

April 26, 1963

**20 States To Compete
In Congress Event**

WASHINGTON (BP)--At least 20 Baptist boys from an equal number of states will compete in the finals of a national speakers' contest here Aug. 11.

Mrs. Mildred Dunn, Memphis, contest director, said the winner of the contest will make an eight-minute address to 6,000 Baptist boys on opening night of the Third National Royal Ambassador Congress near the base of the Washington Monument.

The congress, open to Royal Ambassadors 12-17 years old, will start a three-day run Aug. 13 under auspices of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and state Brotherhood departments. Edward Hurt Jr., Memphis, is congress director.

Mrs. Dunn said state Brotherhood leaders are supervising competition to select their state representatives and to arrange for the boys' trip to Washington for the national contest.

Boys will speak on one of four topics--"Christ and Me in the 20th Century," "My Place in Today's World," "My Responsibilities to Christ," and "Sharing Christ in the Space Age."

The address by the Royal Ambassador is one of a dozen major features planned at the congress, Hurt said.

One of the program personalities will be Gregory Walcott, well-known Baptist layman and television actor, who will take part in a pageant depicting the role of Baptists in their fight for religious liberty during colonial days in America.

States which will be represented by speakers include Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Texas and Colorado.

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**Rural Life Sunday
Observance Sought**

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ATLANTA (BP)--Southern Baptist churches have been asked to observe rural life Sunday, May 19, and to emphasize the spiritual values in rural living.

The request came from M. Wendell Belew of Atlanta, secretary of the department of associational missions of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Soil stewardship week, which follows rural life Sunday, will stress the need for overcoming rural poverty," Belew said. "It is a time when religious, agricultural and other organizations give attention to total community development."

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Orville L. Freeman, Washington, U.S. secretary of agriculture, has urged participation in the week by all groups. He said, "The greatest peril facing rural areas today is the erosion of human resources through poverty stemming largely from underemployment and unemployment."

"We must focus on people, not programs; on communities, not commodities," Freeman warned. "Churches and other groups can aid tremendously in this nationwide effort by helping and inspiring people to help themselves. Leaders can help motivate, generate and guide action toward improved living for the millions in rural areas with substandard incomes."

Publications dealing with the subject are "Rural Areas Development and the Churches," and "Rural Areas Development Revitalizing America Today."

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Baptist Success
Standards Studied

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ATLANTA (BP)--Are budgets and buildings the only sources of advancement among Southern Baptists?

To find a partial answer, Samuel Southard of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville examined 100 issues of the denomination's publications in a three-month period.

His report, titled, "Southern Baptist Standards of Success," is printed in the May issue of Home Missions Magazine, a publication of the Home Mission Board of the Convention.

Southard, who is associate professor of psychology of religion, says, "Standards of success range all the way from the joy of humble service to the pride of extensive sanctuaries, hundreds of converts, and thousands of members."

He adds, "If a reader is annoyed with the materialism on one page, he may in the same magazine find references to a personal ministry among the lowly."

He found reluctance to specify any personal weakness that has been transformed by the Spirit. "When there is no honest admission of human failure, there can be few references to God's transforming power," he writes.

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Jewell Tabs Physician,
2 Ministers For Degree

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LIBERTY, Mo. (BP)--Three men have been selected to receive honorary degrees from William Jewell College (Baptist) here during commencement exercises May 27.

One, William Carl Hunker, is a 1940 William Jewell graduate and is engaged on the mission field overseas as professor and vice-president of Taiwan Baptist Theological Seminary, under appointment of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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The other two men are Dr. Robert Andrew Hingson, professor of anesthesia at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, and Paul Morris Stevens, Fort Worth, director of the SBC Radio and Television Commission.

Dr. Hingson will give the convocation address. Stevens is speaker for a world mission service to be held May 26 in the Second Baptist Church, Liberty.

Hunker will receive a doctor of divinity degree.

Doctors of laws degrees will go to Dr. Hingson and to Stevens.

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Historical Commission
Retains Same Address

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NASHVILLE (BP)--"We haven't moved," Davis C. Woolley, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Historical Commission here, is anxious to tell folks.

Apparently many Baptists think the Historical Commission was one of several Nashville agencies moving into the new Southern Baptist Convention Building at 460 James Robertson Parkway here. They moved Feb. 8.

Not so; the Historical Commission is still housed in the Baptist Sunday School Board Building at 127 Ninth Ave. North here and receives its mail at that address.

It did not move, Woolley points out, because of its ties with the Dargan-Carver Library, which "has one of the largest collections of Baptist historical materials to be found in the nation."

The commission and the board jointly operate the library in the board's administration building.

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Oklahoma Hall Of Fame
Now Includes Hobbs

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OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)--Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of Oklahoma City's First Baptist Church and president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has been named to the Oklahoma Hall of Fame.

At a meeting of the Oklahoma Historical Society, Hobbs was among six people in the state listed to be inducted on Statehood Day, Nov. 16.

The honor cited the Baptist leader for his outstanding contribution to the people of Oklahoma.

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Folks and Facts....

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....A collection of rare books and Alabama historical documents, valued in excess of \$200,000, has been presented to the Howard College (Baptist) library by William H. Brantley Jr., Birmingham attorney and author of historical essays and books. The college is located in Birmingham. (BP)

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Missouri Board Wants
An End Of 'Liberalism'

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP)--The executive board of the Missouri Baptist Convention here has petitioned the Southern Baptist Convention to instruct trustees of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary to proceed with whatever steps are necessary to complete the removal of the "liberalism which is still apparent among some of the faculty at Midwestern."

The board's statement indicated many Missouri churches are concerned with the situation that continues to exist at the Kansas City seminary and "feel that news releases about trustee meetings have given erroneous impressions of a harmony of opinion which actually did not exist."

The board further stated it believed the trustees of the seminary have not "completely carried out" the directive of the Southern Baptist Convention given in the 1962 session in San Francisco concerning its boards and agencies.

Another reason given by the board for its action was the "apparent strain in the relationships" between the faculty and trustees.

A Cooperative Program goal for 1964 was set at \$3,150,000, an increase of 5 percent over the 1963 goal.

Cooperative Program funds would be divided three ways: 35 per cent for Southern Baptist Convention work, 10 per cent for Southern Baptist retirement plans and 55 percent for Missouri Baptist Convention work, with all administrative costs paid out of the Missouri section of the budget.

The proposal of Hannibal-LaGrange College, Hannibal, Mo., asking for a new science building costing \$331,000 and a new library building costing \$166,000 was approved and the project given priority with finances to be arranged by Jan. 1, 1966.

Hannibal-LaGrange is one of Missouri Baptists' two junior colleges.

Approval was also given to a proposal that Missouri Baptists unite with the Baptists of Australia in an evangelistic crusade in the spring of 1964.

The board also adopted the report of its special committee to study a chaplaincy program in various institutions of the state. The proposal calls for a part-time chaplain service to minister to Baptist patients at hospitals at Columbia, Mo.

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Resolution of Missouri Baptist Convention on Midwestern Seminary

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Resolved that the Southern Baptist Convention be memorialized as follows: The Executive Board of the Missouri Baptist Convention feels that the trustees of Midwestern Seminary have not carried out completely the directive of the San Francisco session of the Convention concerning its boards and agencies and we pray the Convention to instruct the trustees of Midwestern to proceed with whatever steps are necessary to complete the removal of the liberalism which is still apparent among some of the faculty of Midwestern.