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Education Group Tackles Capital Needs Crisis

DALLAS--(BP)--Texas Baptist leaders tackled in a day-long session here what they termed one of the denomination's most serious problems--- capital needs of institutions.

Originally called to probe possible methods of meeting "emergency" building needs of Texas Baptists' 11 educational institutions, the meeting developed into a search for ways to meet needs of all 27 institutions owned by the convention.

No definite estimate was made of the capital needs, but Texas Baptist stewardship director, George L. Shearin, said the figure would top "several million dollars."

All of the institutions receive part of their operating needs from the Texas Baptist Cooperative Program. But this source has provided only limited capital support in the past. This year's budget earmarks \$100,000 for capital needs of schools.

Two alternatives received primary attention of the group, which included representatives of all institutional ministries of the state denomination.

One was a long-range, denominationally-sponsored campaign for capital needs. The other was an annual offering to be projected exclusively for capital funds.

Shearin cautioned the group to seriously evaluate the possible weakening of the Cooperative Program by adding another special offering. Three annual offerings are now conducted in Texas for state, home and foreign missions programs.

The Texas Baptist Christian Education Commission, which initiated the "exploratory" session, mapped plans to employ a professional educational consultant to help define specific needs of the denomination's colleges.

James Basden, secretary of the state's Baptist Human Welfare Commission, said a similar study would probably be made for the hospitals and children's homes.

Texas Baptists operate 11 educational institutions, eight hospitals, six child care institutions and two homes for the aged.

Zollie Steakley, chairman of the Education Commission and Texas' secretary of state, said new facilities "must be provided if our schools are to sustain enrollments after the peak of the present student surge is reached."

Baylor University President W. R. White said the denomination's largest school was operating at near peak capacity, using some temporary facilities.

A preliminary suggestion for meeting the "capital needs crisis" may be presented to the annual Texas Baptist convention at Lubbock, Tex., Oct. 31 - Nov. 2, Steakley said.

Governor Cites Baylor
For Helping Handicapped

WACO, Tex.--(BP)--Texas Governor Price Daniel has presented an award of merit to Baylor University here for helping the physically handicapped to find employment.

The Baptist college here employs 35 full-time workers who are physically handicapped, and has helped scores of handicapped students and graduates find employment.

The award was presented to Arch W. Hunt, director of the Baylor Placement Center, during the annual meeting of the Governor's Committee for Employment of the Physically Handicapped.

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Texas Baptist District
Names Missions Secretary

(9-23-60)

TAYLOR, Tex.--(BP)--The pastor of the 2150-member First Baptist Church of Texas City has been named District 15 missions secretary for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Finis Williams was unanimously elected to the post during a meeting of the District 15 executive board at the First Baptist Church of Taylor. He will assume his new duties Oct. 15.

Pastor of the Texas City church for the past 11 years, Williams succeeds R. R. Lloyd as District missions secretary.

Lloyd had retired from the office about four months ago, but returned to the position when his successor, D. H. Bonner, died suddenly last June after only two weeks in the office.

District 15 is one of 17 geographic areas within the Baptist General Convention of Texas promoting the state missions program. The 15-county area includes eight associations, 230 churches, 20 missions and nearly 75,000 members.

Williams had previously pastored churches in Austin, San Angelo, and Moran, Tex., before going to Texas City.

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Folks & Facts

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. . . Deckert Anderson, former pastor of the Eastview Baptist Church of Kilgore, Tex. who recently left the pastorate to enter evangelism work, has been awarded the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Tex. (BP)

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Hardin-Simmons Gives
Executives Added Duties

ABILENE, Tex.--(BP)--Two Hardin-Simmons University officials here have been given new assignments as the final major step in establishing a university administration designed for an enrollment expansion of 3,000 to 3,500 students.

George L. Graham has been named executive vice president, and Vice President W. T. Walton has been given additional duties as associate dean for academic affairs.

Graham has been executive assistant to President Evan A. Reiff since 1956. Walton, vice president of the university for several years, has been serving as dean of student affairs.

Dean Walton will continue assignments in general administration and will have enlarged academic responsibilities. He also will serve as director of the university's summer sessions, provide liaison in academic counseling and have ex-officio membership on some instructional committees.

Graham will hold full authority from the president's office for the general management of student affairs, business activities and public relations.

Heads of the divisions of public relations and business will retain all their previous responsibilities in the management of their areas, and will be responsible directly to Graham.

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Annuity Board Approves
Special Missions Program

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DALLAS, Tex.--(BP)--A plan whereby retired preachers may become pastors of new missions without losing their retirement income has been approved by the Southern Baptist Annuity Board here.

Retired pastors who have already begun serving missions in the 30,000 Movement under the new program are saying, "We're useful again," according to "The Years Ahead," Annuity Board publication.

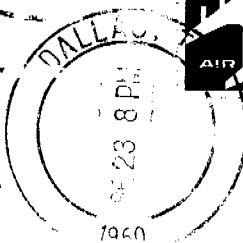
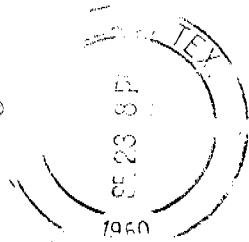
Editors of the publication polled retired pastors on the program. Current issue of the magazine gives the accounts of three pastors who gave up retirement for mission pulpits.

Under the Annuity Board's program, a retired pastor may serve up to 12 months in any new mission without losing his retirement income during that time. To be classified as a new mission or church the name must not appear in the latest issue of the associational minutes.

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