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24 Laymen Making
Alaskan Journey

MEMPHIS--(BP)--The Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention will sponsor a "Laymen's Week" in Alaska, July 12-17.

Upon invitation of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, this week will replace one of the two evangelistic weeks sponsored annually by the board. 24 men from 10 states will leave from Seattle, Wash., on July 11 and fly to four cities in Alaska. From these four points they will work as teams to visit every Southern Baptist church in Alaska during the week.

"We are pleased for this opportunity for our churches to hear outstanding Baptist laymen give their testimony of service to Christ through their churches. We want this week to be just that with emphasis on stewardship and personal witnessing," said E. A. Watson, Anchorage, state superintendent of missions for Alaska.

Watson is acting as liaison man with James M. Sapp, director of promotion of the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, who will lead the group.

"Each man will have a definite assignment and will speak on some phase of his church and denominational program. He will back up his message with his own personal testimony of work and service in his church, his association, state and, in some instances, the Southern Baptist Convention," Sapp stated.

The 24 men will be divided into four teams and work out of Juneau, Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Kotzebue.

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Home Board Appoints
Louisiana Associate

ALEXANDRIA, La.--(BP)--Fred B. Moseley, associate executive secretary of Louisiana Baptist Convention here, has accepted the office of secretary of city missions with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

His new office will be in Atlanta and he takes charge of the city missions department June 1.

As associate executive secretary of Louisiana Baptists, Moseley has been director of promotion and missions also.

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Baptist Busy Civic
Foundation Leaders

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.--(BP)--The newly created Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas, Inc., successor to the Temperance League of Arkansas, elected officers, named a full-time executive director, adopted an annual budget of \$22,000, and made plans for the organization of County units in all of the 75 counties of the state, at a meeting here.

Named as executive director was William E. Brown, pastor of First Methodist Church, Benton, Ark.

Tom F. Digby, Little Rock attorney, was named president of the Foundation. Other officers include Rheubin L. South, pastor of Park Hill Baptist Church, North Little Rock, second vice-president, and Paul Meers, Dardanelle, Ark., Baptist layman, third vice-president.

Among those named to the executive committee of the Foundation was Erwin L. McDonald, Little Rock, editor of the Arkansas Baptist. McDonald also was one of three elected to represent the Arkansas Foundation on the board of directors of the National Temperance League, Washington, D. C.

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Eason To Receive
Doctorate of Laws

PHOENIX, Ariz.--(BP)--Glenn Eason, dean and acting president of Grand Canyon College here will be honored by the institution which he serves at annual commencement exercises May 25.

The college will confer on him the doctor of laws degree. Trustees had already voted to confer the doctor of laws degree upon Mrs. William Fleming of Fort Worth, Tex.

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Auditorium Planned
At Mars Hill College

MARS HILL, N. C.--(BP)--A new auditorium and fine arts building for Mars Hill College here will cost an estimate \$800,000. With furnishings, equipment, and landscaping, the total may exceed \$1 million, college officials said.

Construction is expected to begin in late May. A formal ground-breaking ceremony has been scheduled for May 30, during the commencement season.

The building will be named the Robert Lee Moore Memorial Auditorium and Fine Arts Building in honor of the late President Moore, who became head of the college in 1897 and served as president, advisor, and inspirational leader for 51 years.

Approximately \$340,000 has been raised through contributions during the last 15 years. Last November the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, which controls the junior college, authorized Mars Hill trustees to borrow up to \$500,000. The remaining expense must be financed by additional contributions for alumni and friends, and by other means.

The building, which will contain 60,000 square feet of floor space, will include an 1800-seat auditorium, an auxiliary auditorium which will seat 100 and will provide facilities for the departments of music, art, drama, and Bible.

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Call New Assembly
By Name 'Gulfshore'

PASS CHRISTIAN, Miss.--(BP)--Gulfshore Baptist Assembly is the new name of the Henderson Point assembly property here, recently purchased by Mississippi Baptist Convention.

The name was adopted by the executive committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in its May session. Names had been submitted by a number of people but the name Gulfshore was not listed among them.

Present plans are to begin using Gulfshore for the summer season of 1960, according to Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, convention executive-secretary.

Kittiwake Baptist Assembly, also located at Pass Christian and owned by the Convention, will continue to be used by the Convention through the 1959 season.

Gulfshore Assembly was purchased as surplus property from the federal government and has an estimate value well over \$1 million.

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College To Honor
50-Year-Ago Grads

WINGATE, N. C.--(BP)--For the second year in a row, Wingate College here plans to honor its "golden anniversary graduates" at its regular commencement program.

These are the persons who graduate from the Baptist junior college in 1909. College officials present them with "golden anniversary" diplomas.

The graduation address at the school will be delivered by R. Orin Cornett, Washington, consultant with the U. S. Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Cornett is former executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Education Commission.

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Illionois Church
Trains New Leaders

CARBONDALE, Ill.--(BP)--"Training for denominational leadership" could be the motto of this city's University Baptist Church. Two of its pastors have been called to Baptist leadership positions.

The State Convention of Baptists in Indiana called the present pastor, George M. Slayton, to be secretary of missions, church finance, and Brotherhood in their new organization. He will move to Plainfield, Ind., June 1.

A former pastor, Robert J. Hastings, was called by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1955 as assistant director of church finance. He has helped to develop and promote the Forward Program of Church Finance in the SBC.

The church has prospered under both men's leadership, undertaking building programs, gaining in membership, and increasing gifts.

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Furman To Have New
Development Director

GREENVILLE, S. C.--(BP)--Luther Smith, executive secretary of Georgia Foundation for Independent Colleges, will become director of development at Furman University here.

As director of development, Smith will be in charge of the University's alumni, fund-raising, and public relations programs. He will replace Dyar Massey, who resigned several weeks ago to take a similar post at Emory University in Atlanta.

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Oklahoma Building
New Home For Aged

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.--(BP)--Ground was broken here for the first dwelling to be built at the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma's golden age home.

The site is located east of Baptist Memorial Hospital.

The first dwelling,, an individual brick residence, will be the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Rounds and Mrs. Rounds' sister, Mrs. Bertha Fisher. Construction of the Rounds' residence is expected to begin within 30 days.

Dr. Rounds is former executive secretary of the state Baptist convention and former director of Indian work for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He helped establish Oklahoma Baptists' annual Falls Creek assembly near Davis, Okla.

The golden age home here, when complete, will include 60 to 65 individaul brick homes, to be planned and paid for by the original persons living in them. Four dormitory-type units also will be erected, plus an administration building, residence for the manager, recreational facilities, and an infirmary. A central dining room and kitchen will serve dormitory residents.

The convention will provide lots for and handle upkeep, except for interiors, of individual residences. It also will own the homes, but persons paying for their erection may live in them as long as they live.

The Oklahoma City golden age home will be the second owned and operated by State Baptists. The convention recently dedicated a golden age home at Hugo.

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20 Chicago Churches
Dedicate Property

CHICAGO--(BP)--Twenty Chicago Southern Baptist congregations dedicated new property on Sunday, May 10, in unique simultaneous services.

Brooks Hays, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and former congressman from Arkansas, spoke at a giant rally---attended by 1500 persons---on Sunday evening in the grand ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel climaxing the day's services. Noel M. Taylor, Carbondale, executive secretary of the Illinois Baptist State Association, led the dedicatory services.

The event was part of the movement toward 30,000 new churches and missions launched by Southern Baptists, America's second largest evangelical denomination. The goal of the movement is a Baptist church in every community.

14 of the churches here dedicated new buildings, while four others placed cornerstones in buildings under construction, and two churches held ground-breaking services initiating building programs.

Churches in which special services were held reached from Hammond, Ind., on the south to Lake Shore, Ill., in the north Greater Chicago area. All are within an hour's commuting time from Chicago's Loop.

Total value of the buildings and sites dedicated is \$1,107,000. Individual sites ranged in cost from \$3500 to \$30,000. Building costs varied from \$16,500 for a first unit of the First Baptist Church, Burnham, to the \$160,000 educational unit of the First Southern Baptist Church in Hammond, Ind.

Architectural styles included a simple rectangular building to the modernistic styling of the Argo-Summit Baptist Church sanctuary.

Financing for these buildings came from offerings of the local congregations, loans from the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and sale of Broadway Bonds.

The bonds, bearing five percent interest, were issued by the local churches and payment promised by the issuing churches out of their receipts. The Illinois Baptist State Association underwrote these bonds, protecting the investor against default. The 20 churches have issued \$550,000 in Broadway Bonds.

These new churches were started by small groups meeting in store-front buildings, rented halls on second and third stories, and private homes. First services often attracted only a dozen or so people. Congregations now vary from 30 or 40 to one church having 769 members.

As they have grown in membership, these congregations have moved from their first locations. They have acquired property, erected church houses, educational units, and homes for their pastors. Many have sites in fast-growing suburban areas. Others have purchased buildings from other church groups which ceased having services.