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Clear Creek Executive
Heads Mountain Council

GATLINBURG, Tenn.--(BP)--D. M. Aldridge, president of Clear Creek Baptist School, a Kentucky Baptist Bible school for adults at Pineville, Ky., was elected president of the Council of the Southern Mountains, Inc., at the 48th conference here.

More than 300 registered for the meeting.

"The council is the motivating force behind the actions of a large group of professional people whose interests are devoted to those living in the rural sections of the Appalachian South," according to Aldridge.

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Start \$75,000 Building
At Carolina College

(3-11-60)

BOILING SPRINGS, N. C.--(BP)--Contract was awarded here for C. P. Neal Construction Co. of Forest City, N. C., to erect a new administration building at Gardner-Webb College.

Trustees of the local Baptist junior college accepted a recommendation from the building committee that the contract be awarded to Neal, and urged that construction begin as soon as possible.

Neal's bid of \$73,147 was low among nine firms seeking the contract. The new structure is to be named Webb Administration Building as a memorial to the family of Mrs. Fay Webb Gardner. The building is made possible by a \$75,000 gift from the O. Max Gardner Foundation and the Gardner family.

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Illinois Elects New
Evangelism Secretary

(3-11-60)

CARBONDALE, Ill.--(BP)--Lee Swope, pastor, First Baptist Church, Marion, Ill., was chosen here to become secretary of evangelism for Illinois Baptist State Association. The position has been vacant since February when James M. Baldwin became pastor of First Baptist Church, Bartlesville, Okla.

Swope was nominated by the committee on evangelism of the state board of directors. The committee was assured of Swope's acceptance. He will assume his new responsibilities in April. This is the third time the state association has called a pastor of this Marion church to serve the denomination. George L. Johnson left pastorate of this church to become head of the Southern Illinois College of the Bible in Carbondale in 1939.

Noel M. Taylor, executive secretary of Illinois Baptist State Association, was serving in this pastorate when elected state executive secretary in 1946.

Swope is a native Illinoisan. After his ordination, he attended Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. Following graduation from college, Swope enlisted as an Army chaplain and served for 33 months in Europe.

He received the bachelor of divinity degree in 1953 at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville and has completed his graduate work for a doctor of theology degree with exception of his thesis. He became pastor of First Baptist Church, May 1, 1955.

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Columbia, S. C., Churches
Push 30,000 Movement

COLUMBIA, S. C.--(BP)--Churches around Columbia, S. C., have been busy since the 30,000 Movement started, according to James A. Howard of Columbia. The churches' records speak for themselves.

The 49 churches in Fairfield Baptist Association have contributed 58 new mission stations to the 30,000 Movement which Southern Baptists have started to establish 30,000 new missions and churches by 1964, said Howard, who is superintendent of evangelism and associational missions for South Carolina Baptist Convention.

Of the 58 mission stations, nine are mission chapels, and three are goodwill centers operated co-operatively by the churches in the association. Other missions are located in hospitals, penitentiaries, sanitariums, convalescent homes, and one in a cafeteria, Howard says.

Most of the participating churches have several mission projects. First Baptist Church sponsors 93 services each week in 11 different institutions, goodwill centers, or chapels. Twenty-two churches in the association sponsor a total of 369 services.

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Baptists to Penetrate
Every Arizona County

(3-10-60)

PHOENIX, Ariz.--(BP)--Every county in the state of Arizona will have a Southern Baptist church.

The executive board of Baptist General Convention of Arizona here elected Irvin M. Reed, pastor of Phoenix's Elsinore Baptist Church, as pastoral missionary to the city of Nogales on the Mexican border.

Nogales is in the only county in the state which does not have a Southern Baptist Church, Arizona Baptist leaders reported. Reed will begin his duties as pastoral missionary April 1.

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Student Evangelistic
Conference Initiated

(3-10-60)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.--(BP)--The first statewide student evangelistic conference to be held in the Southern Baptist Convention met on the Howard College campus here with nine colleges represented.

Maurice P. Willis, student work secretary for Alabama Baptists, said the meeting was successful, both from the standpoint of campus representation and the spirit of the meeting.

"One big value," said Willis, "came from finding out that little was being done on the campuses in the matter of organized student evangelism programs."

One of the students present termed a part of the meeting a "confession session" in which the campus representatives saw the lack of a "student-to-student" evangelism program.

Bill Junker, staff associate of the student department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, said, "This is a unique meeting, the first of its kind among Southern Baptist students."

Junker listed the exploratory purposes of the conference as 1) to see what is being done in person-to-person evangelism among Alabama Baptist students; 2) to inspire these students to initiate organized programs of personal soul-winning on campuses; and 3) to develop a statewide program of encouragement and stimulation to student evangelism on an individual basis.

Ralph E. Longshore, Montgomery, secretary of evangelism for the Alabama Baptist state executive board, speaking on the topic "The Need for Christian Witnesses," said if the students were to be witnesses, they must have "an assurance that they are Christians; the right attitudes, and the right approach."

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Ugly Weather Fails
To Deter Conference

WAKE FOREST, N. C.--(BP)--Snow, sleet, icy roads, and fouled up transportation failed to stop 200 college students from attending the third annual Student Missions Conference at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

From colleges and universities all over the Eastern seaboard they came by car, bus, and train. Seminary officials and student representatives were almost caught flat-footed. While the conference had not been called off it was not expected that this number would turn out under existing weather conditions.

For some from the far South colleges it was their first experience with snow. The opening address was delivered by Southern Baptist Missionary William A. Dyal, Jr., of Costa Rica. Dyal rocked his listeners with a flat declaration that "the day is long past when the American passport is the key to the open door of acceptance and understanding. More likely than not it will be a liability."

When asked later in an interview whether the missionary can change the name of the "ugly American," Dyal replied, "Only to the extent that we identify the spirit of Christ with the physical and spiritual sufferings and needs of the peoples of the world."

Glendon McCullough, Atlanta, personnel secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, told the mission conference that "our frontiers are no longer geographical. We have only one mission field. In the matter of missions we can ill afford to be either nearsighted, farsighted, or blind."

Other conference leaders included Kenneth Burnette, student representative; Bill Cody, associate secretary, department of missionary personnel, Foreign Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention at Richmond; Harold Cole, North Carolina Baptist Student Union secretary of Raleigh; Luther Copeland, professor of missions, Southeastern Seminary; and Dean Olin T. Binkley, Southeastern Seminary.