

November 6, 1960

Michigan Against Catholic Nominee

PONTIAC, Mich.--(BP)--The Baptist State Convention of Michigan voted here its opposition to the election of a Roman Catholic as President of the nation.

Messengers said they opposed such a person because of the record of the Roman Catholic Church on matters of religious freedom in other countries.

Michigan convention (in co-operating affiliation with the Southern Baptist Convention) adopted a budget for 1961 amounting to \$208,757. The Cooperative Program part of the budget exceeds \$140,000 with \$35,432 earmarked for S B C agencies in nationwide and worldwide missions.

The convention re-elected president Marion F. Boyd, local pastor whose church was host to the meeting.

Fred D. Hubbs of Detroit, convention executive secretary, told the convention that the 100th church affiliated with the convention would be organized the first week of December. By New Year's there will be 102 churches, he added.

The convention will meet next at Bethany Baptist Church, Lansing, Nov. 7-8, 1961.

Messengers approved a staff relationship whereby division heads are associate executive secretaries.

Text of the Michigan resolution on the Presidential election:

"Since we recognize that the Roman Catholic Church is both a religious and political organization, and because of their insistent opposition to the principles of separation of church and state, and because of their political domination in countries with a Catholic majority, we oppose the election of a Catholic for the Presidency of the United States."

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Colorado Evangelist

(11-6-60)

DENVER--(BP)--O. L. Bayless, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Hot Springs, Ark., for 14 years, is the new secretary of evangelism for Colorado Baptist General Convention here. He accepted the position effective Dec. 1. Bayless is a native of Oklahoma who attended Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

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Wingate May Enrol 15-Year-Old Freshman

(11-6-60)

WINGATE, N. C.--(BP)--The son of Wingate College's president is probably going to be one of the youngest college freshmen in the country.

James Smith will be 15 next fall, when he plans to enrol in the Baptist junior college here, of which his father, Budd E. Smith, is president.

A fast learner and a fast grower, the six-foot, four-inch, 190-pound high school senior skipped some public school grades when standard tests showed he 'kn w enough to advance to higher grades.

He plans to study science, but has an interest in literature and designing also.

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Lengthy Advance Phase
For 1960 Not Likely

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Cooperative Program gifts still lack \$2 million of reaching the amount needed to support Southern Baptist Convention agencies in their operating and capital needs for 1960.

The total for 10 months stood at \$14,334,136, according to the October report from the office of Convention Treasurer Porter Routh of Nashville. This is an increase of but 3.24 over a like period in 1959.

It brought speculation there will be only a few weeks this year in which the Convention will have its "advance"--the income through the Cooperative Program after regular agency needs have been met. The agencies need \$16,386,900.

Income in the "advance" phase goes to foreign and home mission exclusively, with foreign missions getting 75 per cent.

Several years ago, the Convention entered the "advance" phase of its Cooperative Program during October and at least two months' receipts were distributed entirely to foreign and home missions. The budget and calendar years are the same.

Income through the Cooperative Program for S B C agencies was \$1,489,308 for the month of October. During the same 31 days, gifts by special designation amounted to \$160,805. Total designations for the 10 months stood at \$11,209,122, up 10.68 per cent over corresponding 1959.

Total income for October was \$1,650,114 bringing the funds since January to \$25,543,258. This is 6.38 per cent greater than the comparative 10 months a year ago.

Cooperative Program funds come to the S B C treasurer from treasurers of state Baptist groups in co-operating affiliation with the S B C. The states' receipts through the Cooperative Program come directly from churches.

Only five of the 28 state Baptist conventions or general associations have forwarded less to the Southern Baptist Convention treasurer than they had at this time last year--Arizona, Colorado, Louisiana, North Carolina, and Oklahoma. But the difference in the amount totaled only \$208,744, enough to have brought the Cooperative Program sum to a little more than \$14½ million, still considerably short of the needs of the agencies.

Funds reported do not represent the total contributions by individuals to churches, since money to support local church programs and the states are not part of the S B C treasurer's report.

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Dormitory Burns
In Newton, Miss.

(11-6-60)

NEWTON, Miss.--(BP)--The boys' dormitory at Clarke Memorial College here was destroyed by fire, but all the occupants were evacuated, according to President W. Lowrey Compere.

Trustees scheduled a meeting to determine how to meet the emergency since this was the only boys' dormitory on the Baptist campus.

Students were temporarily housed in the gymnasium, some vacant buildings on the campus, and some houses in town.

About half the students lost all of their clothing, and some lost part of their belongings. A few were able to salvage all their effects.

The first boys to discover the fire awakened others, some having to be dragged out of bed, while still other boys had to break down some doors to get in. Every room was systematically checked before the boys left the burning building.

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Catholic Nominee Gets
Alaska's Cold Shoulder

FAIRBANKS, Alaska--(BP)--The convention of Southern Baptists in this 49th state also doesn't want a member of the Roman Catholic Church becoming President of the United States.

In annual session here, Alaska Baptist Convention opposed any Presidential candidate "affiliated with such a purpose and conquest as is the Roman Catholic Church."

The resolution in many parts read like the one adopted earlier by the Colorado Baptist General Convention, also in co-operating affiliation with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Alaskans' resolution cited "evidence of attempting to dominate the United States," "opposition to any faith, save theirs," and placement of "garbed nuns in the public schools as teachers" as bases for this opposition.

The convention elected Bill Parson, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Fairbanks, its president.

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CORRECTION

(11-6-60)

To Folks & Facts dated Nov. 3, 1960 on Ricketson, Margaret Fund recipient. He is now a student at University of Oklahoma, Norman, rather than Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee. He completed his study at O B U this year. Please make this change.

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