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**SBC Agencies Promote
Proper Race Attitudes**

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Southern Baptist Convention agencies wage a continuous war through publications, tracts, and meetings against improper attitudes and actions toward other races.

This was revealed in the first total survey of what Southern Baptists do through all channels of work in co-operation with Negroes. The study, made by the denomination's Advisory Council on Work with Negro Baptists, has just been released for publication.

The survey covered work by churches, associations, state conventions, SBC agencies, and other SBC groups. This is the sixth in a series of seven news releases dealing with this study, which was made in 1959 for work done in 1958. The survey was conducted by the research and statistics department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

This release covers the work of commissions and other groups, and a final story will present suggested co-operative planning for the future made by the council.

The Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, Christian Life Commission, and the three boards (Sunday school, Home, and Foreign) all devote space in their periodicals toward an emphasis on Christian attitudes and actions toward other races.

Each also promotes meetings which use speakers of other races, and the Christian Life Commission deals with problems of race at its annual conference at summer assemblies.

The Woman's Missionary Union co-operates in numerous ways: providing literature for missionary organizations in Negro churches, encouraging women to work in Negro goodwill centers, summer camps, and vacation Bible schools, contributing funds for evangelism and scholarships.

Through the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions the Woman's Missionary Union contributed in the year of the survey \$136,000 for salaries, mission centers, and other work of the Home Mission Board.

Other groups in advisory positions for co-operative work with Negroes are the SBC Executive Committee, the joint inter-convention committee on Negro ministerial education, and the Advisory Council on Southern Baptist Work with Negroes.

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**Mercer Announces
Faculty Pay Hike**

(3-24-60)

MACON, Ga.--(BP)--Faculty members at Mercer University here received across-the-board salary increases of \$500 a year, effective in September, which with other adjustments add \$89,000 to the budget.

Interim President Spright Dowell, who proposed the raises in a report to trustees Mar. 16 said most of the increase will be provided by a \$35 per quarter increase in tuition charges.

Additional salary increases will be paid individual faculty members on the basis of special merit, according to President-Elect Rufus Harris. Staff members will be given \$400 per year increases, also.

The faculty pay hikes will make salary schedules at Mercer for 1960-61 be: professor, \$6,000-\$8,000; associate professor, \$5,000-\$6,000; assistant professor, \$4,500-6,100 and instructor, \$3,600-\$5,000.

Dowell said, "further salary increases will have to be made in the future to maintain and advance standards and to meet competition."

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Augusta Church Joins
American Convention

AUGUSTA, Ga.--(BP)--The Highland Park Baptist Church in Augusta is the first in Georgia to affiliate with the American Baptist Convention which is extending itself into the Southland.

The general council of the Convention, which accepted the church, made its announcement from New York. It said the church had 150 members.

Efforts to reach pastor C. Gordon Blanchard for comment over a two-day period were unsuccessful. The young church has never been affiliated with the Augusta Association, the Georgia Baptist Convention, or the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Teletype With A Heart
Speeds Needed Blood

(3-24-60)

KANSAS CITY, Mo.--(BP)--When you look at a teletype machine, it appears to have only cold metal, a roll of yellow paper, chattering type, and a lot of tubes and wires.

But to Louis R. Whetstone of Joplin, Mo., a bachelor of divinity candidate at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, ForthWorth, Tex., it has another characteristic --heart.

Stricken by critical illness while conducting a revival meeting at the Forest Park Baptist Church, Joplin, Whetstone, senior student at Southwestern was flown to Kansas University Medical Center here for an emergency operation.

On Mar. 9, he underwent follow-up surgery which proved more serious than contemplated. He urgently needed six pints of blood.

Midwestern seminary was notified of this need, and, in turn, Felix M. Gresham, Southwestern's dean of men, was contacted via the new Southern Baptist teletype network.

Arrangements were made for a transfer of the needed blood from Southwestern's "blood club" to the medical center.

Reports of Louis' progress have been sped by teletype to Fort Worth. Nearly recovered now, Whetstone and his wife express their thanks to the Southern Baptist teletype network for aiding them in this time of crisis.

Whetstone, discharged from the hospital, is at home in Joplin awaiting final surgery here in two or three weeks.

Mrs. Whetstone is a native of Sabinal, Tex.

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Charity And Children
Elects Roberts Editor

THOMASVILLE, N. C.--(BP)--John Roberts of Shelby, N. C., director of publicity at Gardner-Webb College, has been named to edit Charity and Children here.

Charity and Children is weekly publication of the Baptist children's homes of North Carolina. Roberts succeeds J. Marse Grant, who resigned to become editor of Biblical Recorder in Raleigh, weekly magazine of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

The new editor will assume his duties here June 1. The children's home paper has a circulation of 52,000.

E. Norfleet Gardner is serving as interim editor of Charity and Children. Roberts, 33, will also act as public relations director for the children's homes.

Gardner-Webb College, which he has served for the past six years, is a junior college operated by the Baptist state convention.

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Mississippian Reads
Bible In 54 Days

D'LO, Miss.--(BP)--P. P. Jones, a member of the D'Lo Baptist Church, read the Bible completely through from Jan. 1 to Feb. 23, and may be the first or second Southern Baptist to have accomplished this feat this year.

Reading the Bible through in 1960 is a goal set for every Southern Baptist as a part of the Baptist Jubilee Advance emphasis on teaching and training.

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European Baptists
Charter Plane To Rio

(3-24-60)

WASHINGTON, D. C.--(BP)--A super-constellation, capable of flying 70 passengers, has been chartered by European Baptists for the Baptist World Congress at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in June.

Erik Ruden, Baptist World Alliance secretary for Europe, notified General Secretary Arnold T. Ohrn in Washington that the big plane will leave Paris, France, June 21, five days prior to the congress dates, June 26-July 3.

It will be operated by Air France.

Eight Russians are among the more than 50 persons already booking passage on the plane, Ruden said. Other countries represented are Poland, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Switzerland, Spain, France, Italy, Holland, Germany, Great Britain, Norway, and Sweden.

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Teletype Operator Will
Wed Leader in Missouri

(3-24-60)

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.--(BP)--The director of publicity and promotion for Missouri Baptist Convention here and his office secretary have announced their engagement and coming marriage.

Miss Arliss Enloe, chief teletype operator for the convention and office secretary to the director, and Lloyd W. Collins, director of publicity and promotion, will marry in Jefferson City's Memorial Baptist Church May 8.

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Earl O. Harding, executive secretary of the convention here, will be one of three ministers officiating at the wedding. The others are Walter P. Arnold, pastor of the church, and T. W. Nelson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jefferson City.

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Snow Delays First
Of Hester Lectures

(3-24-60)

KANSAS CITY, Mo.--(BP)--Theodore F. Adams is not easily discouraged from keeping his speaking engagements.

Snow closed the Kansas City airport Mar. 15, the day he and Mrs. Adams were to land on a flight from their home in Richmond, Va. Their airplane continued on to Denver, where the Adamses boarded a train, arriving in Kansas City a day late.

Adams was the principal speaker at the first of the H. I. Hester lectureships on preaching.

By the time of their arrival, the seminary had dug out from under the snow which had dumped a near-record 50 inches on Kansas City in the past month. The lectures were rescheduled for Thursday and Friday, Mar. 17-18.

Explaining his theme, "A Pastor Looks at His Preaching," Adams stated: "A pastor must know how to preach; a preacher must know how to pastor." Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance stressed the fact that a preacher holds a special place in the eyes of the laity; his life should be worthy of this high regard.

The H. I. Hester lectureship on preaching is endowed by Vice-President and Mrs. H. I. Hester of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., and president of trustees of Midwestern Seminary.

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Mission Twins Born
To Delaware Church

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WILMINGTON, Del.--(BP)--Twins were born to an eight-year-old parent when Ogleton Baptist Church and Delaware Valley Baptist Church were constituted.

Bethany Baptist Church of Wilmington, Del., the mother, is doing well. Started in 1951 as a mission, Bethany Church has more than 400 resident members, ample buildings, all the church organizations, and the church reported 51 by baptism during the past six months. The members support world missions through the Cooperative Program.

Nick Salios has been the pastor during the entire life of the Bethany Church.

The Ogleton Baptist Church at Wilmington was constituted with 49 charter members and called H. O. Walters as supply pastor. Delaware Valley Baptist Church, located in Levittown, Pa., began with 66 charter members and called Padgett Cope as pastor. Cope was pastor of the group when a mission.

Southern Baptist churches, through the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, have assisted both groups and will continue to aid in their development.

Well-wishers present for the organizational meetings were Roy D. Gresham, executive secretary for Maryland Baptists; Maryland Baptist editor, Gainer Bryan, Jr.; A. B. Cash and L. O. Griffith of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Elmer Sizemore, middle Atlantic area missionary; Paul S. James, director of Southern Baptist work in the greater New York City area; F. D. Solomon of Alabama; Howard Hovde, pastor of Florham Baptist Chapel, N. J., and members from Southern Baptist churches in the area.

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16 Suggestions
For Negro Work

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Southern Baptists have given 16 suggestions designed to further co-operation between the denomination and Negroes.

These came at the close of the first total study made of cooperative work of the Southern Baptist Convention with Negroes.

The Advisory Council on Southern Baptist Work with Negroes authorized the study, which was made by the research and statistics department of the Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tenn.

Surveyed were all churches, associations, state conventions, and agencies of the denomination. This is the seventh and final news release presenting the survey findings just released for publication.

The suggestions of the council are the following:

- Seek to understand how deeply we are involved with Negroes as persons, citizens, and Baptists.
- Develop the spirit of co-operation in all of our work "with," not "to, for, over, or under."
- Recognize that we need the goodwill and co-operation of Negroes as much as they need our aid.
- Seek out and maintain communication at the personal, church, state, and national levels.
- Maintain a Christian attitude toward the Negro's desire to become a first-class citizen.
- Recognize that no "crash" or "representative" program will be sufficient in our desire to work with the Negro. It will be a long, hard pull and a team effort.
- Encourage talks and conferences between the leaders of our conventions.
- Seek to become better informed concerning the organizational structure of the Negro conventions.
- Continue to make surveys and note the progress of our co-operative effort with Negro Baptists.
- Give more attention to the students in Negro colleges and universities.
- Develop a total mission program in co-operation with Negro Baptists.
- Keep our constituency informed on all of our work with Negroes.
- Study the public acceptance of Negroes into the main streams of American culture.
- Examine population trends of Negro people--rural to city, Southern to North and East.
- Recognize the missionary potential in Negro youth.
- Encourage Negro Baptists to participate jointly in seasons of prayer, schools of missions, and simultaneous revivals.

The Advisory Council was organized in January of 1954 (four months prior to the Supreme Court decision on education) to discuss and correlate plans, share ideas and procedures, and strengthen the total program of Southern Baptist work with Negroes. The council was nearly four years planning and conducting this survey.

Membership of the council consists of representatives from the SBC boards, commission, seminaries, Woman's Missionary Union, the Executive Committee, and State directors of Negro work.

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European Author
To Address Women

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.--(BP)--A European author who barely escaped death before a Communist firing squad will address Woman's Missionary Union during its annual meeting in Miami Beach May 16-17.

Woman's Missionary Union is auxiliary of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Karlis Leyasmeyer, who has been a prisoner of both the Nazis and the Communists, will use as his topic, "World Communism, Its Future Outlook." He will speak at the opening session on Monday morning.

"Holding Forth the Word of Life," will be the theme of the two-day meeting, Mrs. R. L. Mathis, W M U president from Waco, Tex., has announced. Mrs. Mathis will preside at the session, and report on her recent world tour during the Tuesday morning meeting.

The premier showing of "The Lottie Moon Story" will be a highlight Tuesday afternoon. The motion picture, produced by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, was filmed in Hollywood by Family Films.

Two dramatic presentations have been planned, Mrs. Mathis stated. On Monday evening Baker J. Cauthen, Richmond, Va., executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, and his associates will conduct a "Southern Baptist Roll Call of Nations." Foreign missionaries dressed in costumes of the countries they serve will be introduced and form a tableau before large cut outs of the continents.

Tuesday morning the professional staff of Conventionwide W M U from Birmingham, Ala., will present the Woman's Missionary Union aims in a series of dramatic episodes.

Claude H. Rhea, Jr., New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary music staff, will direct the song services and be soloist. Mrs. Cecilia Ward, of Alexandria, La., widely-known mezzo soprano will be guest soloist. The bell choir, of First Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga., and the Stetson University choir of DeLand, Fla., will present special music.

Foreign missionaries who will speak are Mrs. Jack Walker, Tanganyika; Mrs. Charles B. Clark, Venezuela; Miss Aletha B. Fuller, Nigeria; Mrs. Marion F. Moorehead, Japan, and Mrs. Wade Bryant Hicks, Philippines.

Home missionaries to appear on the program are Mrs. Genus Crenshaw, Florida; Mrs. Willie Johnson, Alaska, and Mrs. Don M. Kim, California.

Around 5000 women are expected to attend the meeting.