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Glorieta Assembly Has Its Largest Attendance

GLORIETA, N. M.--(BP)--Glorieta Baptist Assembly here has reported its highest registration in history, 1573 during the joint Home Missions and Writers Conferences.

Assembly Mgr. E. A. Herron reported this topped the 1536 who registered during a Sunday school conference earlier in the summer.

Located in the Rocky Mountains of New Mexico, Glorieta Assembly opened in 1952 after being approved by the Southern Baptist Convention as a western summer conference site in 1949.

The July session of the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board, a conference for deaf Baptists from all parts of the Convention, and the presence of state secretaries of evangelism and associational missionaries helped boost the attendance past the previous record.

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Ouachita Commencement Honors Two Pastors

ARKADELPHIA, Ark.--(BP)--Two Baptist ministers will receive Doctor of Divinity degrees at the summer Commencement at Ouachita Baptist College, August 14.

The degrees will be conferred on T. K. Rucker, of Forrest City, Ark. and Stanley Jordan, of Shreveport, La. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., is president of the college.

The Commencement speaker will be Dr. Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission of Texas.

The 30 candidates for degrees include 22 eligible for A. B. degrees, six for B. S. degrees and one each for Bachelor of Science in Education and Bachelor of Music Education.

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Chaplains Magnify Church, Evangelism

GLORIETA, N. M.--(BP)--"The great problem of the local church is dedication on the part of Christians," asserted George W. Cummins of Atlanta, speaking here on the work of the chaplaincy.

His audience comprised 1573 Baptists registered at Glorieta Baptist Assembly during the annual Home Missions Conference week.

This was the largest attendance ever reported for any conference week in Glorieta's history.

The Southern Baptist Convention, through its division of chaplaincy under the Home Mission Board, covers all areas of chaplains' work, Cummins said. He is associate director of the division.

Not only does the division endorse chaplains to serve with the Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force, but also men to serve in hospitals (both military and civilian), in industrial plants, in penal institutions, and in institutions for care of aged, for mentally ill, and for orphans.

"Chaplains magnify two basic principles," the speaker explained. No matter what the field, the first object of the chaplain is winning lost souls. Working in industry,

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they do not seek capital and labor arbitration, but rather seek the individual, whether capitalist or laborer, for Christ, according to Cummins.

The second aim of a chaplain is the growth of the local church, or the establishment of one. For example, in Alaska the home mission work of Baptists was spearheaded by the chaplains and military personnel stationed there during and since World War II, he added.

"Southern Baptist chaplains last year reported 13,000 professions of faith," announced Courts Redford, Atlanta, executive secretary-treasurer of the Home Mission Board, after Cummins' address.

Cummins, a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., is a former pastor and reserve Navy chaplain.

The work of the chaplains commission of the Home Mission Board includes determining the quota of Southern Baptist chaplains allowed by the government, endorsing chaplains, receiving monthly reports from chaplains, keeping them in contact with churches in areas where they are stationed, and helping to place chaplains in industrial plants and institutions.

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Ouachita Begins Permanent Art Display

ARKADELPHIA, Ark.--(BP)--A painting, "Still Life," by Mrs. Billie Oliver, of Arkadelphia, has been selected as the art work of the year to begin a permanent art collection at Ouachita Baptist College, Phares H. Raybon, head of the Ouachita Art Department, has announced.

The collection will be displayed in Riley Library where Mrs. Oliver's painting has been placed with a metal plate identifying it and giving the name of the student. Mrs. Oliver is the wife of Victor Oliver, associate professor of biology.

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