

July 26, 1959

North Carolina Elects Brotherhood Secretary

HENDERSONVILLE, N. C.--(BP)--The general board of the Baptist State Convention in session at Fruitland Assembly near here elected a new president and named a new Brotherhood secretary.

Nane Barnes, pastor of West Asheville Baptist Church, was elevated from vice-president to president, succeeding L. H. Hollingsworth of Boone who resigned to become chaplain of Wake Forest College Aug. 1. Employees of agencies or institutions are not eligible to serve on the board.

Clyde L. Davis of Stedman, missionary in the New South River Association for the past two years, was elected Brotherhood secretary. The post has been vacant since Jan. 1, 1958, when Horace Eason of Shelby retired.

Davis, 38, is a native of Hammond, La., and a graduate of Mississippi College. While serving West Side Baptist Church in Red Springs, N. C. for five years, he earned his degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

His wife is the former Thelma Haman of Lumberton, N. C. and they have four children. Davis assumes his work Sept. 1 after trips to Memphis and Montgomery, Ala., to study details of Brotherhood work on a Southwide basis and in a typical statewide program.

In other actions, the board:

Authorized construction of a new \$60,000 student center at Greensboro to serve Baptist students at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina.

Approved employment of an additional associate for the state BSU secretary.

Authorized Jerry Potter, missionary to the deaf, and a licensed pilot, to purchase an airplane, the funds to come from churches which have organized work among the deaf.

Referred to the board's executive committee a proposal that a psychiatric hospital at Graylyn become a part of the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem. The Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest College operated the facility until it closed Dec. 31, 1958. Wake Forest trustees will lease the property, valued at \$1 million, to the hospital for \$1 a year.

Gave approval to Campbell College's tentative plans to become a four-year college.

Elected R. N. Simms, Jr., Raleigh attorney, chairman of special committee to amend the convention's constitution, incorporating changes approved by a special session in Raleigh May 5-6.

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New Mexico To Hike SBC Share Of Budget

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.--(BP)--The Baptist Convention of New Mexico's executive board voted here to increase the percentage of its Cooperative Program budget which goes to the Southern Baptist Convention for worldwide missionary, educational, and benevolent work.

The proposed 1960 Cooperative Program budget of \$600,000 would be divided 30 per cent for SBC objectives and 70 per cent for state missions.

The current budget of \$459,559 through the Cooperative Program is being shared on a 25-75 per cent basis.

The proposed budget is subject to approval by the annual convention, which meets this Fall.

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The board estimated total convention income from all sources at \$1,126,475 during 1960.

Alton B. Green, pastor, First Baptist Church, Belen, N. M., was elected secretary of evangelism for the state, filling a vacancy. Green, if he accepts the call, will assume the new position in the immediate future.

The duties of Gerald B. Palmer were increased and his title was changed from secretary of Spanish and Indian missions to director of missions. Because of the changing relationship between the state board and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, this change became necessary, it was reported.

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Little Rock Baptist School Not Opening

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.--(BP)--Baptist High School, operated here last year on an emergency basis because of the closing by Gov. Orval Faubus of the public high schools, will not continue to operate, its board, The Baptist Educational Foundation, decided.

The Baptist Education Foundation had previously announced the school would not continue as a temporary institution but that it would be operated on a permanent basis if sufficient support was indicated from parents having children who would attend the school during the coming year.

The Baptist High board had announced that if paid registration for each of the three grades, 10, 11, 12, totalled 75 or more, it would undertake the establishment of a permanent "Christian academy." But paying registrants numbered only 22.

In a similar action, the vestry of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral instructed its interim academy board and faculty to "continue on inactive status." The Episcopal school had operated as an interim school, as had Baptist High.

Pre-registration continued at the four public high schools without incident as the school board of the Little Rock schools went ahead with plans to re-open the schools in September.

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Folks and facts.....

.....A Baptist layman, shoe manufacturer W. Maxey Jarman of Nashville, Tenn., has been elected a vice-president of the American Bible Society.

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"Peace is our Profession." That was the motto in evidence everywhere on the base at Strategic Air Command Headquarters, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Neb., as a group of national religious leaders were guests of Commanding General Thomas S. Power early in July.

The writer was the only Southern Baptist in the group of 25 and was substituting for the President of the Convention, Dr. Ramsey Pollard. Except for partial travel, afforded by a SAC plane on official business, our expenses were borne individually--not by the government. We paid our own housing, meals, and other expenses.

A very full day afforded the group a never-to-be-forgotten experience. The world seemed increasingly to shrink as the far-flung SAC installations throughout the globe were pin-pointed before our eyes. The climax of the visit was a tour of the nerve center of the force, a fantastic installation far underground and capable of sealed-in existence for a minimum of 30 days.

Here was the much dramatized "red telephone," the instrument over which, in case of enemy attack, instantaneous contact can be made with every SAC base in the world. Here we saw and heard the airman on duty, with the flip of a switch, call in and talk to installations in Spain, in Africa, in the Pacific, in Greenland, in Alaska, and all over the United States.

Closed-circuit television continuously portrayed the sky-searching watchfulness of the Air Force Control Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. In front of the control desk was a gigantic two-story viewing section where, on panels 20 feet high and mounted on tracks, every facet of activity from world weather to the position of individual bombers and their crews could be surveyed by the general staff twice each day.

Recently, closed-circuit television was installed to carry the briefings to the offices of the general and senior staff members, making unnecessary their personal presence on the viewing balconies.

Adjoining the communications section was the computer section where hundreds of individuals and thousands of man hours are saved each week by the adaptation of electronic computers which assimilate and store millions of facts in classified order and store this knowledge on magnetic tape.

In the event of nuclear attack this nerve center can be sealed off by the touch of a button. Huge doors would slide into their channels, the thick walls and massive ceiling impervious to radiation. The underground has its own water supply, power facility, air-conditioning system, and all utilities. It is stocked with enough provisions to enable the personnel on duty to survive a minimum of 30 days.

With the B-47 still as its major weapon, SAC is adding the B-52 very rapidly, and soon will have other planes of dramatic design and undisclosed feats of superiority. With in-flight refueling any of these ships can circle the globe non-stop.

Because of iron-clad security we were not privileged to go near the landing strips where, at every base, crews are on the alert every moment of the day. Great pride is taken by the bomber crews in getting into the air in the shortest possible time and the speed is increasing. Somewhere, throughout the world, SAC crews are in the air day after day, fully loaded and ready for action the instant orders are flashed, but such an order can only come after direction from the President.

With full appreciation for all branches of our armed forces, it seemed the conclusion of this group that SAC is a major deterrent to possible attack.