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Bremond Stops Lease Of Catholic School

BREMOND, Tex. (BP)--The Bremond Independent School District in this Central-Texas community has voted to discontinue operation of the former St. Mary's parochial school as a tax-supported public institution.

The school board's action came one week before the Federal District Court in Waco, Tex., was scheduled to hear a case in which Protestant plaintiffs charged that it is unconstitutional for garbed Catholic nuns to teach in a public school.

Judge Ben H. Rice of the U. S. District Court in Waco, Tex., ruled that he could not hear the case now that the school board is no longer operating the alleged parochial school with tax funds, but would hold the case in "abeyance" until the February, 1963, session before closing the case.

Attorneys representing the Protestants requested the judge to rule on the constitutional question even though the school board had stopped operating the school, while attorneys representing the school board claimed that the case is now "a moot question."

The school board had been leasing the St. Mary's Elementary School from the Catholic church adjacent to the school for \$1 a year since 1947.

Three years ago, a group of Protestant taxpayers filed suit claiming that the school operation violated federal and state constitutions on 24 different counts.

Hearings were held by three state courts and three school administrative bodies, all of which ruled they did not have jurisdiction in the complicated case.

In terminating the lease agreement, the school board said the crowded conditions that existed 15 years ago at the time of the lease were no longer a problem.

Local observers said, however, there had been no enlargement of public school facilities since the school had been leased.

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Howard Payne Given
\$100,000 Endowment

(9-7-62)

BROWNWOOD, Tex. (BP)--A \$100,000 endowment to be used for faculty increments has been given to Howard Payne College (Baptist) here by Mr. and Mrs. William Fleming of Fort Worth, Tex.

The endowment funds will be used to help build Howard Payne's faculty through the addition of teachers in vital academic areas, increased salaries for teachers, and faculty increments, said Howard Payne President Guy Newman.

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The money will be invested in a high revenue-bearing fund administered by the Baptist Foundation of Texas.

It is the second major gift the Flemings have made to Howard Payne. In 1958, they donated \$50,000 to help provide a center of religion at the Baptist school. The school purchased property of the First Christian Church across from the campus, renovated the building, and named it "Fleming Center of Religion."

Fleming is a wealthy Texas oilman and prominent Baptist layman.

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Baylor Names New
Dean of Students

(9-7-62)

WACO, Tex. (BP)--Baylor University has named W. C. Perry, former dean of men for the Baptist school here, to a new administrative post, dean of students.

Perry will have general supervision of non-academic student life, including direction of student housing, and supervision of social and service clubs.

Named to succeed Perry as dean of men was Travis Du Bois, assistant dean of men at Baylor for the past four years.

Perry, a Baptist deacon, is a graduate of Southwest Texas State College, San Marcos, Tex., and holds both master of arts and doctor of education degrees from Baylor. Perry had been Baylor's dean of men for ten years.

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SW Religious Educators
Elect Greer President

(9-7-62)

FORT WORTH, Tex. (BP)--Eugene Greer, program analyst for the Texas Baptist State Missions Commission, was elected president of the Southwestern Religious Education Association during the group's 42nd annual meeting here.

More than 400 denomination, seminary, church and college workers from Oklahoma, Missouri, Louisiana, Arkansas, New Mexico, Colorado and Texas attended sessions at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Other officers elected were, vice presidents--Bill Caldwell of Ferguson, Mo., Bryant Cummings of Jackson, Miss., and Norman Weaver of Abilene, Tex.; secretary-treasurer, Miss Gracie Knowlton of Fort Worth; and assistant secretary, Miss Evelyn Robinson of Fort Worth.

Principal speakers for the three-day meeting were Sterling Price, pastor of Third Baptist Church in St. Louis, Mo., and William S. Garmon of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

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Academy Moves Elementary
Grades To New Location

SAN MARCOS, Tex. (BP)--San Marcos Baptist Academy here has moved its elementary grade boys into a dormitory, once used as a hospital, located nearly six blocks from the present campus.

A total of 52 boys in grades three through six moved into the dormitory, which includes dining hall facilities, military drill area, and playground area. The students will march six blocks to the main campus to attend classes.

The Baptist academy is leasing the property for one year from the San Marcos American Legion Post, with an option to purchase the dormitory at the end of the lease agreement.

The building was previously used as the Hays County Memorial Hospital until the hospital moved into a new building recently. The American Legion post, however, owned the building and leased it to the county.

Moving the elementary school cadets into the larger quarters is a big step in strengthening the school, said Mrs. Lorraine Derrick, dean.

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Radio-TV Commission
Plans New Radio Show

(9-7-62)

FORT WORTH, Tex. (BP)--A new Spanish-language radio program, "Control Center," is being planned by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here.

The new 15-minute variety program will be similar to the Southern Baptist half-hour program, "MasterControl", and will include popular, semi-classical, and sacred music, a brief inspirational vignette, and interviews with interesting people.

Two staff members of the Radio and Television Commission left here for a month-long trip to Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, and Colombia to gather material for the new program.

While in Central America, Jerry Pillow and Pedro Lopez of the Commission's foreign language department will interview Spanish-speaking people from all walks of life on the program. They hope to obtain enough basic material for use during the next 12 months.

Pillow said they would make contacts throughout Central America with key people who would keep program material coming to the Radio-TV Commission from the countries that will be hearing "Control Center."

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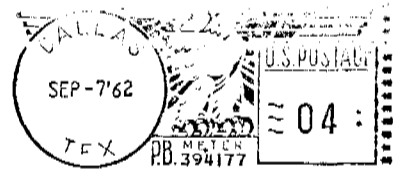
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.....Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas has been awarded a plaque citing the Baptist hospital for being instrumental in founding and organizing the International Hematology Society. The international organization was founded in 1946 as a result of an international conference sponsored in Dallas by the Baptist institution. (BP)

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Baptist Leaders Preach
On Religious Liberty

WASHINGTON (BP)-- Six internationally known Baptist leaders will participate in the Religious Liberty Preaching Week at the National Baptist Memorial Church here March 24-31, 1963, according to Lee Shane, pastor.

Shane said that the present generation of Baptists has forgotten the unique ministry of religious liberty to which the National church was dedicated by the American and Southern Baptist Conventions. "This special preaching week will be an effort to alert Baptists of America to this joint witness that our forefathers projected in this important center of government," he continued.

Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, and former president of the Baptist seminary in Zurich, Switzerland will preach on Religious Liberty and Christian Vocation.

Another speaker will be Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City and president of the Southern Baptist Convention. He will discuss "Religious Liberty and Prayer in the life of the Nation."

Other speakers will be Robert G. Torbet, dean of Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas, a prominent church historian; Edwin T. Dahlberg, retiring pastor of the Delmar Baptist Church, St. Louis, former president of the American Baptist Convention, the only Baptist to serve as president of the National Council of Churches;

C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, former dean of Bethel College, St. Paul, Minn.; and Theodore F. Adams, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., a former president of the Baptist World Alliance.

It is hoped that the sermons will be published as a contribution to the religious liberty emphasis in the closing year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

The National Baptist Memorial Church was dedicated in 1933 when both the American and Southern Baptist Conventions met in Washington. Each Convention had earlier contributed \$175,000 to the church as a memorial to religious liberty in the Nation's Capital.

In 1917 when the Southern Baptist Convention met in New Orleans and the American Baptist Convention met in Cleveland, Pastor Gove Johnson of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Washington led both conventions to sponsor the religious liberty memorial. The site was dedicated in 1920 when the Southern Baptist Convention met in Washington,

The next year President Warren G. Harding broke the ground for the new building. The cornerstone was laid in 1922 by Charles Evans Hughes, who at the time was Secretary of State and later became Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

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Two Baptist Schools
Get Federal Loans

(9-7-62)

WASHINGTON (BP)-- Two Southern Baptist colleges and eight other denominational schools were approved in August for College Housing loans, according to Commissioner Sidney H. Woolner of the Community Facilities Administration.

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In addition six other private institutions and 10 state schools were approved for loans.

Howard Payne College at Brownwood, Texas was approved for \$460,000 to build a dormitory to house 180 men students. Howard Payne is owned and operated by the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Louisiana College at Pineville, La. will receive a loan of \$430,000 to construct additions to a women's and men's residence hall. The school is owned and operated by the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

Among the other denominational schools getting federal loans were four Roman Catholic schools, two Presbyterian, one Lutheran and one Disciples of Christ.

The Baptist General Convention of Texas voted in 1961 for its institutions not to participate further in federal loan programs because of the church-state principle involved. However, the Howard Payne application was made before the Texas Baptist action, and an exception was made in this case.

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Proposes Baptist
Research Center

(9-7-62)

WASHINGTON (BP)-- A Baptist Research and Continuation Center is being proposed for the Nation's capital to serve the major Baptist groups in the United States.

The proposal is made by a committee of 30 members that has studied the problem the past two years. The group was named by the Maryland Baptist Convention, the District of Columbia Baptist Convention and the Mount Vernon Baptist Association in northern Virginia. The committee investigated the need for a Baptist university in the national Capital area.

After a thorough analysis of possibilities for a Baptist college here and a study of the larger needs of the Baptist movement as a whole the committee recommends:

1. A junior college in Maryland under the initiative and sponsorship of the Maryland Convention; and
2. A Research and Continuation Center in Washington supported by all Baptist groups in the United States, to be studied by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

The findings of the committee for a local college were reported to the three bodies that started the study. The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs will consider the other recommendation at its meeting October 2 and 3. After making its report about a junior college to the Maryland Convention and its recommendation to the Baptist Joint Committee the committee of 30 disbanded.

Regarding the proposal for a Research and Continuation Center the committee asked the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs "to study this idea further, and to explore all possibilities for its implementation by the various groups and institutions and denominational agencies."

(The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs is maintained by seven Baptist groups in North America: American Baptist Convention, Southern Baptist Convention, Baptist General Conference, North American Baptist General Conference, National Baptist Convention of America, National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., and the Baptist Federation of Canada.)

An explanatory brochure has been sent to 1,500 Baptist leaders in the United States. It contains articles telling the origin and development of the idea, the place of research in the Baptist movement, Washington, D. C. as an idea center for the world, and the extensive resources in the Washington area.

C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, explains the function of the proposed Research and Continuation Center. He says "it should be for the promotion of continuous research and study of the meaning of our Baptist understanding of Christian truth."

It would be the purpose of the Research Center to undergird and strengthen other educational work of the Baptist movement, according to Carlson. He said that the work of the Center would "be related to most if not all of the convention agencies and programs which carry forward the various ministries of our movement."

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A suggested list of programs are made by Carlson as follows:

1. An educational service agency cooperating with all Baptist colleges, universities, and seminaries for specialized study.
2. A plan for foreign students, scholars and professional people for advanced study in America.
3. A series of short courses for pastors "who wish to refresh their sense of relevance of the gospel to present-day issues."
4. A program of evening seminars and discussion groups for contact with embassy personnel in the Washington area.
5. Expansion and development of the internship program of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs for editors, professors, and other responsible leaders.
6. A journalism laboratory for reporting and interpreting public affairs news and issues, with the possibility of developing a strong journal of Baptist thought.
7. A small permanent core of able scholars to develop needed programs and to be available to denominational, inter-denominational, non-governmental and governmental groups seeking information and Baptist insights on public issues.

Practical advantages of the Research Center plan are pointed out by the committee. (1) It would supplement what other Baptist educational institutions are doing. Credit from each institution could be offered for work done at the Center. (2) The cost would not be prohibitive because the expense of a large faculty and extensive facilities would not be required. (3) An agency (the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs) already exists through which all Baptist groups can cooperate and which could serve as the board of directors.

The steering committee that took the lead in developing the ideas for a Research and Continuation Center was composed of: Bryan F. Archibald, pastor of the Chevy Chase Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., chairman; M. Jackson White, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Clarendon, Va.; James O. Duncan, editor of the Capital Baptist;

C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs; R. Orin Cornett, Acting Commissioner on Higher Education of the United States Department of Education and former executive secretary of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention; and Cline L. Vice, pastor of the Glen Burnie Baptist Church, Glen Burnie, Maryland.

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