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(By United States, Weather Bureau) Weather Report

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thunderstorms tonight, low in the 40's northeast and in 50's west and south; Thursday, mostly cloudy, windy and turning colder. TENNESSEE-Showers and

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Although no plans have yet been made for the next school year of Ward-Belmont School, it was indicated that operations will continue as they are until June, and possibly longer than that.

Dr. Pope expressed his appreciation "and that of a host of Baptists" to The Banner for its cooperation in not printing rumors concerning the school transaction until the deal was closed, even though the story was obtained early in the week and withheld at his request.

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Queried as to the possibility of intercollegiate sports after whatever merger of colleges that is planned has been completed, Dr. Pope would only say: "It would be a shame to waste all the good athletic fields available to us."

In other action yesterday the executive board, on recommendation of Dr. Pope, requested the education commission of the TBC to follow (Continued on Page 4. Column 5)