

July 17, 1960

Senior College In
Mars Hill Future?

HENDERSONVILLE, N. C.--(BP)--The general board of North Carolina Baptist State Convention approved plans here for Mars Hill College to work toward becoming a senior college.

The college is located at Mars Hill, N. C., in the Blue Ridge mountains.

The board welcomed four new denominational workers in the state---Alton Morris of Murphy, N. C., a new field worker and seminary extension worker in western North Carolina; R. T. Greene, new director of retirement plans; Fritz Hemphill, associate in missions and director of Fruitland Baptist Assembly here, and John E. Roberts, new editor of *Charity and Children*, Baptist children's home newspaper.

North Carolina Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem received authority to borrow \$123,000 on Jan. 1 for expansion and improvement of facilities.

The board further approved the new co-operative missionary program in which it will be a partner to the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in North Carolina missions.

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Arizona Baptists
Discuss Project

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PHOENIX, Ariz.--(BP)--A golden years housing program that could eventually include 5000 homes, a shopping center, and recreational facilities was discussed here by the executive board of Baptist General Convention of Arizona.

A convention leader said the board's decision to apply for a government loan (Federal Housing Administration) brings the program "closer to reality."

The ambitious construction program would be at Tucson, Ariz., on about 2500 acres. The site has not been bought yet. The price of the project was not revealed.

Board members said construction might begin late this year. The homes will be rented to elderly Baptists.

A golf course is among recreational facilities involved in the long-range enterprise.

Further plans will be made at the executive board's September meeting.

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Folks and facts.....

.....Frank Horton, who received the master of religious education degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary July 14, will become director of Baptist student work at Mississippi State University Sept. 1. (BP)

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.....Mrs. W. H. Knight, widow of a long-time executive secretary of Louisiana Baptist Convention, died July 11 in Atlanta, Ga. (BP)

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Car Wreck Kills
Deaf Missionary

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Mrs. Clifford Bruffey, a Southern Baptist home missionary, died as the result of an automobile wreck near Sidon, Miss. Mrs. Bruffey's husband of three weeks was with her in the car which she was driving.

The couple, both deaf, were serving as missionaries to the deaf in Jackson, Miss., where he had served since Jan. 1 of this year.

Mrs. Bruffey, the former Ila Ruth Jennings, was "one of the most outstanding deaf young people in the United States," says A. Jackson Roddy, of Atlanta, superintendent of the Home Mission Board's deaf work.

After high school at the Mississippi School for Deaf in Jackson, she attended hearing colleges which he says requires keen intellect. She received a certificate from Clarke Memorial College at Newton, Miss., and attended Mississippi College at Clinton and Baylor University at Waco, Tex.

While attending Riverside Baptist College at Berkeley, Calif., Miss Jennings served as a student missionary to the deaf. She served on the staff at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly in North Carolina for two summers.

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Bruffey was injured and hospitalized in/wreck July 1. He is now recovering at the home of his wife's parents, the L. L. Jennings, in Charleston, Miss. A student at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Bruffey plans to continue his mission work in Mississippi.

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Georgia Pastors Ask
Information On Catholics

(7-17-60)

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Edwin D. Johnston, professor of Bible at Mercer University, urged Southern Baptists to launch an educational program analyzing the position and present strategy of Roman Catholicism in the United States.

Johnston said denominational publications should address themselves to a "long-range program on many fronts."

The Mercer professor spoke at a panel discussion on Roman Catholicism at the third annual Georgia Baptist Pastors' Bible Study Conference, attended by about 300, on the Baptist College's campus in Macon.

J. Hardee Kennedy, dean of the school of theology at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, said he thought the suggestions were "very good." Kennedy was guest lecturer of New Testament for the meeting.

The pastors also agreed on the merits of an educational program. They expressed approval for articles about Catholicism published in recent months by the Christian Index, Georgia Baptist state paper, and asked that these be continued and consideration be given to enlarging them. John J. Hurt, Jr., Atlanta, is editor of the Christian Index.

No formal resolutions were passed. The Bible study conference is not empowered to conduct official business. The pastors expressed their opinions in open discussion.

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Assembly Studying
Catholic Question

(7-17-60)

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Onset of the 1960 campaign for president of the United States is expected to create additional interest in two conferences at Southern Baptist summer assemblies.

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The Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission here, sponsor of the conferences reported one of the chief topics for study is, "Should a Roman Catholic be elected to public office?"

Christian life conferences will be held at Glorieta, N. M., Aug. 11-17 and at Ridgecrest, N. C., Aug. 25-31. Glenn L. Archer of Washington, D. C., will present the question of the Catholic nominee for president.

Archer is executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU).

Another topic of the conferences is "A Look at Today's Political Scene." Daniel R. Grant of Nashville, who teaches political science at Vanderbilt University and who is a Baptist lay leader, will discuss this theme at Glorieta.

C. Emanuel Carlson of Washington, executive director of Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, will handle the same subject at Ridgecrest Assembly.

Foy Valentine, Nashville, executive secretary of the sponsoring Commission, said "We are not concerned about Sen. John Kennedy (D., Mass.) primarily, for our interest lies deeper than that.

"The pattern of action when a Roman Catholic has been elected to other offices in government in the United States has been developing--as Catholics are elected mayors, city councilmen, state legislators, governors, members of school boards," Valentine continued.

"Their statues appear in public parks.

"Will they (the Catholics) step up their already vigorous campaign for public funds for their sectarian institutions?" Valentine queried.

"These conferences, in considering these questions, will deal with a timely issue," according to the sponsor. "It is in the minds of the people now more than it has been in decades. A rising tide of interest among Baptists in religious liberty and church-state separation is evident."

The Christian Life conferences seek to relate Christian truth to the "important realm" of Christian action.