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SBC Schools Show
Enrolment Increases

NASHVILLE (BP)--All types of educational institutions in the Southern Baptist Convention, except for Bible schools, show increases in net enrolment over last year.

This was reported here in the Southern Baptist Educator, published by the Education Commission of the SBC. Rabun L. Brantley is executive secretary of the agency and editor of the magazine.

Total net enrolment of seminaries, senior and junior colleges, academies and Bible schools, as of Oct. 1, 1963, is 57,768, the Educator says.

At the Oct. 1 mark a year ago, it was 56,454.

The six seminaries operated directly by the SBC reported to the Educator their net enrolment this year is 4229, compared with 4169 on the reporting date 12 months ago.

Net enrolment, according to Brantley, generally means students taking 12 hours or more of class work. It does not include non-credit, special, extension and correspondence students.

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., reported declines in net enrolment. Midwestern's fell from 221 to 169, while Southeastern's dropped from 595 to 575 over the year.

Three seminaries--Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, and Southeastern Seminary--reported they have no non-credit, special, extension or correspondence students. Their entire enrolment is net enrolment, they reported to the Educator.

Midwestern showed 131 students not counted in net enrolment of 169. Total enrolment is 300. New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary's 705 net enrolment combines with 65 other than regular students for a total of 770 this year.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary adds 112 in the other than regular category to 817 students in net enrolment for a total of 929.

Golden Gate reported 275 net and total enrolment. Southwestern Seminary said it had 1688 students in net and total enrolment this year.

"Even with the closing of Carver School, whose enrolment has previously been counted in the seminary columns, there is a net enrolment increase," Brantley commented. "This is significant."

American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, a seminary for Negroes jointly maintained by the SBC and Negro Baptists, reported a loss of five students over the 12 months. It has 49 students in net enrolment and reported 633 others in the non-credit, extension and correspondence student classification.

Senior colleges reported a net enrolment gain from 40,718 to 41,605 on Oct. 1 this year. Baylor University, Waco, Tex., continued to top all with 6458 net enrolment. Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, N. C., followed again with net enrolment of 2941.

The senior colleges figured another 7174 students in other categories than net enrolment for a total enrolment of 48,779 students. Eleven of the 36 senior colleges showed drops in net enrolment over Oct. 1, 1962. Two new senior colleges opened this year--at Houston and at Mobile, and Campbell in North Carolina moved from junior to senior college.

Academies reported a net enrolment of 2407, up 37 over last year. Largest in this group of seven schools is San Marcos Academy in Texas with 580 students, net enrolment.

Junior colleges reported net enrolment climbed from 8613 a year ago to 8963 at present. Largest of the 18 junior colleges is Mars Hill, located in the North Carolina community of the same name. (Mars Hills will be a senior college after next June.) It has 1288 net enrolment.

Wingate College, Wingate, N. C., is the only other passing 1000 with its 1078 net enrolment.

Bible schools are led by Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla., which has a net enrolment of 184 students, an increase of four over 1962 fall registration. Southern Illinois College of the Bible, a chair of Bible program connected with Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, showed a drop in net enrolment of 15 students, to 26 currently registered.

The total enrolment of all types of Baptist educational institutions this year is 66,788.

The SBC operates the six seminaries and jointly operates the American Seminary at Nashville with the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc.

State Baptist conventions and general associations operate the other schools. The Education Commission aids all of them in placement service for teachers, by assembling information about higher education and by publishing the Educator and other materials, but it has no administrative control over any school.

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Radio-TV Commission
Approves New Budget

(11-3-63)

FORT WORTH (BP)--Members of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission approved a record budget of \$919,334 for 1964 during their two-day meeting here.

The all-time high budget is in keeping with the commission's ever-expanding radio and television ministry, said Andrew Hall, chairman of the agency's finance committee and pastor of First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, Ark.

The 25 representatives from 30 states also heard a report from an architectural firm on plans for a proposed new Radio-TV Commission building in the Ridgmar Plaza area of west Fort Worth.

The proposed \$600,000 building would contain 40,000 square feet. A date for starting construction has not yet been set, pending procurement of funds to pay for the building.

Earlier, the commission members saw and heard a unique report from the agency's television committee on closed circuit television.

The commission met in the clients' viewing room of a local television station for the report, which outlined plans for two hour-long color telecasts to be presented jointly by Southern Baptists and the National Broadcasting Co.

One of the special hour-long programs slated next spring will feature films on the journeys of the Apostle Paul, and the other tentatively slated in 1965 would be a film on biblical archaeology.

The commission's radio production committee unveiled two new pilot programs for review, and outlined opportunities for special projects during other sessions at the commission building here.

"There are 4,838 radio outlets in the United States," reported Theodore Lott, radio production chief for the agency. "It is our goal to present the gospel of Christ over as many of these as possible."

Presently the commission services about 1,200 stations a week with its dozen programs.

The commission also heard reports on cooperative efforts with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to provide one-minute television "sermonettes"

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featuring Theodore F. Adams of Richmond, Va.; and plans for production of radio preaching programs in Italian, Chinese, Navajo, Portuguese, Russian and Polish for United States stations.

A net gain of 140 stations broadcasting commission-produced radio and television programs was reported.

The meeting closed with an inspirational message by Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, and immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Bound copies of sermons preached by Hobbs on "The Baptist Hour" during the past five years were presented to the board members in an informal observance of his fifth anniversary on the broadcast.

Next meeting of the commission's executive committee will be held in Houston, Jan. 13-15, 1964. Brooks Wester, pastor of Park Place Baptist Church in Houston, is chairman of the commission.

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SBC Radio-TV Commission
Leader Undergoes Surgery

(11-3-63)

FORT WORTH (BP)--Paul M. Stevens, director of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here, has undergone surgery on his back.

The operation caused the commission director to miss the semi-annual meeting of the SBC commission which began the same day.

The operation included a double spinal fusion to correct an old injury. He was expected to be hospitalized at All Saints Episcopal Hospital here for about two weeks.

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Theologian Boosts
"Teaching" Sermons

(11-3-63)

FORT WORTH (BP)--A noted theologian from Germany, Helmut Thielicke of Hamburg, told Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary students here there is a great need in a secularized society for a new type of sermon he called a "teaching sermon."

Thielicke, speaking at chapel services and at a meeting of the seminary's theological fellowship, demonstrated the "teaching sermon" to the students during his message.

Thielicke said when using the new approach, he always assumed that the audience knows nothing or very little about the gospel. He said he used the opportunity for teaching as well as preaching.

Thielicke is dean of the theology faculty at the University of Hamburg and is preacher at St. Michaels Lutheran Church there.

He told the students preaching is the most intellectual work he does. He listed six steps to sermon preparation--exegete the text, think and rethink the text, bring theological consideration to the text, search for illustrations, build a card file, and then find words so the theoretical background will not be recognized.

"Reasons stammers when it tries to express the love and forgiveness of God, yet even a little child can understand it," he said.

Thielicke said all theological statements are dangerous. "What no longer can be misunderstood, no one wants to understand at all," he said.

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Seminary Plans New
Activities Building

FORT WORTH (BP)--Groundbreaking ceremonies for a new million-dollar activities building at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here will be held in late November.

The ceremonies will be held immediately after a contract has been awarded on the new student center. Bids will be opened in late November to be followed immediately with awarding the contract, said seminary officials.

The colonial-style activities building will house all eating facilities including a cafeteria, snack and refreshment areas, a branch Post Office, lounges, a book store, game rooms, meeting rooms, a music room for commuting students, two large banquet areas with a combined seating capacity of 400, and a formal reception area for large student-faculty gatherings.

"This new building will provide Southwestern Seminary with a community center, the first in its 56-year history," said President Robert E. Naylor.

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Seminary Prof Named

(11-3-63)

FORT WORTH (BP)--Robert Douglass, music professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been selected as official music critic for the Fort Worth Star Telegram, daily newspaper.

Douglass will write reviews for symphony concerts, opera productions and other concerts, recitals and productions.

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Ethalee Hamric Heads
Missionary Educators

(11-3-63)

RICHMOND (BP)--Miss Ethalee Hamric of Birmingham was elected chairman of the Missionary Education Council at the council's 19th annual meeting here.

Miss Hamric is editor of Royal Service, published by Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. She succeeds Edward Hurt Jr., Memphis, director of Royal Ambassador work for the SBC Brotherhood Commission.

Two Home Mission Board workers from Atlanta also were named to offices. They are Jay Durham, secretary of promotion, vice-chairman, and Miss Kate Ellen Gruver, book editor, secretary.

During the three-day meeting at the SBC Foreign Mission Board the council worked on 40 books on missions which Southern Baptists will study during 1965-68.

The council was organized in 1945 to guide the SBC Home and Foreign Mission Boards in producing mission study books. It's made up of representatives of the Brotherhood Commission, Woman's Missionary Union, six Southern Baptist seminaries, Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board, Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Executive Committee, and the Southern Baptist Press Association. It is not an agency of the Convention, however.

In 1964, Southern Baptists will study home mission books on the theme, "Fruits of Faith," and foreign mission books with the theme, "Frontiers of Advance," it was reported at the council.

The home missions books which many Southern Baptists will study next February are Blue Flower, for Primaries; James Robb, Pioneer, for Juniors; The Gracious Adventurers, for Intermediates; Face Today's World, for Young People; and Apogee, for Adults.

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Themes selected for study in 1968 are "The New South," in home missions, and "Spanish America" in foreign missions.

"The New South" will deal with the economic, social, industrial and spiritual changes which affect Southern Baptists, Miss Gruver said.

Visiting the council was J. Allan Ranck of New York, director of the division of missionary education for the National Council of Churches.

The council will meet again Oct. 28-30, 1964 in Nashville, with the SBC Sunday School Board as host.

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Graham Voices Concern
For Secularized Education

(11-3-63)

HOUSTON (BP)--Evangelist Billy Graham, speaking during a Religious Emphasis Week program at Houston Baptist College, said he was "deeply concerned that education is being overwhelmed by secularism."

The Baptist evangelist praised the new Baptist college here as "an island in a day when secularism is overwhelming education."

Speaking to nearly 6,000 persons, most of them teenagers, Graham urged the students to "uphold the cross of Christ every day in every classroom."

Graham told the students Jesus Christ is no sissy, but every inch a man. He urged Christian youth to be as dedicated as the Communist youth in an effort to change the world.

Graham also spoke out against adultery prevalent among teenagers today. He said the church needs a program of sex-education within the framework of moral law.

"Sex can be a flaming fire for good in life if used properly," Graham said, "but if you break the moral laws, there is no sin which will destroy you quicker."

At the close of his message in the quadrangle of Houston Baptist College, Graham asked for a show of hands of those who would make a decision for Christ. Scores responded.

Earlier during the week, Graham spoke to more than 800 Houston ministers at a breakfast meeting.

Graham was invited to conduct a crusade at Houston's new domed stadium by the ministers. The crusade will be held in October or November of 1965.

Initial plans called for the crusade in November of 1964, but the date was postponed for a year because the new stadium's acoustical system would not be ready until that time.

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Cooperative Program
Overtakes Designated

(11-3-63)

NASHVILLE (BP)--Cooperative Program receipts for Southern Baptist Convention agencies were \$1,678,031 in October, according to Treasurer Porter Routh of Nashville.

Designations for the same 31 days for SBC causes were \$215,995.

The October, 1963 Cooperative Program amount surpasses both September, 1963, and October, 1962, monthly reports. The September figure was \$1,445,239 and the October of the previous year figure was \$1,491,837.

The 10-month SBC financial totals for 1963 stand at \$15,831,810 for the Cooperative Program and \$14,736,325 designated. This means the Cooperative Program sum for the year overtook and passed the designations total.

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Designations are launched each January with the heavy inflow of gifts through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions and boosted a few months later by the Annie Armstrong Offering for home missions.

All states but Hawaii sent in money for the October, 1963 report. State conventions receive money from the churches first. They take out the state shares of the Cooperative Program for their own work and forward the SBC share.

The SBC work gets about one-third of the amount churches budget to the Cooperative Program. But even the state totals do not represent the complete offering collections of the churches because the heaviest use of funds remains in the individual churches.

Heaviest October disbursements of funds went to the SBC Foreign Mission Board--\$792,869 in Cooperative Program funds and \$143,422 in designations; the Home Mission Board--\$271,337 in Cooperative Program support and \$68,143 by designations, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, \$110,078 from the Cooperative Program and \$1399 by designation.

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Conferees Named
On Education Bills

(11-3-63)

WASHINGTON (BP)--The U. S. Senate and House of Representatives named members of conference committees to work out differences in the Senate and House versions of the higher education bill and the vocational education bill.

A major difference in the two higher education proposals is a provision for judicial review. The Senate adopted an amendment which would allow a possible court test on the constitutionality of federal funds for church-operated colleges. The House rejected such an amendment to its bill in heated debate on the church-state issue.

Senate conferees for both the higher education and the vocational education bills are: Senators Lister Hill (D., Ala.), Patrick V. McNamara (D., Mich.), Wayne Morse (D., Ore.), Ralph W. Yarborough (D., Tex.), Joseph S. Clark (D., Pa.), Jennings Randolph (D., W. Va.), Winston L. Prouty (R., Vt.), Barry M. Goldwater (R., Ariz.), and Jacob K. Javits (R., N. Y.).

House Conferees on the higher education bill are: Representatives Adam C. Powell (D., N. Y.), Edith Green (D., Ore.), John Brademas (D., Ind.), Carlton R. Sickles (D., Md.), Sam M. Gibbons (D., Fla.), Peter Frelinghuysen Jr. (R., N. J.), Albert H. Quie (R., Minn.), Charles E. Goodell (R., N. Y.), and Robert P. Griffin (R., Mich.).

On the vocational education bill House conferees are: Representatives Powell, Green, Brademas, Frelinghuysen, Quie, Goodell, Carl D. Perkins (D., Ky.), John H. Dent (D., Pa.), Philip M. Landrum (D., Ga.), David T. Martin (R., Neb.), and Alphonso Bell (R., Calif.).

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Church Colleges Ask
For Federal Funds

(11-3-63)

WASHINGTON (BP)--One Baptist university and 11 other church-related colleges applied for \$8,421,875 in college housing loans in September and October, according to reports from the Housing and Home Finance Agency of the Community Facilities Administration.

Shaw University, a Baptist institution in Raleigh, N. C., asked for \$1,066,375.

The other 11 church-related colleges include six Methodist, three Presbyterian, one Lutheran and one Nazarene.

In announcing the applications, Commissioner Sidney H. Woolner said, "While these applications have not yet been processed, their receipt is made public so that private lenders may negotiate with the institutions if they wish to make the loans."

During the same period of time a total of \$10,361,000 was approved for 13 church-related colleges. These include eight Roman Catholic, and one each Presbyterian, Reformed Church, Nazarene, Lutheran and Methodist.

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Race Struggle Gets
Attention In Missouri

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. (BP)--Messengers to the 1963 Missouri Baptist Convention here resolved to "do all within our power to cooperate with our Negro brethren in our mutual struggle to achieve the dignity intended for all God's people."

The present racial struggle in the United States received repeated attention in addresses to the convention. The resolution was prefaced with the note it was presented "in the light of the racial turmoil which threatens to undermine the proclamation of the gospel throughout the world..."

The convention's 1964 budget, adopted by messengers, goes over \$3 million for the first time. Thirty-five per cent of the \$3,150,000 budget goes through the Cooperative Program to support Southern Baptist Convention agency work.

Cooperative Program receipts during fiscal 1963, which ended Sept. 30, were \$2,703,892, a gain of \$169,000 over the previous year.

The convention elected W. T. Holland, pastor of the First Baptist Church here, as its new president.

With \$50,000 appropriated for it, plans for the Missouri-sponsored evangelistic crusade to Australia advanced. It will be held next April and May.

Three hundred pastors and music directors from Missouri and other states are expected to go to Australia. Churches and individuals are expected to pay travel expenses for them.

The crusade has been planned since last spring. There are 600 Baptist churches in Australia.

Statistics show there are 1809 churches cooperating with the Missouri convention. They have a total membership of 473,346. They baptized 16,142 converts during the year. Church property value rose to \$114.4 million.

Total gifts in church offering plates was \$25.6 million.