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Brotherhood Leaders To Meet In Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tenn.--(BP)--Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador secretaries from 24 states and the District of Columbia will converge on Memphis for the annual Brotherhood Leadership Planning Conference, December 14-17.

During the four-day meeting, the state and convention-wide Brotherhood leadership will deal with such issues as the new Brotherhood organization, a new Royal Ambassador program, the Second National Conference for Baptist Men, Ridgecrest and Glorieta leadership conferences, and Young Men's Mission Conference.

Among the speakers will be Dr. S. L. Stealey, president of the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina. His topic will be "The Theology of Missions for the Twentieth-Century Layman."

Dr. Floyd Chaffin, associate secretary and public relations director of the Relief and Annuity Board, will address the group on "The Southern Baptists' Protection Program."

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Indiana Board Votes To Expand Its Work

PLAINFIELD, Ind.--(BP)--The Executive Board of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana has re-elected its officers with Walter R. Davis, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Hammond, chairman. Lyndon W. Collings, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Clarksville, is recording secretary and E. Harmon Moore is executive secretary.

The board is now seeking two additional area missionaries to complete a staff of six missionaries on the field.

It was announced that zoning restrictions would prevent the use of a residence as a state office building for the convention.

The board voted to increase the size of the convention's official paper, Indiana Baptist, to eight pages beginning with the January issue, from its present four-page size.

The board adopted a basis of cooperation in its mission program between the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Executive Board of the State Convention in Indiana. This policy sets forth the general principles of cooperation and outlines policies on personnel, conferences and literature provided in the mission program, including an agreement for the beginning of new work not now fostered by the State Convention or the Home Mission Board in Indiana.

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Committee Named For National Men's Meeting

MEMPHIS, Tenn.--(BP)--A committee to promote the Second National Conference of Southern Baptist Men scheduled for September 13-15, 1961 at Memphis, Tennessee, has been named by James M. Sapp, director of promotions for the Brotherhood Commission.

Co-chairmen are R. N. Landers, Atlanta, Georgia, a member of the Brotherhood Commission; L. E. Coleman, Sr., Memphis, associate secretary of the Brotherhood Commission.

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Other committee members are:

W. C. Fields, Nashville, Tennessee, public relations secretary of the Executive Committee; J. P. Edmunds, Nashville, secretary of the research and statistics department, Sunday School Board; Joe Odle, Jackson, Mississippi, editor of the Baptist Record; Gene Kerr, Nashville, public relations director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention; J. Marse Grant, Raleigh, North Carolina, editor of the Biblical Recorder.

Ralph Douglas, Little Rock, associate executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist Convention; W. E. Grindstaff, Oklahoma City, associate executive secretary of the Oklahoma Baptist General Convention; J. W. Fisher, Jefferson City, Missouri's Brotherhood secretary; Paul R. Cates, Nashville, Tennessee's Brotherhood secretary; Bernard D. King, Atlanta, Georgia's Brotherhood secretary, and Roy Jennings, Memphis, editorial secretary for the Brotherhood Commission.

One of the first goals demanding committee attention is an attendance of 10,000 men at the Brotherhood Commission-sponsored conference.

The first conference, which was held in 1957 at Oklahoma City, attracted almost 7,000 men.

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Convention Reaches Goal of \$15 Million

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Convention has met its 1959 Cooperative Program operating and capital needs budget goal of \$15 million, according to Treasurer Porter Routh.

A check from the Louisiana Baptist Convention received on November 16 pushed the total across the goal line.

This means that the regular budget allocations to agencies of the Convention have been paid out and that the Convention has now entered the Advance phase of its budget.

Cooperative Program funds received during the remaining weeks of the calendar year will be divided between the Foreign and Home Mission Boards alone. In the Advance budget 75 per cent of the Cooperative Program funds will go to the work of the Foreign Mission Board and 25 per cent to the work of the Home Mission Board.

The 1958 Cooperative Program goal of \$13,035,000 was reached on November 6. Gifts reached \$15,598,909.46 by the end of the year.

In 1957 the Cooperative Program goal of \$11 million was reached on October 9.

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A Song
And A Prayer

Many preachers could take a tip from a National Baptist brother in Arizona.

"I'm cold," said Pastor H. A. Simmons of New Hope Baptist Church, Chanute, Kansas; and he motioned for the choir to stand and sing, "And these fellows are going to warm me up."

Shortly, he stood and motioned the choir to sit, "I'm warm now; you can stop."

Then the preacher bowed his head to pray. Said he, "Oh, Lord, fill me with your stuff; and nudge me when I've said enough."

Retired But Active

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Seventy-four-year-old Miss Reba Stewart can never return to China, where she spent more than 20 years, but she can take an active part in her local church work.

This spry, soft-spoken Christian attends every service at First Baptist Church in Jonesboro, Ga., often leads prayer meeting, and is in demand as an assembly speaker. She teaches a Sunday school class of young married women.

When the church took a census of the community, Miss Reba was among the 200 who made their way through the snow and biting wind.

In one of the homes, she sat in the kitchen at an oil cloth covered table and witnessed of the Christ for whom she had crossed oceans to tell the Chinese of his love. It was almost as cold inside as outside, and these children were thinly clad. None were Christians and none were in Sunday school.

In her soft-spoken way, she said to the woman across the table, "If a mother will teach her children to know the Lord, and to pray, that is better than leaving them money. They will never be alone. They will always have the Lord. That is the best thing a mother can do for her children."

This is the season when everyone is concerned with the gifts they will give their children, but if all follow Miss Reba's advice, they'll give Christ.

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**Florida Baptists Plan
State-wide Church Survey**

ATLANTA, GA.--(BP)--Florida Baptists will take Southern Baptists first state-wide church community survey to find new mission sites for the 30,000 Movement, announced Billy Hargrove, Home Mission Board secretary of the Department of Survey.

Northwest Coast Baptist Association has been selected as a preparatory training survey for state leadership March 4-11. The association is composed of three counties, Bay, Franklin, and Gulf. This includes Panama City with a population of 50,000.

All of Florida's superintendents of missions and personnel of the mission headquarters will take part.

"This will do more for the 30,000 Movement in Florida than any action we can take," John Maguire, Florida executive secretary, said, "It will pinpoint our direct mission needs without any question."

A preliminary study of the Northwest Association reveals that there are 15 communities of 500 population, three communities of 1,000 population, and one of 2,500 without a single unit of Baptist work.

The survey contacts every home, every family, every individual and obtains a permanent record of the family's religious affiliation.

"When completed and tabulated, the survey will reveal direct mission potential and needs, and evaluate the organizational work of the churches," said Hargrove. "These surveys almost always bring forth a rekindling of the fires of evangelism among church people. Many of the surveys spark immediate revivals and beginnings of new mission stations."

The state-wide survey will be in February of 1961. For this the state will be divided by districts, and all but greater Miami will be surveyed. The Miami area will be surveyed in October of 1960.

A population survey in 1957 by superintendents of missions revealed an immediate need for 251 churches, and an overall need for 442 mission stations. This survey will determine the locations where these churches and mission stations need to be started.

Georgia Names Dowell
Man of Year

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Spright Dowell, 82-year-old president emeritus of Mercer University, has been named Georgia Baptist Man of the Year for 1959. The Georgia committee on Baptist History made the presentation through its chairman at the Georgia Baptist Convention in Augusta.

Dowell, who retired in 1953 after 25 years as president of Mercer, was named acting president when President George B. Connell died in April, 1959. A native of North Carolina and a graduate of Wake Forest College, Dowell holds a master of arts degree from Teacher's College of Columbia University and honorary doctorates from University of Alabama, Howard College, Baylor University and Wake Forest. Prior to becoming Mercer president he was state superintendent of education in Alabama and president of Alabama Polytechnic Institute. Dowell is the author of two books: Columbus Roberts Christian Steward Extraordinary and A History of Mercer University, published in 1958.

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Nebraska Church Starts
Fourth Mission

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OMAHA, Neb.--(BP)--The fourth mission of First Southern Baptist Church here was started in North Omaha. The mother church is less than three years old. Churches at Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Bellevue, Neb., were started by the church. Pastor Jack Adkisson is a pastoral missionary of the Home Mission Board and the Kansas convention.

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Miami Russians
Get Building

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MIAMI, Fla.--(BP)--The six-year-old, 35-member Russian-Ukrainian Baptist Church, Miami, Fla., has purchased and dedicated a church building. The group paid \$11,500 for the building formerly used by a Free Will Baptist Church.

President I. A. Kmetya of the Russian-Ukrainian Baptist Union of America was a guest speaker at the dedicatory service. Two Russian clergymen from Michigan and New Jersey and J. Ray Dobbins, superintendent of missions in Miami Baptist Association, were also present.

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Folks and facts.....

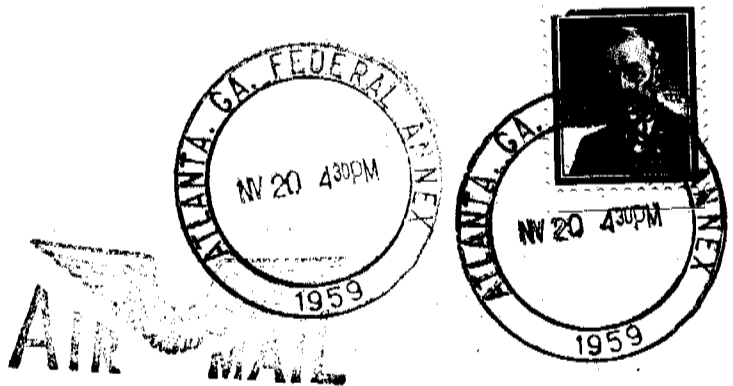
.....J. C. Lewis is new juvenile rehabilitation worker for New Orleans, La. Lewis will work in the city mission program under the direction of John I. Gilbert, superintendent of missions.

.....The first newsletter of the newly-formed Southern Baptist Juvenile Rehabilitation Workers Association has been published giving pertinent facts about Southern Baptist work in this field.

.....The first Juvenile Rehabilitation Clinic in Miami, Fla., is scheduled for Nov. 30. From Southern Baptists' Home Mission Board, Fred B. Moseley, city mission secretary; J. V. James, superintendent of juvenile rehabilitation; and William B. Mitchell, superintendent of Jewish evangelism will participate on the program. Local missionaries participating include Miami's Superintendent of Missions Ray Dobbins, Director of Juvenile Rehabilitation Morris Elliott, and Miami Juvenile Judge Culbreath.

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