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Miss Carrie S. Vaughan  
Virginia WMU Secretary

RICHMOND, Va.--(BP)--Miss Carrie Sinton Vaughan has been elected executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia.

Miss Vaughan has been serving for the past two years as assistant supervisor of the school lunch program for the Virginia State Department of Education here.

She has long been active in WMU work and was the first president of the Federation of Business Women's Circles of the Virginia WMU.

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Church Extension Plans  
Top SBC News In 1957

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The biggest Southern Baptist Convention news of 1957, according to Baptist editors, was continued development of the denomination's program to establish 30,000 new churches and missions in the next seven years.

The most important development in the "30,000 movement" was the appointment of C. C. Warren, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., as director of the church extension program.

It was Warren who, as Convention president, urged the Convention to embark on the "30,000 movement" in 1956. He made his plea in his president's address to the Convention that year in Kansas City, Mo.

Baptist editors which form the Baptist Press, news service of the Convention, voted for the "top 10" stories of the year in the denomination in an annual Baptist Press Poll.

The developments of the "30,000 movement" rated 12 of 22 first-place votes and a total of 200 points on a preferential rating system.

The "30,000 movement" is one of the SBC's objectives in the Baptist Jubilee Advance, a project of the major Baptist conventions in North America. The Jubilee will be observed in 1964, the 150th anniversary of organized Baptist work on a national scale in North America.

Baptist editors rated as the second most important story of 1957 the creation of Midwestern Baptist Seminary in Kansas City, Mo. The seminary recently bought 99 acres to develop a campus and will open for classes next fall in a

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Kansas City church. This rated three first place votes and 146 points.

The race issue, as it affected Southern Baptists, rated three first place votes, 142 points, and position as third most important story of the past year.

Developments in this area included action at several state Baptist conventions. The Alabama Christian Life Commission and Louisiana Baptist Convention generally favored continued racial segregation while Georgia and South Carolina turned aside motions on segregation.

Rep. Brooks Hays (D., Ark.), elected the Convention's president by the 1957 meeting in Chicago, tried to mediate the differing positions on a school segregation issue arising in Little Rock. Little Rock is in the area of Arkansas Hays represents.

Response to the Forward Program of Church Finance of Southern Baptists rated fourth position with no first place votes, but enough high preference votes to give it 109 points. The Forward Program is a comprehensive plan to aid churches in their stewardship budget campaigns.

More than 2500 churches ordered Forward Program materials last year, the first year the program was available to churches.

Two editors said the First National Conference of Southern Baptist Men in Oklahoma City rated top importance. Enough other votes came in to give it 105 points and fifth most important story in total points. Nearly 6300 laymen attended the conference.

The election of Hays as the first Southern Baptist layman president in more than a decade rated sixth in importance. It received one first place vote and 100 total points.

The "Big Cities" program of the SBC Home Mission Board--which among other things increased the tempo of Southern Baptist activity in New York City, Chicago, and Denver--rated 86 points and seventh place.

Eighth place was captured by the story that Southern Baptists are giving record amounts of money through their Cooperative Program to support state Baptist and Southern Baptist Convention educational and missionary work. It received 77 points.

Editors gave 76 points and ninth place to the story on the dancing issue involving Baptist colleges in North Carolina. The Baptist State Convention there upheld a 20-year-old ban on social dances on campuses of its colleges. Student and some trustee reaction followed but the ban remained.

Progress of the management survey of the Southern Baptist Convention was 10th most important story. It received 55 points.

Organization of the Michigan Baptist Convention co-operating with the SBC rated one first-place vote but not enough total points to make the "top 10."

Editor's consensus of the most important religious news of 1957 not directly involving the SBC was the extended Billy Graham Evangelistic Crusade in Madison Square Garden, New York City.

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Maryland Baptists Help  
Launch Gotham Church

NEW YORK CITY--(BP)--Forty members of the College Ave. Baptist Church, Annapolis, Md., came here by chartered bus recently to see their mission in New York City organized as the Manhattan Baptist Church.

The 99 charter members of the first church in New York City co-operating with Southern Baptists live in and around the Nation's most populous city. Many of them must drive a considerable distance to attend services in the McBurney YMCA on 23rd St.

Two American Baptist Convention ministers were among the group welcoming Southern Baptists to the city. They were Ralph Walker, pastor, Madison Ave. Baptist Church in Manhattan and David Head, pastor, Grace Baptist Church in Brooklyn.

John W. Bradbury, editor of the independent Baptist publication, Watchman-Examiner, New York, and Arnold T. Williamson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Lynbrook, Long Island, New York, also participated in the organizational service. It took place in the New Yorker Hotel.

Among Southern Baptists present were Paul S. James, who left Tabernacle Baptist Church of Atlanta to become director of Southern Baptist church extension in New York City (including pastorate of the new church); A. B. Cash, director of pioneer missions for the SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta, W. C. Fields, editor of the Baptist Record, Jackson, Miss.; S. F. Dowis, secretary of co-operative missions, and L. O. Griffith, director of promotion, for the Home Mission Board.

The new church will continue to meet in the YMCA until a permanent place of worship is secured. James said the church will seek affiliation with the Southern Maryland association of churches and the Maryland Baptist Union Association. Charles A. Jolly, pastor of the Annapolis, Md., church, directed

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the organizational meeting.

The first worship service of Southern Baptists in New York City took place last May 5. It followed months of planning. Initiative for starting a Southern Baptist chapel in the city is credited to Mr. and Mrs. James Aaron. The Aarons were Southern Baptists who moved to New York from Granite City, Ill.

Estimates of the number of Southern Baptist people who have moved into the New York City area range as high as 50,000. Only about half of the 12 million people in the metropolitan area are enlisted in local churches of various faiths, according to the city's religious leaders.

James said that "Southern Baptists are organizing work in the New York area not as invaders but as allies with all who are promoting the work of Christ. Our first step is to form a strong 'parent' church on Manhattan from which we can reach out to establish other churches in the Greater New York area, especially in those areas where no Baptist work is being done.

"We have been welcomed by those who realize that about half the people here are not identified with any church. New York has been blessed by the evangelism of Billy Graham, a Southern Baptist, and the need now is for enlistment," James continued.

American Baptist Convention has 24 co-operating churches in Manhattan and 129 churches in the metropolitan area.

Dean Goodwin, secretary of press relations for American Baptists, New York City, told Associated Press: "With the general Southern Baptist expansion into the north, we were certainly not surprised at their coming.

"Whenever we can find a way of entering into co-operation as brothers in Christ, we are able to work out good working relationships. We are embarrassed, however, whenever brethren of the South state that we are not doing the job that needs to be done," Goodwin added.

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New Orleans Seminary  
Frees Three Crooks

NEW ORLEANS, La.--(BP)--Three Crooks will graduate from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Lest the seminary be mistaken for a penal institution, the Crooks are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Crook and Everett D. Crook, all of St. George, S. C. The two men are brothers.

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Hearings Scheduled For  
Tax Credit Proposals

WASHINGTON--(BP)--Hearings on tax credit plans for higher education were tentatively scheduled here by the House Committee on Ways and Means.

These plans propose that an income tax deduction be allowed for tuition paid to institutions of higher learning. The proposals are for tuition paid irrespective to either public or private institutions.

Among the bills scheduled for the hearing are H. R. 765 introduced by Rep. McCarthy of Minnesota, H. R. 1064 introduced by Rep. Boggs of Louisiana, and H. R. 7002 introduced by Rep. Frelinghuysen of New Jersey.

Although there are slight variations in the bills all three present the same proposal. H. R. 765 makes this provision: "There shall be allowed to an individual, as credit against the tax imposed by this sub-title for the taxable year, an amount equal to 30 per cent of the aggregate amount paid during the taxable year by such individual to institutions of higher education as tuition or fees for the education of such individual or of any other individual at a level above the 12th grade."

Other bills were introduced in the 1957 session of the 85th Congress providing that certain tuition payments be treated as charitable contributions and thus are deductible from the income tax. Representative of these bills is H. R. 645 introduced by Congressman Ford of Michigan.

H. R. 645 was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and its status is now described as "pending." It provides that "payments of tuition by the taxpayer for the attendance of his children at a primary or secondary school conducted on a religious basis by an organization organized and operated for religious or educational purposes shall be treated as a contribution or gift by the taxpayer to such organization."

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Van Howeling Library  
Dedicated At Wayland

PLAINVIEW, Tex.--(BP)--Wayland Baptist College's Van Howeling Memorial Library was dedicated recently and the dedicatory address was by Miss Thelma Andrews, president-elect of the Texas Library Association and librarian for the Abilene Public Library.

College President A. Hope Owen presided. Tom Z. Parrish, Wayland's director of development, paid tribute to the late Arie Van Howeling, pioneer Plainsman, in whose memory Mrs. Van Howeling gave 600 acres of Hale County land to make

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possible this library.

The Van Howeling Memorial Library which has been built and furnished at an approximate cost of \$250,000 is the second building dedicated at Wayland this session. The Van Howeling gift is the largest in Wayland's history.

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22 Million Baptists  
Join Hearts Feb. 2

WASHINGTON--(BP)--More than 22 million Baptists on six continents will join hearts Sunday, Feb. 2, as they think on the "one Lord, one faith, one baptism" in which they believe.

The day has been set aside as Baptist World Alliance Sunday. The Alliance is a fellowship organization of the Baptists scattered in 105 countries, and has its world headquarters in Washington.

Theodore F. Adams, pastor, First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., Alliance president, said that on this Sunday "Baptists of the world meet as one before the throne of grace in prayer and consecration."

The new figure of slightly more than 22 million Baptists in the world is based on the sum of the statistics of the various Baptists bodies in the world. The total is 1,025,165 greater than a year ago, Adams said, and also reflects Baptists in six more countries than in the previous year.

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BP Folks & Facts.....

.....F. Bredahl Petersen, professor of church history at Crozer Theological Seminary, was called to pastorate of Seventh Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md. effective Mar. 1.

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HOUSTON INFORMATION

The following is from a letter written by E. H. Westmoreland, chairman of the local arrangements committee in Houston: "I have just been informed that all downtown hotels have been reserved to capacity. Will you please urge the editors of our state papers to publish the list of motels which are available? It is most urgent that they do so without delay."

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Baptist Press

NOTE TO BAPTIST STATE EDITORS:

Another experimental release from the Washington Baptist Press office is enclosed. We are not as concerned with whether or not you print the story as we are with your reaction to the type of information it represents. Is this the type of news release you want from Washington? What other types of stories do you suggest to your Washington correspondent?

You will recognize that this news story presents only the facts about the tax credit plan bills and contains no opinion or interpretation. On the other hand you can readily see that the first step toward tax support for parochial education could easily be in the form of tax credit for tuition paid for higher education.

May I point out that not all of these bills originate with the Roman Catholics, although they fit perfectly into the Catholic objectives. A number of Protestant groups concerned with the promotion of parochialism are the originating forces behind some of these bills.

In one of the papers given to the editors at the Southern Baptist Press Association at Washington last year Dr. Carlson called our attention to these proposals concerning tax support for parochial schools. He said at that time, "It is estimated that this will shift from 20% to 25% of the burden of costs for parochial schools over on to the taxpayers of the country."

In the March 28-29 meeting of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs the following action was taken: "That the Baptist Joint Committee send a communication to the resolutions committees of our participating conventions, calling attention to the fact that such bills as H. R. 645, which provide that tuition payments to private or parochial schools shall be treated as charitable contributions, are in violation of equality of taxation."

When we get to the Southern Baptist Press Association meeting in Albuquerque time will be provided on the program for a discussion of the communication services from Washington desired by the editors. I hope you will be prepared to discuss with me the type of material you want from here.

We plan to prepare a few more experimental stories from Washington before our Albuquerque meeting with the hope you will study them carefully and bring your suggestions to the Press Association meeting.--W. B. G.