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**Enrolments Increase
To 52,494 Figure**

NASHVILLE--(BP)--A survey here showed that net enrolments at 71 Southern Baptist educational institutions rose to 52,494 for the 1960-1961 school year.

Seminary enrolments have fallen off slightly, according to the report from the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. Junior and senior colleges, however, showed another gain.

Bible schools showed a 14 per cent increase but academies had a minor decrease in net enrolments.

The net enrolment for the current term compared with 50,161 reported at the corresponding time a year ago.

Net enrolments count only full-time students. Total enrolments, which include correspondence students and those taking small course loads, stood at a combined 61,986. This did not materially affect the increase and decrease of seminaries, senior colleges, and junior colleges.

Rabun L. Brantley, executive secretary of the Education Commission here, said, "Many of the Baptist colleges were forced to turn students away this fall. This pressure is expected to increase and Baptists are faced with either limiting their facilities or securing sufficient funds to expand to take additional students.

"A few states are thinking of plans to raise substantial funds for meeting their needs, but this will require in most cases three years or more."

Turning to seminary enrolments, Brantley said, "Seminary administrators are concerned over the general decline in Southern Baptist seminary enrolments. They are making a careful survey of the reasons back of this drop in enrolment and hope to be able to stimulate increases before next year."

Only Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary of the six S B C institutions showed a gain. The Kansas City, Mo., school increased from 274 students to 310.

Carver School of Missions and Social Work at Louisville dropped from 56 to 41 students; Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary at Mill Valley, Calif., from 310 to 288, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary from 741 to 720.

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., reported a loss from 738 to 699 students over the corresponding 1959 figure. The two largest seminaries--Southwestern and Southern--also declined, Southern at Louisville from 976 to 908 and Southwestern at Fort Worth from 1961 to 1884.

Baylor University at Waco, Tex., continued to outdistance all other senior colleges with an enrolment of 5966. Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, N. C., followed with 2604.

Campbell College, Buies Creek, N. C., led junior colleges with 1066. Baptist Bible Institute at Graceville, Fla., topped three other similar schools and enrolled 150. Fork Union Military Academy, Fork Union, Va., was leader in its bracket with 650 students.

During the year, Campbellsville College, Campbellsville, Ky., moved from junior to senior college status. Magoffin Baptist Institute, listed as an academy, was dropped from the list because it has changed to a child-care center. It is located in Mountain Valley, Ky. Mexican Baptist Bible Institute in San Antonio, Tex., joined the ranks of academies so that the total of 71 Southern Baptist schools was not changed.

The S B C operates only the six seminaries directly, and has half-operating interest in American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, a training center for Negroes. American Seminary showed an increase of one student to a total of 75.

State Baptist conventions or associations operate the other 64 schools.

154 Attend Laymen's
Evangelism Clinic

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--The first associational laymen's evangelism clinic in Georgia--and possibly the first in the Southern Baptist Convention--drew 154 laymen for an evening of inspiration and training in personal soul-winning at the First Baptist Church of Jackson, Ga.

The clinic was sponsored by the Kimbell Baptist Association and the department of evangelism of the Georgia Baptist Convention. Seventeen of the 24 churches in Kimbell Association were represented, along with churches from six other associations.

R. T. Russell, secretary of evangelism for the convention here, said, "This was one of the most encouraging meetings I have ever attended in Georgia. Already leaders of several other associations are making plans for similar clinics in their areas."

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Church Won't Rebaptize
So It Isn't Admitted

(11-3-60)

CHAPEL HILL, N. C.--(BP)--A Chapel Hill church was denied admittance to Yates Baptist Association because it received new members from other denominations without rebaptism.

Binkley Memorial Baptist Church, organized two years ago, had been under the association's watchcare pending action on its request to affiliate with the association of churches.

The association said it would welcome a new application if the church changes its practice. Binkley's pastor, Robert E. Seymour, said the church would not again seek admittance.

The association, which had bought property for Binkley Memorial Church, allowed it to retain the land. The church assumed a small debt remaining on the purchase.

The majority of Southern Baptists believe that when members join a Baptist church from another denomination, they should be rebaptized by immersion in accordance with Baptist interpretation of baptism practiced by first century churches.

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3 Service Academies
Beckon Baptist Youth

(11-3-60)

HALLS, Tenn.--(BP)--A Baptist youth here had the rare opportunity to choose between the three service academies for his higher education.

Jimmy W. Nunn, 17-year-old son of deacon and Mrs. Oliver Nunn (members of First Baptist Church, Halls), won competitive appointments to the Air Force Academy and to West Point. He secured a Congressional appointment to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.

Nunn also had a Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps scholarship for Vanderbilt University in Nashville. He chose Annapolis.

He was salutatorian of the 1960 graduating class at Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon, Tenn.

Nunn was a junior usher in the Halls church before he went to school in Lebanon.

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Girls' Auxiliaries
Announce Convention

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.--(BP)--Memphis, Tenn., will be site of the first Girls' Auxiliary gathering covering the whole Southern Baptist Convention. Time set is June, 1963.

The decision was announced by the executive board of Woman's Missionary Union meeting here. The W M U is auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Girls' Auxiliary conclave will mark the organization's 50th anniversary. Girls nine through 15, and their adult leaders, will attend. The Girls' Auxiliary is a unit of the W M U.

"We hope state Girls' Auxiliary directors will conduct mission tours in connection with our meeting," Miss Betty Brewer, Birmingham, Conventionwide director of girls' work, said.

There are 29,000 Girls' Auxiliaries in churches throughout the S B C with an enrolment of more than 285,000.

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Association Expresses
Paducah College Hope

(11-3-60)

PADUCAH, Ky.--(BP)--West Union Baptist Association here has again expressed hope that a Baptist college will be launched in Paducah.

The association's resolution provided for contacts with the education committee of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky for counsel and assistance.

The nearest Kentucky Baptist college to Paducah is Bethel College at Hopkinsville, with an enrolment of about 200. It is a junior college.

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Folks & facts.....

.....James Ricketson, senior of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, has been selected as recipient of the 1960 Elizabeth Lowndes award of Woman's Missionary Union. The \$200 cash award is given to the Margaret Fund student who is a graduating senior and who during his college years has distinguished himself for scholarship, leadership, and character..

Margaret Fund students are children of missionaries receiving educational scholarships. Ricketson is the son of the R. F. Ricketsons, Southern Baptist Convention missionaries to Philippines. (BP)

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Bigotry Charges Cloud Convention Actions

LUBBOCK, Tex.--(BP)--Explosive statements on "bigotry" and church-state separation overshadowed what some Texas Baptists called "the real significant actions" of the 75th annual meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Texas here.

Southern Baptist Convention President Ramsey Pollard grabbed headlines when he branded the Roman Catholic Hierarchy as "the greatest bigot in the world."

Earlier, the president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas tossed a surprise bombshell into the Convention program, opening the three-day meeting with statements on the "religion-in-politics" issue.

Baptist leaders predicted before the meeting, held one week before the national presidential election, that the Convention would evade any political mention.

In significant action, Convention messengers approved a record \$13,688,030 Cooperative Program budget, voted to unify the Mexican Baptist Convention and the Texas Convention, and a \$28 million fund raising campaign to provide building funds for Baptist schools.

Nearly half the record budget will go to world missions outside Texas.

The merger of the Mexican Convention with the Texas Convention marks the first time that two Baptist conventions of different nationalities have united their organizations in a "solid front of evangelistic effort."

The \$28 million capital needs campaign begins in 1962 and will continue for four years in an effort to help answer a critical building fund shortage in nine Texas Baptist educational institutions.

More than 8,000 Baptists attended the six general sessions. Nearly 3,000 of the number were elected messengers from the state's 3,887 churches.

Pollard, principal speaker for the Convention and pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.; said in a press conference that he would vote against Kennedy even if he were a Protestant because of his "immaturity, rashness, and socialistic leanings." "Truman was a Baptist," he said, "but I never voted for him."

Commenting on Truman's salty speech habits, Pollard said "he ought to be turned out of his church" if he doesn't repent from his sins.

Truman's reaction to the statement, given to the Associated Press, was that he had "already told the Baptists where they can get off, and had nothing more to add."

Pollard told newsmen at the press conference that he would have more to say on the religion-in-politics issue during his address to the Convention, but completely skirted the issue in his evangelistic sermon.

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In the Convention's opening address, Texas Convention President M.B. Carroll of Dallas said that "we would be foolish to sell our cherished freedoms...in a free state for political expediency when we remember the bloody history of state religion and when we constantly face the closing of our churches and the intimidations against our people where Roman Catholics control the government."

Messengers to the Convention approved one resolution from the denomination's Christian Life Commission urging "our people to examine the position on separation of church and state of every candidate for public office at every level of American life in the light of his statements, sincerity and stamina."

The recommendation commended the work of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State for "focusing attention on the American ideal."

In other Convention action, more than 200 trustees and directors for 25 Texas Baptist institutions and organizations were elected.

A special feature during the opening session honored Forrest C. Feezor, Texas Baptist executive secretary for the past seven years who retires in December. The Convention presented Feezor with a gift of \$1,000 for each year of his service, and gave Mrs. Feezor a set of sterling silver candelabra.

Other principal speakers for the meeting included Gordon Clinard, professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Leo Eddleman, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; and John Haldeman, pastor of the Alapattah Baptist Church in Miami Beach, Fla.

The Convention elected James H. Landes, of Wichita Falls as Convention president and set plans for the 1962 meeting in Fort Worth.