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More Diploma Nursing
Schools Said Needed

COLUMBUS, Ohio--(BP)--The Southwide Baptist Hospital Association agreed here that the nation needs more three-year diploma schools of nursing.

This education, where possible, should be given through some Southern Baptist hospital, they continued.

The association has as members the administrators of about 40 Baptist hospitals, most of which are operated by state Baptist conventions or associations. Two of the hospitals are operated by the Southern Baptist Convention proper.

There is a nationwide shortage of registered nurses, according to the administrators, which affects not only Baptist hospitals but public hospitals and other private and religious group hospitals.

In fact, the association stated that Southern Baptist hospitals have only 60 per cent of the total number of registered nurses they need.

Registered nurses, the administrators said, come from two different training programs--the three-year diploma school such as found at Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, and several other Baptist hospitals, and college courses leading to a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

The Southwide Baptist Hospital Association felt that if 83 per cent of the registered nurses came through diploma schools and 17 per cent came through the college degree program, there would be a good enough representation of supervisory and floor nurses.

One hospital executive pointed out that graduates of the college degree program tend to become supervisory nurses more than graduates of the diploma schools.

T. Sloane Guy, Jr., New Orleans, executive secretary of Southern Baptist Hospitals, an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, said the shortage of nurses could be attributed to four things:

A. Not enough registered nurses are graduating to keep up with hospital expansion and with the need for nurses to care for patients receiving newly-discovered drugs.

B. The movement of the people from one area to another has caused many registered nurses to leave places of employment.

C. Certain states have few schools of nursing and are not contributing their share of nurses to the national demand.

D. A greater number of registered nurses are turning away from hospitals to military service, doctors' offices, and private clinics. Although they remain nurses, they are not in hospital service. They have left the hospitals because they can find better pay and better working hours elsewhere.

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Southeastern Needs

WAKE FOREST, N.C.--(BP)--Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary trustees in the final session of their annual meeting here voted unanimously to approve a library campaign for \$350,000 as a part of the 10th anniversary celebration scheduled for 1960-61.

The campaign will extend over a three-year period and will seek to raise \$100,000 for the purchase of books and \$250,000 for permanent endowment, according to President S. L. Stealey. The organization of alumni and friends all over the state will begin immediately. W. Perry Crouch, Asheville, N. C., chairman of trustees, urged unanimous support of the campaign by trustees, faculty, students, and alumni. "The success of this campaign will be an important part of the future growth of the seminary," declared Crouch.

One of the most important actions of the board was to instruct President Stealey to make a special request to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for \$300,000 for the immediate construction of a dormitory for girls.

The finance committee, headed by William L. Wyatt, Sr. of Raleigh, brought this report after a study of seminary needs. According to Business Manager Gordon Funk, more than 14 girls were turned away from dormitory accommodations this year.

Highlighting the final day of the Board meeting was the Founder's Day address by J. Glenn Blackburn, pastor of Wake Forest Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, N. C. Blackburn warned the young seminarians that the ministry is more than a little intellectual polish and decorating a degree with ignorance.

Said Blackburn, "Just as Moslems leave their shoes outside, Christians want to leave their minds at home. Just as church members don't like to be disturbed, so there are young people who come to the seminary wanting only a little polishing, and to decorate their ignorance with a degree. Just as many people believe doubt to be a sin, so many preachers think these doubts are enemies to be destroyed, or evils that will die if we ignore them," Blackburn added.

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Alaska Baptist Board
Speaks On School Aid

FAIRBANKS, Alaska--(BP)--The executive board of Alaska Baptist Convention has recorded its opposition to any public funds being used for direct or indirect aid to private or religious schools.

L. A. Watson of Anchorage, executive secretary of the Baptist group, said "strong pressure" is being brought to permit such use of public funds.

"Alaska Baptist Convention feels that aid through transportation, textbooks, or any other indirect means is an aid to the institution as well as to the child," he reported.

"The Alaskan state constitution says, 'No money shall be conveyed from public funds for direct benefits to meeting religious or private educational institutions,'" according to Watson.

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This leaves open the possible indirect use of public funds. The law declares, "Transportation can likewise be provided for children who in compliance with the compulsory education law of Alaska attend nonpublic schools and must travel distances comparable with and over routes the same as the distance and routes over which the children of public schools travel."

The Baptist executive board contends that any aid given a student attending a private or religious school, directly or indirectly, is aid to the school itself.

The executive board also voted unanimously to battle efforts to legalize gambling in the 49th state.

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Southeastern Capital
Expenses Total \$600,000

WAKE FOREST, N. C.--(BP)--"More than \$600,000 has been spent for capital improvements at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here during the last two years," trustees were told by Seminary President S. L. Stealey at their annual meeting here.

This includes \$19,431 on the trailer park, \$420,205 for 25 student duplex apartments, and \$157,523 for the Ruby Reid Child Care Center. The total current operating budget last year was \$628,000.

Stealey also expressed appreciation for a number of gifts made to the seminary during the past year. These included \$50,000 for the Chapel organ by the late Walter M. Williams and his wife, Flonnie Cooper Williams of Burlington, N. C., and one by the late H. E. Miller, Sr., and Mrs. Miller of Wallace, N. C. They gave \$10,000 to the student loan fund.

A gift of \$1,000 to endow a library shelf in memory of the late Dr. R. T. Daniel, Southeastern professor, and a movement by students, faculty, alumni, and friends to create an additional memorial in the student aid fund was announced.

Dean Olin T. Binkley reported September enrolment was 738 students with 656 in the bachelor of divinity program, 27 in the master of theology program, and 55 in the certificate of theology program.

Highlighting the afternoon program was an address by J. Clyde Turner of Raleigh, N. C., on the subject, "Better Trustees of A Better Seminary." Edward A. McDowell, Jr., professor of New Testament at the seminary reported on "Trends in Seminary Education."

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\$15,000 Gift Boosts
Gardner-Webb Drive

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.--(BP)-- Gardner Webb College, a Baptist junior college here, received \$15,000 from the Stonecutter Mills Foundation of Spindale, N.C.

The Stonecutter gift is fourth largest received by the college in its effort to raise \$550,000. Funds will be used for two new buildings, for athletic facilities, and to reduce debt.

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Baptist Hospital Men
Elect Their Officers

COLUMBUS, Ohio--(BP)--A Kentuckian and an Arkansawyer were elected to top offices in Southern Baptist hospital groups here.

Homer D. Coggins, administrator of Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, Ky., is the new president of Southwide Baptist Hospital Association.

Don Corley, chaplain, Arkansas Baptist Hospital, Little Rock, became president of the chaplains group of the Baptist Hospital association.

President-elect of the administrators organization is John A. Gilbreath of the Little Rock hospital, and the chaplains' president-elect is George Colgin of Winston-Salem, N.C., an associate in the department of pastoral care at North Carolina Baptist Hospital.

The presidents-elect customarily move into the presidency the next year.

T. Sloane Guy, Jr., of New Orleans, will serve as secretary-treasurer of the Southwide Baptist Hospital Association. Charles McKnight of Memphis Baptist Memorial Hospital will serve as secretary of the chaplains group. George Bowdler, South Carolina Baptist Hospital, Columbia, is their vice-president.

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Midwestern Enrolment
Stretches To Near 300

KANSAS CITY, Mo.--(BP)--Cumulative enrolment at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here stands at 296, since 21 new students have enrolled for the second semester.

Students come from 27 states and 62 colleges. Missouri ranks first in number of students enrolled with 121.

Registrar V. Lavell Seats states that the reception of the seminary by area churches has been "splendid." Nearly 70 per cent of the students presently have pastorates or serve as song leaders, youth directors, institutional missionaries, assistant pastors, or educational directors.

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Oates Receives \$4000
Grant for Education

LOUISVILLE, Ky.--(BP)--A \$4000 Fellowship has been awarded to Wayne E. Oates, professor of psychology of religion at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, by the American Association of Theological Schools.

Penrose St. Amant, dean of the school of theology announced the award.

The scholarship will enable Oates to spend a year of research and study at Harvard University during the school year 1960-61. Oates will be on sabbatical leave during this time. He is preparing a volume on the "Person of Christ and the Selfhood of Man." This research grant will enable him to complete the project.

Oates, 42, is a native of Greenville, S. C., graduate of Mars Hill Junior College, Mars Hill, N. C. and Wake Forest College. He received his bachelor of divinity, master of theology and doctor of theology from Southern Seminary.

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Stetson News Bureau
Director, Taylor, Dies

DELAND, Fla.--(BP)--J. Blanford Taylor, director of the news bureau of Stetson University here, died Feb. 16 at his home of coronary thrombosis. A native of Litchfield, Ky., Taylor was a graduate of Georgetown College.

Funeral services were held Feb. 18, at First Baptist Church, Deland, with Pastor J. Winston Pearce officiating.

Taylor was well-known in Florida as a former president of the Florida Public Relations Association and southeastern district director of the American College Public Relations Association.

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Women's Gains Prove
Need For More Workers

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.--(BP)--"The growth in membership of Woman's Missionary Union is indicative of a general increase in all phases of Woman's Missionary Union life," Miss Alma Hunt, Birmingham, executive secretary, stated.

She was commenting on the 4.3 per cent increase during 1959 in Woman's Missionary Union enrolment reported by the research and statistics department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Woman's Missionary Union is an auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention.

"This report shows us the first results of the Baptist Jubilee Advance goals," Miss Hunt stated. Baptist Jubilee Advance plans call for state, associational, and local Woman's Missionary Unions to set goals for gains in enrolment and in the number of unit organizations.

"Naturally an increase in unit organizations means a closer grading of the age groups," Miss Hunt said. "This results in more effective missionary education and an increased membership."

This increase in membership also means more paid workers are needed in the states, Miss Hunt pointed out. Following the plan of Convention-wide Union, many state organizations are employing directors for each of the three youth organizations.

Previously one person in a state was responsible for promoting Young Woman's Auxiliary, Girls' Auxiliary, and Sunbeam Band. Some state Baptist groups are adding a Woman's Missionary Society director or a promotion director. These people are able to devote more time to field assignments and leadership training, according to Miss Hunt.

"In the report to be presented at the Southern Baptist Convention in May," Miss Hunt commented, "we will describe gains in every area of our work. This is most encouraging as we look forward to these next four years of the Baptist Jubilee Advance program."

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Offers Hospital Service
For Medical Check Ups

NEW ORLEANS--(BP)--The executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention's two hospitals has offered their facilities for medical check ups of Convention leaders.

T. Sloane Guy, Jr., New Orleans, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Hospitals, said either the hospital here or Baptist Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla., could be selected.

He proposed that the thorough physical examinations be scheduled between Christmas and New Year's Day. The hospital would accept whatever insurance the Convention leader carried, and would bear any additional hospital expense itself.

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CORRECTION

In 2-21-60 story from Nashville, regarding New Orleans Seminary trustees meeting, please make the following change in paragraph four, the sentence starting "His salary will be continued...relationship to the institution may be revealed, etc." Please change the word revealed to reviewed.

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Folks and facts.....

.....Luther Joe Thompson, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., will become pastor, First Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., Apr. 3, succeeding Carl J. Giers.

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Portsmouth Organizes, Takes Historic Name

PORTSMOUTH, N.H.--(BP)--The organization of Southern Baptists' northernmost church, the Screven Memorial Baptist Church in Portsmouth, N. H., February 22, turned the wheel of mission endeavor a full revolution.

William Screven organized a church at Kittery, Maine, in 1681, but persecution drove the congregation to South Carolina, where they planted the first Baptist church in the South, at Charleston. The Portsmouth church is just across the bridge from Kittery.

The transfer of a bomber wing from Roswell, N. M., to the Pease Air Force Base at Portsmouth 18 months ago, brought a large number of Southern Baptists to the city. Many had been members of the South Hill Baptist Church in Roswell. The new work in Portsmouth, called the Newington Baptist Chapel, became a mission of the South Hill Church, but was later, because of the distance, transferred as a mission of the Manhattan Baptist Church in New York City.

The mission met in the Newington Town Hall, called Eugene Trawick of Georgia as pastor, and now the 125 members which constituted the church plan new facilities for expansion. Trawick is jointly supported by the church and the Home Mission Board and serves as a pastoral missionary.

Present for the constituting services were A. B. Cash of Atlanta, director of Pioneer Missions of the Home Mission Board; Paul S. James, director of Southern Baptist work in the greater New York area; Elmer Sizemore, area missionary of the Maryland Baptist Convention, and others from Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, and other northeastern states.

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Fire Destroys First Church, Fairbanks

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FAIRBANKS, Alaska--(BP)--First Baptist Church of Fairbanks, Alaska was completely destroyed by fire, February 13, according to Pastor Donald R. Davis.

The fire apparently started from an explosion in the furnace room, and within an hour the entire building was demolished. The loss is estimated at a quarter of a million dollars, and insurance covered less than half this amount.

Also destroyed was the pastor's library, valued at \$1,500, not covered by insurance.

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The Sunday after the fire "a revival broke out" according to Pastor Davis. Three joined by transfer of church letter, and four asked for baptism. A 13-year-old boy surrendered to preach.

Arrangements have been made for the church to meet in the Masonic Hall on Sunday mornings, and in one of the other Baptist churches on Wednesday.

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. . .The Manhattan Baptist Church of New York City, Paul S. James, pastor, now reports seven mission chapels with new ones at Hartford, Conn., Newburgh, N.Y., and the Albany area in New York. The chapel at Portsmouth, N.H. was organized as the Screven Memorial Baptist Church.

. . .Northside Baptist Church became the third Southern Baptist church in Omaha, Neb. when it organized February 14. The church was a mission of First Southern Baptist Church of Omaha, which had also sponsored the other church in the city, as well as the nearby Bellevue church. Jack Adkisson is pastor of First Church, and Richard Lindsay is pastor of the Northside Church.

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