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Registration At Baptist Convention Totals 9,396

NASHVILLE (BP)--Total registration at the annual Southern Baptist Convention meeting in San Francisco June 5-8 was 9,396, an end-of-convention tabulation showed here.

The registration figures were tabulated by the Southern Baptist Historical Commission here when messenger registration cards were counted by a microfilm camera which recorded each registration card.

Greatest attendance was by Baptists in California, host state, with 1,609 Californians registered.

Texas came a close second in number of messengers registered, with 1,502 attending.

Other registration totals by states include:

Alabama, 395; Alaska, 13; Arizona, 162; Arkansas, 299; District of Columbia, 41; Colorado (and adjacent states), 106; Florida, 236; Georgia, 509; Hawaii, 20; Illinois, 93; Indiana, 32; Kansas, 61; Kentucky, 302; Louisiana, 363; Maryland, 70; Michigan, 31.

Mississippi, 351; Missouri, 388; New Mexico, 104; North Carolina, 556; Ohio, 33; Oklahoma, 484; Oregon-Washington, 174; South Carolina, 509; Tennessee, 607; Virginia, 302; miscellaneous, 66.

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Southern Baptist Convention: Retrospect and Prospect

By Herschel H. Hobbs
President, Southern Baptist Convention

In retrospect, how shall we regard the recent sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention?

The convention faced vital issues. It positioned itself as to its continuing faith in the Bible. It cited no institutions or individuals. It refused to act as a censor. But it courteously requested its agencies to continue to operate within the context of its expressed faith, leaving each one free to determine its course of action within that framework. It referred some vital matters to the executive committee for study and recommendation to the 1963 session of the convention. It appointed a committee to study the 1925 statement of "The Baptist Faith and Message" and to bring its report to the 1963 session.

And now, what of the prospect?

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The debating is past. The convention has spoken. It now remains for us to act in that light. And as we act, let us do so together in Christian love as we give ourselves unreservedly to the great task which God has placed in our hands. As we do so, let us pray without ceasing. Let us pray for our agencies as they implement the broad policies and programs of our convention. Let us pray for the committee appointed to study the "Baptist Faith and Message." Let us pray for the committee on theological education as it studies the programs of our theological institutions in preparation of that section of the operations manual dealing with our institutions.

I am grateful beyond words for your trust as expressed in electing me for a second term as your president. I pledge you my best. But my best is not enough. As we face the future one can but exclaim, "who is sufficient for these things?" Only in Christ may any of us be sufficient. Decisions affecting our convention for a generation may well be made during the next 11 months. We must make not our decisions, but His. May our prayer ever be that of our Lord, "...not as I will, but as thou wilt."

For each of us I would paraphrase the words of the Apostle Paul. "Brethren, let us not count ourselves to have apprehended: but this one thing let us do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, let us press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

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20 Seminary Grads Included
In Baptist "Statement" Group

By Leland Webb
For the Baptist Press

Initiating the first such study in 37 years, messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in San Francisco adopted a recommendation creating a special 24-member committee to study the 1925 statement of Baptist faith and message and report to the convention next year in Kansas City, Mo.

The recommendation calls for the committee to present "some similar statement which shall serve as information to the churches, and which may serve as guidelines to the various agencies" of the convention.

The committee is composed of the current presidents of 23 state Baptist conventions which qualify under convention bylaw 18 to full representation on Southern Baptist boards. In addition, Southern Baptist Convention President H. H. Hobbs will serve as chairman.

A poll of the state conventions revealed that 20 members of the committee have seminary training---13 at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; four at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth; one at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; and two at Central Baptist Theological Seminary, (American Baptist) Kansas City, Kan.

Two committee members are laymen. Eight have earned doctorates, and four others have honorary doctorates. Eight are members of the Southern Baptist executive committee.

Report is to be made public by March 1, 1963, so that study will be possible before the convention in Kansas City. The committee will meet in the near future to organize, make a general survey of the problem, and set up a study method.

Committee membership, according to available information, follows:

Chairman: H. H. Hobbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City; graduate of Howard College, Birmingham, Ala.; Ph. D. from Southern Seminary, Louisville; D. D. from Howard College; ex officio member of convention executive committee.

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Alabama: Howard M. Reaves, pastor, First Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala.; attended University of North Carolina and Furman University, Greenville, S.C.; Ph. D. from Southern Seminary, Louisville.

Arizona: Ed J. Packwood, real estate dealer in Phoenix; graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee; member of executive committee.

Arkansas: C. Z. Holland, pastor, First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Ark.; graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, and Southern Seminary, Louisville; honorary doctorate from Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, Ark.

California: W. Burman Timberlake, pastor, White Avenue Baptist Church, Pomona, Calif.; graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Th. D. from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

District of Columbia: C. Viton Koons, long-time attorney in Washington, D. C.; member of Metropolitan Baptist Church.

Florida: Malcolm B. Knight, pastor, Southside Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.; graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.; doctorate from Southern Seminary.

Georgia: Dick Hall Jr., Pastor, First Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga.; graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton; Th. D. from Southern Seminary; D. D. from Mercer University, Macon, Ga., and Mississippi College.

Illinois: Charles R. Walker, pastor, First Baptist Church, Marion, Ill.; graduate of Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, and Southern Seminary, Louisville; member of executive committee.

Indiana: Walter R. Davis, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Hammond, Ind.; graduate of Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, N.C., and Southern Seminary, Louisville; member of executive committee.

Kansas: Garth Pybas, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Topeka, Kan.; graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee; and Central Baptist Theological Seminary, (American Baptist), Kansas City, Kan.

Kentucky: Verlin C. Kruschwitz, pastor, Severn Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, Ky.; Th. D. from Southern Seminary.

Louisiana: Luther B. Hall, pastor, First Baptist Church, Farmersville, La.; graduate of Louisiana College, Pineville, La.

Maryland: Robert Woodward, pastor, First Baptist Church, Frederick, Md.; graduate of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., and Southern Seminary, Louisville.

Mississippi: W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.; graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., and Southern Seminary, Louisville; D. D. from Mississippi College, Clinton; member of executive committee.

Missouri: Paul Weber, Jr., pastor, Hamlin Memorial Baptist Church, Springfield; graduate of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.; Th. D. from Central Seminary, Kansas City, Kan.

New Mexico: R. A. Long, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Roswell, N.M.; graduate of Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, N.M. and Southern Seminary, Louisville.

North Carolina: Nane Starnes, pastor, West Asheville Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C.; graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tenn.; and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth; member, executive committee.

Ohio: C. Hoge Hockensmith, pastor, Tri-Village Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio; graduate of University of Kentucky, Lexington.

Oklahoma: Hugh R. Bumpas, pastor, Capitol Hill Baptist Church, Oklahoma City; graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth; D. D. from Jackson College, Honolulu; member of executive committee.

South Carolina: David G. Anderson, pastor, Cooper River Baptist Church, North Charleston, S. C.; graduate of Furman University, Greenville, S. C., and New Orleans Seminary.

Tennessee: E. Warren Rust, pastor, First Baptist Church, Cleveland, Tenn.; graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.; and Southern Seminary, Louisville.

Texas: James H. Landes, pastor, First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Tex.; graduate of Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Ark., and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth; honorary doctorates from Baylor University, Waco, Tex.; Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex.; Midwestern University, Wichita Falls, Tex.; member, executive committee.

Virginia: R. P. Downey, pastor, Salem Baptist Church; graduate of Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Ph. D. from Southern Seminary..

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Home Board Appoints Seven Missionaries

ATLANTA, Ga. (BP)--Seven missionaries, including workers for French, Spanish, deaf, and National Baptist groups, have been appointed by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The appointment service at the First Baptist Church, Chamblee, Ga., was held June 13. The Mission Board has 1,961 missionaries under appointment who serve in the 50 United States, Panama, and the Canal Zone.

Appointed for language missions were Rafael and Clysta Hill de Armas of Cerro, Havana Province, Cuba, and Greer, S. C., for Spanish-speaking in Miami, Fla.; and W. O. and Alpha Cottingham of Centreville, Ala., and Orange, Tex., for French-speaking in St. Rose, La. John and Ina Cooper of Rutherford County, Tenn., were named as missionaries to the deaf.

Edward R. Davie, a native of Rome, Ga., was named National Baptist field worker for Georgia.

Rafael de Armas is former assistant pastor of Bel Ridge Baptist Church, Belvedere, S. C. Both he and Mrs. de Armas received their education at North Greenville Junior College, Tigerville, S. C., Furman University, Greenville, S. C., and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif. Prior to appointment to Miami, they were student missionaries to the Spanish in California.

Cottingham, former pastor of Eastmont Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., was educated at Howard College in Birmingham, Ala., and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Mrs. Cottingham, the former Alpha Holifield of Orange, Tex., has a diploma from Howard College. The Cottinghams have four children.

Cooper, a former school teacher, taught in Rutherford, Maury, and Davidson County, Tenn. He holds B.S. and M.A. Degrees and has done graduate work at Peabody. Cooper has been pastor in Portland, Tenn., and Louisville, Ky. Prior to his appointment by the Mission Board he was part-time teacher in Anchorage, Ky. He is married to the former Ina Bell Evans, and they have three children.

Edward R. Davie is a graduate of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga., and holds the B.D. degree from the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta. He has served as interim Atlanta city missions superintendent for National Baptists and teacher at the Atlanta Baptist Education Center.

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Pictures being mailed to following state Baptist papers: Georgia, Alabama, Texas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Kentucky, South Carolina, Florida, California, and to New Orleans and Golden Gate Seminaries.

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Two Baptist Schools
Seek Housing Loans

WASHINGTON (BP)--Two Baptist colleges along with 28 other private and public schools and hospitals applied for a total of \$40,013,000 in college housing loans for the month of May.

Southwest Baptist College (Southern Baptist), Bolivar, Mo., asked for \$1 million, while the University of Redlands (American Baptist), Redlands, Calif., applied for \$450,000.

In making the announcement, commissioner Sidney H. Woolner of the Community Facilities Administration of the Housing and Home Finance Agency said that the applications had not yet been processed. As is customary such applications are made public so that private lenders may negotiate with the institutions if they wish to make the loans.

Other church-related colleges applying for loans include Lutheran (2), Methodist (2), Presbyterian (2), Roman Catholic (2), and Nazarene (1).

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Folks and facts.....

.....Harry A. McKnight, Jr., pastor of the Briggs Memorial Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., has accepted the position of executive director of the Los Angeles (Calif.) Church Federations. He will begin his new duties September 1. McKnight is a member of the board of trustees of Golden Gate Baptist Seminary. (BP)

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Billy Graham To Lecture
At Southwestern Seminary

FORT WORTH, Tex. (BP)--Evangelist Billy Graham will be one of seven lecturers for the 1962-63 session at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, President Robert E. Naylor said here.

Graham will visit the seminary campus Nov. 13, 1962, to speak in the Southwestern lecture series and will meet with several campus student groups.

He will also visit the Billy Graham Research Center for Evangelism established at the seminary's Fleming Library last year.

Other lecturers on the 1962-63 seminary schedule include T. B. Maston of Fort Worth, Abner McCall and W. R. White of Waco, Tex., Franklin H. Littell and Marshall Craig of Dallas, and James R. Scales of Shawnee, Okla.

Maston, professor of Christian Ethics at Southwestern, will bring the formal opening address of the lecture series.

The seminary's spiritual emphasis week, Oct. 2-5, will feature Craig, pastor emeritus of the Gaston Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, as preacher.

Littell, professor of church history at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, will deliver the annual spring lectures Feb. 12-15, 1963.

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White, chancellor of Baylor University in Waco, Tex., will present the seminary's annual Founder's Day address on March 14.

McCall, Baylor's president, will deliver the midwinter commencement address on Jan. 17, 1963, and Scales, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, will speak during the spring commencement on May 17.

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College Bill Snags On Religion Issue

WASHINGTON (BP)--The Senate and House conferees are snagging on the church-state controversy in the bill to provide federal funds for higher education.

Objections to giving federal funds to church-related colleges were virtually ignored in the House during the debate there. In the Senate a lively discussion took place but an amendment to knock out church colleges was defeated, 72-15.

However, in the months since the conflicting bills were passed a rising tide of public concern has been noted. Now, in addition to protests from church groups, five major education groups have sent telegrams to the House and Senate school aid managers in opposition to direct aid to any private institution. Their primary concern was about church-supported schools.

The telegrams were sent by officials of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, the National School Board Association, Vocational Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers.

The National Education Association is reported also to have a statement on the college bill "under advisement."

These groups said that across-the-board grants to private and sectarian colleges would conflict with their own policies, violate the Constitution and "invite widespread demand that tax funds be used for sectarian elementary and secondary schools."

Although both the Senate and House bills eliminated divinity schools and classrooms used for the teaching of religion, they both made their provisions available to public and private colleges.

The House bill provides \$1.5 billion in grants and loans to both public and private schools. The Senate bill restricts the same funds to private colleges by long-term, low-interest loans.

Prior to the vote in both the House and the Senate, C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, prepared a staff report on "Church-State Problems in College Aid Bills." This report was sent to every member of Congress.

The leadership in both houses, however, had already devised the strategy and had made the commitments to get a college aid bill passed. The bills were so different that a long delay has been encountered in working out the conflicts. This has given time for many of the Congressmen and Senators to rethink their hasty action.

Last year the administration's proposals for federal aid to public schools bogged down due to a combination of factors, one of the chief of which was the argument over aid to parochial schools. As a result no new education legislation was passed.

This year some minor education bills have been passed plus the educational television bill. Other education bills have little prospect of emerging before a new Congress convenes. The one exception might be the college aid bill. But even this now appears to have a hard road ahead.

The nine Senate conferees and the seven from the House began their meetings on June 19, seven weeks after the House gave its committee permission to meet with the Senate members. No one knows how soon the conference committee will report, if it ever does, nor what will be the possible compromises it will propose.

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Fisherman Named Texas Baptist Father of Year

DALLAS (BP)--A 70-year-old fishing enthusiast from Kosse, Tex., who says his greatest desire in life is to be "a fisher of men" has been named 1962 Texas Baptist Father of the Year.

He is Albert Lee Lewis, a deacon, Sunday School superintendent, and song leader at the First Baptist Church of Kosse, Tex., located about 50 miles southeast of Waco, Tex.

A special Texas Baptist committee selected Lewis for the award because he uses his favorite pastime--fishing--as an opportunity to tell others about Christ, the committee said.

A semi-retired salesman, Lewis said he often talks to youngsters about their relationship with God while they are fishing at a "tank" just outside the Central Texas town, and that he frequently invites men "who need to draw closer to God" to go on fishing trips so they can talk and pray together.

He was nominated to receive the award by his pastor, Bill Beaty of the First Baptist Church of Kosse, who described the Texas Baptist Father of the Year as "a great fisherman who fishes several times a week and prays every day that the Lord will make him a fisher of men."

An engraved plaque citing him for "outstanding contributions to Christianity through his family, church and community" was presented to Lewis during special Father's Day services at the Kosse, Tex., church.

All four of his children are active church workers. Two live in Abilene, Tex.; Lenard Brooks Lewis, and Miss Francis Lewis. The oldest son, Albert Brady Lewis, is from Austin, Tex., and another daughter, Mrs. N. B. (Mary) Inman lives in Teheran, Iran, where her husband works with the agriculture aid service of the U. S. State Department.

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Baptist Academy Adopts Unique Curriculum Plan

SAN MARCOS, Tex. (BP)--San Marcos Baptist Academy here has completely thrown out the traditional semester plan and adopted a unique curriculum whereby high school students will get concentrated study in two essential subjects for 16 weeks.

Intensive instructions will be given students in what school officials call "the essential subjects---English, mathematics, languages, sciences and history."

A student will study two of the "essential subjects" for 16 weeks, and will take another two essential subjects for the next 16 weeks, until by the end of April he has completed four essential subjects.

In May, the final school month, the student will review the subject in which he turned in the lowest grade.

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Students with all grades at the honor roll level, however, will have concentrated study in a fifth essential subject during May.

Class periods in the essential subjects will be two hours and 15 minutes long, with each session divided into three phases---lecture, discussion, and individual study.

Customary elective courses will be taught during shorter afternoon classes.

Heading the new intensive study program is Ben A. Copas, dean of the school and director of curriculum!

Copas said the primary advantages of the new system include: greater student concentration on each subject; student's weaknesses easier for instructor to spot; and elimination of conflicting assignments to allow total preparation in each course.

San Marcos Academy, one of nine Texas Baptist schools, is a co-educational military school for students in grades three through 12, with the primary emphasis on college preparation.

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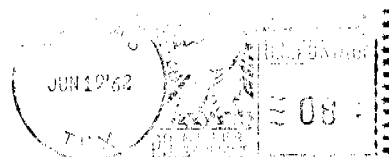
Folks and facts.....

.....Mrs. E. N. (Grace) Elsey, associate dean of students at Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex., has been named Howard Payne's dean of students. She succeeds Francis Miller, who is leaving the Texas Baptist school to teach and complete his doctorate at Mississippi Southern College, Hattiesburg. Mrs. Elsey was dean of women at Howard Payne from 1959-1961, and previously had served as dean of women at Mississippi College, Clinton, from 1945-1959. (BP)

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