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Children's Homes Have More Social Case Work

TROY, Ala.--(BP)--During the decade of the 1950's, Southern Baptist children's homes initiated more social case work and experienced a more rapid turnover in the children cared for.

The number of orphans continued to be only a small percentage of the children in the homes.

This was reported here to the Child Care Executives of Southern Baptists, an organization of leaders from various state Baptist homes.

In 1952, the total number of children cared for at Baptist homes was 5523, and the most at any one time was 4740. Seven years later, the total cared for during the year was 6462 but the most cared for at any one time during the period was only 4624.

Child care leaders explained that this was due to changing patterns in child care, evident in religious homes as well as private and secular homes.

They said a greater effort is being made to get families back together. Also, some Baptist homes have begun mother's aid, which enables the child to remain at the parental home with financial and case worker assistance from the Baptist institution.

Then several Baptist homes have been approved to place children for adoption, the report continued.

Total cost of operating 32 Baptist homes in 1959 was \$6,251,395, while income was \$6,608,204. About one-sixth of the income came through the Cooperative Program. No figure was available on income through special mother's day and Thanksgiving offerings promoted in churches in a number of states.

In 1952, it cost \$3,717,648 to operate the homes and income was \$4,639,864 of which the Cooperative Program provided \$459,594.

Total value of Baptist children's homes' property and facilities stands now at \$29,871,836, up \$8.6 million from 1952, it was cited.

Hugh A. Brimm, professor at Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, Ky., told child care executives that in the past decade the number of Baptist homes using trained social workers increased 190 per cent, and the number of workers increased over 200 per cent.

16 homes now employ a total of 58 case workers.

Social workers according to the executives, enable specialized care in these areas:

- 1.) Foster home, in which a child boards with a family other than his own.
- 2.) Mother's aid. In these assistance cases, the father is almost always "out of the picture"---dead or has left the home permanently. The mother is morally and physically able to care for her children if she can receive financial and other aid.
- 3.) Case work assistance which allows children to remain in their own homes, and for which no financial assistance to the family is given. Often this is after a child has been discharged from the children's home and reunited with the family.
- 4.) Adoption. Several Baptist children's homes place children for adoption.

Brimm urged the child care executives to explore opportunities for special work in recreation. He further discussed an enlarged service in mental health programs and counseling for children.

The child care executives elected Silas M. Bishop, superintendent of Baptist Home for Children, Jacksonville, Fla., as president of their group. They voted to conduct their 1961 meeting in Jacksonville Jan. 25-26.

Louisiana Evangelism
Secretary Passes Away

ALEXANDRIA, La.--(BP)--R. O. Cawker, secretary of evangelism for Louisiana Baptist Convention here, died in a Temple, Tex., hospital Sunday, Jan. 31.

He had entered the hospital for surgery.

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Folks & facts.....

.....Joe T. Odle, editor of the Baptist Record, Jackson, Miss., and Mrs. Odle, will go to the Baptist World Alliance in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, as a result of action by the executive committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention board.

The 10th Congress of the Alliance will meet June 26-July 3.

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Hollywood Cancels
Wake Forest Film

(2-5-60)

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.--(BP)--A Hollywood movie studio has cancelled plans to use Wake Forest College here as setting for a film starring singer Bing Crosby.

20th Century-Fox was to have started filming in February at the Baptist school campus. The studio cancelled the plan to film the movie here because it felt parts of the picture might not be in keeping with Wake Forest College traditions.

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American Baptist Asks
'Fair Interpretation'

(2-5-60)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.--(BP)--An American Baptist Convention leader said here that the American Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention should "strive for a fair interpretation" of each other.

In response, a Southern Baptist executive said work of the conventions is not competitive and welcomed action of the American Baptist Convention to accept any churches in the traditional South desiring American Convention affiliation.

The two leaders, appearing at a Baptist Public Relations Association panel here, were R. Dean Goodwin of New York City and Arthur Rutledge of Atlanta.

Goodwin is director of communications for the American Convention and Rutledge is director, division of missions, Southern Convention Home Mission Board.

Goodwin declared that a "basic Christian faith" must underlie the work of both conventions. He asked for joint activities by the two conventions, and called the Baptist Jubilee Advance, in which both conventions are active, "by no means an adequate beginning."

"Baptists," Goodwin continued, "can waste time in things which represent our sectionalism, pride, and century-old differences, or we can represent God as he is."

Rutledge pointed out there are unchurched masses of people throughout the United States--"whether Birmingham or Boston." The necessity is to take seriously "our obligation to witness," he added.

The Southern Baptist missions leader said that the Home Mission Board has discouraged changes in affiliation from one convention to the other and has considered the nearness of Baptist churches of other conventions before aiding new Southern Baptist work.

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"Our Home Mission Board is trying seriously to hold up the idea that unless we are meeting a need that is not being met by another group, we **should not** be there," according to Rutledge.

Goodwin said that the words "your area, our area" have little meaning any more. He singled out for mention the numbers of people from southern states, both white and Negro, moving north. He also said that a "difference in taste" caused some to prefer to worship with an American Baptist church and others to join a Southern Baptist church.

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Editor Has Pointers
For Those Rio-Bound

(2-5-60)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.--(BP)--Want some tips on how to make a good impression for Baptists when you go to the Baptist World Congress in Brazil this summer?

Here are some pointers and things to expect as told to Baptist public relations officers here by C. E. Bryant, editor of the Baptist World, Washington, D. C.

This will be the first Congress outside Europe and North America.

Their religion means a lot to Baptists in Brazil where they are a small minority in a land claimed to be predominantly Roman Catholic.

At Rio de Janeiro, where the Congress will convene for eight days, local Baptists hold trusted positions because the government and private business has recognized that Baptist church members are honest and can be depended upon.

Leave your tobacco at home--in the United States. Smoking is frowned upon by Baptists in Rio almost in the same way as drinking alcohol.

Women, don't go too heavy on cosmetics.

Guard against showing race prejudice. There is no color line in Brazil.

Slow down; don't be impatient with waiters serving meals. Brazilians have a habit of taking up to two hours for lunch, so anticipate slower table service than what you are used to in the States.

Don't forget that to Brazilians, you are the foreigner. Don't brag about United States superiority.

You will pick up as much or more in Christian inspiration than you will leave.

The trip will affect your pocketbook even after you have paid all airplane, ship, sightseeing, and hotel bills. The impression of Christian missions will stimulate you to give more liberally to missions when you are back home.

A 10-minute evangelistic service in Portuguese, the language of Brazil, will be conducted (without English interpreter) at each Congress session for the benefit of non-Christian visitors.

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Lay Interest High
At Evangelism Meetings

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Lay interest and attendance at the evangelism conferences recently concluded by more than 28 state conventions of Southern Baptists was at a new high, according to C. E. Autrey of Dallas, director of the division of evangelism of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

"The Texas conference was so well-attended by laymen, as well as preachers, until hundreds were turned away from the large auditorium of Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth, and the meeting was moved to the Will Rogers Coliseum, where a little less than 9,000 attended," Autrey said.

These conferences are annual meetings, designed to rekindle the spark of evangelism effort among pastors and church leaders. Programs are devoted to how-to-do-it information as to associational and church programs, messages on doctrine, and others on inspiration.

"The spirit in this year's meetings was excellent. There was a spontaneity in them which is indicative of a deepened interest and a healthy concern," Autrey said.

He cited the example of one young pastor who went back to his church so revived by the conference that God used his sermon until the audience wept and 18 people united with the church. Autrey called the pastor the following Sunday "to see if the refreshing was still in evidence" and he reported that 10 more had joined the church.

"No doubt scores of pastors across our convention are witnessing the same thing," Autrey said. "These conferences are of primary concern to our work. They keep the emphasis on a vital place--the pastor. They promote pastoral evangelism.

"I would like to give thanks to the leaders who have gone before us, and to the editors of the state papers for promoting these meetings. Thanks also to the great body of pastors who come and give tirelessly of their time and energy."

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Baptist Ministers
Lead For Schools

(2/5/60)

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--The Atlanta Baptist pastors' conference has passed a resolution calling on the state legislature to "give the people of Atlanta, and any other community in the state, the right of determination in the matter of the closing of our public schools."

The resolution came at a time when Atlanta's public school system faces possible closing because of the Federal District Judge's ruling that desegregation in the school system must be broken down within a reasonable time. The Georgia legislature has passed previous laws saying that they will close the schools before accepting any form of integration.

The resolution adopted by the Atlanta Baptist pastors affirmed their "belief in public education as indispensable to our way of life" and their belief "in the right of American citizens to free determination in all matters of welfare and concern to the citizens."

The resolution was signed by the conference president, Roy Hinchey, Secretary Harold Kilpatrick, and chairman of the resolution committee, Charles Goe.

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Pastors And Laymen
To Have Conference

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--A conference for pastors and laymen will be held next summer during Home Mission Weeks at Glorieta and Ridgecrest, assemblies of Southern Baptists, according to Courts Redford, Atlanta, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Redford and the board's secretary of missionary personnel, Glendon Mc Cullough, Atlanta, will lead the conference which is one of 13 to be conducted during the weeks.

Activities centered around mission work in the United States, Cuba, and the Republic of Panama will be climaxed by sermons from outstanding pastors, Redford said. Ramsey Pollard, Southern Baptist Convention president and pastor of Broadway Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn., will be assembly preacher at Ridgecrest, Aug. 18-24, and Ralph Grant, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Tex., will preach at Glorieta, Aug. 4-10.

Daily Bible study at Ridgecrest will be led by W. Boyd Hunt, Fort Worth, Tex., professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and at Glorieta by Clyde T. Francisco, Louisville, Ky., professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Programs with a television motif using home missionaries and presenting their work, and inspirational addresses by mission professors and officials will highlight a daily mission hour. All activities will follow the theme, "I Will Be Faithful."

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Folks and Facts.....

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.....Rufus C. Harris of Macon, president-elect of Mercer University, received an honorary doctor of laws degree in mid-year commencement exercises at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge. This is the tenth honorary degree he has received in recognition of his educational achievements. Harris holds a bachelor's degree from Mercer and two law degrees from Yale University.

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.....Mary Joan Stewart of Poplarville, Miss. has been appointed director for the Young Woman's Auxiliary, Woman's Missionary Union, Georgia Baptist Convention beginning March 1, according to Miss Janice Singleton, Atlanta, the state's W.M.U. executive secretary. A graduate of Mississippi Southern College, Hattiesburg, and the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Miss Stewart had formerly been field representative for the Louisiana W.M.U.

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.....Eight Georgia cities will serve as hosts to Georgia Baptists Feb. 8-12 and Feb. 29-Mar. 4, during eight regional conferences on denominational ministries. The meetings will bring together leaders in every area of Georgia Baptist life for discussion of plans for 1960.

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.....A 15-minute radio broadcast over a local station is used weekly by Missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Fann, Brigham City, Utah. Students of the Intermountain Indian School, who have radios but do not attend services at the Baptist Indian Center in Brigham City, hear the program, Fann says. The program, "Sunday Morning Devotional Time," features Christian music, a devotional message, and a testimony by a Navajo Christian or special music by the Baptist students of Intermountain Indian School.

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81-Year-Old Mother Gives Birth to First Child

by David Boaz, pastor
Beck Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Today a healthy vigorous child was born. What makes the child so remarkable is that the mother is 81 years old.

The first-born child is Beck's Baptist Chapel, Winston-Salem, N. C.; the 81-year-old mother is Beck Baptist Church. She has already resolved that this shall not be her last.

The healthy new life came into existence at Sunday school time with 64 people present. Fifteen per cent of the offering, \$167.31, will go to the Cooperative Program. Ted H. Key, who will be mission pastor, led 70 people in the worship service. Key had been associate pastor of the sponsoring church for three years, had visited most of the homes in the area of the chapel, and he is eminently qualified to lead the work.

This new church is an experiment in "planned parenthood" in missions. Beck Baptist Church had long dreamed of starting a new work in this growing section of suburban Winston-Salem. Last spring the opportunity presented itself. A five-acre tract of land at the most desirable spot imaginable became available for a building site.

There were problems. The price of the land was \$13,000 and the church was completing a new educational unit which would leave it \$150,000 in debt. However, the Lord was leading, so the church bought the land.

A temporary meeting place had to be found until building plans could be made. One of the deacons and his wife decided to sell their home, just a few hundred yards from the building site. Again the church mustered a lot of faith and a little money and bought the house for \$15,000.

After that, the way was clear. A little work on the house to make it fit the needs of a church, some new drive-ways and a parking area, and the mission was ready to go. Some of the finest workers at the mother church have volunteered to serve as officers and teachers at the Beck chapel.

The mother church proudly registers her child among the 30,000 anticipated by Southern Baptists during the Jubilee Advance, trusting that this child shall "grow in wisdom, and stature, and in favor with God and man."

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BAPTIST HIGH LIGHTS

.....A total of 7,000 persons attended the recent three-day Texas Baptist evangelism conference at Fort Worth, Texas. Approximately 4,000 persons crowded into the Travis Avenue Baptist Church's 3,500-capacity auditorium, and an additional 3,000 viewed the services on closed-circuit television in another part of the church. The conference was under the direction of C. Wade Freeman.

.....The Southern Baptist Press Association, made up of editors of nearly thirty Baptist state papers and editors of several other denominational magazines, will meet February 15-17 at New Orleans, Louisiana. Meeting simultaneously will be the Baptist state executive secretaries in their annual conference. Roland E. Wolseley, chairman of the magazine department in the school of journalism at Syracuse (N.Y.) University, will be one of the featured speakers.

.....Lloyd E. Barnes, church records consultant in the Church Administration Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, became one of two superintendents of Audio-Visual Aids in the Sunday School Department on January 15.

.....During the next six months, H. Guy Moore, Fort Worth, Texas; Grady C. Cothen, Birmingham, Alabama; and J. Winston Pearce, De Land, Florida, will be "The Baptist Hour" preachers. Each will speak weekly for two months, which will give Hershel H. Hobbs, the present speaker, a six months' leave of absence.

.....Ralph C. Bethea, Southern Baptist missionary appointee to Indonesia, has been presented with a gift certificate for \$5,000 worth of drugs by E. R. Squibb and Sons, drug manufacturers. Bethea gave up a medical practice worth an estimated \$60,000 a year to go to the foreign mission field.

.....John Earl Seelig, minister of education at Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth, has been named director of public relations and alumni activities at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He assumed his new duties February 1.

.....Howard C. Bennett, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Kilgore, Texas, for the past seventeen years, has been named to succeed H. D. Bruce as president of the East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Texas.

.....The American Baptist Convention members gave a record \$9,966,784 for world missions in 1959, an increase of \$384,893 over the previous year. The goal for 1960 is \$10,500,000.

.....Kyle E. Haselden, pastor of Baptist Temple, Charleston, West Virginia, has been named managing editor of The Christian Century, an undenominational weekly published in Chicago. He will assume his new duties March 1. Haselden will also become editor of The Pulpit, a monthly magazine published by the Christian Century Foundation.

.....Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State will hold its 12th national conference in Boston, Massachusetts, February 8-9. President Louie D. Newton of Atlanta, Georgia, will preside at the two-day session. The theme of the conference is "Religion and Public Affairs."

IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

.....The Methodist Church spent a record \$28,804,000 for mission work in the United States and overseas in 1959, an increase of \$1,720,000 over 1958.

.....The Japanese-language Christian Year Book for 1960 shows a total of 678,258 Christians in Japan, a gain of approximately 35,000 over 1958. The statistics show 376,267 Protestants, 266,608 Roman Catholics, and 35,293 Eastern Orthodox.

.....For the first time in history, the enrolment in Catholic colleges has gone beyond 300,000. Statistics in the current issue of America, national Catholic weekly, show 303,665 full and part-time students enrolled at the end of the fall semester.

FACTS OF INTEREST

.....There are more drug addicts in the United States than in any other country in the Western world--perhaps more than in these nations combined! They are increasing at the rate of 1,000 a month, and 13 per cent of all addicts are twenty-one or under. The narcotic traffic costs \$500 million a year.

.....The Bensen Aircraft Corporation of Raleigh, North Carolina, has manufactured "the world's smallest one-man helicopter." This one-man model, weighing only 450 pounds, is expected to require less maintenance than a car. It can be serviced by an auto mechanic and conventional gasoline can be used for fuel. Ready for use, it will probably cost \$6,995. In the do-it-yourself kit form its selling price could be less than \$2,000.

.....The Veterans Administration hospital in Buffalo, New York, has invented an electronic device which can be inserted in a heart patient's chest. The device, known as the pacemaker, is for people afflicted with complete heart block. It pulses with gentle rhythmic jolts to keep their heart beating regularly. The device is a little larger than a pocket watch, 2 1/2 inches in diameter, 5/8 of an inch thick; and its batteries will last for five years.

.....QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "A religion that is small enough for our understanding would not be large enough for our needs."

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