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Texas Voters Oppose Legalized Race Gambling

By the Baptist Press

Legalized pari-mutuel betting on horse races lost a popularity contest in Democratic and Republican primaries in Texas after a hotly-contested campaign between horse racing enthusiasts and religious groups.

Two days following the referendum vote, horse race betting was being defeated by a 100,000-vote margin out of nearly 1 million votes counted.

Some of the state's biggest counties, however, voted in favor of legalized gambling, including Bexar County (San Antonio, Tex.), Nueces County (Corpus Christi, Tex.), and El Paso County.

Almost immediately after the election, state Rep. V. E. "Red" Berry of San Antonio, who calls himself a "retired gambler," announced plans to introduce a bill in the state legislature next year calling for horse racing in Bexar County.

Rep. Berry said he believed the 30,522 to 18,555 vote in his home county in favor of race betting was a "mandate" to bring racing to the San Antonio area.

Nearly five weeks before the election, E. S. James, editor of the Baptist Standard, had predicted that if any county in the state approved the referendum, the popularity vote would be used as a club over the heads of the legislators to legalize gambling in that area.

W. R. White, chancellor of Baylor University in Waco, Tex., and co-chairman of a businessmen's group organized to fight the race track gambling referendum, said after the election he hoped Rep. Berry would "live up to his word" and quit trying to resurrect a dead issue.

Berry had said in a television broadcast that if the people expressed opposition to race track gambling in a referendum vote, he would drop his efforts to legalize betting.

"I said that on a local television station speech, and I meant only Bexar County," said Berry in reply after the election.

If Rep. Berry follows through with his plans, the legislature will face a similar bill next year.

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Baylor Teacher Dies
After Counting Votes

WACO, Tex. (BP)--A. P. Cagle, chairman of the political science department at Baylor University here for more than 30 years, died of a sudden heart attack at the McLennan County Courthouse May 5 after counting votes in a statewide election.

Cagle, 65, earlier had been elected without opposition to his 17th term as Democratic county chairman. He was working on his financial report for the Democratic primary when the attack occurred at 10:20 p.m.

A Baptist deacon, Cagle was a former city councilman and mayor pro tem in Waco, and served two terms in the Texas Legislature in 1935 and 1939.

A graduate of the Baylor University school of law, Cagle received his doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Texas in Austin.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church in Waco May 7.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Alton Pearson of Waco, Tex.; a son, H. I. Cagle of Amarillo, Tex.; three brothers, Richard Cagle, a Baptist associational missionary in Colorado Springs, Colo., W. W. Cagle of Hollis, Okla., and Fred Cagle of Amarillo; and four sisters, Miss Daisy Cagle and Mrs. Otis Miller, both of Amarillo, Mrs. R. C. Tennison of San Saba, Tex., and Mrs. W. W. Simmons of Floydada, Tex.

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Wedding Fee Paid In Full
22 Years After Ceremony

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DALLAS (BP)--A Texas Baptist denominational leader has positive evidence that "all things come to him who waits."

Twenty-two years ago, J. Woodrow Fuller, who was in Fulton, Ky., serving his first full-time pastorate after college, united in marriage a young couple who had driven up from Union City, Tenn. They were unable to pay the customary wedding fee of about \$3.

Recently, Fuller, who is now secretary of the Texas Baptist State Missions Commission, received a letter of appreciation from the bridegroom. The man said God had been exceptionally good to him and his family.

"Enclosed you will find a little token that should have been included 22 years ago, except I didn't have it then," the man said. He added that he was including the interest on the fee also. With the letter was a \$25 check.

"I endorsed it and turned it over to my wife for a convention hat," Fuller said.

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Expansion Program Started
At Geriatrics Hospital

(5-8-62)

SAN ANGELO, Tex. (BP)--Construction has begun here on new buildings valued at \$400,000 that will enable Baptist Memorials Geriatrics Hospital to care for 60 additional sick and aging people.

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The hospital's new administrative and services building and residence hall will increase its capacity to 228 patients, said Mrs. Louis Gayer, administrator.

Rooms in the residence hall are being reserved as memorials at a cost of about \$7,100, said Mrs. Gayer.

The institution, given to Texas Baptists by Mrs. Gayer in 1957, has a development goal of a 500-resident village specializing in geriatric care. It is believed to be the first denominationally-owned hospital for the care of chronically-ill, aging people with admittance on a non-denominational basis.

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NBC Director Wins Award
For Film on Moscow Baptists

(5-8-62)

NEW YORK (BP)--McCall's magazine has presented a "golden mike" award to Miss Doris Ann here, manager of religious programming for the National Broadcasting Co., for her part in producing a 30-minute documentary film showing services in the Moscow (Russia) Baptist Church.

The film, which is known as both "And the Word Endures" and "Report from Moscow," was produced with the cooperation of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth. Miss Ann was executive producer of the film.

Cited as a "golden example" for the entire radio-television industry, the award to Miss Ann was specifically for "service to the family."

An article in the May issue of McCall's magazine said the film pointed out that "even in the heart of atheism, there are still those doing God's work."

The film shows a wedding, a Baptism, and an ordination service in addition to the regular worship and preaching. The film was shown as a part of the Southern Baptist television series, "The Answer" this year.

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Mother of Church Leaders
Wins Texas Baptist Award

(5-8-62)

FORT WORTH (BP)--A 63-year old grandmother whose children serve in nearly every local church position possible has been named Texas Baptist Mother of the Year.

She is Mrs. Ollie Alsup McDowell of Fort Worth, a charter member of the Alta Mere Baptist Church here.

Her five living children serve as pastor, minister of music and education, deacon, Sunday School teacher, Training Union director, Royal Ambassador leader, Sunbeam director, choir member and pianist.

A special committee of the Baptist General Convention of Texas selected Mrs. McDowell as winner of the annual Mother of the Year Award because of "her tremendous influence in leading her children to become effective church leaders."

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"When my grandmother gets up on Sunday morning and prepares to attend church services, she knows all her children and grandchildren are doing the same thing," said one of her eight grandchildren.

Two of her seven children are not now living. Her first-born, Ralph E., died with diphtheria in 1931 at the age of eight. James Milton was killed in Germany during World War II, and had told his pastor before the war that God had called him as a music director.

G. W. McDowell is the pastor in the family, serving the Westland Baptist Church in Fort Worth. Fred Arthur McDowell is music and education director for the Buchanan Baptist Church in Amarillo, Tex. Both are graduates of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. Hugh B. McDowell is an active deacon, usher, and Royal Ambassador leader in Fort Worth.

Her oldest daughter, Mrs. Ida Mae Shoers of Ashland, Va., is a Sunday School teacher, Training Union director, and choir member, and the youngest of the family, 16-year-old Sandra Dea is Sunbeam director, pianist, and choir member at the Alta Mere church.

According to the children, Mrs. McDowell has taught a Sunday School class ever since they can remember.

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Baptist Film Wins
Mental Health Award

(5-8-62)

NEW YORK (BP)--A Southern Baptist documentary film showing how a hospital team--physician, psychiatrist and minister--treat "the whole man" has won a mental health award for "exceptional contributions to public enlightenment on mental illness."

Produced jointly by the National Broadcasting Co. and the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth, the television program was entitled "From the Most High Cometh Healing."

Sequences for the film were shot at the North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, N. C.; at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N. C.; and at New Orleans (La.) Baptist Hospital.

The award was presented to representatives from NBC-TV and the Baptist Radio-TV Commission here during an awards luncheon sponsored by the National Association for Mental Health, Inc.

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Academy Offers Course
On "How to Study"

(5-8-62)

SAN MARCOS, Tex. (BP)--A detailed course on "How to Study" will be offered at San Marcos Baptist Academy here this summer to help youngsters who have been having difficulty mastering their school subjects.

After two years of research, the Academy found that the primary reason many students have trouble in school often lies in the student's lack of skill in handling the tools of study, said President William Crook.

San Marcos Baptist Academy is one of nine schools owned by the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and is the state convention's only elementary and high school institution.

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98 Per Cent of Japanese
Churches Slate Revivals

TOKYO, Japan (BP)--Nearly 98 percent of the churches in the Japan Baptist Convention will hold revival services next spring as part of the nationwide "Baptist New Life Movement" evangelistic crusade.

Baptist leaders in Japan hope that 100 percent of their churches and missions will schedule revivals before the crusade begins.

A total of 146 Baptist churches and missions in Japan have already slated revivals in the crusade, scheduled March 31-May 5, 1963.

Plans confirmed by committees of the Japan Baptist Convention call for five area-wide crusades in major Japan population centers including Sapporo, Osaka, Fukuoka, Kokura, and Tokyo.

Evangelist Billy Graham will speak in at least four of the five central crusades meeting in stadiums and large auditoriums.

Three leaders from the Baptist General Convention of Texas met with leaders from the Japan Convention here to help outline plans for the crusade and select teams of evangelists and laymen from America to participate in the crusade.

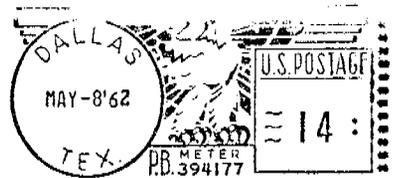
T. A. Patterson, Texas Baptist executive secretary; C. Wade Freeman, evangelism director; and Mrs. Patterson, chairman of a Texas committee to coordinate prayer support of the crusade, met with Japan Baptist leaders.

A total of 52 decisions for Christ were made in Baptist churches here when the three Texas Baptist leaders spoke during services one Sunday.

The crusade will be sponsored jointly by the Japan Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

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