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Latimer, Brotherhood
Leader, Dies At 82

MEMPHIS (BP)--Hugh F. Latimer Sr., a leader of men's work among Southern Baptists for 13 years, died Jan. 10 at his home here after an illness of six months. He was 82.

Services were conducted Jan. 12 at First Baptist Church here. Burial was in Memphis' Memorial Park.

Before his retirement in 1951, Latimer was associate executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission of the Convention.

Born and reared in Johnson, S. C., Latimer was employed by Southern Railway System at Birmingham before launching a career of church-related work.

Latimer served as director of church activities at First Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C., and state representative of the SDC Annuity Board before accepting the men's work assignment here in 1938.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Kathleen Ware Latimer of Memphis; a daughter, and a son.

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South America Boys'
Work Clinics Slated

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MEMPHIS (BP)--Three well-known supporters of Royal Ambassadors will participate in a month-long, 11-city tour of South America in an effort to bolster the missionary education program for boys there.

Making the tour are Edward Hurt Jr., associate secretary in charge of boys' work at the Southern Baptist Convention Brotherhood Commission here; William Jackson, Royal Ambassador secretary for North Carolina Baptists, Raleigh and Robert S. Scales, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

Eight of the stops will be in Brazil--Belem, Recife, Salvador, Brasilia, Bel Horizonte, Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and Porto Alegre. The men also will visit Montevideo, Uruguay; Buenos Aires, Argentina and Santiago, Chile.

At each city, the men will direct training clinics for men and women who work with boys.

Brotherhood work is still weak in the South American countries, Hurt said, and women are still directing most of the boys' work. Plans are to strengthen the men's work with the men assuming the responsibility of leading the boys, he said.

The visitors also will appear at boys' rallies where they will introduce the youngsters to the Royal Ambassador (boys') program.

Hurt hopes to talk with missionaries about starting boys' work programs in their areas. At the same time, he will try to find out what Royal Ambassadors and Brotherhood men in this country can do to make the work of missionaries more effective.

Men and boys have a natural interest in missions, Hurt explained. Missionary education is the core of the boys' program and missions is one of the four major areas emphasized in Brotherhood work.

The tour grew out of a request for such a visit from Alvin Hatton, director of Royal Ambassador work in Brazil. He is a former Royal Ambassador secretary for Arkansas Baptists.

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Scales was named to the touring group because of his unusual interest in Royal Ambassador work. The Royal Ambassador program in his church is one of the strongest in the Southern Baptist Convention, Hurt said.

Scales will tell pastors on the mission fields of the value of Royal Ambassadors in his church and how it may contribute to their total church program.

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Education Leaders Of 2
Baptist Groups Convene

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CLEVELAND, Ohio (BP)--Education leaders of the American Baptist and Southern Baptist Conventions held a fellowship banquet here. It was the first such meeting in recent times.

Wilbur Larson, Valley Forge, Pa., secretary of Latin American work for American Baptist Home Mission Societies, described "Our Educational Involvements in Latin America."

Rabun L. Brentley of Nashville, executive secretary of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, responded with information on Southern Baptist education work in Latin America.

Elmer G. Million, East Norristown, Pa., director of the department of schools and colleges for the American Baptist Board of Education and Publication, reported on a new program in which American Convention-related colleges will take part.

Selected students in their junior year of college, will spend that year abroad studying in a university. Million said it is part of the colleges' effort to implement their missionary responsibilities.

About 20 educators from the two conventions dined together. Severe weather conditions throughout the nation prevented many educators from reaching Cleveland, site of the annual meeting of the American Association of Colleges.

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Georgia Chief Justice
Favors School Prayers

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ATLANTA (BP)--The chief justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia here favors prayers in the public schools.

His stand, a private opinion rather than a judicial interpretation for the court, was carried in the weekly bulletin of Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta. Justice William Henry Duckworth belongs to this church, of which Louie D. Newton is pastor.

"I would feel unworthy of my office should I remain silent while prayers to the God in whom I trust are suppressed in public schools under the claim that Constitutional mandates for separation of Church and State require it," Justice Duckworth began.

He contends, "The Constitution simply means that each shall be independent of the other, and neither shall exercise control over the other. Proof of this is found in another mandate of law, State and Federal, that all governmental officers, including justices of the supreme courts, State and Federal, must take an oath of office which contains the words 'So help me God.' That ours is a nation that trusts in God is demonstrated by the inscription it puts upon its coins, 'In God We Trust.' The pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States expressly recognizes 'God.'"

The justice concludes, "To deprive school children of the privilege of having God's blessings invoked upon them would be to renounce the faith of the Founding Fathers of the nation that we love."

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The Supreme Court of the United States currently has before it a challenge of Bible reading which many public school classes practice. The decision is expected to have a far-reaching effect on the use of the Bible, daily prayers and spiritual references at Christmas and Easter in public school classrooms.

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Folks and Facts.....

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.....The number of Baptist churches in the Henderson, Ky., area using systematic budget promotion tripled last year. Only five churches had tried any budget campaign until 1961 when, under a stewardship cultivation program of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, 15 churches engaged in budget drives. The cultivation program uses Forward Program of Church Finance, developed for Southern Baptist churches. (BP)

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