

January 22, 1961

North Carolina Picks  
May 4 For School Meet

RALEIGH, N. C.--(BP)--North Carolina Baptists have picked May 4 for th ir special convention to discuss a \$45 million fund-raising program for Baptist higher education.

The general board of the Baptist state convention said it will convene at Greensboro for a one-day special session.

The fund-raising proposal will be the only matter on the agenda.

The money would be distributed among the seven Baptist colleges operated by the state convention. Baptist student union would receive \$1 million for student centers.

Money received by the colleges from the special campaign would help them improve their facilities and increase their staffs.

In a move considered "unusual," the general board chose an ex-officio member as its president. Nane Starnes of West Asheville, N. C., was in effect re-elected as president. This year, however, his presence on the board is in ex-officio capacity since he is a vice-president of the state convention.

The general board authorized convention trustees to purchase 888 acres of land near Asheboro, N. C., for a Royal Ambassador Camp. Approximately \$14,000 of the \$15,000 needed for down payment is in hand, according to Brotherhood department secretary Clyde L. Davis, Sr.

The state convention fell over \$200,000 short of its 1960 state Cooperative Program goal of \$4.1 million despite an increase of ~~6.25~~ per cent over 1959 receipts. To meet the 1961 goal of \$4.4 million, an increase of 13 per cent over 1960 will be necessary, according to a treasurer's report.

-30-

The Girl Next Door  
Helps Brotherhood

(1-22-61)

MEMPHIS, Tenn.--(BP)--The women are cornered by the men.

The offices of the Southern Baptist Convention Brotherhood Commission here hedge in on two sides the corner lot occupied by the Memphis office of Girl Scouts of America.

A Brotherhood staff writer said the arrangement is valuable. The Girl Scout way of writing literature helps the Brotherhood, a layman's organization, prepare its literature outlines for its boys' missionary group, Royal Ambassadors.

-30-

Stagg Portrait

(1-21-61)

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.--(BP)--A portrait of Executive Secretary Harry P. Stagg has been unveiled in the conference room used by the board of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico here. Board members are also seeking portraits of past executive secretaries to be placed on the walls of the remodeled conference suite.

-30-

New Administration Has  
Education 'Hot Potato'

WASHINGTON--(BP)--The outgoing Republican administration has recommended to its Democratic successors that studies be undertaken "immediately" to determine how governmental and private agencies can share in responsibilities for the education of the Nation.

The retiring secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Arthur S. Flemming, made his statement in connection with two studies he made public on "long-range national objectives in the field of education" during the next 10 years.

The studies, initiated more than a year ago, and conducted by the Office of Education under the direction of Commissioner Lawrence G. Derthick, dealt with "public" elementary and secondary education and with problems in higher education.

Emphasizing the philosophy of partnership between public and private school efforts that has been developed over the past several years in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Flemming expressed his belief that the objectives of the Nation in the field of education could not be achieved "unless the federal government assumes a far greater share of the total responsibility than it has to date."

In this statement Flemming did not indicate what the federal government's responsibility for the private program of education might be.

He said, "These studies do not endeavor to identify the 'fair share' of responsibility that must be accepted by government at all levels and by private contributors if these objectives are to be achieved. I believe that studies and discussions looking toward obtaining some agreement on the manner in which this responsibility should be shared should begin at once."

-30-

Virginia Reports Two  
Budget Records In 1960

(1-22-60)

RICHMOND, Va.--(BP)--For the first time in history, Virginia Baptists have given more than \$4 million in a year through their churches to all mission causes.

Also a record is the over \$1 million Virginia Baptists have given in a year to Southern Baptist Convention objectives. Both records were achieved in 1960.

The total receipts for the year for the Baptist General Association of Virginia were \$4,144,834. Of this, \$2,954,381 was for the Cooperative Program. This Cooperative Program sum represents an increase of 4 per cent over 1959.

Cooperative Program funds shared with the Southern Baptist Convention came to \$1,034,033, an increase of 3.4 per cent.

-30-

C O R R E C T I O N

In Baptist Press dtd. 1-20-61, please make the following change in the dateline of the story entitled, "Vinegar Bend's Words To Conference Sweet." The city in the dateline is SEDALIA, spelled with an "S." Please make this correction. Thank you.

BAPTIST PRESS

Mercer Prepares  
To Install Harris

MACON, Ga.--(BP)--Mercer University has set the inauguration of President Rufus C. Harris for Mar. 29 with Walter Pope Binns delivering the major address.

Binns, president of William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., was a roommate of Harris at Mercer. Harmon Caldwell, president of the University of Georgia, will be the speaker at the luncheon which will follow the inauguration.

Walter Dowling, U. S. ambassador to West Germany, and a Mercer alumnus, will address a dinner in Atlanta the following night.

The inauguration comes a year after Harris left the presidency of Tulane University in New Orleans to head his alma mater. He was president of Tulane for 23 years.