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Hospital Association
Elects Boone Powell

CHICAGO--(BP)--The Southwide Baptist Hospital Association has elected Boone Powell, administrator of Baylor University Hospital, Dallas, as its president.

The Association represents administrators of hospitals related to the Southern Baptist Convention. It meets annual in connection with the meeting of the American Protestant Hospital Association.

Powell succeeds Edwin B. Peel, administrator, Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta.

Freeman May, administrator of Baptist Hospital, Alexandria, La., is the new president-elect. (The Association has no vice-president and the president-elect customarily becomes president the following year.)

The hospital administrators re-elected Emmett R. Johnson of Paducah, Ky., their secretary-treasurer. Johnson is administrator of Western Baptist Hospital.

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Hospital Groups Name
Counselling Committees

CHICAGO--(BP)--Committees representing Southern Baptist hospital administrators and hospital chaplains have been set up to study pastoral counselling training programs.

They were voted at the meetings here of the Southwide Baptist Hospital Association, representing administrators, and the Southern Baptist Association of Hospital Chaplains. Each group will have three members to its committee.

These six committee members plan to meet with a special three member committee appointed by the Southern Baptist Executive Committee to discuss the same business.

A joint meeting of the three committees is planned in Nashville Mar. 20.

Names of the committee members representing the hospital groups will be announced by the presidents of these groups later.

Members of the group from the Executive Committee are Harold W. Seever, Mobile, Ala., chairman; Mrs. Gordon Maddrey, Ahoskie, N. C., and A. Judson Burrell, Columbus, Ga.

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Barnard New President
Of Hospital Chaplains

CHICAGO--(BP)--Everett Barnard, chaplain at North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, is new president of the Southern Baptist Association of Hospital Chaplains.

The Baptist chaplains met here in connection with the annual meeting of the American Protestant Hospital Association.

Barnard succeeds Harold Hawkins, chaplain of Baptist Hospital, Alexandria, La.

Samuel Southard, last year's vice-president, is the association's new president-elect. Southard is associate professor of psychology of religion at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville.

E. A. Verdery, chaplain, Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta, is new vice-president.

The hospital chaplains re-elected J. Don Corley of Little Rock their secretary-treasurer. Corley is chaplain of Arkansas Baptist Hospital.

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Watts Acting President
New Orleans Seminary

NEW ORLEANS--(BP)--J. Wash Watts has been named acting president of New Orleans Baptist Seminary during the illness of President Roland Q. Leavell.

Watts is professor of Old Testament interpretation and Hebrew, as well as dean of students. He is the senior faculty member at the seminary. He joined the faculty in 1931 and served as acting president in 1942.

Physicians report that Leavell continues to make good progress at Southern Baptist Hospital after having suffered a cerebral thrombosis. Leavell is expected to return to his home shortly.

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R. S. Jones To Retire
As Investment Director

DALLAS--(BP)--R. S. Jones, investment director of the Southern Baptist Relief and Annuity Board will retire at the board's annual meeting Mar. 4-5 in Dallas. Jones has a record of 37 years of service to the Southern Baptist Convention.

He left the SBC Foreign Mission Board in 1943 to become associate secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board. Jones has been head of the investment department since 1954.

In January, 1954, following the death of Orville Groner, the board's treasurer and investment officer, Jones was appointed acting treasurer.

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When the Board elected a treasurer, Jones was asked to continue as head of the investment department. In four years under his leadership, investment earnings have grown from \$1,268,512 in 1954 to \$2,133,537 in 1957.

Dr. and Mrs. Jones served as missionaries to Brazil from 1920 until 1930. In 1933, Jones was appointed associate secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. His duties included interviewing and selecting candidates for appointment to the foreign mission field.

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SBC President Visits Russia During April

WASHINGTON--(BP)--Presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Convention will go to Moscow Apr. 25-30 at the invitation of Russian Baptists.

Rep. Brooks Hays (D., Ark.), Southern Convention president, and Clarence W. Cranford, Washington, American Convention president, announced they hoped to create a "peacemakers fellowship" with Russian Baptists.

Mrs. Cranford will accompany her husband on the trip.

Cranford is pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, which is affiliated with both conventions. Hays, although a member of a church in Little Rock, attends Calvary Church while in the capital.

Hays' trip is being sponsored and paid for by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Cranford's trip to Russia will follow a week at Beechtesgaden, Germany, where he has been asked to speak to the Baptist Servicemen's Fellowship of Europe.

Hays is the first Southern Baptist Convention layman president to visit Russia. Louie D. Newton, Atlanta minister, visited Russia in the summer of 1946 while serving as president of the SBC.

Hays reported that his trip to Russia is in no way connected with his political office. He has no plans to visit the Kremlin nor any Russian government officials, he added.

The visit does not involve any commitments between Baptists in the United States and Russia, except in their fellowship with one another, Hays said.

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Baptist Presidents Ask
World Peace Committees

WASHINGTON--(BP)--Special committees to study world peace will be called for at the annual meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Convention later this year.

Presidents of the two conventions held a joint press conference here to make the announcement.

Brooks Hays, Congressman from Little Rock, Ark., is president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Clarence W. Cranford, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, is American Convention president.

Hays attends Calvary Church while in Washington. The church supports work of both conventions.

Hays and Cranford said the three objectives of asking for special committees to study peace are:

1. To create a positive and imaginative peace action program.
2. To ask that prayer be made specifically for peace at specified times.
3. To provide a channel to find out how people of other nations feel about peace.

The presidents of the two Baptist groups did not offer any plans to implement these objectives. "It will be the task of the committees to do that," they said.

The idea for such action stems from a sermon Cranford delivered in his church in which he asked for a "peacemakers fellowship" cutting across international boundaries.

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Textbook On Bible
For Nurses Prepared

CHICAGO--(BP)--A textbook on the Bible for use by hospital nurses has been prepared, according to a report to the Southern Baptist Association of Hospital Chaplains here.

The book, now ready to be submitted to a publisher, has been titled "The Nurse and Her Religion." Samuel Southard, associate professor of psychology of religion at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, is author.

He is president-elect of the hospital chaplains organization.

Southard said that Broadman Press, a part of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, planned to publish the book in early 1959.

The chaplains group said this will be the only textbook in the field. Text was prepared on the basis of questions from nurses all over the Southern Baptist

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Convention.

The hospital chaplains felt that such a book was needed because nurses confront life and death situations every day while ministering to hospital patients.

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Houston Laymen Plan
Land Deal For College

HOUSTON--(BP)--Baptist laymen here have arranged to secure 200 acres for the campus of a Baptist junior college in Houston. They say the site will be provided virtually without cost.

Union Baptist Association will purchase 380-acres near Sharpstown, a suburb of Houston, and re-sell 180-acres for enough profit to finance the campus. Some of the land will be sold for apartment houses sites and residential districts.

A committee composed of 100 Baptist laymen under the chairmanship of Rex G. Baker, is working out the details for the mammoth project.

Sufficient funds have already been borrowed to swing the \$2,000 an acre deal with the developer. It should be completed within a few days.

It has been approved by the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Union Baptist Association will launch a drive soon to raise \$1½ million for construction of the school. It is scheduled to open with the fall term of 1960, a year earlier than previously expected.

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Southern Seminary Grad
Joins Houston Staff

HOUSTON--(BP)--Joseph W. Knowles, of Los Angeles, Calif., will become a faculty member of the Institute of Religion in the Texas Medical Center here Mar. 1.

He will occupy a chair of pastoral counselling supported by Houston Baptist laymen.

Knowles holds a doctorate in psychology of religion and pastoral care from Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville. He has been director of the Baptist City Mission of Los Angeles, and has filled pastorates in Alabama, Oklahoma and Texas.

The Institute of Religion offers training from ministers in work with the sick and gives physicians and nurses help in understanding the role of religion in healing.

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Stetson Dedicates New
\$1 $\frac{1}{4}$ Million Center

DeLAND, Fla.--(BP)--Stetson University's new \$1 $\frac{1}{4}$ million student and community center has been dedicated. It will be known as the Stetson Union.

The center includes separate lounges for alumni-faculty and for students, a cafeteria, offices, meeting rooms, dining rooms, guest rooms, post office, book store, soda shop, game room, and bowling alleys.

Stetson is a Florida Baptist Convention College.

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Joins Texas Staff

DALLAS--(BP)--Phillip D. Hardberger, Baylor University journalism graduate, has joined the Texas Baptist Public Relations Department here.

He will assist in press relations, photography, feature writing, and in preparing brochures and other mailing pieces, according to Leonard Holloway, director.

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Adequate Housing Here,
Louisville Group Says

LOUISVILLE--(BP)--Adequate housing accommodations will be available for all messengers attending the 1959 Southern Baptist Convention here, according to the chairman of the general arrangements committee.

W. R. Pettigrew, pastor of Walnut St. Baptist Church, Louisville, made the statement after studying the matter himself and consulting the Chamber of Commerce. He is committee chairman.

A listing of available accommodations will be released in December, he said. A housing bureau will be established in January to receive reservations.

All reservations will be handled through this bureau on a "first come, first served" basis, according to Pettigrew. No requests for reservations will be accepted before January 1.

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Relief, Annuity Board
Has 40th Anniversary

DALLAS--(BP)--On Mar. 4-5 the Relief and Annuity Board here will observe its 40th anniversary of serving Southern Baptist Convention retirement needs. Those are the dates of its annual board meeting.

R. Alton Reed, executive secretary, and his staff will be hosts to approximately 49 state and local Board members. Sessions for the two-day meeting will

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be held at the First Baptist Church and the Baker Hotel.

An orientation of new members into the work and ministry of the Relief and Annuity Board is scheduled for the opening day of the meeting. Reports will be given on the work of the various departments, progress of the new building, and new phases of work to be studied in the future.

George A. Huggins of Huggins & Co., Philadelphia, actuary for the board, will speak to the group on Tuesday and Wednesday. A Wednesday luncheon will honor the board's retiring investment director, R. S. Jones.

According to Reed, one of the meeting's highlights will be an address Tuesday by Charles W. Buek, vice-president of the United States Trust Co., New York, the board's investment counsel. Buek will speak on "Investments in Relation to the Economic Condition of our Country."

The meeting will adjourn Wednesday following the election of new officers. Wallace Bassett, pastor of Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas, is president of the Board.

Bassett has been president or vice president every year since the board's beginning 40 years ago.

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Foreign Board Votes
\$2000 For Hays Trip

(with Hays-Russia story)

RICHMOND, Va.--(BP)--Funds to pay for the Southern Baptist Convention president's trip to Russia are from those classified for "special projects in evangelism and church development," according to Baker J. Cauthen, Richmond, executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board.

"It seems to me that your going to Russia will make a great contribution in both aspects of this designation," Cauthen wrote Rep. Brooks Hays (D., Ark.). Hays plans the trip Apr. 25-30 under sponsorship of the Foreign Mission Board.

"We are particularly anxious that you let the Russian brethren know that you come not only as President of the Southern Baptist Convention but as a member of the Foreign Mission Board," Cauthen continued.

"As you know, we are unable to do much of anything for our Baptist friends in Russia. We take great joy, therefore, in being able to extend this ministry to them through you," Cauthen said on behalf of the board.

The Foreign Mission Board voted to appropriate up to \$2000 for Hays' trip to Moscow.

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DISCUSS MOSCOW TRIP---Presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention and American Baptist Convention discuss plans for their trip to visit Russian Baptists in April. Brooks Hays, center, Southern Baptist president, and Clarence W. Cranford, right, American Convention president, will spend a week in Moscow. Listening in as they talk over arrangements is Porter Routh, Nashville, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.