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NEW STUDENT PROGRAM

DALLAS, Tex.--(BP)--"Summer Vacationers," a new program for the purpose of enlisting more students during the vacation period in church work, was recently formed by the Texas Baptist Student Work Department.

Two separate phases of the program will be projected. One, the rural work program, will help reach needy and neglected areas of an association with students supplying pulpits, holding Vacation Bible Schools, conducting camps and study courses, and doing other things suggested by the association missionary or committee planning the work. The second phase of the program is planned to aid churches unable to have full-time youth or educational directors.

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"BAPTISTS NOT
LITURGICAL GROUP"

ALEXANDRIA, La.--(BP)--"Baptists are not liturgical group," Sterling Price, pastor, University Baptist Church, Abilene, Tex., told pastors and music directors attending the Pastor, Music Director Conference held in Alexandria, La., recently. Price urged churches to discontinue such practices as singing too many unknown hymns, singing music which is above the appreciation level of people, "clowning" during revival services, and too much singing by the choir. "Music sung to the people never serves as well as music sung by the people," the Texan said.

He also called on pastors and music directors to remain close to the popular hymns which are so dear to the hearts of the people.

The estimated 130 persons present for the program heard music discussed from many points of view and by both pastors and music directors.

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CHILD CARE MINISTRY GAINS

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.--(BP)--Child Care Executives of the Southern Baptist Convention in session here heard reports indicating progress in the denomination's orphanages and children's homes. About 5,000 children are cared for in the twenty-two homes over the Convention.

T. M. Johns, superintendent, Florida Baptist Children's Home, Lakeland, was elected president of the group succeeding W. C. Reed, superintendent, Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina, Thomasville.

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EDUCATION GROUP
TO MEET IN OKLAHOMA

SHAWNEE, Okla.--(BP)--The first Christian Education convention to be held in the Southern Baptist Convention will be at Shawnee, Okla., February 12.

Leaders from churches throughout the state will attend the day and evening program devoted to advancing Christian education and directing youth to Christian college campuses. Plans will be made and the groundwork started for Oklahoma's part in the Convention-wide April emphasis on Christian Education.

Program personalities will be J. W. Storer, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor, First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.; E. H. Westmoreland, vice-president of the Convention, and pastor, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.; Robert S. Kerr, senator from Oklahoma, Chester Quarles, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention, Jackson, Miss.; Orin Cornett, executive secretary, Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.; T. B. Lackey, executive secretary, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, Okla.; and John W. Raley, president, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee.

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BSSB HAS NEW DEPARTMENT

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Plans for the creation of a church recreation service of the Baptist Sunday School Board were completed this week when Mrs. Agnes Durant Pylant assumed her duties as secretary of the Board's newest phase of work.

As James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Board, welcomed Mrs. Pylant, he said, "When the executive committee of the Board in its August, 1953 meeting voted to establish a Church Recreation Service, they believed a long-felt need of Southern Baptists had been met." At that time Mrs. Pylant was selected as secretary.

A native of Florida, Mrs. Pylant received her elementary and secondary education there and in Birmingham, Ala. She attended Judson College; has a diploma from the Curry School of Expression, Boston, Mass.; Bachelor of Missionary Training, WMU Training School, Louisville, Ky.; B. A. degree, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Tex.; M.R.E., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

A contributor to various Southern Baptist denominational publications, Mrs. Pylant is also author of Playtime, a book of social recreation written especially for church organizations, published by Broadman Press.(Mat enclosed)

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BAPTIST BRIEFS

CONFERENCE SET FOR LOUISVILLE

LOUISVILLE, Ky.--(BP)--The Convention-wide Conference of Baptist Students, a group to study areas of co-operation between Negro and white Baptists, will meet here March 24-25, according to Victor T. Glass, Nashville, Tenn., chairman of the steering committee. The conference annually attracts 150 students from twenty theological seminaries and colleges in the Southern region.

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INFORMATION NEEDED

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Parents, pastors, and teachers, do you have the names and addresses of any Southern Baptist young men who are enrolled at West Point and the Naval Academy at Annapolis? If so, please send them to G. Kearnie Keegan, secretary, Department of Student Work, 161 Eighth Ave.N., Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Keegan is most anxious for the Student Department to make direct contact with these young men to help them in any way possible. Won't you send the names today?

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"NATURE'S OWN LABORATORIES"

WACO, Tex.--(BP)--Baylor University will use "nature's own laboratories" for summer courses in art, biology, and geology, according to Monroe S. Carroll, dean. Courses in each of the subjects will be taught at field locations high in the Sangre de Cristo mountains of New Mexico, Carroll said. Baylor professors will teach and college credit will be given.

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SECRETARY'S MOTHER DIES

FRANKFORT, Ill.--(BP)--Mrs. Anna Noel Taylor, mother of Noel M. Taylor, executive secretary of the Illinois Baptist State Association, passed away here recently.

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ARIZONA COLLEGE APPROVED
FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATION

PHOENIX, Ariz.--(BP)--Grand Canyon College graduates can now be certified to teach in Arizona's public schools, according to announcement by B. O. Herring, president.

Formal approval of the Baptist college for certification of elementary teachers, for the renewal of certificates and for the undergraduate training of high school teachers was granted by the Arizona state board of education recently.

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