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Circulation Up 10,000  
On Ambassador Life

MEMPHIS--(BP)--Circulation of Ambassador Life, monthly magazine for Royal Ambassadors, increased 10,000 from October, 1957 through January, 1958.

This publication is now received by 77,000 boys and boy leaders across the Southern Baptist Convention, according to James M. Sapp, director of promotion, Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, here.

Ambassador Life, published by the Brotherhood Commission since October is a companion publication to Brotherhood Journal for Baptist men. Each quarter, 115,000 men receive Brotherhood Journal.

Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador work enjoyed its greatest growth during 1957, Sapp said. Brotherhood enrolment in the Southern Baptist Convention increased 35,000 and Royal Ambassador enrolment 29,000.

A total of 347,000 men are now enroled in Brotherhoods across the convention with 162,000 boys now enroled in Royal Ambassador chapters. This represents a 14 per cent gain over 1956.

Prior to October, Royal Ambassador work was directed by Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Edward Hurt, Memphis, is secretary of RA work and Mrs. Mildred Dunn assists Hurt in production of Ambassador Life.

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Dowell Directs Georgia  
History-Gathering Move

MACON, Ga.--(BP)--Spright Dowell, president emeritus of Mercer University here, will lead Georgia Baptists in their effort to gather more state Baptist historical material in 1958.

The program is designed to speed up the gathering of such material. It is being put on jointly by Mercer library and the history committee of Georgia Baptist Convention.

Mercer's library houses Georgia Baptist Convention's historical collection. Information to be secured includes minutes and histories of churches and associations, biographical sketches, and similar data.

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Reynolda Gardens Given  
To Wake Forest College

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.--(BP)--Reynolda (correct) Gardens are being given to Wake Forest College by the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation and Charles H. Babcock, according to an announcement by College President Harold W. Tribble.

In addition to the gardens, the foundation is giving Wake Forest \$40,000 in cash and 3,000 shares of stock in R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

The \$40,000 is to be used for working capital and for capital improvements. Income from the stock will be used for operation and maintenance.

The total gift is valued at approximately \$600,000.

The gardens are noted primarily for their weeping Japanese cherry trees. Foundation officials said "it is the purpose and desire of the grantors to enhance the educational facilities of Wake Forest College, particularly in the field of botany, and to enhance the cultural services which Wake Forest College is now rendering to the community and to the state, and to establish Reynolda Gardens of Wake Forest College."

The gardens are located near the campus.

The deed spells out that the policy and management of the gardens shall be under the exclusive direction of a committee of seven.

It will consist of three members of the college faculty or administration, two directors of the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation, and Robert G. Conrad, local landscape architect who has been closely connected with the gardens.

The deed also states that should the gardens become a financial burden on the college, the Foundation will resume the operations.

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BP Folks and Facts.....

.....J. Clark Hensley, pastor, First Baptist Church, Pulaski, Tenn., for the past eight years, has accepted the position of superintendent of missions for the Hinds County Baptist Association, Jackson, Miss. He will assume his new post Mar. 1.

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'New Approach' Offered  
In Field Of Campcraft

MEMPHIS--(BP)--The Royal Ambassador office here reports "an entirely new approach" to qualifying boy leaders in the field of campcraft will be offered in 1959.

The first Royal Ambassador Campcraft Certification Course will be held at Camp Kittiwake, Miss. Dates for the course are Apr. 19-25, 1959.

Emphasis will be placed on the following: food and cooking, fire, tools, nature and conservation, trips, camping gear, and use of maps and compass. Missionary education will be emphasized throughout the course. Missionaries will be present to work with the camp. Every opportunity will be made to provide group experience in the out-of-doors. Skills, as well as methods of organization, will be stressed.

Instructors for the course will be Gunnar Peterson, professor at George Williams College, Chicago, and Frank Black, assistant Brotherhood secretary, Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Memphis.

Total fee for the camp is \$55, which includes room, board, insurance, and instructional materials. Interested persons may write their state Brotherhood departments for further information.

Royal Ambassadors is an organization for Southern Baptist Convention boys in intermediate and junior ages. It stresses missions and other Christian work.

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Ouachita College Buys  
Space For Buildings

ARKADELPHIA, Ark.--(BP)--Ouachita Baptist College here has purchased additional lots next to the campus for a proposed dormitory for women, President Ralph Phelps announced.

Acquisition of the site--24,000 square feet--is the initial step before a \$750,000 fund raising campaign which is to get underway soon.

Other property for which negotiations are already underway is a 19,000 square foot lot which belongs to Mrs. Gene Rudolph, head of the speech department at Ouachita.

Present plans call for erection of a dormitory for men on this site.

Phelps told trustees that all available space on the main campus had been taken and acquisition of these properties was vital to Ouachita's continued growth.

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VISITS TRUETT GRAVE---In Dallas recently, Southern Baptist Convention President Brooks Hays visited the grave of the late Dr. George W. Truett, Dallas minister who also was a Convention president. Dr. Truett was pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas. He was Convention president from 1927 to 1929. Rep. Hays is shown placing flowers on the grave.

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CONVENTION'S HOUSTON HOTEL---The Rice Hotel will be headquarters hotel for the 1958 session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston.

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