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**'Vigorous' Witnessing  
Lay Program Disclosed**

MEMPHIS (BP)--A concern to witness to the unsaved is mounting among Southern Baptist laymen, members of the Convention's Brotherhood Commission learned at their annual meeting here.

Almost 1,000 laymen from states with large Baptist populations will take part in evangelistic crusades in pioneer mission areas of the United States during 1962, George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, reported. Vigorous programs are planned during the next two years, he said.

Officially, commissioners approved a 1963 budget of \$325,000, up \$21,540 from this year, and elected Roy Collum Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Miss., as their next chairman.

During 1963, about 150 laymen will aid Japanese Baptists in the New Life Movement Crusade in that country, Schroeder reported.

Special witnessing projects planned in 1964 include the West Coast Laymen's Crusade involving 1,500 men and evangelistic services in 60 Baptist churches in England with 30 laymen involved.

In each case the men travel to the sites of the crusades at their own expense where they take religious censuses, conduct evangelistic services, and do personal soul-winning, Schroeder said.

Owen Cooper, a Yazoo City, Miss., layman and author of the West Coast Laymen's Crusade, told members of the commission, "The greatest human need in the Southern Baptist Convention is to get laymen interested and involved in the propagation of God's kingdom."

Role of the Brotherhood Commission in each crusade is to supervise the recruitment of the laymen.

Other speakers who addressed the commissioners included Albert McClellan, Nashville, program planning secretary of Southern Baptists' Executive Committee, who gave a progress report on the Southern Baptist Organizational Manual.

The Executive Committee was asked by the Southern Baptist Convention five years ago to prepare the manual. When completed in 1965, it will contain the programs of the 20 Conventionwide agencies with specific areas of responsibility of each. One of its purposes is to eliminate overlapping of areas of responsibility.

McClellan said the agencies have reported at least 70 programs of work already.

Collum, the new chairman, succeeded Doyle Carlton Jr., a Wauchula, Fla., layman.

Dr. David Fried of Hollis, Okla., a layman, was elected vice-chairman, and Joe Burnette of Darlington, S. C., was reelected secretary.

Northeast Dissolves  
Into New Associations

By the Baptist Press

Southern Baptist pioneer mission churches in the Northeastern part of the country have now been organized into four district associations.

Three of these have grown out of the Northeastern Baptist Association which formerly comprised most of the Southern Baptist churches in the Middle Atlantic and New England states.

Six churches met in Boston May 19 to organize the New England Baptist Association. Owen Sherrill, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Springfield, Mass., was elected moderator. Four of the churches also had missions. Elmer Sizemore is area missionary.

Seven churches and missions in Greater Philadelphia met in August and formed the Delaware Valley Baptist Association. They elected Richard C. Brackin, pastor of Haines Road Baptist Church, Levittown, Pa., moderator.

This left eight churches in the New York metropolitan area. Messengers from these churches gathered at Wrightstown, N. J., and organized the Metropolitan New York Area Baptist Association in October. More than 100 messengers were present at this meeting, at which the Northeastern Association was dissolved.

Paul S. James, New York area pastoral director, was elected moderator. He is also pastor of Manhattan Baptist Church, New York City.

Four Southern Baptist churches in the greater Harrisburg, Pa., area met also in October to organize the Keystone Baptist Association. These churches formerly were affiliated with the Susquehanna Baptist Association of northern Maryland and vicinity. Chosen moderator was Kenneth Estep, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, Pa.

All of these pioneer churches are affiliated with the Baptist Convention of Maryland.

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North Carolina May Try  
Personnel Service Plan

(10-20-62)

RALEIGH, N. C. (BP)--The general board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina unanimously recommends establishment of a church-personnel service early next year on a trial basis.

The office, it suggests, should be staffed by an experienced pastor, preferably a retired one.

The service would counsel with pastors and other church staff contemplating a change of churches. It would also work with church pulpit and personnel committees seeking pastors, ministers of education and music, and other professional staff.

The general board's report, which goes to the convention in November for vote, says that "whatever is done must be done with full regard for the freedom of individual pastors and other church workers and with respect for the autonomy of the local church."

This has been discussed in North Carolina for more than two years.

The general board also is proposing a 1963 Cooperative Program goal of \$4,568,390 with 34 per cent of it supporting work done through agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The over-and-above section--that beyond the budget goal--goes to a Christian higher education campaign to give additional support to seven Baptist colleges and to Baptist student centers at other colleges in the state.

It is expected to net \$911,607 next year. Combined with the educational outlay of \$1,175,000 in the Cooperative Program goal, North Carolina Baptists hope to give more than \$2 million in 1963 to their colleges.

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Conference To Probe  
Role Of Association

ATLANTA (BP)--How can associations, state conventions and other Southern Baptist agencies correlate their work more effectively?

What exactly is the place of the association in Southern Baptist life?

These and related questions will be studied and discussed by more than 500 Southern Baptist leaders in association, city and area mission work Feb. 11-15 at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, Miss.

The conference is sponsored by the Convention's Home Mission Board in cooperation with other Convention agencies. All agencies will participate in the discussions.

"This will not be a promotion-type conference where speeches fill all the time, but a major part of the schedule will be given to study and discussion in small groups, followed by reports to and discussion by the entire group present," said Arthur B. Rutledge of Atlanta, director of the missions division of the Home Mission Board.

The Long-Range Rural Church Committee requested the mission board to sponsor such a conference. Chester L. Quarles of Jackson, Miss., executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, is chairman of the Long-Range Rural Church Committee.

Rutledge said invitations have been extended to those working in association, city and area missions. Program details will be released later.

Planned for the conference is an information center, where agencies will indicate the services they have available to these workers.

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Board Elects 2 New Men  
For South Carolina

(10-20-62)

COLUMBIA (BP)--The general board of the South Carolina Baptist Convention has elected two persons to fill newly created positions--director of the department of missions and business manager.

A. T. Greene Jr., associational missionary at Concord, N. C., was elected director of the department of missions. Greene is a native of Spartanburg, S. C., receiving his bachelor's degree at Wofford College there. He received the master of theology degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

While a seminary student, he served as Royal Ambassador secretary in Kentucky.

Flynn T. Harrell, Internal Revenue Service agent and auditor in Sumter, S. C., was elected business manager. A native of Columbia, he received a degree in accounting from the University of South Carolina here.

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Folks and Facts.....

(10-20-62)

....Three Southern Baptist seminary professors were expected to attend the National Study Conference on the Church and Economic Life at Pittsburgh, Pa. They are William S. Garmon and H. Clayton Wadell from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and C. Arthur Insko from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif. (BP)

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....J. Kelly Simmons, editor of the California Southern Baptist, Fresno, is convalescing in the home of his daughter, Mrs. O. D. Boyd at 7248 Ellis Rd., Fort Worth. Simmons has completed therapy treatments for a malignancy and will return to Houston Nov. 12 for surgery. (BP)

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Royal Ambassadors Plan  
Luther Rice Monument

MEMPHIS (BP)--A desire to save money may not be typical of young boys, but Royal Ambassadors are tucking away their nickels and dimes for a project during the Third National Royal Ambassador Congress next Aug. 13-15 in Washington, D. C.

The boys plan to erect a \$5,000 monument to Luther Rice, 19th Century Baptist leader.

The memorial will be built in a prominent place on the grounds of the new Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church in Washington. It will be dedicated by the ambassadors of the Congress program. About 6,000 boys between ages 12 and 17 are expected to attend.

Made of limestone, the slab, including the base, will rise 10 feet above the ground. On it will be a bronze tablet with a relief face of Rice. There will be a tablet giving appropriate credit to Royal Ambassadors.

In addition there will be four bronze tablets contributed by the Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee. These will depict the four major contributions of Rice to Baptist life: missions, organizational leadership (including organization of what is popularly known as the Triennial Convention), Christian education (including establishment of George Washington University), and Christian literature (including establishment of first newspaper published by Baptists).

Plans for this memorial were approved by the Brotherhood Commission, Southern Baptist Convention, during its annual meeting here.

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(Photo of monument in mail)

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.....The Southern Baptist Convention received oblique recognition in the October issue of "Show," the magazine of the arts, in a one-page photographic feature titled, "JKF: As Others See Him." Southern Baptists see him as an angel in papal robes fiddling., the magazine declared. (BP)

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.....New Mexico churches set a record for Cooperative Program gifts in a single month in September, when \$50,929 was received in the Albuquerque office. The previous record month was last March, when \$49,285 was given, reported Harry P. Stagg, Albuquerque, executive secretary of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico. (BP)

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(This is a verbatim extract from Congresswoman Edith Green's remarks on the floor of the House of Representatives during debate on the higher education bill. Congressional Record, Sept. 20, 1962, pages 19015 and 19016.)

"Mr. Speaker, it does seem strange to me that on last January 30 this House passed this higher education bill by a vote of 319 to 79, with the same loans and grants in it as we have today. The original H.R. 8900 had grants to all educational institutions, public and private, church-related and non-church-related, and the so-called religious issue was not raised at that time. In the conference report--title I has been narrowed--so instead of across-the-board grants--we limit them to buildings for physical and natural science, engineering, and libraries. The issue has been made that we cannot give grants to church-related colleges. I have said that we have been doing it for 100 years. Let me read to the Members of the House a partial list of Baptist colleges which have received both loans and grants.

"I could list Presbyterian, Methodist, Catholic, Episcopalian, and all other denominations that received grants from the National Institutes of Health, the Atomic Energy Commission, through the National Science Foundation, through the National Defense Education Act.

"The following funds have gone to Baptist-related colleges during a period of recent years.

"Alabama - Judson College, Marion, \$11,043; Howard College, Birmingham, \$2,260,000.

"Mr. Curtis of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

"Mrs. Green of Oregon. I yield to the gentleman from Missouri.

"Mr. Curtis of Missouri. Are those grants or are they actual contracts for services?

"Mrs. Green of Oregon. There are loans and grants and contracts. There are several areas where there are unrestricted grants. The National Science Foundation has an unrestricted grant to colleges and universities.

"Mr. Curtis of Missouri. It is not to deliver certain services?

"Mrs. Green of Oregon. No; it is not for a specific purpose.

"In the State of Arkansas, Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, received \$20,352; Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, received \$1,263,576.

"California - University of Redlands, Redlands, \$1,130,966.

"Colorado - Colorado Woman's College, Denver, \$358,404.

"Florida - Stetson University, DeLand, \$2,594,621.

"Georgia - Norman College, Norman Park, \$8,842; Mercer University, Macon, \$805,165; Tift College, Forsyth, \$437,480; Shorter College, Rome \$76,519; Truett-McConnell Junior College, Cleveland, \$4,620.

"Hawaii - Jackson College, Honolulu, \$12,919.

"Indiana - Oakland City College, Oakland City, \$26,348; Franklin College, Franklin, \$955,000.

"Kansas - Ottawa University, Ottawa, \$794,973.

"Kentucky - Bethel College, Hopkinsville, \$14,126; Campbellsville College, Campbellsville, \$40,547; Georgetown College, Georgetown, \$1,024,678; Cumberland College, Williamsburg, \$84,514.

"Louisiana - Louisiana College, Pineville, \$500,000.

"Maine - Ricker College, Houlton, \$11,903.

"Michigan - Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, \$50,243.

"Minnesota - Bethel College and Seminary, St. Paul, \$379,187.

"Mississippi - Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, \$8,820; Mississippi College, Clinton, \$1,138,810; Clarke Memorial College, Newton, \$31,150; William Carey College, Hattiesburg, \$271,896.

"Missouri - Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, \$34,725; William Jewell College, Liberty, \$1,678,488; Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, \$27,735; Hannibal-LaGrange College, Hannibal, \$14,168.

"New York - Keuka College, Keuka, \$1,027,820.

"North Carolina - Chowan College, Murfreesboro, \$299,866; Mount Olive Junior College, Mount Olive, \$13,286; Meredith College, Raleigh, \$45,682; Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, \$5,031,943; Campbell College, Buies Creek, \$931,012; Wingate College, Wingate, \$247,887; Gardner-Webb Junior College, Boiling Springs, \$25,816; Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, \$16,200.

"Ohio - Denison University, Granville, \$1,519,572.

"Oklahoma - Bacone College, Bacone, \$6,128; Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee \$1,538,101.

"Oregon - Linfield College, McMinnville, \$2,086,409.

"Pennsylvania - Eastern Baptist College, St. Davids, \$237,158.

"South Carolina - Benedict College, Columbia, \$466,215; Morris College, Sumter, \$47,565; Anderson College, Anderson, \$16,890; Furman University, Greenville, \$5,200,368; North Greenville Junior College, Taylors, \$16,172; Friendship Junior College, Rock Hill, \$17,525.

"South Dakota - Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, \$172,555.

"Tennessee - Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, \$532,758; Free Will Baptist Bible College, \$11,747; Union University, Jackson, \$37,329; Owen College, Memphis, \$19,662; Belmont College, Nashville, \$39,318.

"Texas - Baylor University, Waco, \$7,911,818; Bishop College, Dallas, \$962,366; East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, \$80,294; Butler College, Tyler, \$8,100; Jacksonville College, Jacksonville, \$18,439; Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, \$59,017; University of Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, \$354,023; Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, \$1,565,636; Howard Payne College, Brownwood, \$1,287,263.

"Virginia - University of Richmond, Richmond, \$24,161; Virginia Union University, Richmond, \$563,496.

"West Virginia - Alderson-Broadus College, Philippi, \$845,455.

"These Baptist colleges received thousands and thousands of dollars in both loans and grants from the Federal Government.

"May I say to my friends in the education profession--and I say this, believe me, with a heavy heart--if they are successful in stirring up enough religious controversy on this, I do not think we will see an education bill in the Congress in the foreseeable future. This is a case of cutting off the nose to spite the face.

"The National Defense Education Act itself gives outright grants to private, and to public and church-related and non-church-related colleges."