

January 16 , 1960

Layman's Institute
Convened At Miami

MIAMI, Fla.--(BP)--Some of the nation's most prominent business and professional leaders gathered here for a unique religious conference.

A total of 650 persons attended the by-invitation-only, four-day program of the fifth annual Layman's Leadership Institute.

The interdenominational session is the only laity meeting in the country where there is no membership, no formal organization, no officers, no solicitation of funds or offerings, and no names are placed on special interest mailing lists. The aim is just to strengthen the spiritual life of men who influence the policies of the nation in business and politics, according to Leonard L. Holloway, Corpus Christi, Tex., Baptist layman serving as coordinator for the institute.

Various laymen conducted 17 conference discussions on such topics as Christianity and personnel relationships, Christianity and business ethics, and Christianity and family life.

There also were daily Bible studies and featured speakers, including evangelist Billy Graham who closed the institute.

Speakers and conference leaders included such politicians as U. S. Sen. Stuart Symington, an Episcopal layman from Missouri and a presidential aspirant; Florida's Gov. LeRoy Collins, another Episcopal layman who is considered a likely candidate for vice-president on the Democratic ticket; and John Cordle, an Anglican layman who is a member of the British parliament.

Business leaders who spoke included Maxey Jarman, Nashville, Tenn., a Baptist who heads Genesco, a shoe firm.

Other businessmen on the program were Howard Butt, the Texas grocer who is one of the founders of the institute and a Baptist layman; and James T. Karam, a Little Rock clothier whose conversion after having led in the race riots in his city attracted wide attention the state of Arkansas.

Professional men who led included Fred Smith, a management consultant and Baptist layman from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Clergymen who took part included Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., where the institute originated and was held until this year.

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20th Century-Fox Picks
Baptist Campus Setting

(1-16-60)

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.--(BP)--A 20th Century-Fox motion picture starring singer Bing Crosby will be filmed on the Wake Forest College campus here during February.

The studio said other members of the cast will include teen-age singing star Fabian (correct) and actress Carol Linley. A fourth star, probably a French actress, will play opposite Crosby.

The movie has the working title "High Time." It will be in cinemascope and color. To be released in early summer, it has been described as a "comedy with songs." Crosby plays the role of a man of about 50 who has made a fortune but who didn't attend college. The story begins with Crosby entering college as a 50-year-old freshman.

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Wake Forest College, a Baptist institution, was selected "because of the beauty of its campus and because weather conditions should be better in the South during February," according to 20th Century-Fox.

The movie, which the studio said will be one of its "top budgeted" pictures of 1960, will be produced by Charles Brackett, former president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Recent movies produced by Brackett include "Journey to the Center of the Earth" and "The King and I."

Blake Edwards, who directs the television series "Peter Gunn," will direct the picture. Edwards also directed the recently produced "Operation Petticoat," a movie of Navy Life.

A company of 40 to 50 people, including actors, press agents and technicians, will arrive at the Wake Forest campus around Feb. 1 and will be on location approximately four weeks.

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Baptist Journalism
Award To Stevens

(1-16-60)

SHAWNEE, Okla.--(BP)--Paul M. Stevens, Fort Worth, Tex., director of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, has received the 1960 religious journalism award presented at Oklahoma Baptist University here.

The award is presented annually by Lambda Lambda Lambda, religious journalism fraternity, for outstanding work in the field of religious journalism.

Stevens, director of the commission since 1953, was chosen for his work in "televangelism," particularly the 13-film "This is the Answer" series of 30-minute dramatic religious programs.

Dave Harrell, president of the local chapter of tri-Lambda, presented the award to Stevens during student assembly.

The series, with new productions each year, uses professional actors and portrays people in real-life situations, sometimes modern versions of Bible parables. Carried by 211 stations, the programs were seen by more than 100 million Americans in 1958. It has been made a part of the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

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Carver Books Occupy
New Library Space

(1-16-60)

LOUISVILLE--(BP)--It was "moving day" at Carver School of Missions and Social Work here. Under direction of Miss Hilda Arnold, librarian, and Mike Speer, administrative assistant, more than 15,000 books were moved to the new James P. Boyce Centennial library building being used jointly by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Carver School.

Approximately 10 per cent of the space of the new library has been leased by Carver School. It is located on the second floor adjacent to the Billy Graham Room. Carver School will be responsible for the operation of most of this second floor.

Students from both schools worked to complete the move.

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Committee To Propose
New Agency Secretary

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention's Christian Life Commission elected here a committee to nominate a new executive secretary.

The nominating committee will meet in the immediate future with a view to presenting a candidate to the full Commission in a meeting at Nashville Feb. 29-Mar. 2.

The nominee would succeed Dr. A. C. Miller who is retiring. The executive committee of the Commission asked Dr. Miller to retain the post of executive secretary through at least Mar. 1 to handle office business.

However, Dr. and Mrs. Miller will move in late January to Sedona, Ariz., where he will have his "ministry in retirement" in a small Baptist church's pastorate. He will return to Nashville in February to transact Commission business.

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South Carolina Acts

(1-16-60)

COLUMBIA, S. C.--(BP)--Implementing action at the annual convention last fall, the executive board of South Carolina Baptist Convention voted here to spend about \$100,000 for a 2-acre site for a new Baptist building. It will be near the governor's mansion and almost a mile from the present building. Construction will begin in two or three years.

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Folks and facts.....

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.....Michael Carozza has resigned as director of public relations at Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Ark., to accept pastorate of First Baptist Church, Nashville, Ark.

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New Mexico Reopening
Remote Medical Center

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ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.--(BP)--New Mexico Baptists will reopen their Park View Medical Station in a remote section of the state 80 miles north of Santa Fe.

Dr. Thurman C. Babbs and his wife have been called by the mission board of Baptist Convention of New Mexico to staff the center, which has been closed for a year because there was no doctor there.

Mrs. Babbs is a registered nurse. Dr. Babbs is presently attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and the couple has been wanting to enter medical missions. The medical center will probably reopen about the first of June.

The medical mission, in the Chama Valley, ministers to an area 70 miles from any other doctor, Baptist leaders said. About 75,000 residents inhabit the area, most of them Spanish-Americans.

The Baptist student department committee reported to the mission board at its session here that the drive to raise \$30,000 for a student center building at Las Cruces, N. M., is nearing its goal. About \$5500 more is needed.

The new student center will serve the campus of New Mexico State University. The building will cost approximately \$90,000. The mission board authorized the student committee and property and personnel committee to seek bids on construction when the \$30,000 goal is attained.

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The board also voted to provide Horace F. Burns, editor of the weekly Baptist New Mexican, with a trip to Rio de Janeiro for the Baptist World Congress in June. Editor Burns will also visit South American missions.

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Public Relations
Group To Gather

(1-16-60)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.--(BP)--A professor of journalism, a Washington newspaper correspondent, and a steel corporation public relations director will speak to Baptist public relations officials here Feb. 1-2.

Set for those dates is the annual meeting of the Baptist Public Relations Association. Its members cover news, public relations, radio and television, periodicals, and audio-visual aids for Southern Baptist Convention agencies and state Baptist groups.

Another main speaker will be Shirley Smith of New York, executive secretary of the Public Relations Society of America. He will speak on "An evaluation of Public Relations in Religious Organizations."

The journalism educator is Rae O. Weimer, Gainesville, Fla., dean of journalism and communications at the University of Florida. The Washington newspaper correspondent is W. B. Ragsdale, whose topic is "Protocol, Politics, Pressures, and Public Relations Beside the Potomac."

Clinton R. Milstead of Birmingham, United States Steel Corp. public relations official, will speak on "Internal Public Relations" and the Baptists will be conducted through one of the corporation's mills at Bessemer, Ala.

About 100 Baptist editors and communications specialists are expected. George E. Bagley of Montgomery, Alabama Baptist leader, is in charge of reservations.

From within Southern Baptist life, Convention President Ramsey Pollard will be a featured speaker, taking the subject "A Pastor Looks at His Denominational Mail."

R. Dean Goodwin, New York, director of communications, American Baptist Convention will be on the program also. Several other Southern Baptist leaders will speak or conduct special interest conferences for those from Baptist hospitals, children's homes, state boards, and agencies.

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Western Canada Area
Missionary Employed

(1-16-60)

PORTLAND, Ore.--(BP)--The financial aid of William Fleming will enable the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington to employ an area missionary for British Columbia, on Canada's Pacific coast.

The convention executive board has called Austin Hunt, a former Washington state and British Columbia pastor, studying at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex.

Fleming, wealthy Baptist layman from Fort Worth, offered last fall to provide \$1000 monthly if the Oregon-Washington convention (Southern Baptist affiliate) provided \$500 per month to establish missions in western Canada. Fleming has been generous to Southern Baptist work throughout the West.

Several churches in Alberta and British Columbia, Canadian provinces, are affiliated with the Oregon-Washington convention.

Hunt, whose wife is Canadian-born, formerly was pastor of churches in Kelso, Wash., and Vancouver, British Columbia. He expected to complete requirements for his master of religious education degree in mid-January and report to his field of service immediately.

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The executive board has undertaken a five-year study of the needs of the Oregon-Washington convention. One of the needs under study will be that of having a full-time editor for the twice-monthly Baptist newspaper, Pacific Coast Baptist.

Editor C. E. Boyle of Portland devotes over half-time to the editorship but has duties also as assistant to the executive secretary of the convention.

"One more for every four" will be a slogan during 1960, when Baptists of this area strive for a 25 per cent increase in Sunday school enrolment.

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Please KILL story from Nashville office Jan. 14 stating that Ohio is eligible for representation. KILL the entire story. Revised version will be forwarded to you in this mailing. Thank you.

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Ohio Nearing Time
For Representation

(1-16-60)

Editors: This replaces Jan. 14 story which was premature.--Nashville (BP).

COLUMBUS, Ohio--(BP)--Southern Baptists in Ohio are nearing the point where they will be eligible to have members elected to Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

They have reached this year about 29,000 members of their co-operating churches. A minimum 25,000 is required by the SBC constitution for a state to have agency members. They will apply this year for the right to have representatives elected at the 1961 session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

After the state has been certified for eligibility, it is recognized by the Convention, and the Convention's Committee on Boards nominates (for Convention election) members representing the state on the boards, commissions and committees where the charters allow.

If Ohio gains board members in 1961 as expected, it will be second convention in three years to do so. Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists was recognized in 1959 as having reached 25,000 and Kansans were elected to SBC agencies.

There are 200 churches in Ohio, western Pennsylvania, western New York state, and West Virginia affiliated with the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. Convention offices are in Columbus.

Indiana is expected to follow Ohio by a year or two. Its membership of affiliated churches exceeds 22,000 already.

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College Birthplace
Restoration Sought

RALEIGH, N. C.--(BP)--Restoration of the Calvin Jones House in nearby Wake Forest, birthplace of Wake Forest College, was discussed by the general board of Baptist State Convention of North Carolina here.

The general board left a decision on the project up to its executive committee.

The state Baptist historical commission had requested up to \$10,000 for the project. Henry S. Stroupe of Winston-Salem, N. C., professor of history at Wake Forest College, explained that others are interested in the project. He proposed that the general board match other gifts, dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000.

The college is operated by the Baptist State Convention and was located in Wake Forest until a few years ago, when it moved to a new campus in Winston-Salem. Its old campus became home of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

C. B. Deane of Rockingham, N. C., president of the state convention, warned at a banquet during the board session that Baptist ministers may be devoting too much time to administrative duties.

"If a minister is going to become an administrator mainly, why give so much time to study of theology and Biblical history?" he asked. "Unless we reverse this trend, we are going to see fewer and fewer of our choice young men entering the ministry." Deane is a layman and former Congressman.

The general board approved purchase of an airplane for Jerry Potter, Raleigh, missionary serving the deaf. A campaign has brought in \$4523, and this will be augmented by up to \$5000 from the board. Any additional cost is to be from pledges.

Potter travels 35,000 miles a year in mission work across the far-reaching east to west limits of North Carolina. He is a licensed pilot.