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Radio-Television Body
May Borrow To Build

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention has authorized the Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth to borrow up to \$25,200 against its 1961 operating budget as the initial step in a five-year program of expansion.

The building occupied by the Commission since June, 1955, was originally designed as a store and is part of the suburban west side Ridglea Shopping Center there.

As part of an expansion plan which will include a building designed to fit the needs of the Radio-Television Commission, it was necessary to borrow a small amount of money for the purchase of property on which to erect such a building. Negotiations are now underway with a Fort Worth real estate company. Actual purchase, however, is subject to approval of the full Commission which meets in Fort Worth Nov. 22-23.

No target date has been set for completion of a Radio-Television Commission building. The hope of Director Paul M. Stevens is that it may be dedicated during the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in neighboring Dallas in 1965.

Formal action of the Executive Committee stated: "That the Radio and Television Commission be authorized to borrow up to \$25,200 against the 1961 operating budget to purchase property. A mortgage to be placed on property purchased but without encumbering present property owned by the Radio and Television Commission. It is further understood that this loan is to be made without legal obligation to the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Kansas City Hospital
Chooses Administrator

(9-30-60)

KANSAS CITY, Mo.--(BP)--Trustees of Baptist Memorial Hospital here have elected Hamilton Reid of Houston, Tex., as administrator to succeed Goldman S. Drury who is to continue with the hospital board as director of denominational and public relations. Reid has accepted the position effective Oct. 1.

Reid is a native of Birmingham, Ala., a graduate of Howard College (Baptist) there. He holds a master's degree in hospital administration from the University of Minnesota. He served a one-year administrative residency and one year as administrative assistant at Baylor University Hospital, Dallas, Tex.

He comes to the Kansas City hospital from the Hermann Hospital of Houston, where he had held the position of assistant administrator for the past five years.

Reid is the son of A. Hamilton Reid, executive secretary-treasurer of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, Montgomery.

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C O R R E C T I O N

(9-30-60)

To Baptist Press story 9-25-60 captioned: "New Hospitalization Plan Offered Workers," please delete paragraph 11 and substitute the following paragraph for it:

The optional major medical insurance provides for a maximum of \$10,000 per individual. The member would assume the first \$100 and the plan would take care of 80 percent of the cost above this amount up to \$10,000.

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Mississippi Plans
\$2.7 Million Budget

JACKSON, Miss.--(BP)--Mississippi Baptist Convention board adopted a \$2.7 million Cooperative Program budget for 1960-61 which it will present to the state convention.

The new budget is an increase of \$200,000 over the current one. The state convention will meet in November and act on the recommendation.

Southern Baptist Convention portion of the Cooperative Program budget is \$918,000, an increase of \$68,000 over the current year. Missionary objectives in Mississippi will get \$1,380,400 up almost \$90,000.

Capital needs allocations for the new year will be \$401,600 compared with the present \$357,500.

Any receipts above \$2.7 million will be divided 75-25 with the state Christian education program getting three-fourths of the overage and Southern Baptist Convention work one-fourth.

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Secular, Sectarian
Social Work Compared

(9-30-60)

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The difference between public agency social work and social work by a Christian group is at the point of man's relationship to God.

This was declared here by Miss Sue Spencer, Nashville, director of the school of social work for the University of Tennessee.

A respected leader in social work education, Miss Spencer is familiar with both the secular and religious approach. She is the daughter of a Presbyterian minister.

She told a discussion conference of a Southern Baptist counseling body here that non-sectarian social work "is concerned with the nature of man, how he can be helped to realize his potentialities, and how he can be made a responsible member of society."

Social workers employed by a public agency are influenced by the separation of church and state in the United States. Therefore, they do not enter into the religious factors of their clients' problems.

Social workers serving Christian agencies, on the other hand, follow Christian theology which states that man's life should be patterned after the Scriptures and the model set by Christ.

When a social worker for a non-religious group finds religion entering the picture of the client's problems, the worker may suggest that the client see a clergyman of his faith.

Both secular and religious group social workers are concerned with a man's personal development and his dealings with his fellow-man. The worker for a religious group sees this as stemming from man's right relationship with God, she said, while the secular worker sees it from society's viewpoint.

Miss Spencer was a participant in the 1960 meeting of the Southern Baptist Counseling and Guidance Conference here. About 100 denominational leaders--pastors, professors, agency executives, hospital chaplains, and social workers from Baptist homes--attended.

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'New Frontier' Found
In Community Welfare

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Local associations of churches, through communitywide surveys and the co-ordinated efforts of individual churches, are developing master plans for Christian social work by Southern Baptists.

Fred B. Moseley, Atlanta, a staff member of the Convention's Home Mission Board, said here this is a "new frontier" in Southern Baptist missionary ministries related to professional social work.

He told of surveys in Corpus Christi and San Antonio, Tex., carried out jointly by the Home Mission Board and the Baptist General Convention of Texas. He said Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Board will cooperate in a survey in Chattanooga in 1961.

"Surveys point the way to the future," according to Moseley, who is secretary of city missions for the board. They guide the Convention in locating mission centers and in organizing social welfare services which best fit the church-related pattern. Surveys permit the Baptist groups in a community to meet its "highest priority needs."

The master plan will direct the local association of churches for years to come: in its Christian social welfare activities.

An association of churches generally is composed of churches of one city or a one-or two-county area. Community missions is one of main programs of these associations.

Moseley discussed the associational-Home Mission Board survey method before a group of Southern Baptist leaders attending the annual Counseling and Guidance Conference here.

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**Church Approves Biggest
Budget Ever--\$1,195,000**

DALLAS--(BP)--The First Baptist Church of Dallas has approved what is believed to be the largest annual local church budget "in the history of Christendom."

The record \$1,195,000 budget was unanimously adopted by members of the church Sunday.

Presenting the budget, Pastor W. A. Criswell said, "This is probably the most stupendous financial program ever undertaken by any church in the history of Christendom."

More than half of the 1961 general budget will go for missionary causes outside the local church program.

The 12,000-member church, the largest Southern Baptist congregation in the world, regularly gives more to the denomination's Cooperative Program of world missions than any other church in the nation.

In addition, the church located in the heart of downtown Dallas supports five missions in the Dallas area.

The budget earmarks \$501,648 for missions and \$426,352 for local educational and promotional programs. The total budget is a \$295,000 increase over the current budget and is twice as large as the budget approved ten years ago.

For the first time this year, the church's building program is included in the general budget. Major item in the building part of the budget is for the 11-story Burt Building which is being remodeled for Sunday School class space.

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**Heart Attack Claims
Baptist News Writer**

(9-30-60)

FORT WORTH--(BP)--Cullum E. Greene, 64, political writer for the Fort Worth Star Telegram and outstanding Baptist layman, died at his home here of a heart attack.

Greene was the recipient of the first annual press award for Christian service in the field of journalism presented by the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Funeral services were held at the Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth Sept. 25.

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Texas Brotherhood Group
Takes Political Stand

ABILENE, Tex.--(BP)--Without naming either presidential candidate or specifically dealing with Sen. John Kennedy's religious beliefs, a resolution urging Texas Baptists to vote to "preserve our historic principle of church-state separation" was unanimously approved here by the Texas Baptist Brotherhood Convention.

While the resolution was not as strong as some Brotherhood leaders had expected, a phrase citing "a particular need this year for us to be vigilant in maintaining our historic Baptist principle of separation of church and state" was interpreted as a direct reference to Kennedy's Roman Catholic religion.

A few months ago an associational Texas Baptist Brotherhood group had petitioned Kennedy to affirm his support of the principle. In a recent TV debate with Houston pastors, Kennedy avowed personal support of the church-state separation principle.

Some Baptist leaders, however, later said that while Kennedy made a strong personal stand on the issue, their real fear was not with Kennedy personally, but with the Roman Catholic hierarchy and the traditional actions of the church.

The Brotherhood convention resolution said: "We encourage all Brotherhood members and all Texas Baptists to become familiar with the significant issues, becoming particularly informed about our Baptist principles on religious liberty, and we urge each Baptist to cast his vote in the way that he feels will best preserve our historic position on these vital issues."

The liquor industry was the target of another resolution which encouraged Texas Baptists "through every opportunity by legislation and personal influence to combat this evil."

More than 1,800 pastors and laymen attended the 20th annual Brotherhood convention, returning to the city where it was first organized in 1940.

A. D. Pratt, Lake Jackson, Tex., businessman, was re-elected president and A. J. Kincaid, Mesquite, Tex., was re-elected vice president. Paul Cates, Lubbock, Tex., was named recording secretary.

A parade of speakers urged the laymen to take more active roles in personal evangelism.

"Jesus never intended to turn soul winning over to the clergy," said C. Wade Freeman, director of evangelism for Texas Baptists. "His great commission was directed just as specifically to laymen as to ministers."

Josh Lee, former U. S. senator from Oklahoma, said "a violent conflict between the ideals of Communism and Christianity has plunged the world into a state of insecurity unparalleled in history."

"Communist theories," he said, "are being used to brainwash Christians. But the more critical truth is that Christians are brainwashing themselves by failing to recognize the seriousness of the conflict."

Texas Baptist Brotherhood Secretary L. H. Tapscott reported a current total enrollment of 107,605 men in the Brotherhood and in Royal Ambassador in the state. The Royal Ambassadors program is a boy's organization sponsored by the Brotherhood.

James Sapp, associate secretary of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn., outlined a new organization plan launched this year which he said would help expand the Brotherhood's influence in evangelism, missions and stewardship.

The men voted to hold their 1961 meeting in Waco, Tex.

Baptist, Catholic Duel
In Dallas TV Debate

DALLAS--(BP)--The editor of the Baptist Standard questioned whether Sen. John Kennedy would put his office--or his Catholicism---first if elected U. S. president during a recent television debate here.

Editor E. S. James was one of four panel members raising questions on the religious issue in politics during the premier showing of a new Dallas television program, "Controversy."

Other members of the panel included a Catholic layman who is president of the (Catholic) University of Dallas, Robert Morris; a Dallas attorney and member of the American Jewish Committee, Rubin Ginsberg; and a protestant professor at Southern Methodist University, Robert Powers.

The program, originally scheduled for an hour airing, went into overtime with a verbal duel between Catholic Morris and Baptist James.

James praised Democratic presidential candidate Kennedy for his "marvelous statement" affirming his support of church-state separation during a recent nation-wide television appearance before Houston ministers, but said that Kennedy had made a statement during the debate that "left some of us wondering what he meant."

He referred to Kennedy's statement that he would resign the presidency if there should come a time when he could not live with his conscience and be true to the Constitution.

"He has never indicated for one moment," said James, "that if he found his duties as president in conflict with his duties as a Catholic that he would put his office first, and that is the kind of man I want to be president."

"It is not an opposition towards Mr. Kennedy or you or anyone else," continued James. "We are afraid of what could take place in the light of what has taken place in the past because we fear that Catholics in America in places of responsibilities would not be privileged to do what they want to do."

Morris countered that the question of whether Kennedy would or would not resist any pressure from the Vatican would best be determined by an evaluation of the man himself rather than the church to which he belongs.

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New 14-Voice Baptist
Hour Choir Organizes

FORT WORTH--(BP)--A new Baptist Hour Choir has been organized by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

The choir, directed by Miss Joe Ann Shelton, has been revised from 16 to 14 voices including eight men and six women.

Featured weekly on the Radio-TV Commission's program, "The Baptist Hour," the choir also plans to record a long-playing album this year for Word Record Company.

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UCC Plans Application
For TV Station Permit

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex.--(BP)--The University of Corpus Christi, the only Southern Baptist college with an operating educational television program, has opened its second season with plans to establish a full-time educational television station.

The application will be filed jointly with the Corpus Christi Caller-Times (newspaper) which has formed a subsidiary to conduct its proposed television activities.

If the application is granted, the station will carry 30 hours of educational television programs each week, most of which will originate from UCC's campus studio.

The university has been telecasting weekly educational programs from its campus studio since January over local television station KZTV.

During the spring and summer series, the University produced 31 weekly programs, including the first swimming classes in the nation taught by television direct from the UCC pool.

A. R. Howard, UCC's director of public relations and producer of the weekly educational TV shows, said that the fall schedule includes a weekly program, "Telequiz," for high school students in the area, and a special series on UCC progress and its role in higher education.

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ETBC Begins Construction
On New Girl's Dormitory

MARSHALL, Tex.--(BP)--East Texas Baptist College here has begun construction on the Evelyn Lineberry Hall for young women.

The new dormitory will house 120 young women with facilities for social, spiritual and recreational programs, said President Howard C. Bennett.

Ground was broken for the building by former President H. D. Bruce, the college's first President, T. C. Gardner; the president of the Board of Trustees and the chairman of the building committee.

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Texas Baptist District
Completely Reorganizes

LUBBOCK, Tex.--(BP)--District nine of the Baptist General Convention of Texas has been completely reorganized, combining parts of a 19-county area formerly served by eight associations into a re-districted area of five associations.

The reorganization brings to 122 the total associations within the Texas Baptist Convention.

A total of 191 churches and 42 missions with a combined membership of more than 86,210 are included in the West Texas district.

Franklin E. Swanner of Plainview, Tex., District nine missions secretary, said that the new organization plan would streamline the district's program and afford a more efficient organization.

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New Seminary Foundation
To Develop Property

FORT WORTH--(BP)--Trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here have established a new organization to acquire, hold, improve and develop real estate property.

A charter has already been received for the new organization, called the Southwestern Baptist Seminary Development Foundation, Inc.

The organization will purchase real estate for the expansion of the present seminary campus, and return profits from other real estate investments to the seminary.

Major item in the seminary's long-range expansion program is meeting the student housing shortage needs.

By-laws for the corporation have been adopted, the directors have met, and the organization is already functioning, said trustee-attorney Jenkins Garrett of Fort Worth.

Four Southwestern trustees are on the Foundation's board of directors, including William Fleming, J. T. Luther, J. H. Steger, and Garrett. Other directors, all Fort Worth laymen, are H. B. Fuqua, president of Texas and Pacific Oil Co. and chairman of the board, Fort Worth National Bank; T. J. Harrell, retired president of Traider's Oil Mill; and J. Loyd Parker, Fort Worth businessman and investor.

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A. D. Norris Named
District Missions Head

(9-30-60)

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.--(BP)--A. D. Norris, pastor of the Travis Baptist Church in Corpus Christi, Tex., has been named district 6 missions secretary for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Norris announced his acceptance of the position Sunday to his 1,614-member church. He will begin his duties in the San Antonio district offices Oct. 3.

Pastor of the Travis Baptist Church for the past 13 years, Norris will succeed Dallas Lee as the District 6 missions secretary. The post has been vacant since last June when Lee was named secretary of the Texas Baptist language missions department.

District 6 encompasses a 28-county area in central Texas, one of 17 geographic districts within the Baptist General Convention of Texas. It includes eight associations, 214 churches, 57 missions, and more than 79,000 members.

Norris had previously pastored churches in Weslaco, Tex.; Kansas City, Mo.; and Lovington, N. M. before going to Corpus Christi.

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Consultant Firm To Help
Select University Site

DALLAS--(BP)--Leaders of the proposed Dallas Baptist University here have employed an educational consultant firm to survey the metropolitan Dallas area in an effort to find "the best possible campus location."

Associated Consultants in Education, a Tallahassee, Fla., firm will make a detailed study of proposed sites for the University, objectively considering each location in relation to the school's long-range interests.

C. E. Colton, chairman of the University's steering committee earlier charged with selecting the site, gave no indication of when the survey would be completed and the location announced.

The four-year liberal arts college, one of two Baptist colleges proposed for major population centers in Texas, is tentatively scheduled to open in 1962.

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Seminary Fellowship
Speakers Announced

(9-30-60)

FORT WORTH--(BP)--A roster of speakers headed by famed evangelist Billy Graham will speak at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary fellowship meetings this year.

Guest speakers will address Seminary's morning chapel service, hold class sessions during the day as guest lecturers, speak at an informal supper meeting in the preaching chapel during the evening, and close the day's activities with an informal dormitory discussion.

Headliners on the schedule include Graham, William Hordern, professor of Theology at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill.; Frank Stagg, professor of New Testament, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; Kenneth Scott Latourette, professor emeritus of history at Yale; Glenn Archer, executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State; and G. Ernest Wright, professor of divinity at Harvard.

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Folks & Facts

(9-30-60)

. . . Physics professor Robert G. Packard of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., will serve as visiting professor of physics at the University of Airlangga, Surabaja, Indonesia, beginning Jan. 1, 1961. Mrs. Packard, Baylor's dean of women, will accompany him on the 1½ year jaunt abroad. (BP)

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Folks & Facts

(9-30-60)

. . . Time Magazine has reviewed and amplified an article first appearing in the Baptist Standard by Pastor Bill G. West of the First Baptist Church, Okmulgee, Okla. on "Why Ministers Wives Break Down." The article appeared in the Oct. 3 issue of Time, a weekly newsmagazine with a U. S. circulation of more than 2½ million. (BP)

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WATCH FOR THE (BP) CREDIT LINE

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Nashville, Tennessee---A former Southern Baptist Convention vice-president expressed his concern here over a possible spiritual recession among Baptists. Commenting on declining baptisms, slowing up in church contributions, and falling seminary enrolments, W. Douglas Hudgins of Jackson, Mississippi, said Southern Baptists may have failed to emphasize the "primacy of worship."

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Miami, Florida---Possibly the largest house to house religious survey ever undertaken will be conducted over a section of Florida ranging from West Palm Beach through Miami to Key West. Population of the area is 1½ million. Baptists are helping to lead in this survey, a prelude to the Billy Graham crusade next year.

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Anchorage, Alaska---All Southern Baptist churches and missions in the 49th state undertook simultaneous revivals during late September and early October.

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Richmond, Virginia---The Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board has appropriated \$125,000 for earthquake relief in Chile. A Southern Baptist editor, E. S. James of Dallas, Texas, has asked the Convention to set aside a million dollars a year for world relief. His proposal is being studied.

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Rome, Italy---Two gold medal winners in Olympic games competition here were Southern Baptists. Shelpy Wilson, a minister, and Doug Blubaugh, a layman, both are from Oklahoma.

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New Orleans, Louisiana---New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary appointed Canadian theologian Samuel J. Mikolaski of Vancouver, British Columbia, to teach theology and philosophy of religion. Mikolaski is a native of Yugoslavia.

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Jacksonville, Florida---John A. Maguire, executive secretary of Florida Baptist Convention, will visit Puerto Rico to study Baptist work on the Caribbean island. Servicemen transferred to the island--a United States possession--have organized churches which have sought affiliation with the Baptist association of churches in Tampa, Florida.

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Mill Valley, California---When L. A. Brown, a professor at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, had his wallet taken by a pickpocket in Rio de Janeiro this summer, he was stunned by the immediate reaction of bystanders. The thief leaped off the crowded trolley and disappeared but Brazilians on the street car stuffed money into Brown's pockets to help offset the loss, all the time begging him not to have a bad impression of Brazilian people. He was in Rio for the Baptist World Congress.

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Honolulu, Hawaii---Harrold C. Diggs of Anaheim, California, has been named principal of Hawaiian Baptist Academy.

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Dallas, Texas---T. A. Patterson, Beaumont, Texas, minister, will become new executive secretary of Baptist General Convention of Texas. Forrest C. Feezor, present executive secretary, retires Dec. 31.

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