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300th Ohio Church  
Organizes At Piqua

PIQUA, Ohio (BP)--The 300th church to cooperate with the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio has been organized here.

It is the Favorite Hill Baptist Church, with 91 charter members. It was sponsored by First Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio, which will continue to pay \$138 a month as a pastor's salary supplement for the next year.

Organized in July 1958, the mission at Piqua resulted from summer student missionaries starting a Vacation Bible School in the National Guard Armory.

It is the only Southern Baptist church in Piqua and the immediate vicinity.

Also in the Ohio news was formation of the 20th association of churches in the convention area. The new West Central Baptist Association includes seven churches and five missions in a 14-county region around Lima, Ohio.

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Missionaries To Study  
Spanish In San Antonio

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ATLANTA (BP)--The Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board was to start in San Antonio in February a Spanish-language instruction project for its missionaries.

M. D. Oates, missionary to Peru for 10 years and now missionary to Spanish-speaking people in Fresno, Calif., will direct the project.

A maximum of 12 missionaries, both appointees and experienced workers, will make up the first class for the intensive, nine-month instruction.

The project will use space donated by the First Baptist Church of the city.

Loyd Corder of Atlanta, secretary of the language missions department of the mission agency, said this was part of a general move to increase the language capability of the mission force.

He also announced one missionary will study Italian in Italy; another Russian, in Middleburg, Vt., and one couple is in Brazil studying Portuguese.

"The need for language instruction has existed for years," he added. "We have tried a number of methods, such as using the Foreign Mission Board school in Costa Rica and other schools in the United States, but none has exactly met the need for personnel who will serve in the United States.

"This project in San Antonio is being tailored to meet our needs of intensified study, especially in communicating. It also will allow the missionaries to participate weekends in the work among the Spanish-speaking people near San Antonio."

Besides stressing conversation, the instruction will introduce Latin culture and philosophy and stress significant differences in point of view of Latin and Anglo-American persons in culture, politics, economics, morals and religion.

"We will evaluate the instruction by how it accomplishes our objectives rather than accreditation," Corder said.

The mission board will move the missionaries to San Antonio for the schooling and continue them on missionary status.

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McDonald Counsels  
Race Book Author

LITTLE ROCK (BP)--Erwin L. McDonald, editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine here, was counseling editor in the writing of a new book on race relations which will be published in a few months.

The author is Ralph Creger, a Baptist layman in Little Rock. Doubleday & Co. will publish the book, entitled "A Look Down the Lonesome Road." It is a first-person account of the race problem as faced by Creger and his family, who came from Iowa.

The book deals with race relations as a national and world issue, though much space is devoted to race problems in Little Rock.

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Baylor, Once Maryland  
Secretary, Dies At 98

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BALTIMORE (BP)--W. H. Baylor, once general secretary of Southern Baptist work in Maryland, died Jan. 8 at his apartment here. He was 98.

Dr. Baylor was general secretary of the Maryland Baptist Union Association (now the Baptist Convention of Maryland) from 1915 to 1927. He returned to Virginia, his native state, after his work in Maryland.

He retired in 1941 after a 14-year pastorate of the Park View Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Va. Survivors include three daughters, a son and other relatives.

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Missionaries, Buildings  
In Panama Unharmed

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CANAL ZONE, Panama (BP)--A Southern Baptist mission official in the Canal Zone reports mission personnel and property unharmed following the first day's rioting there.

The rioting, which had touched points as far apart as 200 miles, brought armed conflict between United States forces and Panamanians. Deaths were reported among both groups.

L. D. Wood, superintendent of Southern Baptist mission work in the Republic of Panama, called to report to Southern Baptist Home Mission Board offices in Atlanta.

Wood, a lieutenant colonel in the United States Army Reserve chaplaincy, was called to active duty for the crisis. He lives in the Canal Zone and the office of Southern Baptist mission work is in the Zone.

Wood reported the U. S. Embassy in Panama City abandoned, the Sears store burned, and automobiles overturned and burned.

"I can definitely report that our forces did not fire on the Panamanians until after some of our men had been killed," he said.

The crisis placed in jeopardy an evangelistic crusade which churches and missions of the Panama Baptist Convention had planned for the first weeks of February.

Pastors and music directors from throughout the United States were scheduled to visit the Republic for the two-week crusade.

In an earlier report to Atlanta, Wood had said, "Communist infiltration is tremendous in the Republic. At this time we do not know what will happen to us in the matter of communism and a thousand other things. We're on a keg of powder holding a torch in our hand."

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Southern Baptists support 13 missionaries from the United States in the Republic, as well as nearly 100 national workers. The work is scattered throughout the 400 mile isthmus and the San Blas Islands, with the largest concentration around the Canal Zone.

In addition there are churches in the Zone which serve the United States personnel.

Missionaries from the United States who serve in the area include the following:

Ray M. Douglas, native of Texas, who is area missionary for the Chagres River and the Gatun Lake areas and pastor of the Chagres River Baptist Church; and Mrs. Douglas, native of Texas.

Hubert O. Hurt, native of Mississippi, who serves as dean of the Baptist Theological Institute in Arraijan, Republic of Panama. Mrs. Hurt is a native of Texas.

Wendall C. Parker, native of New Mexico, who is an area missionary in the Santa Clara area and director of the Cresta Del Mar Baptist Assembly in Santa Clara. Mrs. Parker is a native of Alabama.

Isaac V. Perez, native of Texas, who directs education for the Panama Baptist Convention. Mrs. Perez is a native of Texas.

A. J. Roddy, native of South Carolina, who is area missionary in the Bocas Del Toro area. Mrs. Roddy is a native of Ohio.

Miss Helen Stuart, native of Alabama, who is executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union in Panama.