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Stanton Election Gives Emphasis to Soul-winning

ATLANTA, GA.--(BP)--An increased emphasis on personal soul-winning among Southern Baptists is due this year.

This will come as a result of the election of Jack Stanton of Denver, Colo., as associate in the division of evangelism of the Home Mission Board.

Stanton, who is presently secretary of evangelism for the Colorado Baptist General Convention, will devote the major part of his time to enlisting individuals and churches in personal soul-winning. The remaining 30 per cent will be devoted to evangelism in Negro (National) Baptist churches.

Stanton will use the church council of evangelism in promoting personal soul-winning, according to C. E. Autrey, Dallas, Tex., director of the evangelism division. He will work closely with Autrey and A. V. Washburn, Nashville, Tenn., of the Sunday School Board, in promoting personal evangelism in the framework of the Sunday school, Autrey says.

"Jack Stanton is eminently fitted for this job," said Executive Secretary Courts Redford of Atlanta, "and we felt the Lord's leadership in his election."

Stanton will begin his duties April 1, replacing C. E. Wilbanks, who retires in July after six years in evangelism work with the Home Mission Board. Stanton will live in Dallas, Tex. where the division is located.

A graduate of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., and Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., Stanton has had several pastorates, but according to Autrey his "main contribution to the work of the Lord" has been in evangelism.

Before going to Colorado, where he has organized and promoted evangelism in several Western states, Stanton was secretary of evangelism in Kansas.

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Palmer Becomes Language Missions Associate

(For Feb. 25 release)

ATLANTA, GA.--(BP)--Gerald Palmer of Albuquerque, New M. was elected associate secretary of the language missions department of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Palmer, presently state missions secretary for New Mexico Southern Baptists, has served as a pastor and an associational missionary. He will begin his work in Atlanta, Ga. May 1.

"Mr. Palmer has done a good job as pastor, as general missionary, and as state missions secretary," said Loyd Corder, secretary of the department. "We believe he will do a good work as our associate."

Half of the missionaries employed by the Home Mission Board are in this department, according to Arthur Rutledge, director of the missions division in which the language work is located. "The nature of the work requires a great deal of administrative attention, both in the office and by visiting the fields," Rutledge said. "In experience, in training, in ability, and in spirit, Palmer is well equipped for the challenging responsibilities he will assume."

Palmer, a native of Wisconsin, was educated at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Tex. and at Northwestern Bible School and Seminary in Minneapolis, Minn. His service as associational missionary was in New Mexico, and he was pastor at Trinidad, Colorado.

His interest in Spanish mission work while a missionary and as pastor resulted in the call of the Home Mission Board to serve as director of Spanish and Indian mission work in New Mexico in 1957. This position was enlarged to include all state mission work.

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HMB Loans Divisions
Adds Escrow Officer

(2-23-60)

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Thomas Haynes, Atlanta credit supervisor, was elected escrow officer for the Church Loans Division of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

"Mr. Haynes will assume duties formerly performed by Berner F. Wilson, our assistant," announced G. Frank Garrison of Atlanta, director of the division. "Mr. Wilson will devote most of his time to contacts on the field."

The expansion of the Church Loans Division and future enlargement of the money available were credited as reasons for Haynes' employment. Garrison reported that \$10½ million has been loaned for buildings and sites during the past six years. The Southern Baptist Convention is providing \$4 million during the period 1959-63 for the division's loan funds.

Haynes, a graduate of Atlanta's Woodrow Wilson College of Law, was chief clerk for the Crane Company of Atlanta before being promoted to its credit supervisor. He has been with the company since 1940, starting as a shipping clerk. However, from 1943-45 he served in the Army.

A deacon at Emory Baptist Church in Atlanta, he is associate superintendent of the adult department. He is a mason, a member of the Georgia Bar Association, and the Georgia Association of Credit Management. He is married and has three children.

Garrison also announced that funds for church sites have been committed through 1960. Most loans for buildings and sites go to new churches in areas where credit is difficult to obtain, and they range in amounts from \$1,000 to \$25,000 for periods from two to ten years.

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Northeastern States Set
Regional Fellowship Date

(2-23-60)

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--A regional fellowship meeting of the 48 Southern Baptist churches and missions in the Northeastern states area is planned for Aug. 29-31, 1960, according to state executive secretaries, Ray Roberts of Ohio and Roy D. Gresham of Maryland.

The meeting, to be held in Manhattan Baptist Church, New York City, will be sponsored by the Ohio and Maryland state conventions.

Messengers at the fellowship meeting will represent churches and missions in New England, eastern New York state, New Jersey, eastern Pennsylvania, and Delaware, affiliated with the Maryland Baptist Union Association, and a larger number of churches and missions in western New York and Pennsylvania, affiliated with the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio.

Representatives from each board and agency of the Southern Baptist Convention and Woman's Missionary Union are being invited to the meeting, so that the full program of the convention may be presented.

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Note to Editors: This is a clarification of the story, "New York Plans Churches, Associations, Spanish Work," which was mailed to you Jan. 18, 1960.

Tuscon Survey Reveals
74,000 Unchurched

TUSCON, Ariz.--(BP)--Southern Baptists' survey of Tuscon, Ariz. has revealed 74,000 adults and children without church affiliation; 33,919 are non-Christians above nine years of age.

The figures were revealed by Billy Hargrove of Atlanta, Ga., secretary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board department of survey and special studies.

Hargrove led the 26 Southern Baptist churches of the city in making the survey, assisted by workers from some Methodist, Presbyterian, and other Baptist churches. Nearly 2000 workers, some from as far away as Pheonix, surveyed the 185,552 residents of Tuscon.

The survey pointed to a need for 15 missions, which state and city Baptist leaders plan to start by 1964.

As a result of the survey work there were 78 additions to the Southern Baptist churches during the week of the survey, and an increase in their Sunday school attendance of 610 over previous Sundays. The survey revealed 42,868 prospects for Southern Baptist Sunday schools.

"Every survey we have taken," Hargrove said, "has rekindled the fires of evangelism. Apart from all other factors, this is justification enough for a survey. There were also three young adults who volunteered for mission service."

The survey was made in co-operation with the Home Mission Board, the state Baptist General Convention, and local churches. The city was divided into 26 areas, and each area was led by an outside director. Some of these included workers from Atlanta, Pheonix, and other Arizona areas.

A Hot Rod Club from Phoenix drove the 127 miles to work with their pastor in surveying a mission field in the city. Students from Grand Canyon Baptist College in Phoenix and the University of Arizona helped, and there were six Chinese foreign exchange students from University of Arizona who surveyed 380 Chinese homes.

The Friendship Center, a mission for all nationalities operated by Baptists, surveyed 3556 people representing 13 nationalities; 1176 of these are prospects for the center.

The survey revealed 41,601 Catholics, only 18,580 Baptists, 12,589 Methodists, 7736 Presbyterians, 7098 Lutherans, and 6646 Jews.