to the Church Loan Corporation in Texas, headlined "Texas Offers Church Loan Funds To SBC." It should be made clear that the church loan funds are to be offered to the SBC contingent on the SBC asking for them and on the SBC meeting the conditions which the Church Loan Corporation set forth as necessary to effect a transfer.--(BP).