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**Trouble's Bruin
Among Bee Hives**

GLORIETA, N. M.--(BP)--Glorieta Baptist Assembly had an uninvited guest one night during the Home Missions Conference in the form of a 4-1/2 foot black bear.

The bear which weighed about 250 pounds lumbered down out of the surrounding Sangre de Cristo Mountains, and helped herself to a feast of honey and scouted around for other dainties.

Gardner Cecil Pragnell has a few bee hives among his flowers at the top of a hill. Flowers grow better where there are bees, and he had been hoping someone would give him more bees. He was quite surprised to see the ruins of one of his best hives.

Pragnell loves bears. However he thinks they should hunt their own bee trees elsewhere and not spoil his hives. He plans to make tall stands of four-inch tile filled with cement and put his honey out of the reach of the bear family. For extra protection he will grease the poles holding up the hives.

Bears have never done any really serious damage around here, nor have they hurt any of the thousands of Baptists who come here for the 12 assembly weeks each year. In fact it is rare for one of them to meander into the grounds while so many people are on hand.

The bear which swiped the honey is almost tame, raising her cubs nearby year after year. She is a special friend of Bill Miller, the garage man at the assembly. Miller wants the rapidly-diminishing wild life protected. He saw this bear on her rounds and watched to see that no one shot her.

Manager E. A. Herron said hunting is forbidden on the assembly site, although bear hunts are staged in the adjacent mountains.

Black and brown bears comprise the bear population in this area. When they were plentiful, many of them were killed.

The bears make forays into the assembly grounds during the nine months between assembly sessions, but are not regarded as dangerous. When the apples ripen on trees in Herron's yard in the Fall, bears often come down for their share of fruit.

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**Late-Start Professor
At Louisiana College**

PINEVILLE, La.--(BP)--I. B. Thompson, erstwhile Texas farmer, who didn't realize his ambition to obtain a college degree until 21 years after graduating from high school, has been appointed to Louisiana College's mathematics department faculty for 1959-60.

He will teach basic freshman mathematics courses at the college and will begin his duties in September.

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**Oldest Baptist Hospital
Celebrates 75th Year**

ST. LOUIS, Mo.--(BP)--The Missouri Baptist Hospital here, the oldest Baptist hospital in the world, will celebrate its seventy-fifth anniversary on November 9th.

C. E. Copeland, administrator of the hospital, has announced a \$10 million-dollar expansion program for the hospital on a new site in St. Louis.

The hospital now has 18 buildings worth \$1,837,334 and a bed capacity of 525.

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Visitors To Glorieta
See Cliff Dwellings

By Mrs. Fred Terry

Guests at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, N. M., enjoy visits to Bandelier National Monument, 42 miles from Santa Fe on the Pajarita Plateau of the Jemez Mountains.

The area is named for Adolph Bandelier, a Swiss-American archeologist whose work revealed the unique life of Indians in the area.

Many centuries ago volcanic activity heaved up the Jemez Mountains. Volcanic ash and lava formed many cliffs. The Indians discovered that the substance was soft enough to carve out caves, yet hard enough to make permanent shelters. The Indians dug their homes out of the side of the mountains. In these unusual villages they enjoyed communal life for generations. The cliff dwellings still remain and scores of Baptists are among the tourists who visit them now.

Some rooms show the smoke of cooking fires. Others once used for storage, had pottery, pictures, clothing, implements of war and industry. A nearby museum contains numerous examples of Indian art and culture. A sign says, "Take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints."

"Rito de los Frijoles," or Bean Creek, flowing through the canyon furnished water for the Indians. The stream begins high in the mountains, moves through a plateau, and cuts deep gorges on its way to the Rio Grande River.

In cultivated fields below the cliffs, Indians planted corn, beans, squash, onions, peppers, and pumpkins. They made cooking utensils and pottery from fire-cured clay.

Glorieta registrants who visit the park can see the ancient pueblo of Tyuonyi, a circular ruin of 400 rooms, many of them without doors. Beneath the ruin is a huge kiva, an underground chamber 42 feet in diameter built to hold secret meetings. The kiva is entered by ladders, has a smoke chimney and a vent to return cold air.

An ingeniously-made hole in the floor is the "si-pa-pu" or spirit entrance. According to ancient Indian legends, baby souls enter the world through it, and souls of the dead return to the spirit world.

Indian pictures reveal that deer, elk, bear, turkeys, and mountain sheep once abounded in the hills and grazed in the volcano crater. Today herds of cattle, sheep, and a few burros feed in the same crater. They look small and peaceful in its vast expanse.

It is not hard to picture that day when the ground first trembled and smoke arose from the crevices. Today, however, all is quiet and safe.

Bandelier Park is one of the many interesting sidelights which Baptists will find during their visits to mile-high Glorieta Assembly.

Illiterate Woman Sparks
Literacy Workshop

PINEVILLE, Ky.--(BP)--Dr. Richard Cortright, head of the Literacy Center of Baylor University, will conduct a Literacy Workshop at Clear Creek Baptist School here October 9 and 10.

The workshop, which will be open to interested people in the mountain areas of Kentucky, will be the first of its kind in this state. It is expected to become a pattern for other literacy workshops, according to D. M. Aldridge, president of the Clear Creek School.

Interest in the literacy program stemmed from the offer of a Bible to a new convert by a student at Clear Creek, a Kentucky Baptist-affiliated Bible institute. When the woman refused the Bible, stating that she could not read, the student-pastor became interested in getting help for her.

A Literacy Rally is scheduled at the school for the evening of September 3. The purpose of the rally is to enlist aid of pastors, church members, and county agencies in getting people to attend the workshops.

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DEAN, PROFESSOR NAMED
AT LOUISIANA COLLEGE

PINEVILLE, La.--(BP)--A. Loyd Collins has been elected dean of men at Louisiana College, according to President G. Earl Guinn.

A native of Missouri, Collins has been professor of elementary education for the past two years.

Guy H. Biggs has been appointed to the college faculty and will teach secondary education principles and methods.

He comes from a teaching position in Waynesburg College in Pennsylvania. His home state is West Virginia.

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Wingate College Adds
Two Music Professors

WINGATE, N. C.--(BP)--Oliver Yost and Miss Helen Board will begin teaching in the music department at Wingate College in September.

Mr. Yost is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is a native of Pennsylvania.

Miss Board is a graduate of the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.

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