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**Courses Lead Mountain
Family To Commitment**

SYLVA, N. C. (BP)--Seminary extension center classes in western North Carolina led one mountain family to deeper personal commitment to Christ and helped a daughter plan for college.

This was reported here during a workshop to discuss the work of 12 such adult education extension centers in this section of North Carolina.

The program is a pilot project of three Baptist agencies--the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, the Extension Department of Southern Baptist Seminaries and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The unidentified family, from the Robbinsville, N. C., area, were partially active in church. While they had some Sunday school responsibilities, they did not take part in other church programs.

E. G. Altland, pastor of Robbinsville First Baptist Church, said the classes at the extension center "satisfied the spiritual need of this family and showed them the importance of other phases of church life."

As a result, the father and mother became regular worshippers in Sunday morning and night services, Training Union and the midweek service. Their daughter, who also took a course in the center, later enrolled in college.

The centers, serving remote areas, provide education for at least 200 preachers who have never had formal training beyond high school, according to Frank Koger, Gastonia, N. C., associate director for the Seminary Extension Department. Many laymen also study the course work.

The centers also serve Negro and Indian church leaders, although centers for them are separate, Koger added.

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**Armstrong Offering
Goal Boosted \$50,000**

BIRMINGHAM (BP)--The goal for the 1962 Annie Armstrong Offering for home missions has been increased \$50,000. The revised goal is \$2,910,000, up about 14 per cent over 1961 anticipated offering receipts.

"When we figured the goal earlier, we based it on the receipts of the 1961 offering through Sept. 5," Miss Alma Hunt of Birmingham, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, said.

"Later, we realized we hadn't taken into account the money that would come in until Dec. 31 when the books are closed. So we added the amount received September through December last year."

The Annie Armstrong Offering, promoted by Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, is used by the SBC Home Mission Board for work in the United States, Cuba, Panama and Canal Zone.

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Planned Parenthood
Counseling Endorsed

NASHVILLE (BP)--A speaker here endorsed planned parenthood and said Christian counseling strengthens marriages by helping partners accept each other.

"This (acceptance) goes back to the gospel, to the acceptance of God who brings us redemption while we are sinners," a pastoral care leader declared to a counseling session here.

The speaker: Myron C. Madden of New Orleans, director of the department of pastoral care, Southern Baptist Hospital. The audience: one seminar during the annual Southern Baptist Counseling and Guidance Conference.

In pre-marital as well as marital counseling, the church can help couples find the maturity in which they can accept each other for what the person is and love each other accordingly.

One of the problems couples face is disagreement over whether to have children or over the number of children they want and can afford, according to Madden.

He endorsed planned parenthood. "We must face the reality of people's feelings about wanting children and about how many to have.

"These feelings stem from rivalry with others in their family; and from their attitudes toward parents, brothers and sisters and toward the responsibility that comes in caring for children," Madden noted.

He said the church in history has often forced "men and women to resolve the sex drive in the monastic ideal on one hand or the gutter on the other. There is no solution and no fulfillment in either of these cases. Man cannot live the pure spirit (monastic life) or pure flesh life alone."

Madden said the church, instead of being a repressive agency, can help man channel and control natural drives.

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Sports Booklet Praises
'Tract Team' Success

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JEFFERSON CITY, Tenn. (BP)--Carson-Newman College here boasts of two alumni in the "football hall of fame," including Bernie Moore, commissioner of the Southeastern Conference.

Apparently the Baptist school provided him skill in evangelism methods as well as in athletics. For, according to the current Carson-Newman football brochure, a few years later Moore coached the championship "tract team" at Louisiana State University.

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Drunk, Assault Cases
Rise After Repeal

(9-28-61)

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)--A comparison of figures by the chief of the Oklahoma City Police Department shows arrests for drunkenness have risen 50 per cent and arrests for assault have tripled since liquor became legal in Oklahoma in 1959.

Police Chief Dan Hollingsworth compared arrests for one week a year before repeal with the same week a year after repeal. He said comparison of assault cases was applicable since in most of them liquor figures in as a factor.

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Phelps Named President
Of New Houston College

HOUSTON (BP)--Ralph Phelps, president of Ouachita Baptist College in Arkadelphia, Ark., for the past eight years, has been named president of the new Houston Baptist College here.

The board of trustees at Ouachita Baptist College reluctantly accepted Phelps' resignation in a special called meeting, and Phelps announced he would assume the post in January of 1962, or sooner if a successor can be found.

The new Houston Baptist College is scheduled to open in the fall of 1963.

Plans for four new buildings are nearing completion, and contracts are expected to be let within the next nine months.

Fourteen buildings are anticipated for the 200-acre campus in southwest Houston by the time the school reaches its four-year liberal arts standing in 1970.

The Houston college has already raised more than \$3,326,000 in a \$3½ million fund drive to obtain capital and endowment funds before starting operation. The trustees at their last board meeting said they were confident the remainder would be reached soon.

W. E. Denham, chairman of the Houston college's board of trustees, said the board is delighted Phelps has accepted the post. "It is our conviction," said Denham, "that he is God's man for the position."

Phelps, 40, gained recognition last year as Arkansas' "Man of the Year" after election over five other nominees by readers of the Arkansas Democrat, Little Rock newspaper.

During his eight years at Ouachita, enrollment has climbed from 489 regular students in 1953 to a record 1,149 last year, making the school the largest church-related college in the state.

Phelps is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, with both the doctor and master of theology degrees (with honors). He also graduated with honors from Baylor University, Waco, Tex., with the bachelor and master of arts degrees.

Before becoming president of Ouachita College, Phelps was associate professor of social ethics at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

He is the former pastor of the First Baptist Church, Plano, Tex.; the Lake View Baptist Church, Waco, Tex.; and associate pastor, Seventh and James Baptist Church, Waco.

He is the author of two books, "Tangled Threads," published in 1952, and "Blueprint for Tomorrow," published in 1955.

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ATTENTION EDITORS:

Photo being mailed to state Baptist papers.

Texas Brotherhood Seeks
1,000 Laymen For Tokyo

WACO, Tex. (BP)--A challenge to send 1,000 men to help in a 1963 Japan evangelistic crusade was accepted by laymen and pastors attending the 1961 Texas Baptist Brotherhood Convention here.

The challenge was presented by C. C. Kelly of White Deer, Tex., chairman of the state Brotherhood advisory committee following an address by W. H. (Dub) Jackson, Southern Baptist missionary to Japan.

"We have every reason to believe that a great nation-wide evangelistic effort in Japan in 1963 will be one of the greatest in Southern Baptists' ministry," said Jackson, who is coordinating plans for the campaign.

He said reasons for an optimistic outlook include "religious freedom in Japan equal to that in Texas, invitations from the governor of Tokyo and the prime minister of Japan and a commitment from Billy Graham to speak at least one evening during the crusade.

An urgent call for manpower to save the world from suicide was issued at the two-day convention by W. A. Criswell, pastor of the 12,000-member First Baptist Church of Dallas.

Warning that the world is furiously preparing for a third world war, he told the men, "Be kind to crickets and ants, because they might become the sole inhabitants of the earth."

M. E. Ramay, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Edmond, Okla., cautioned Baptists to "hold the line against an effort on the part of some to white-wash religion that is not Christian and try to make it appear Christian."

In the convention's closing address, Howard Butt, Jr., Corpus Christi Baptist layman, said people are not called to do witnessing for God, but to be witnesses.

"When a person becomes a witness for Christ through the power of God," he explained, "something happens down in the deepest recesses of that man's personality that makes him different."

Nearly 2,000 people attended the convention. Officers elected for 1961-62 are A. J. Kincaid of Mesquite, Tex., president; Paul Cates of Lubbock, Tex., vice president; and Buno Morgan of Corpus Christi, Tex., recording-secretary.

The 1962 Brotherhood Convention will meet in Fort Worth Oct. 29-30.

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Folks and facts.....

(9-28-61)

.....Harriet Schroeder, formerly of Memphis, Tenn., has been appointed to the faculty of Hardin-Simmons University as special instructor in biology. Miss Schroeder is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Schroeder of Memphis. Schroeder is executive secretary for the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. She is a graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and has completed most of the requirements for the master's degree from Memphis State University. She lacks only her thesis and expects to complete that work this year. (BP)

.....J. Cleo Thompson, Dallas attorney and independent oil operator, was honored as Howard Payne University's "Man-of-the-Year" during homecoming activities, in Brownwood, Tex. He was principal speaker for the school's annual "Man-of-the-Year" banquet. A 1921 graduate of Howard Payne, Thompson was a football and baseball star at Howard Payne. (BP)

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Date for the Howard Payne homecoming is Oct. 13-14. If above is used before that time, please change verbs to future tense, and include dates after "Brownwood, Tex.," line 3.

Six Baptist Chaplains
Called From Pastorates

DALLAS (BP)--Six Texas Baptist pastors were called to active duty chaplains in the 49th Armored Division of the Texas Army National Guard when the unit was activated in a quick move to beef up the nation's defenses.

More than 1,200 men, including 15 chaplains, in the 49th Armored were told to report to active duty at Fort Polk, La., by Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara soon after the death of United Nations General Secretary Dag Hammarskjold.

Six of the 15 chaplains in the division are Southern Baptists. Lt. Col. Charles Pitts, pastor of the Highland Baptist Church in Dallas for the past seven years, will leave his pastorate and serve full-time as division chaplain.

The chaplains will trade their suits and clerical garb for the olive drab of the Army, but their weapon will remain the same---the Holy Bible.

Serving as assistant division chaplains will be a Southern Baptist pastor and a Presbyterian.

They are Maj. Ervin L. Whetsell, pastor of Park Heights Baptist Church in San Angelo, Tex.; and Maj. Willie F. Cate, pastor of Betheny Presbyterian Church in Houston.

Four other Baptist chaplains called to active duty in time of crisis include Capt. Claude B. Gooch, pastor of the Rayland Baptist Church near Vernon, Tex., Capt. Robert L. Herring, pastor of Lakewood Baptist Church in Dallas; 1st Lt. Ike Cortney, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, San Angelo, Tex.; and 1st Lt. Bill Hunt, pastor of Conway Avenue Baptist Church, Mission, Tex.

Several churches have granted their pastors military leave-of-absence to serve their country, while other ministers are resigning their pastorates.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

Photo of Chaplains Pitts and Herring being mailed to state Baptist papers. Available to others on request.

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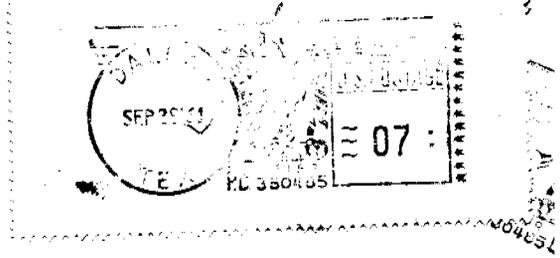
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