Approval
Of Gaddy
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GREENSBORO — The nomination of Claude F. Gaddy as acting general secretary of the Baptist State Convention is expected to be approved here Monday.

At the same time, a committee will be appointed to begin a search for a permanent general secretary.

The General Board of the Baptist State Convention will hold a special meeting Monday to act upon the nomination by the executive committee of Gaddy, 65, a retired teacher, hospital administrator, and lay Baptist official.

He was recommended in Raleigh Tuesday as acting general secretary until a successor can be found for Dr. Douglas M. Branch, who was killed last week in an automobile accident.

The executive committee will name a committee Monday to seek nominations for the permanent position. The special committee will make its recommendation to the General Board, which will offer the nomination to the next state convention, scheduled to be held in Wilmington in November.

The new permanent general secretary would take office in January 1964.

Gaddy, a graduate of Wake Forest College in 1921 who received a master's degree from the University of North Carolina in 1924, would serve as acting secretary for about 11 months if the plan is followed.
Election
Of Gaddy
Unanimous

GREENSBORO Feb. 19 - Claude F. Gaddy of Raleigh was elected acting general secretary of the Baptist State Convention yesterday by the convention's General Board at a meeting here.

He had been nominated earlier this month by the board's executive committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Douglas M. Branch, who was killed in an automobile accident.

Gaddy was brought from retirement to fill the vacancy until November, when the convention will choose a permanent general secretary. His election was unanimous at a special meeting of the board, with 59 of the 90 members present.

Committee Named

The board appointed a committee of eight clergymen and four lay members to nominate a permanent general secretary. The Rev. Knolan Benfield, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Morganton, was designated chairman.

The other members:
The Rev. Thurman Allred, Edenton; Dr. Claud B. Bowen, Greensboro; the Rev. James C. Cammack, Fayetteville; the Rev. John E. Lawrence, Shelby; the Rev. James S. Potter, Charlotte; the Rev. Ralph E. Jones Jr., Graham; Dr. W. Perry Gamble, Wachaw; Robert N. Simms Jr., Raleigh, and C. B. Deane, Rockingham.
Gaddy, a 65-year-old native of Anson County, holds degrees from Wake Forest College and the University of North Carolina. He spent 20 years in public school work, including six years as superintendent of the Raleigh schools.

Hospital Official

He was the administrator of Rex Hospital in Raleigh from 1942 to 1946 and from 1946 until 1961 he was executive secretary of the Council on Christian Education of the Baptist State Convention.

The Baptist State Evangelistic Conference started a three-day meeting here yesterday with more than 1,200 in attendance.

The lack of dignity in evangelistic services, especially the use of showmanship, was deplored by Joseph O. Stroud of Raleigh, music secretary for the Baptist State Convention, at the opening session.

"The music director is just as important in a revival as the visiting minister," Stroud said.

The conference, scheduled to end at noon Wednesday, is under the direction of Dr. Julian S. Hopkins of Raleigh, director of evangelism for the State Convention.

Dr. W. A. Crisswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., who was scheduled to speak here three times during the conference, was unable to come here because he has influenza. G. Earl Guinn, president of Louisiana College, Pineville, La., who had agreed to substitute for Dr. Crisswell, was unable to get here. His plane was grounded by bad weather.
Local Man To Receive Baptist Post

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Former School Official.

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White Gets Duties

The Rev. Harold M. White, 44, pastor of First Baptist Church of Clayton, was named secretary of stewardship promotion for the Baptist State Convention.

The appointment was announced by the Executive Committee of the convention's General Board.

White succeeds the Rev. O. J. Hagler, now director of the Department of Stewardship Promotion and Editorial Services.

A native of Windsor, White is a graduate of the University of Richmond and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. He has served the following churches in North Carolina: Highland at Hickory, 1959-53; First Baptist Church, Spindale, 1953-59; First Church, Clayton, 1959 until the present time.

He will assume his new post April 1.

Currently, White is on the executive committee.
Claude F. Gaddy of Raleigh will be the guest speaker for Lakeside Baptist Church's Layman's Day service at 11 a.m. Sunday.

Gaddy is the former acting general secretary-treasurer of the Baptist State Convention, says Rev. Clarence Godwin, Lakeside pastor.

The Baptist State Convention's executive committee and general board elected Gaddy to the post when Dr. Douglas M.
Branch, the general secretary-treasurer, died on Feb. 1, 1963.

Gaddy served the office until January, 1964.

Gaddy is a native of Anson County and graduate of Wake Forest College. He received a master's degree from the University of North Carolina. He taught in Mills Home in Thomasville from 1921 to 1923, was principal of Marshville High School 1925-27 and was Union County Schools superintendent 1927-31.

For the next five years he was assistant executive secretary of the N.C. State School Commission. He became Raleigh City Schools superintendent in 1936 and became Rex Hospital administrator in 1942.

From 1946 until his retirement in 1961 he was executive secretary of the Council on Christian Education for the Baptist State Convention. He now is associated with his son, Charles W. Gaddy, in the Gaddy Real Estate Co. of Raleigh.
NC Baptist Leaders Honor Gaddy

Baptist leaders from all over the state gathered here last night to pay tribute to Claude F. Gaddy who retires July 31 as executive secretary of the denomination's Council on Christian Education.

Sharing honors was Mrs. Gaddy and other members of the family. The dinner was held at Balentines in Cameron Village and attracted 80 persons from as far away as Asheville and Edenton.

Among those present were the presidents, deans and business managers of the seven Baptist colleges in this state. Gaddy worked closely with them during the 15 years he held the educational post. Dr. Douglas M. Branch, general secretary and treasurer of the Baptist State Convention, presided.

**Portrait of Gaddy.**

On behalf of the seven colleges, President Leslie H. Campbell of Campbell College presented the family an oil portrait of Gaddy painted by Mrs. Isabelle Bowen Henderson of Raleigh. As a personal gift from the presidents, Dr. Hoyt Blackwell of Mars Hill gave Gaddy an engraved wrist watch. Miss Grace Yow of Raleigh, Gaddy's secretary for a number of years, presented him with a bound volume of letters from friends and associates.

Convention President C. B. Deane of Rockingham expressed appreciation for Gaddy's contributions to all phases of Baptist life in the last 40 years. C. Sylvester Greene of Greenville, first chairman of the Council on Christian Education when it was organized in 1946, also spoke.

In a lighter moment, Dr. S. L. Stealey, president of Southeastern Seminary, officiated at "remarriage" ceremonies of the Gaddys. A close friend of the family for years, Stealey made the local Baptist leader promise to stay closer home after July 31.

Continuing the light-hearted approach, Robert N. Simms of Raleigh and Dr. I. G. Greer of Chapel Hill presented "mock" gifts designed more for laughter than usefulness.
Gaddy Achieved Much
For N.C. Baptist Schools

by Ben Fisher

On July 1, 1946, Claude F. Gaddy began work as the first Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Baptist Council on Christian Education. He retired on August 1.

When he took office, forces were already at work for the greatest advance in Christian higher education ever experienced in the Southern Baptist Convention. However, the period 1930-45 was one of struggle and decision for Baptist colleges. Convention records also indicate that this period was marked by a strong spirit of competition among Baptist colleges and nearly every convention session dealt with some misunderstanding between one or more of the schools. At least three of the schools during this period were not accredited.

Baptist colleges in North Carolina have increased in enrollment from 3,500 to 8,800 in 1960. During this same period Baptist colleges raised more than $40,000,000 for plant improvements and expansion. Gifts to the colleges through the Cooperative Program have increased from $344,000 to $1,110,000 in 1960.

Many consider the greatest achievement is the communication which has developed between North Carolina college administrators. From the beginning of Mr. Gaddy's administration the Council has encouraged close communication between all seven of the college presidents and deans. Competition and competitive recruitment have been replaced by Christian concern for a total program of Christian higher education in the state. The real turning point came when one night several years ago a college president arose and voluntarily offered to cut his own allocation several thousand dollars in order to help a smaller school meet a financial crisis.

Council Brings Unity

The Council has developed the same kind of understanding and mutual concern among the faculty members of the colleges. Professors have been brought together regularly to discuss mutual problems and objectives.

The Council has encouraged the improvement of teacher training and curriculum. The seven Baptist colleges operated in North Carolina are now fully accredited. Not to be overlooked is the part played in interesting foundations in the colleges. Credit must be given to Mr. Gaddy for the number of self study plans which have been encouraged by the Council.

Mr. Gaddy's office has provided valuable liaison services between the North Carolina colleges, Southern Association of Baptist Colleges and Secondary Schools and the Southern Association of Baptist Colleges and Schools.

During his 15 years of service Mr. Gaddy has earned the universal respect of educators, the love and appreciation of North Carolina Baptists and the lasting gratitude of his co-workers on the Council, in the colleges and throughout the Convention territory.

N. C. Studies History Of Baptists

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and Wake Forest College have joined hands in a project to give North Carolina's Baptists a greater knowledge of their interesting history. James M. Nicholson has been appointed director of the Baptist collection at Wake Forest. The present collection will be broadened for research and for the writing of Baptist history. The collection at Wake Forest is probably the best in the state and one of the strongest in the Southeast.

Schatz Belmont Dean

Belmont College in Nashville, Tenn., has announced the appointment of Dr. Fred C. Schatz as academic dean of the college, effective August 1. Dr. Schatz, a native of Birmingham, Ala., will come to Belmont from Carson-Newman College, where he has been director of placement and associate professor of education and psychology.
Claude F. Gaddy, 83, who headed the Council on Christian Education, 1946-1961, and was acting General Secretary-Treasurer of the convention for a year after Douglas M. Branch was killed Feb. 1, 1963, died April 24 at his home in Raleigh after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held April 27 at First Church, Raleigh, where he was a member.

A native of Anson County, he spent most of his youth in Union County where he graduated from Wingate High School in 1918 and Wake Forest College in 1921. He taught school at Mills Home, 1921-24; was principal at Marshville, 1925-27; superintendent of Union County Schools, 1921-31; and came to Raleigh in 1931 to be assistant executive secretary of the State School Commission. He was superintendent of the Raleigh City Schools, 1936-42, and administrator of Rex Hospital, 1942-46, at which time he assumed the higher education post with the convention.

Since retirement he served as a trustee for the convention for more than 10 years and was on the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee. He has been a director of the Baptist Foundation; on the board of Associates at Meredith College and on the Board of Advisors at Chowan, among other places of denominational service. Campbell University gave him an honorary degree; Wingate College a certificate of alumni achievement; and Wake Forest a distinguished service citation.

His first wife, Nannie L. Sigmon, died in 1963. He and Mary Lily Duncan were married in 1964.

Besides his wife, survivors include: two daughters, Mrs. Lorena G. Goodwin and Mrs. Jean G. Scholl, both of Raleigh; a son, Charles W. Gaddy of Raleigh; four brothers, Clyde Gaddy and Melvin Gaddy, both of Peachland, J. B. Gaddy of Marshville, Brutus C. Gaddy of Monroe; three sisters, Mrs. Gertha G. Stegall of Marshville, Mrs. Inez G. Edwards and Mrs. Betty G. Edwards, both of Peachland; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

AN INSTITUTION
Claude Gaddy's Life Devoted Largely
to Education, but Had Wide Range of Talents

It was almost 20 years ago when Claude Gaddy retired as executive secretary of the Council on Christian Education.
On that occasion, the late Douglas M. Branch said that "he is more than an individual; he is an institution."
This was a correct appraisal of one of the best-known Baptist layman of the last half century. After a lengthy illness, he died April 24.
Let's consider for a moment how varied and talented this "institution" was.
He was an educator and that probably was his first love although his interests and talents were varied. He was the first fulltime man to serve in the higher educational post and in doing, had a key role in perfecting the plan to coordinate the work of Baptist colleges and universities.
He had been retired less than two years when the convention needed him to serve as acting General Secretary-Treasurer when Doug Branch was killed in an auto accident. Again, he was in the right place at the right time and did a superb job.
Here is what I wrote in the June 21, 1961, RECORDER on his retirement from the educational post:
Here is a man who is at home in any Baptist gathering, whether it's held in the smallest church and association or in the largest auditorium that entertains the State or Southern Convention. Easy-going, affable and down-to-earth at all times, he can talk about white-face cattle (a favorite subject, incidentally) or he can discuss the intricate details of a college curriculum. His range of knowledge is as wide as his range of friends...Another like him is not likely to come along in a long time -- if ever.
That appraisal still holds true. Baptists will never have too many Claude Gaddys. In fact, it's best to settle for one and thank God for his long life and for his influence on so many lives, especially young people.
Our sincerest sympathy to his wife, the former Mary Lily Duncan who stood by him so faithfully and the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They, like all of us, will have enough fond memories of him to last a lifetime.


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Claude F. Gaddy

Claude Fisher Gaddy was a man for all seasons. A devout Christian layman, he devoted his life to the service of others. Born December 28, 1897, in Anson County, North Carolina, he received his education in Union County Public Schools, Wingate High School, Wake Forest University, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and did graduate work at Duke and Harvard Universities.

Campbell University conferred on him the LL.D. degree in 1972. He was the recipient also of numerous distinguished service citations and awards.

Mr. Gaddy began his career as a teacher in the Baptist Children's Home at Thomasville (1921-25). He was principal of Marshville High School (1925-27) and superintendent of Union County Schools (1927-31). Because of his unusual capabilities as a teacher and his ability to relate to all kinds of persons, he was called upon to serve as assistant executive secretary of the North Carolina State School Commission (1931-35) and later became superintendent of the Raleigh City Schools (1936-42). "When Mr. Gaddy resigned," according to a colleague, "he had not only built up in the citizens of Raleigh confidence in their schools, but he had also made of the school system an efficient democratic organization composed of teachers, principals, and other workers eager to follow his leadership."

Following four years as administrator of Rex Hospital, Mr. Gaddy was elected executive secretary of the Council on Christian Higher Education of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, where he served with distinguished leadership for more than fifteen years.

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When Mr. Gaddy assumed this role, there was little cooperation among Baptist colleges, much confusion about Convention relationships, and little regular support for the colleges from the Convention. Under Gaddy’s strong and persuasive leadership, and because of his broad educational experience, the Council was soon giving able leadership by encouraging the raising of academic standards, improvement of faculty, strengthening of libraries, and development of facilities. Under his administration all North Carolina Baptist colleges became fully accredited, and the level of support from the Cooperative Program increased dramatically. So broad and well-laid were his plans and so comprehensive his vision that three successors have been able to do little more than to add to these foundations.

Moreover, he found time for active leadership in his church as a deacon and Sunday School teacher, and held numerous offices in both the State and Southern Baptist Conventions, including an interim term as General Secretary-Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in 1963.

In addition, this great Christian layman served his community for fifty years as a member of the Raleigh Rotary Club, and held civic offices too numerous to mention here.

What is important is that in all that he did, he brought a Christian perspective and dimension, whether as classroom teacher, school or hospital administrator, executive secretary of the Council or the Convention.

In 1923 he married Nannie L. Sigmon of Wake Forest, to whom three children were born: Lorena Gaddy Goodwin, Jean Gaddy Scholl, and Charles William Gaddy. At the time of his death he had nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Nannie Gaddy died in 1963, and his second wife was Mary Lily Duncan of Raleigh, who survives him.

Claude Fisher Gaddy was a man for all seasons because he loved people, understood their needs, and possessed a rare quality of patience and sympathy. He saw the role of the administrator as a servant role, and his colleagues followed him gladly. To Claude Gaddy love was always better than hate, humility better than pride, honesty better than misrepresentation, hope better than despair, and faith better than doubt. He left a legacy of friends seldom equalled in his time.

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