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February Education
Emphasis On Careers

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Vocational guidance pamphlets will be available for churches during the February, 1960, Southern Baptist emphasis on Christian higher education, it was reported here.

Rabun L. Brantley, executive secretary of the Education Commission of the Convention, announced that theme for the 1960 emphasis is "My Vocation--a Career for Christ." It is the seventh annual emphasis on Christian higher education sponsored by the Commission.

There will be three general pamphlets and 12 pamphlets dealing with specific vocations.

Subjects of the general pamphlets are "Christian Careers Defined," "Where Are My Talents? My Interests?", and "Here Comes College."

Vocations receiving treatment in individual pamphlets are engineering, medicine, business, social service, music, teaching, government service, science, agriculture, journalism, art, home economics, and recreation and physical education.

Authors who are specialists in the field will prepare the pamphlets, Brantley said. The material will be directed especially to juniors and seniors in high school and freshmen in college. Brantley added that church librarians and superintendents of intermediate and young people's departments will find the materials "invaluable" in providing vocational guidance.

The Southern Baptist Convention calendar designates Feb. 21, 1960, as "Baptist College Day." On this Sunday, many churches in the Convention will follow the custom of having a special emphasis on Christian higher education.

Brantley said churches may secure samples of the vocational pamphlets free by writing the Education Commission, 127 Ninth Ave. No., Nashville 3. Complete packets, containing enough material for several young people, may be ordered from the Commission at \$1 per packet.

1960 marks a change in time for the education emphasis, Brantley noted. Previously, it has been carried out in April.

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2 Meetings Call
Miller To New York

NEW YORK--(BP)--Conferences on two themes brought A. C. Miller of Nashville, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, to New York for a week.

Miller met with the Council of Social Progress of the American Baptist Convention in a seminar discussing the topic, "The United Nations and foreign policy."

The seminar took place at United Nations.

The second meeting was called by an agency of the federal government. The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare asked Miller to attend a session planning the program for a White House Conference on the Aging in 1961.

Miller was invited to help plan that part of the White House Conference dealing with religious responsibilities toward the aged.

The Commission executive also conferred with personnel at United Nations. He said the Commission will sponsor a seminar here on the work of United Nations in the Fall of 1960.

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Folks and facts.....

.....Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., president of Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, Ky., has announced appointment of Miss Hilda Arnold, of Drakesboro, Ky., as assistant librarian with the faculty rank of associate professor. Miss Arnold holds the M. S. degree in Library Science from the University of Kentucky.

She has had several years of experience as a professional librarian. In her new capacities, she will assist with the moving of Carver School library into its new co-operative operation with the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in the James P. Boyce Centennial Library. Carver School will operate the second floor of this building in the new venture.

Miss Arnold is expected to assume her new duties in December.

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.....The first Baptist college in America was chartered in Rhode Island, Mar. 1, 1764, and named Rhode Island College. The name was later changed to Brown University. The college was opened to students of all denominations or no denomination.

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Booming St. Lawrence
Seaway Baptist Field

COLUMBUS, O.--(BP)--The booming St. Lawrence Seaway region in western New York state now has a pastoral missionary from Southern Baptists.

Ralph Z. Boroughs, formerly of Niagara Falls, N. Y., has moved to Massena, N. Y., to undertake the new program, jointly sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, and Massena area Southern Baptists.

The pastoral missionary, while serving as pastor of one church, helps establish other churches and missions in the surrounding area. This is similar to the pattern followed at New York City and other locations.

The new work at Massena was reported here at the meeting of the executive board of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio.

Boroughs has been pastor at Niagara Falls for five years, during which time 343 persons joined the church, including 92 converts. He was pastor at Gantt, Ala., prior to May, 1954. The Gantt church sponsored the Niagara Falls mission to begin with, but it later affiliated itself with the Ohio Convention which was closer.

Boroughs is a native of Pickens, S. C., and a graduate of Furman University, Greenville, S. C., and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been serving recently as moderator of Frontier Association of churches, which includes Southern Baptist Churches in western New York state and one church in western Pennsylvania.

The Ohio executive board elected James M. Palmer of Langdale, Ala., to succeed Kenneth Allaby, resigned, as area missionary at Toledo, O. Palmer has accepted and will move to Toledo in the near future.

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Ohio Readers Given
Preview Of 1960 Paper

COLUMBUS, O.--(BP)--Readers of the Ohio Baptist Messenger will get a preview of the 1960 model of their Baptist state paper.

Editor R. G. Puckett here announced that the Oct. 15 issue contains 16 pages, an increase over its previous size. The twice-monthly publication of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio will have 16 pages all the time, effective in January.

The Oct. 15 issue will be a two-color edition. Puckett said that the paper will not make use of two colors often because of the cost.

Presently, the editor doubles as secretary of Baptist student work in Ohio convention. One of the future hopes of the convention is to have a full-time editor. The paper also looks forward to a future time when it will be published weekly.

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Telecast Of Moscow
Church Service Likely

THOMASVILLE, N. C.--(BP)--The Soviet government apparently is ready to permit an American network (NBC) to televise two programs from Moscow Baptist Church, the paper Charity and Children reported here.

Last July the Soviet government turned down a joint bid by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission and NBC to televise programs from Moscow Baptist Church.

But just before leaving High Point, N. C., for Europe, Paul Stevens, director of the Commission, revealed that the Soviet Embassy in New York had called NBC with the news that permission would be given to go ahead with the program. Official clearance "in writing" would be forthcoming in a few days, the Soviet Embassy spokesman told NBC.

Charity and Children reported Stevens was elated with the news from NBC, especially since he will be taking part in an Air Force preaching mission in Norway, Denmark, and the Netherlands for the next month. The preaching mission ends Nov. 6 and this would leave him free to go directly to Moscow to assist in filming the programs.

If the film is made, it will be used in two separate programs by NBC. Then it becomes the property of the Radio and Television Commission which will use the film over two "This is the Answer" programs in 1961. This would help amortize the cost of filming the programs in Moscow, Stevens explained to the Baptist paper here.

The plan calls for NBC and the Radio and Television Commission to share the cost up to \$30,000, with any expenses over that amount being borne by the Commission. Total cost is expected to be about \$40,000 which means the Commission would pay approximately \$25,000 for its share in the project.

Coming on the heels of Russian Premier Khrushchev's visit to the United States, the program would have a tremendous audience, it is believed. Many Americans who have visited Moscow return home with glowing words of praise for the Baptist Church in Moscow. (Associated Press carried an article recently about one of its reporters' impressions of a service there.) Russian equipment and personnel would do the filming.

A number of the Russian Baptist leaders attended the 1956 Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City. It appeared probable they would appear on the program. There are about 550,000 Baptists in Russia. The Moscow Church is the only Baptist church in the Russian capital and is one of the few Protestant churches there.

In the last three years, several Baptist leaders from the United States have visited Russia, including Brooks Hays while he served as president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Hays Reports His
United Nations Visit

EDITOR'S NOTE: Brooks Hays, immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, returned recently from a visit to United Nations as Southern Baptist observer. Here he reports on that visit.

By Brooks Hays

The warmth of the welcome given me in New York as the Convention's first unofficial observer to United Nations evidenced a deep appreciation of Baptist influence and our point of view in world affairs.

The secretary-general, Dag Hammarskjold, and the assembly president, Mr. Barundi of Peru, greeted me in my new capacity and referred to the homecoming character of my visit. (I was one of the United States delegates in 1955.)

I remarked to Mr. Hammarskjold that then I was the representative in Congress of only one-third of a million constituents but now have nine million to represent in the temporary UN assignment. I think he was impressed.

There was a lull in the proceedings due partly to the overshadowing interest in Premier Khrushchev's tour but some important speeches were being made by representatives of the "little nations." I was also admitted to some of the cloak room conversations that gave me an insight into the potential issues of the current session.

In a meeting with church and civic representatives the Hon. Walter Robertson of Virginia, one of our United States delegates to the General Assembly, made a convincing presentation of our official attitude toward the admission of Red China to the UN, emphasizing the moral elements.

In briefing sessions of this kind, with an opportunity presented to spokesmen for non-governmental organizations, we have a fine demonstration of how American democracy works, even in the consideration of international issues.

One gratifying aspect of the action of our 1959 Southern Baptist Convention in adopting the World Peace Committee's recommendation that a UN observer be designated is that other religious bodies are made aware of our deep interest in world issues such as religious liberty, maintenance of peace and the attack upon hunger and disease.

The informal contacts between the leaders of the great denominations, which the UN arrangements provide, are valuable aids to the churches in carrying forward our various programs. Baptists in particular can appreciate the significance of the forum which the General Assembly has established. Here moral as well as political issues can be and are debated.

The implications of some of the speeches will be studied by our missionaries and leaders. For example, the Cuban representative announced that his country would "hereafter follow an independent course" and Cuba's vote to give Red China a seat seemed to indicate that our neighbor who has stood with us in so many previous votes now has a new relationship.

This is but one illustration of the complexities of the Western Hemisphere's governmental life challenging our home and foreign missions leaders as well as our statesmen. I observed on a visit to Cuba four years ago that our missionaries were aware of the discontent of the masses of the people with Batista's policies.

This condition was not understood here at home. The influence of our missionaries which is always for non-violent solutions can be extremely useful in the quest for peace.

In the UN corridors one heard almost as much talk of Khrushchev's visit as in Washington where I spent a day attending a session of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. There is considerable speculation as to the Soviet chief's religion. Two opinions are worth repeating.

Charles Lowry, whose knowledge of the Marxist dangers has been well applied in alerting his fellow countrymen, thinks that the occasional references of Mr. Khrushchev to Christianity are explained by conditions in Russia. They reveal, he says, "something immensely important about the Russian soul--that the Russians haven't shed the influence of a thousand years of Christianity." But as to the man himself, the view of James Pike, prominent Episcopal bishop, "He is not committing himself," is correct.

I am grateful to our Christian Life Commission for the honor of being the first observer. During the remainder of the 1959 session this function will be filled by A. C. Miller, the Commission's executive secretary, who is alternate observer.

One final comment about Mr. Khrushchev. He is a consummate salesman with talents as a propagandist not equalled by many public men. I believe that his visit may do some good in the easing of tensions, although we must continually guard against apathy and indifference to world dangers growing out of Communist aggression.

Since the Christian gospel underlies our political philosophy of freedom, both statesmen and churchmen may, as a result of Khrushchev's visit, work more vigorously as propagandists themselves in behalf of spiritual values in world affairs.

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Highway Signs Of The Times

by J. W. Storer

Journeying through the land one sees warnings, statements of fact, suggestions for the future, etc., otherwise known as "road signs." Some are questionable as to accuracy, such as "Men Working" - half of the time they aren't and those who are, quite evidently show no evidence of exhaustion.

Then there is the one, "Beware of soft shoulders" - which is apt indeed, fast driving and soft shoulders make for overlooking the curves.

"Construction ahead. For your future happiness. M. F. Childress, Governor," could well be true - also for his. But this summer on a journey of over six thousand miles, we saw a new series.

For years all who Jehu it over the highways have seen that delectable series concerning the virtues of "India Shave" (or is it Burma) which unfolds a tale post by post, delineating the efficiency of the product in preparing for the painless departure of unsightly hair from the chin, etc.

Our Roman Catholic friends have seized upon the idea to catch the passing mororist eye. Post by post they have painted the "Hail Mary" from the first "Hail Mary, Mother of God" right through to the end "be merciful to us sinners." Nothing to link it to the Roman Catholic Church, of course, except the content. Nor should they be condemned for doing this sort of thing - they have as much right as India Shave to spread their lather.

The point is, how many people driving along the road stop to analyze the "Hail Mary" and recognize its utter lack of any scripture authority, or basis of fact? "Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by" Lamentations 1:12.

There is no scripture quoted at the close of the "Hail Mary" for the reason there is none to authenticate it. No wonder Martin Luther so loved the Roman Epistle - his worn study Bible opened automatically at the eighth chapter.

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As I drove along my mind turned with joy unspeakable to Romans 3:20-26.

"Living He Loved me,
Dying He saved me
Buried, He carried my sins far away
Rising He justified freely forever
Some day His coming, Oh glorious day."

"There is One Mediator" 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 9 and 10. Once that is seen and realized to be the truth - fictitious road signs remain just that.

But what should be the verdict concerning those who would post a sign "Safe Bridge" when there is no foundation beneath it?