

August 5, 1961

**Hospital Trustees
In First Institute**

MEMPHIS (BP)--More than 120 trustees and administrators of Southern Baptist hospitals, participated in a two-day Institute for Trustees here. Sponsored by the Southwide Baptist Hospital Association, the Institute brought together representatives of most of the Baptist hospitals operating in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Sessions of the Institute featured outstanding denominational and hospital leaders. Porter W. Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, spoke on the topic, "The Relatedness of a Denomination and its Hospitals." T. Sloane Guy Jr., executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention's Hospital Board, spoke on the topic, "Why Baptist Hospitals?" Both speakers underscored the theological and denominational purposes of hospitals and stressed their function as the denomination's healing ministry.

Frank Groner, administrator of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, and president of the American Hospital Association this year, spoke on, "Legislation and Baptist Hospitals." He reviewed the effects of past national legislation on the hospital field generally and summarized pending legislation before Congress.

Ray E. Brown, superintendent of the University of Chicago Clinics, formerly administrator of the North Carolina Baptist Hospital, and immediate past president of the American Hospital Association, discussed "The Future of Baptist Hospitals." Brown based his presentation on "two sets of variables: the extent both present and future of governmental participation in health services, and the ability and willingness of Baptist hospitals to accommodate themselves to Federal activity in this area."

Association president Homer D. Coggins of Lexington, Ky., administrator of Central Baptist Hospital, called upon the Association's immediate past president, John A. Gilbreath, administrator of Arkansas Baptist Hospital, Little Rock, and Gene Kidd, president-elect of the Association and administrator of Mid-State Baptist Hospital, Nashville, to assist in presiding over the sessions. Penrose Ecton of Lexington, Ky., a Baptist deacon and hospital trustee, was master of ceremonies for the dinner meeting of the Institute.

Reaction on the part of those participating in the Institute to this first attempt to bring together administrators and governing boards of the 46 member-hospitals of the Association was underscored by the adoption, without opposition, of a motion to request that another Institute for Trustees be planned within the next two years. The Southwide Baptist Hospital Association will take steps to carry out this request in its annual meeting early in 1962.

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**Discounts Studied By
Hospital Association**

(8-5-61)

MEMPHIS (BP)--Discounts to ministers, staff, employees and others were considered by the Southwide Baptist Hospital Association here.

Robert Guy, administrator of Baton Rouge (La.) General Hospital, reported for his committee: "There are special conditions at many of our hospitals which would make it extremely difficult, if not impossible, to accept any major adjustment in discount policies. However, we feel it is desirable to accomplish some measure of uniformity in our discount policies and that this should be our first goal," the committee reported.

Subsequently, the committee made the following recommendations: (1) that discounts be allowed to ordained ministers of our denominations, members of our medical staff, and our employees; (2) that discounts be allowed ordained ministers of other denominations who support the hospital ministry; (3) that the percentage of all courtesy

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discounts not exceed 25 per cent (where financial circumstances of the responsible party warrant, a charity allowance should be given); (4) that courtesy discounts be allowed only on bills paid within 30 days of billing; (5) that a courtesy discount of 10 per cent be allowed physicians, dentists, registered nurses not associated with the staffs of our hospitals; (6) that such items as TV sets, radios, cots, telephones, guest trays, etc., be excluded from discounts; (7) that blood charges be excluded from discounts; (8) that discounts be limited to members of the immediate families of those entitled to them. Any other relative or person, in order to qualify, must be claimed as a dependent on income tax returns.

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Hospital Association
Gets New Constitution

(8-5-61)

MEMPHIS (BP)--In a business session immediately following the first Institute for Trustees sponsored by the Southwide Baptist Hospital Association here, the Association received a committee report on a new Constitution and Bylaws from committee chairman Lawrence R. Payne, administrator of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla.

Minor changes were recommended and approved by the Association in referring the new Constitution back to the committee for final report in the annual meeting of the Association early in 1962.

General changes to be effected by the new Constitution and Bylaws will make possible the enlargement of the Association, providing a greater measure of continuity through extending the terms of service of the officers, and making possible new classifications of membership for professional hospital people and Baptists employed in other than Baptist hospitals.

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Warren Reports 12,796
In 30,000 Movement

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP)--Southern Baptists have started 12,796 missions and churches since 1956, according to C. C. Warren of Charlotte, N. C.

Warren, director of the denomination's 30,000 Movement, reported the information during Home Mission Week at the Glorieta Baptist Assembly.

The 30,000 Movement, a mammoth program to start 20,000 missions and 10,000 churches by 1964, originated from a challenge to the Southern Baptist Convention by Warren when he was president in 1956.

Totals are released twice a year, and Warren made no comment on the report, but he was not pleased with the less than 1,000 increase since January of this year.

"Many of the states do not show an increase because of a failure to report," he said.

This report shows 4,175 churches started and 8,621 missions began. The following figures give a breakdown by states:

State	Churches	Missions
Alabama	183	312
Alaska	16	29
Arizona	66	169
Arkansas	71	102
California	248	532
Colorado	76	163
Cuba	3	46
District of Columbia	8	9
Florida	208	342
Georgia	161	241
Hawaii included in Foreign Mission report		
Illinois	173	528
Indiana (began Jan.1, 1959)	32	92
Kentucky	129	299
Kansas	45	43
Louisiana	92	128
Maryland	50	135
Michigan	68	87
Missouri	110	423
Mississippi	99	118
New Mexico	48	118
North Carolina	153	246
Ohio	164	295
Oklahoma	98	235
Oregon-Washington	57	127
Panama Canal	7	10
South Carolina	101	197
Tennessee	148	218
Texas	325	573
Virginia	78	116
Foreign Missions	1,148	2,638