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Proclaim Teaching
Essential To Witness

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NASHVILLE--(BP)--Southern Baptists will be among the 18 million Baptists in North America who launch a year of devotion to Christian education on Jan. 1.

The seven Baptist groups in North America who are co-operating in the Baptist Jubilee Advance have set apart 1960 "for a continent-wide Baptist devotion to the searching claims of Christian education upon the faith, hope, and love of the people of God."

The inter-convention Baptist Jubilee Advance committee issued a proclamation for the year, entitled "Baptists Must Teach Christ."

The proclamation declares that "The gospel must be taught before it can be caught There can be no effective transmission of the gospel without consecrated teaching."

1960 will be the second year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance. It climaxes in 1964, Jubilee year--the 150th anniversary of the first nationwide Baptist convention in North America.

In addition to the Southern Baptist Convention, the following conventions are taking part: Baptist Federation of Canada; North American Baptist General Conference; National Baptist Convention, U. S. A. Inc.; Seventh Day Baptist Conference; American Baptist Convention, and National Baptist Convention of America.

Howard B. Foshee, secretary of church administration for the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, is a member of the inter-convention committee directing the 1960 emphasis on "Bible Teaching and Training."

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Keep Talkin'

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COLUMBIA, S. C.--(BP)--Messengers to the South Carolina Baptist Convention roared with laughter when Jimmy Waters of Macon, Ga., told them why he talked so fast:

"It's because my father was an auctioneer and my mother was a woman," quoth the pastor of Mable White Memorial Church which has had over 4,000 additions in the 12 years of his pastorate, half of them on profession of faith.

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29 Years' Attendance
By Minister Honored

(11-29-59)

DENVER, Colo.--(BP)--Brentwood Baptist Church here gave its pastor a string of pins recently, honoring 29 years of perfect attendance in Sunday school.

Harvey L. Nelson came to the local church in 1955, and formerly was pastor of South Beckley Baptist Church of Dallas, Tex.

During the 29 years, Nelson had an operation on a Monday morning, but attended Sunday school the Sunday before his operation and the Sunday following it.

He states that during 30 years in the ministry, he has been in at least 60 revivals without missing a single service.

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Children's Home Way
Of Support Conditioned

COLUMBIA, S. C.--(BP)--A budget proviso intended to relieve embarrassment served to create apprehension in the mind of the superintendent of South Carolina Baptists' home for children.

Heretofore, a standing budget recommendation has called for first Sunday special offerings in all the Sunday Schools for Connie Maxwell Children's Home.

This year, to relieve any embarrassment felt by churches with unified budgets and set appropriations for the children's home, the recommendation carried the proviso that these offerings be taken "where it is consistent with the financial policy of the local church."

A pastor explained that the churches which substitute a budgeted amount for the Sunday School offerings do not wish to be called "non-cooperative".

Connie Maxwell Superintendent Sam Smith told the convention that the new proviso injects a conditional factor into a financial policy which now accounts for 65 per cent of the home's income.

This endangers the children's home program unless the convention is ready to implement it in some other way, Smith said.

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Inter-Agency Council
Perfects Organization

(11-29-59)

RICHMOND, Va.--(BP)--The Inter-Agency Council of the Southern Baptist Convention perfected its organization at its semi-annual meeting here.

The Council amended its constitution regarding membership and committees.

While the Inter-Agency Council has no power to enact or enforce programs, it provides a means for officers of various Southern Baptist agencies to get together and co-ordinate what they are doing.

One of its important functions is proposing the annual calendar for the Southern Baptist Convention, which it submits to the Convention's Committee on Denominational Calendar.

The work of the Council is chiefly internal, and any of its recommendations must be carried through by the agencies which belong to it.

Its next meeting will be held Mar. 21-22, 1960, in Dallas and the other 1960 meeting will convene Nov. 21-22 at Birmingham.

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Speaking In Tongues
At Oklahoma College

(11-29-59)

SHAWNEE, Okla.--(BP)--Sounds of Russian, French, German, and various African languages are becoming familiar to Oklahoma Baptist University students here through the newly installed language laboratory.

Over 100 tapes of six different languages are available for student and faculty use in the lab. About 160 students use the facilities regularly to practice class assignments in French, Spanish, or German pronunciation.

Students use earphones at four listening posts, designed to absorb sound. They hear tapes made by university language teachers.

Two soundproof booths are available for students to record language readings. Teachers may then check on individual performance, accent, inflection, and grammar by listening to the students' tapes.

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Student language teachers---teaching German, Spanish, and French in Shawnee elementary schools ---use the lab to practice their lectures.

Caryl Shambarger, junior student from Pasco, Wash., is learning Hausa, Aewi, and Shona, three African languages in the lab. Professor Robert O. Laessig is studying Yoruba, another African language. Laessig, by the way, already speaks 12 languages and reads 42.

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Folks & facts.....

.....Baptists in Virginia during the 18th century were made up of three distinct groups: General, Regular, and Separate Baptists. Though they were divided internally, they were united in the effort to establish religious freedom in America.

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Training Union Part
Of Adult Education

(11-29-59)

BUFFALO, N. Y.--(BP)--The Baptist Training Union's curriculum for adults was described to a nationwide gathering of adult educators here by a Southern Baptist leader.

W. A. Whitten of Jackson, Miss., associate in the Seminary Extension Department of Southern Baptists, told the group about how adult Training Unions fit into the adult education picture.

"In order to understand Southern Baptist Training Union, one must understand Southern Baptist doctrine," Whitten declared. He pointed out that the democratic form of church government is reflected in the Training Union. He addressed a religious interest group of the Adult Education Association of the U. S. A.

"Both of these," he went on to say, "are demonstrations of Baptist belief in the dignity of the individual."

Whitten said that the weakness of the Training Union is that everyone is placed at the same level, while its strength lies in its ability to elicit participation. This participation was termed "unique" in adult religious education.

The group to which Whitten spoke seemed impressed with the emphasis on daily Bible readings in the Training Union.

The group, in addition to Baptists, included persons belonging to Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, Episcopalian, Congregational, Lutheran, United Brethren, Disciples of Christ, and Methodist churches.

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