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Arizona Mobilizes For Tucson Survey

TUCSON, Ariz.--(BP)--Three thousand Southern Baptist surveyors will participate in a planned community survey of the entire city of Tucson Feb. 13.

Carloads of teenagers and adults from adjoining Baptist associations of Gila Valley, Cochise, and Central will assist the 24 churches of Tucson in the survey. Students from Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, of the Life Service Band, plan to drive 125 miles to Tucson to help.

"This is the first time an entire state has mobilized to survey a complete city to get permanent family records and pinpoint mission needs," said Billy Hargrove, Atlanta, secretary of the department of survey of the Home Mission Board.

Permanent records on every family in the city will show family composition, church preference, length of time of residence, and their church activity according to Hargrove.

Once a means for locating prospects for individual churches, the survey has been developed by Southern Baptists for making total city and community and even state-wide surveys.

One of the most rapidly growing cities in America, Tucson is expected to more than double its 242,000 population to a half million in the next 10 years.

Fifteen more churches are needed in the city right now to reach "the Southern Baptist Convention norm of one Southern Baptist church for every 7000 people in a city," according to Edmund W. Hunke, Phoenix, associate executive secretary and superintendent of missions for Arizona.

Southern Baptist churches in Tucson and their membership are four times greater than 10 years ago, and offerings are five times greater, Hunke said.

The survey will draw leaders of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona. Executive Secretary Charles McKay and his entire staff from Phoenix will stay in Tucson for a week assisting the churches. Seven associational and city missionaries will be there, along with members of the city missions department of the Home Mission Board and Hargrove, who will direct the survey.

Hargrove said that the survey is taking the trend toward complete city and state surveys. Florida is now planning the first state-wide survey for February of 1961 as a part of the Southern Baptist movement to start 30,000 new churches and missions by 1964.

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Home Missionary
To Indians Dies

(1/7/60)

HAMILTON, Montana--(BP)--Harold Baer, former missionary to the Indians in Arizona died at his home in Hamilton, Montana, Dec. 20.

Baer served nine years as a home missionary to the Indians at Flagstaff, Copper Mine, Tonalea, and Tuba City, Ariz. He also served as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Flagstaff.

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Baer had recently started a mission in Hamilton and turned it over to a pastor. His health had been bad for some years.

More Than 6000 Churches
Set Schools Of Missions

ATLANTA, Ga.,--(BP)--More than 6000 Southern Baptist churches are scheduled to take part in a record 260 simultaneous programs of schools of missions during 1960, according to L. W. Martin of Atlanta, secretary of the department of missionary education of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

The announcement of the record number of schools was made at a two-day meeting of the state directors of schools of missions held in Atlanta.

The directors met with personnel from the Home and Foreign Mission Boards of the denomination to work out problems in connection with the publication of a guide book for the schools, concerning the scheduling of missionary personnel for the schools, and for general how-to-do-it information.

The schools of missions are week-long meetings held by local churches with two-hour sessions each night. The first hour is given to the study of mission books and the second hour to hearing missionaries or speakers tell of the work of the home, foreign, or state boards. By grouping the churches in circuits of seven, a speaker goes to a different church each night.

Because of the scarcity of missionaries on furlough or with time for the schools, they are usually spaced from three to four years apart by the churches.

The guide book, which took a major portion of the time of the directors in their Atlanta meeting, is now in mimeograph form and is being revised following preliminary use in the schools. After editing and format preparation the guide book will be printed for an expected distribution of nearly 100,000.

The schools of missions have been limited by the number of missionaries available for speaking engagements, and a recent trend is the encouragement of churches to hold the schools without missionaries between the years when the missionaries are not available.

Such schools without missionaries use pastors, church organizations, and others or see visuals, and even stage mission dramas with local personnel.

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Laymen Build
Prison Chapel

(1/7/60)

STATESBORO, Ga.,--(BP)--Laymen started a Sunday school in a prison camp at Statesboro, Ga., kept it going, solicited funds, and did not stop until a chapel was constructed on the grounds of the Bullock County Public Work Camp.

The chapel for the 60 inmates at the work camp was an outgrowth of a Sunday school class started in the prison during the summer by Baptist layman Josh Lanier, a member of Statesboro's First Baptist Church.

Another layman and member of the same church, L. M. Williams, taught a Sunday school class for Negroes.

The \$1600-building, built by the prisoners, was financed by a campaign which the laymen sponsored among residents of the Statesboro area.

Sunday school and preaching services have been set up at the chapel on an inter-denominational basis with laymen and pastors from several churches in the area alternating services.

The Christian Index, Georgia's Baptist state paper, and the Atlanta newspapers have been campaigning for months for prison reform in the state, rehabilitation programs, and more religious emphases and activities.

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Warren Attends First Meeting After Illness

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--C. C. Warren of Charlotte, N. C., director of Southern Baptists' movement to start 30,000 missions and churches, attended his first meeting since he was stricken by a heart attack last year.

Speaking only briefly to the annual conference of state superintendents of missions at the Home Mission Board, Warren said, "I don't have the slightest doubt that Southern Baptists can organize 10,000 churches and 20,000 missions by 1964. The outlook was never so bright."

This statement followed a brief estimate made by the state superintendents of the missions and churches started in their states since the movement started. The estimate indicated that 10,000 of the 30,000 have been started.

"We are slightly behind schedule," Arthur Rutledge of Atlanta, director of the Home Mission Board's division of missions, said, after totaling the figures, "but the momentum we are gathering should give us some big years ahead, especially 1962, the jubilee year of church extension."

Warren mentioned, in saying that this was his first time away from "yard privileges" that in a few more weeks he could be on the go. "I believe my being here is possible because of the prayers of Southern Baptists, and I will continue to be cautious about my health."

The mission superintendents heard John M. Price Jr. of New Orleans, director of the religious education school for the New Orleans Baptist Seminary, discuss the qualities of the mature Christian. He spoke at all three of the sessions.

The two-day meeting also stressed the Baptist Jubilee Advance, a five year period of united Baptist witness which will culminate in 1964, the 150th year of Baptist history on the North American continent. Each year is receiving a separate emphasis: 1960--teaching and training, 1961--stewardship, 1962--church extension, 1963--world missions, and 1964--the jubilee celebration.

One session of the Atlanta meeting stressed the 30,000 Movement, and another emphasized the co-operative agreements between the Home Mission Board and the states. These agreements place direction of mission work under state leadership, with a joint sharing of planning and expenses by state and Home Board.

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Georgia Mission Gifts
Reach All-Time High

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Cooperative Program receipts in the Georgia Baptist Convention reached an all-time high in 1959 according to Executive Secretary Searcy Garrison.

The total of more than \$3 $\frac{1}{4}$ million represented a 10.8 per cent increase over 1958 contributions to Southern Baptists' unified budget plan.

Designated and miscellaneous gifts by Georgia Baptists to their children's home, colleges, hospital funds, home for the aged, their foundation, and to state, home, and foreign mission programs also realized an increase.

Total giving in the state approached \$5 $\frac{1}{2}$ million said Garrison.

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Largest Book Store Observes
Manager's 40th Year

(1/7/60)

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Miss Erva Blackstock has celebrated her 40th anniversary as manager of Southern Baptists' largest book store.

The only manager the Atlanta Baptist book store has ever had, Miss Blackstock assumed managership of the store in 1920 when it was the book department of The Christian Index, Georgia Baptists' state newspaper.

The \$725,000 worth of business done by the store during 1959 made it the denomination's largest in sales as well as in floor space. Second largest store in the denomination is in Dallas, Tex.

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WINNERS FOR NATIONAL HONORS in word drill at the Training Union Convention in Atlanta, Ga. were, from left to right, Allan Shores of Sunnyvale, Calif.; Linda Hargreaves of Fort Worth, and Johnny Mitchell of Clovis, New Mexico. Phil Harris, new secretary of the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board, directs them. These were winners during Training Union weeks at Florista. Others who had won at Edgemoor also competed. Chris White of Georgia was the winner.

(Artist Press photo)

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COMPETING FOR NATIONAL HONORS in sword drill at the Training Union Convention in Atlanta, Ga. were these winners from competition at Edgecrest Baptist Assembly. Phil Harris, new secretary of the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board, directs them. Others from Glorieta Baptist Assembly also competed. Those above are, from left to right, Charles Bass of Jefferson City, Tenn.; Elaine Blewett, of Auburn, Ky., and Chris White of Hartwell, Ga. White was the winner. (Baptist Press Photo)

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COMPETING FOR NATIONAL HONORS in sword drill at the Training Union Convention in Atlanta, Ga. were these winners from competition at Ridgewood Baptist Assembly. Bill Spauld, now secretary of the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board, directed them. Others from Clarinda Baptist Assembly also competed. Those shown are, from left to right, Charles Egan of Jefferson City, Tenn.; Elaine Elliott, of Adams, Ky., and Gladis White of Marshall, Ga. White was the winner. (Baptist News Photo)