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Little Rock Baptist High Future Uncertain

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.--(BP)--Baptist High School here will become a permanent educational institution or it will cease operating altogether, its management has declared.

Established originally by Ouachita Baptist College at Arkadelphia, Ark., the school is now operated by Baptist Education Foundation. It has provided secondary school education while public high schools in Little Rock were closed over the integration issue.

The foundation reported it had voted to "proceed on the basis of establishing a permanent, Christian academy provided there is sufficient interest and support for this type of school."

The school enrolled about 365 students during its one-year operation on an interim basis. Tuition charges of \$250 a year are necessary if the school assumes permanent standing.

Hardy L. Winburn, president of the group operating the school, added it had not been decided how many students would have to register to justify permanent existence. He said it would "undoubtedly be a small school" and have a "very basic curriculum."

The school operated last year in Second Baptist Church here but other quarters will be needed if the Baptist school reopens in September.

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Churches To Exclude Members Selling Liquor

OKLAHOMA CITY--(BP)--Looking ahead to Oklahoma's first legal liquor traffic, to begin by Sept. 1, seven Baptist churches in Oklahoma have adopted resolutions prescribing exclusion for any member who associates with the liquor business.

Though most Southern Baptist churches adopt a "church covenant" in which members agree "to abstain from the sale of, and use of, intoxicating drinks as a beverage," since repeal of prohibition in Oklahoma, some churches have spelled out discipline for violation of this part of the covenant.

First Baptist Churches in Lawton, Edmond, Ardmore, Idabel, Okmulgee, and Antlers and Victory Park Baptist Church in McAlester have adopted such resolutions.

According to the resolution at Idabel, "any church member proved to be involved directly or indirectly in the manufacture, distribution or sale, either wholesale or retail, of intoxicating beverages, legal or illegal (including 3.2 beer)" would be automatically suspended as a member. Suspension would not end until the member corrected his behavior and made "apologies to the church."

The executive committee of Enon Association, of which First Church, Ardmore, is a member, commended that church for its stand.

Lowell Milburn, pastor of First Baptist Church, Shawnee, expressed the opinion that it would not be right "to turn members out for selling alcoholic beverages and not to turn them out for using them." He said he felt that in re-emphasizing the church covenant, "each case should be decided on its own merit."

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American Convention Dedicates New Site

VALLEY FORGE, Pa.--(BP)--Official dedication of the grounds for new American Baptist Convention headquarters took place here July 5.

Edwin H. Tuller, New York, general secretary of the Convention, gave the response to the welcome by local officials.

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A prayer of dedication was offered by Herbert J. Gezork, Newton Centre, Mass., president of the American Baptist Convention and also president of Andover Newton Theological School.

Another address was delivered by Clarence W. Cranford, Washington, D. C., pastor of Calvary Baptist Church and former president of the American Baptist Convention. (The church is also affiliated with Southern Baptists.)

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Folks and facts.....

.....The Canadian Baptist, weekly publication of two Baptist conventions in Canada, celebrated its 100th anniversary June 15. Issued at Toronto, the paper is edited by Harold U. Trinier. It has a circulation of 14,500.

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Alaska Holds First
State Encampment

WASILLA, Alaska--(BP)--William Hall Preston, student department worker of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville was principal speaker at the first state Assembly of the Alaska Baptist Convention. His theme was, "Never Hit a Low Note."

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sherer, foreign missionaries to Japan, were on leave and passing through Alaska. They visited the assembly and related their experiences and the history of Baptist work in Japan.

Baptist Lake here--site of the assembly--is a primitive wilderness, hidden among the hills on the western edge of the Matanuska valley. The lake is nearly a mile long and about one-half mile wide. 64 persons enrolled at this first state assembly.

Those attending camped in tents, and cooked, studied, and prayed together. Sleeping bags and air mattresses were loaned and arranged to make everyone as comfortable as possible.

Felton Griffin, pastor of First Baptist Church, Anchorage, 100 miles away, flew back and forth in his small plane, landing on the lake.

Miss Benita Brothers, Baptist student summer missionary from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill., helped lead the campfire service at the close of each day.

Ben N. Hill, general missionary of Alaska Baptist Convention, was organizer and director of the state assembly. Attendance goal next year is 200, and dates are July 4-8.

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New City Missionary
For Chicago Elected

CARBONDALE, Ill.--(BP)--William A. Powell, pastor of Cornell Ave. Baptist Church, Chicago, has been elected city missionary of Chicago.

The executive committee of the Illinois Baptist State Association elected him in its meeting here. He will begin his new duties about July 15.

A native of Alabama, Powell received his high school education at Dothan and graduated from the University of Alabama in 1950. He received the B. D. degree from the New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary in 1954.

In 1944 he was stationed at the Chicago Naval Center. It was during that year he was won to the Lord. He was baptized at Huntingdon St. Baptist Church in New London, Conn., while serving with a submarine unit.

He united with the West End Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala., in 1947, and was called to the ministry during his undergraduate years at the University of Alabama. He served as pastor of part-time churches during his college and seminary years.

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In the denomination, he has served as moderator of Bethel Baptist Association of Alabama, moderator of Chicago Southern Baptist Association, and chairman of the first city missions committee in Chicago.

During his pastorate at Cornell Ave. Church, Powell led in a building program and in establishing the Elk Grove Village and Englewood Missions.

Powell succeeds Harold E. Cameron as city missionary in Chicago. Cameron resigned the position several months ago to become state secretary of missions with the Illinois Baptist State Association.

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Wake Forest Initiates German Student Swap

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.--(BP)--A student exchange program has been worked out between Wake Forest College here and the Free University of Berlin.

The plan, originated on the Wake Forest campus last winter, means that each institution will select one student each year for exchange. The names of the first two students were announced by Kenneth Keeton, assistant professor of German and faculty adviser to a student committee which planned the program.

Dan A. Jones, a sophomore from Raleigh, N. C., has been chosen as the Wake Forest representative. Hans Ulrich Zieten, a second year student in the European university plan, has been selected by the Free University of Berlin.

Jones plans to major in German literature. Zieten is majoring in business administration.

Under the plan, each student's expenses will be covered with the exception of travel cost. The plan got its first financial boost last March when the Winston-Salem Rotary Club gave \$750 for the project. In addition Zieten will receive a scholarship and also will be paid for conducting laboratory sessions for advanced students in German.

Jones will receive a monthly stipend, exemption for tuition fees, and transportation from the point of arrival in Germany to Berlin.

Jones will be in Berlin from Oct. 15 to the end of August, 1960, with a three months vacation period in between. Zieten will be on the Baptist school campus here for the regular academic year beginning in September.

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Graham Needed There, Arkansas Editor Says

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.--(BP)--Noting the time of his arrival is mid-September, the editor of the Arkansas Baptist here wrote a special word of welcome to Evangelist Billy Graham.

Graham will be in the Arkansas capital city Sept. 12-13 for preaching engagements. September is the traditional time for opening of schools, and Little Rock is being watched especially since its public high schools were closed last year because of the integration question.

"Whether or not the improvement in the Little Rock situation of the last few weeks is to continue, and what the situation will be by mid-September, only God knows," Editor Erwin L. McDonald said. "But the greater the evidence of man's depravity and of his inhumanity to his fellow man, the greater the preaching of a Billy Graham is needed.

"This is not to imply that Little Rock is destitute of spiritual leadership," McDonald continued. "But Billy Graham, though he preaches the same gospel that is preached consistently from the pulpits of our city, and though he is called by the same God who has called countless thousands of others, apparently has a special anointing of the Holy Spirit."

McDonald reported that the evangelist was originally scheduled to appear in Little Rock for three weeks in August, but that his was cancelled "on the counsel of the local Graham crusade committee of ministers and Christian businessmen and because of the race situation." The Arkansas Baptist is weekly publication of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, with offices in Little Rock.

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