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Baptist College Adds  
Graduate Study Program

ARKADELPHIA, Ark.--(BP)--Ouachita Baptist College here has received "full approval" from the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools to proceed with graduate studies in religion and American civilization, according to College President Ralph A. Phelps, Jr.

Ouachita submitted a self-study to the executive board of North Central Association on July 30. After reviewing the study, the board gave preliminary approval.

Sixteen students are presently engaged in graduate work at Ouachita, with 10 doing studies in religion and six in American civilization.

Specific aims of the program are to intensify personal and intellectual growth while preparing the individual to assume a role of leadership in the American society, Phelps said.

Two types of graduate students are recognized: first, students who enter and become candidates for a higher degree, and second, students who, after receiving a bachelor's degree, wish to broaden their education without getting a higher degree.

Policies of the graduate program are determined by the graduate council and are administered by the director of graduate studies. Departments offering courses in the graduate program include art, economics, English, general business, history, music, philosophy, political science, religion, sociology, and speech.

Though members of the graduate faculty are selected from the regular undergraduate faculty, they are selected on the basis of their experience and formal preparation for the teaching of the courses assigned to them and must hold an earned doctorate.

Research facilities at Ouachita include Riley Library, which presently has more than 50,000 volumes, plus a pamphlet collection of about 5,000, film strips, about 500 recordings, and other audio-visual materials. Some 300 periodicals are received, of which the more important are prepared in bound volumes.

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Brotherhood To Sell  
Through Book Stores

MEMPHIS, Tenn.--(BP)--Brotherhood materials, except magazines and tracts, will be sold in Baptist Book Stores after Apr. 1, 1960.

This plan was made possible when the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission here approved a sales contract with the Baptist Sunday School Board.

At present, Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador supplies are furnished from the Commission's headquarters here. The contract provides for a two-year trial period. It may be revoked by either group upon six months' notice.

During the trial period, unsolicited orders will be filled at the Brotherhood Commission. Afterward, the orders will be referred to a Baptist Book Store.

With the adoption of this new plan, supplies will be distributed through 52 different points--Book Store sites--instead of one. "It is hoped this will make it more convenient for Baptists throughout the Convention to secure needed Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador supplies," George W. Schroeder, Brotherhood executive secretary, said.

Plans for the introduction of a new Royal Ambassador campcraft program were approved by the Commission members. The program is to be progressive in nature, first teaching boys some basic skills for outdoor living and then providing them with opportunities for using the skills.

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For example, after learning some basic facts about how to take care of themselves in the out-of-doors, a boy would be taken on a hike. After proving he had acquired certain skills and knowledge, he would receive the Royal Ambassador "hiker's badge." Later he would pass other tests, each progressively harder, to receive the camper, woodsman, and adventurer badges.

A book by Frank Black titled, Royal Ambassador Campcraft, which provides in illustrated manner the materials needed for the program, will be available about Jan. 1. Black is an assistant secretary of the Brotherhood Commission.

The need for more efficient leadership training in both Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador work was recognized. Plans for a new leadership and service training program were announced. Five basic units of study are already being prepared.

Books include the Brotherhood Guidebook (revised), the Royal Ambassador Basic Leadership Course (revised), the Associational Brotherhood, A Church Using Its Brotherhood, and Royal Ambassador Campcraft.

A system of awards was approved which provides for each man keeping his own training record on a small billfold-sized card.

"Tremendous strides" in the training of leadership were made during 1959 through the two new publications, Ambassador Leader and the Brotherhood Handbook, according to reports. Both publications passed the 10,000 subscription mark in the first six months of their existence.

Further plans were made for the second National Conference of Baptist Men scheduled to be held in Memphis, Sept. 13-15, 1961. That conference is expected to attract at least 10,000 men.

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#### New Gulf Assembly Gets Ready For 1960

PASS CHRISTIAN, Miss.--(BP)--Plans are underway to remodel, furnish and equip Gulfshore Baptist Assembly at Henderson Point near here for the summer season of 1960, according to Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, Mississippi Baptist executive secretary-treasurer.

Gulfshore Assembly was formerly the U. S. Maritime Academy. It was purchased from the U. S. Government as surplus property by the board earlier this year.

Kittiwake Baptist Assembly, located near Gulfshore Assembly, has been used by the Mississippi convention as an assembly since 1956.

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#### India Mission Asks Stewardship Reprint

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The Church of the Brethren in Bombay, India, is planning to reprint copies of a book on stewardship by the late J. E. Dillard, Southern Baptist Convention leader.

Dillard wrote "Bible Stewardship" while secretary of promotion for the Southern Baptist Executive Committee here. Porter Routh, Nashville, present executive secretary of the Executive Committee, granted permission for the reprints in the Gujarati language of western India.

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Religion Of Elderly  
Part Of Total Picture

NEW YORK--(BP)--An elderly person's religion has a bearing on the many other things which influence him, and should not be considered separately.

This was the consensus of opinion at a committee meeting here attended by A. C. Miller of Nashville, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Christian Life Commission.

Miller, together with several representatives of Jewish, Roman Catholic, and Protestant denominations, was asked to take part in the committee meeting. The committee is to present information on the role religion plays in meeting problems of the aged.

The committee will report at a White House Conference on the Aging in Washington in January, 1961.

Miller said that individual papers will be drafted giving the Jewish, Roman Catholic, and Protestant view toward church responsibility for the aging. In turn, a fourth paper will be drafted combining the viewpoints of the three other papers, Miller said.

The Christian Life Commission has announced it will conduct a series of regional conferences on Southern Baptists' responsibility toward the aging.

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Folks and facts.....

.....John D. Alexander, pastor, First Baptist Church, Buena Vista, Ga., will become an associate promoting associational work for the Sunday school department of Mississippi Baptist Convention.

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.....S. M. Mulkey, pastor of South Knoxville Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn., has accepted pastorate of Westwood Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio, effective Nov. 1. This church of 2000 members is the largest Southern Baptist church in Ohio. Mulkey succeeds the late George H. Riggs.

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.....The first proposal for religious liberty and the separation of church and state in England was made to the King by a Baptist preacher, Thomas Helwys, on July 10, 1612. The bold stand cost the preacher his life but was the beginning of an important new development in governmental science: granting religious liberty.

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