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RADIO COMMISSION  
ELECTS NEW HEAD (HOLD PENDING CONFIRMATION FROM RADIO COMMISSION)

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--Paul M. Stevens, pastor, First Baptist Church, Ada, Okla., and member of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, was elected director of the Commission. He will assume his duties October 1.

Born in Ohio, Stevens moved to Mississippi in the early years of his life. He received his early education in Jackson, Miss., and entered Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., as a pre-medical student. While at Mississippi College he was converted and entered evangelistic work with a team of college students conducting youth revivals in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

He is married to Norma Stebbins, Greenville, Miss.

Stevens received the A.B. degree from Baylor University and the Th.M. degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

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R.A. CONGRESS MEETS IN ATLANTA

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Five thousand Baptist boys meeting here heard Gov. Herman Talmadge describe the type of religious and practical training that organized church groups are giving their youth as "our most effective bulwark against Communism."

Georgia's governor made the statement in welcoming members of the Southern Baptist Convention's Royal Ambassadors to Atlanta for their first Convention-wide congress.

The Royal Ambassadors auxiliary for boys ages nine through seventeen was instituted in 1908 by the Convention's Woman's Missionary Union as an organization to "build character and imbue Baptist youth with a missionary spirit."

It now has more than 160,000 members in 11,493 chapters in the United States and 28 foreign countries. Delegates attending the congress here represented groups in Cuba, Mexico, Brazil, and Japan, sixteen Southern states, the District of Columbia, California, Kansas, Missouri, Indiana, Illinois, and West Virginia.

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CHAPLAIN SEES WORLDWIDE  
FLOODS OF GODLESSNESS

FORT WORTH, Tex.--(BP)--Fear that the waves of godlessness sweeping the world might engulf humanity was the chief reaction of a Southern Baptist chaplain recently returning from a foreign tour of duty. Chaplain James B. McLeroy said we face on a world scale an atheistic ideology.

"How I wish we could find a way to make our people see the mission picture as it is," the chaplain said. "Never have I been a fatalist, but now, unless our world can conceive of a just, yet loving God, mediated to us by Jesus Christ, I scarcely know where we shall turn. We do face, on a world scale an atheistic ideology. I believe it was Hugo who said, 'No army can withstand the strength of an idea whose time has come.' Whether he or another said it, it is true. As far as real missionary work is concerned, American Baptists, whom I love with my life, seem to have a perfect genius for doing nothing, and doing it assiduously."

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST YOUTH  
STAGE ATLANTA PARADE

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Five thousand members of the Royal Ambassadors attending the first Convention-wide R. A. Congress here, staged the first parade with a religious theme Atlanta has seen in fourteen years. The last one was held during the Baptist World Alliance meeting here in 1939.

Seven tractor-drawn floats featured the parade which included thirty-four other mobile units and groups of marching boys from twenty-two states, the District of Columbia, and four foreign countries. In the lead float were four Atlanta Royal Ambassadors bearing a banner with the organization's watchword "We are Ambassadors for Christ."

At the closing session of the congress, delegates were challenged by speakers to the congress to "a life of mission and church building" in the home and foreign fields.

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TEXAS DONORS GIVE PORTABLE  
CHAPEL FOR ARIZONA MISSIONS

PHOENIX, Ariz.--(BP)--Two Texas donors gave a portable aluminum chapel to establish missions and churches in Arizona. One paid for the chapel and the other paid the transportation to Phoenix.

The chapel will be owned by the Trust and Memorial Fund of the Baptist General Convention and used by the churches.

The new building, which dismantles in 8 feet by 10 feet sections, is 20 feet wide and 40 feet long. The walls are 10 feet high.

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LOUISIANA BAPTIST MESSAGE  
SWITCHES TO OFFSET PRINTING

ALEXANDRIA, La.--(BP)--The Baptist Message, Louisiana Baptist state paper, was moved from the Shreveport Journal's printing plant to the offset plant of Opelousas Daily World recently, according to Finley W. Timmin, editor.

"We are endeavoring to conform as much as possible to the format we have had for many years. Since, however, types differ in printing plants, there necessarily will be some changes in the appearance of the paper.

"The Daily World is an offset printing plant and this method of printing is somewhat different from straight type plants. In offset printing plants pictures are not printed from cuts or mats, but from pictures themselves. Offset printing, which is a comparatively new development in printing, is attractive, especially where pictures are concerned," Timmin said.

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UTAH ASSEMBLY  
REACHES 308

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah--(BP)--Forty-six of the 308 people who attended the Utah Southern Baptist Assembly came to the camp unsaved but went home new Christians. The assembly met at Wolf Creek Pass, 75 miles southeast of Salt Lake City.

Obstacles were no handicap to the Baptists. There was not one building on the camp grounds. All housing, cooking, and shelter was in tents. The men of the association gathered in a downpour of rain before the camp opening and erected tents for the camp.

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R. A. COUNSELOR'S GUIDE  
IS OFF THE PRESS

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--A new 350 page Royal Ambassadors counselor's guide, containing suggested plans and activities for directors of local chapters, was introduced at the First Convention-wide R.A. Congress meeting here.

J. I. Bishop, secretary of the organization, said that publication of a Royal Ambassadors Manual also is being planned.

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BOOK STORE DEPARTMENT  
ELECTS ASSOCIATE

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Charles Herman Warnock, Jr., Fort Worth, Tex., was elected associate in the Book Store Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., according to John H. Williams, director.

He will be in charge of sales promotion of audio-visual aids through the Baptist book stores over the Southern Baptist Convention, and also with the Board and its film libraries in the stores. He will assume his duties September 1.

Warnock holds the B.A. degree from the University of Georgia, and the M.R.E. degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

For the past two years, Warnock served as visual aids worker in the Baptist Book Store in Fort Worth, Tex. (mat enclosed).

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R.A. SECRETARY  
COMMEDED

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.--(BP)--J. I. Bishop, Convention-wide Royal Ambassador secretary, resigned recently to complete work at the seminary on his doctorate, Miss Juliette Mather, editorial secretary, woman's missionary Union, announced.

"In the ten years that he has been Convention-wide Royal Ambassador secretary, the number of chapters and the number of members have doubled. He has prepared a new guide for Royal Ambassador counselors, which is just off the press. He has developed the work so that there are full-time Royal Ambassador secretaries in fourteen states of the Convention," Miss Mather said.

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