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Baylor Launches Drive To Teach Illiterates

DALLAS--(BP)--Baylor University has launched a major drive to teach 30,000 illiterate Dallas adults how to read.

The campaign is the first attempt to lick the literacy problem in a major U. S. city, according to C. B. Hastings, director of the Baylor University extension division at Dallas.

He said 1,000 tutors will be trained to work with adults who cannot read. Extension training courses and a tutor's clinic will be conducted at Dallas Baptist churches from now through May 23.

"The course is designed to give students thorough training in literacy techniques," said Hastings, "so that they can help train tutors and direct literacy campaigns anywhere in the world."

College credit will be given to students who qualify. An \$11 tuition fee is charged for the 7-week course.

"U. S. census records show more than 30,000 Dallas county adults over 25 years of age cannot read," Hastings said. "A recent survey in a Dallas area church revealed 15 illiterate adults in an 18-member Sunday school class."

"Part of the program," he continued, "is to teach people to read the Bible."

The Baylor literacy program uses teaching techniques developed by Frank Laubach, world-famed literacy expert who has taught more than 60 million persons to read and whose literacy programs have covered more than 265 different dialects.

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Well, Thanks Anyway For Writing To Me

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.--(BP)--Editor Erwin McDonald of the Arkansas Baptist smiled as he read the first statement in a letter he received, but the second section of it perhaps left him perplexed.

It read: "You are, I believe, doing a good job; but I am not an authority on that or anything else."

Editor McDonald published it in the paper under the caption "A Cautious Word!" The writer preferred to be known as "Signed but name withheld" at least as far as public print was concerned.

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Atlantan To Manage Hospital In Paducah

ATLANTA--(BP)--Ben R. Brewer, assistant administrator at Georgia Baptist Hospital here, has resigned to become administrator of Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah, Ky. He will succeed Emmett R. Johnson on May 12. Johnson joins the administrative staff of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla.

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Moves Away, Pays For New Church Buildings

LUDOWICI, Ga.--(BP)--The 116-member Jones Creek Baptist Church, out in the country near here, boasts an air-conditioned building and pastorium--all the gift of a man who moved away to make his fortune.

H. Terry Parker of Jacksonville, Fla., returned for the dedication of the brick structure for which he gave the \$60,000. Four years ago he gave \$30,000 for a three-bedroom, air-conditioned pastorium which permits a full-time pastor on the field.

Parker was reared in the church where his father was Sunday school superintendent from 1883 to 1930. His grandfather also was a Sunday school superintendent and a great-grandfather joined the church a year after it was organized in 1810.

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390-Acre Purchase For College Okayed

HOUSTON--(BP)--The executive committee of Union Baptist Association has been authorized to purchase 390.6 acres of land as a site for a new Baptist junior college here.

At a called meeting of the board, the members passed three resolutions affecting the contract.

They included the purchase of the land for a sum of \$760,000 from Developer Frank Sharp; the borrowing of the money from Rice Institute to start negotiations; and authorizing the committee to resell 180 acres for \$4,500 an acre.

This resale will pay for all the land purchased.

The association will begin next spring a financial drive to raise about \$3 million for the building and endowment funds which must be available before the college can be established.

This was stipulated by the executive board of District 4 of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The college is scheduled to open in 1960. The association expects to institute a four-year program as soon as college enrolment, faculty, and finances permit.

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Boys Ranch Town Opens New Cottage On May 3

OKLAHOMA CITY--(BP)--Boys Ranch Town here will open its new Gensman Memorial Cottage on May 3 with Oklahoma Gov. Raymond Gary bringing the main address.

Gary, prominent Baptist layman, is vice-president of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, which operates Boys Ranch Town. The ranch town is a part of the state Baptist department of child care.

The new cottage---second of its type to be built at ranch town---cost \$107,000 including furnishings. It will house 20 boys and four employees.

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