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### 5 Proposals In Family And Pastoral Fields

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Five proposals for Southern Baptist work in family guidance and pastoral counselling were adopted by a special interest group here.

The interest group was not a formal organization. It included denominational workers from the Sunday School Board, Home Mission Board, seminaries, children's homes, state convention offices, Baptist hospitals, Southern Baptist Executive Committee, and Christian Life Commission.

Five of the persons in the special interest group will meet May 19 with a subcommittee of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee which is exploring Southern Baptist activities in the counselling field.

The five will present their proposals for discussion. The proposals are:

1. Family guidance and pastoral counselling centers offering counsel in communities having proper counselling facilities. Counsellors would be (1) semi-nary faculties, (2) graduate students, (3) qualified lay people from the community, (4) professionals.
2. Counselling institutes for pastors and other church leaders both in the counselling centers and in other cities, including use of college campuses.
3. Development of a corps of volunteer workers to meet the calls for marriage and family emphasis in churches, assemblies, conventions, religious focus weeks.
4. Development and publication of a clinically-validated literature in the area of family guidance and pastoral care and counselling.
5. That all interested denominational agencies and other Baptist groups be invited to participate and share in responsibility for support and guidance in the centers.

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### 5 Houston Churches To Open Nurseries

HOUSTON--(BP)--Five local churches will open their nurseries for the convenience of messengers attending the Southern Baptist Convention and related meetings here May 18-23.

Nurseries will open at 9 a.m. May 19 at South Main, Second, First, Woodridge, and West End Baptist Churches. They will be open during all sessions after that time.

Messengers bringing children to be cared for will be charged 50 cents per child per session. The nurseries will close 30 minutes after the ending of each session of the Convention, or other meetings.

Houston Baptists report that an information booth in the Coliseum will direct messengers to the churches having nurseries open.

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Hays, WMU Secretary  
Get Honorary Degrees

LIBERTY, Mo.--(BP)--The president of the Southern Baptist Convention and the executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union, SBC auxiliary, will receive honorary degrees from William Jewell College here.

The Baptist college will confer the doctor of laws degree on Rep. Brooks Hays (D., Ark.) and doctor of humane letters on Miss Alma Hunt, Birmingham, executive secretary of the WMU.

Convention President Hays will deliver the commencement address June 2, and Miss Hunt will deliver the annual religious address on June 1 as part of graduation exercises at William Jewell.

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Hog Sale Nets \$5000  
For Children's Home

CARMI, Ill.--(BP)--The Illinois Baptist Children's Home sponsored a Landrace hog sale here recently, selling animals raised on the home's farm near Carmi.

The 66 head sold brought a gross of \$10,450. Wade B. East, superintendent of the home, estimated that profit benefitting the work of the children's home amounted to \$5000.

Raising of farm animals is part of the agricultural training program offered by the Illinois children's home. About 700 persons attended the sale, first of its kind to be held in Carmi.

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Mercer University Gets  
Portrait Of Lee Battle

MACON, Ga.--(BP)--A portrait of Lee Battle--Negro janitor at Mercer University here for 40 years, friend of countless students, and an enthusiastic cheerleader for Mercer athletic teams--was presented to the university by the class of 1912 in a special chapel service.

Louie D. Newton, pastor, Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, and one of Battle's "boys" made the formal presentation.

Newton recalled that Battle was banker for students, often keeping up to several hundred dollars and other valuables, and never once did it occur to a student to ask for a receipt.

Battle made no pretension to scholarship. His estate at death consisted mainly of a \$36 burial insurance policy.

After he died in 1939 at the age of 74, his body lay in state at the university--an honor ordinarily reserved for university presidents and others of similar station.

Professors, students, alumni, and trustees attended Battle's funeral at Unionville Baptist Church, where he was a member. Spright Dowell, then president of the university, paid a tribute. Members of the Mercer chapter of Blue Key honor fraternity were honorary pall bearers.

Battle's fame had spread so far by the time of his death that a nationwide radio broadcast was made at the erection of a monument at his grave near Forsyth, Ga. Another monument now stands near the entrance to Sherwood Hall, boys' dormitory at Mercer.

Having no family, he gave most of his salary to the church, but still was able to lend money to his "boys" when they needed help. He managed to do this by first borrowing the money from professors on the pretense of making payments on his "insurance policy," accepting all responsibility for repayment.

Battle never missed a football game or failed to give the team a pep talk beforehand, and then led cheers during the contest. Mercer teams were not always

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victorious, but to old Lee they were always the best. When the school's football team went off to play Army and Navy, the players insisted that he accompany them.

The portrait, painted from an old photograph, depicts Battle, dressed in his customary "uniform" of white cap and apron and carrying his brush broom. He is delivering one of his spontaneous speeches on the campus. It will hang in Mercer's new student center.