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**Georgia Youth Wins
Speakers' Contest**

WASHINGTON (BP)--Johnny Baxter Mostiler, a husky 16-year-old junior at Griffin High School, Griffin, Ga., won the Royal Ambassador Congress contest here in competition with winners from 13 other states.

The victory won for Mostiler a \$100 United States Savings Bond, an opportunity to make his address before 6,000 fellow Royal Ambassadors at the opening session of the Third National Congress and a possible audience with President John F. Kennedy.

The appointment for the winner of the Southern Baptist Conventionwide speakers' competition to see the President was cancelled when the President's son died. A White House spokesman said the President and young Mostiler might meet later.

Young Mostiler spoke on "My Responsibilities to Christ." He attends First Baptist Church in Griffin, where he sings tenor in the choir.

Winning second place was Joe Pryor, 15-year-old sophomore at Northwest Classen High School in Oklahoma City. Young Pryor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo A. Pryor, is a member of Northwest Baptist Church.

John Walsh, 17-year-old son of a Kennett, Mo., Baptist minister, placed third. Walsh, a senior at Kennett High School, delivered his address last May during the Southern Baptist Convention at Kansas City, Mo. His father is E. T. Walsh, pastor of Everett Street Baptist Church.

The finals were held in Memorial Baptist Church at nearby Arlington, Va. Judges were Maj. Gen. Roy Parker, former Army chief of chaplains; James Rogers, specialist in the division of higher education of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare here, and M. Jackson White, pastor of First Baptist Church, Clarendon, Va.

Other speaker contestants were James Kelley of Enterprise, Ala.; Paul Turner of Lancaster, Calif.; Leon Martin of Grand Junction, Colo.; Dale Goldsmith of Caseyville, Ill.; Gary Napier of Olathe, Kan.; Larry W. Swift of Owensboro, Ky.; Earl J. Barnes of Baltimore, Md.; Fletcher Hartsell of Concord, N. C.; Mickey Bowman of Johnson City, Tenn.; Davis Smith of Lynchburg, Va.; and Jim Armstrong of Euless, Tex.

The Congress was sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. Its purposes were to deepen Baptist boys' concepts of Christian missions and to give them opportunity to meet Christian boys from other parts of the country.

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(Photo of winners mailed)

**Richmond University
TV Class Expands**

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RICHMOND (BP)--The University of Richmond's tele-college campus will extend this year from the mountains to the bay with the addition of a TV station in Bristol, Va., to the tele-college network.

This year's study topic, "Great Ideas of the Bible," will be carried by four stations this fall--the originating station, WRVA-TV in Richmond; Norfolk's WVEC-TV, Roanoke's WDBJ-TV and the Bristol station, WCYB-TV.

"Response to the program has been enthusiastic," said O. W. Rhodenhiser, tele-college professor and acting chairman of the department of Bible and religion at Baptist-sponsored University of Richmond. He said the hour-long Saturday morning program would move this year to a better time slot.

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Primarily a class for the general public, the course may be taken for college credit by students who attend extra sessions and take an examination. Others, Rhodenhiser said, watch the program to better qualify themselves as Sunday school teachers or discussion leaders.

In fact, he said, "This year's topic will not only improve the Sunday school teacher's grasp of the Bible, but will assist him in teaching it."

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Alaska Convention
Elects W. H. Hansen

(Picture to come)

ANCHORAGE (BP)--A young Fairbanks, Alaska minister, William H. Hansen, 34, has been elected the second executive secretary of the Alaska Baptist Convention.

Hansen has been pastor of Hamilton Acres Baptist Church, Fairbanks, for the past year. He has already assumed his duties at the state Baptist building here.

Southern Baptists of the state, numbering 7200 in 44 churches and missions extending from Ketchikan in the southeast to Kotzebue in the northwest, have been without an executive head since the departure of L. A. Watson.

Watson superintended the development of Baptist work in Alaska from 1955 to 1963.

The new secretary came to Alaska from Oklahoma. Before accepting the Fairbanks church he was pastor of First Baptist Church, Valdez, Alaska and Riverview Baptist Mission, Norman, Okla. He has been vice-president of the Alaska Baptist Convention for two years.

Hansen took his preseminary education at St. Paul's College, Concordia, Mo., and at University of Oklahoma, Norman. He graduated in 1952 from Concordia Seminary (Lutheran), St. Louis, with the bachelor of divinity degree.

He then attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, doing graduate work in Old Testament and Semitic studies.

During part of this time he served as a teaching fellow in the department of biblical introduction. In 1961 he received the doctor of theology degree from Southwestern Seminary.

Mr. and Mrs. Hansen have three children, Rebecca, 4; Ruth, 2; and Howard, 4 months.

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