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2 SBC Hospitals  
May Branch Out

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Directors of Southern Baptist Hospitals have given the agency's hospitals in New Orleans and Jacksonville, Fla., authority to establish and operate satellite, or branch, hospitals.

These satellite hospitals would be located in fast-growing areas of the two cities which are remote from a hospital. They would be established when and if considered necessary by the agency.

Southern Baptist Hospitals is an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The directors granted the New Orleans hospital, known as Southern Baptist Hospital, authority to award a contract for an eight-story addition to its plant on Napoleon Ave. here. The awarding of contract is subject to financing being available.

The board also accepted a plan by Baptist Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville to expand its hospital by 192 beds. It also has permission to build a 17-story tower and to establish the hospital as a major medical center in the Jacksonville area, according to directors' action.

Raymond C. Wilson, administrator of the New Orleans hospital, said, "We find that we can save \$250,000 and bring new medical facilities to New Orleans much sooner if we start construction on the eight-story hospital addition this year."

Working drawings for the addition will be completed by October, and Wilson said the contract could be let after that time.

The eight-story addition would bring to more than 600 the number of beds available in Southern Baptist Hospital here. It would more than double the space for medical care, it was reported.

T. Sloane Guy Jr., executive secretary of the SBC agency, said the satellite, or branch, hospital idea is designed to meet immediate community needs. The major expansion programs for the New Orleans and Jacksonville hospitals are to meet long-range needs, he added.

"The branch hospital can bring medical care to areas far removed from medical centers," Guy explained. "Such a branch hospital can help relieve overcrowding in the main hospital, yet operate at a cost far less than that of a new hospital."

The first eight stories of the 17-story tower in Jacksonville would go into use immediately on completion, according to Lawrence R. Payne, administrator there. The remaining floors would be reserved for future growth. The completed hospital would have 550 beds.

Robert L. Rowe Jr., Jacksonville, was elected president of the agency's directors.

In a report on current construction at the New Orleans hospital, Wilson said a \$2.4 million parking ramp for 500 cars, a power plant and a laundry building were to be ready for use in February. A \$1 million apartment building for resident doctors and interns is scheduled to be completed in March; the building is 10 stories tall.

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College Professor,  
Ex-Missionary Dies

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NORMAN PARK, Ga. (BP)--Henry Stirling McCall, professor at Norman College (Baptist) and former missionary to Cuba, died here at age 68. Funeral services were held at Omega, Ga., where he was a deacon and Sunday school superintendent. McCall was dean of Brewton-Parker College (Baptist) at Mount Vernon, Ga., when it was a Bible institute. Survivors include his wife, the former Mary Will Spooner of Norman Park, and a sister, Mrs. Walter L. Moore, wife of the pastor of the Vineville Baptist Church in Macon, Ga.

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SBC Polish Work Grows  
With Buffalo Mission

BUFFALO (BP)--The organization of the Polish Baptist Mission in Buffalo, N. Y., has accented Southern Baptists' recent mission work among Slavic peoples in the United States.

The Buffalo congregation will be the third to cooperate with the Convention in recent months. The others are in New York City and Cleveland, Ohio.

To establish the Buffalo work, the Home Mission Board of the SBC purchased property in the city at 821 Fillmore Ave., within a two-mile radius of 30,000 Polish-speaking people.

The board is cooperating in the effort with the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, the Frontier Baptist Association of New York, and the Polish Baptist Association of the United States.

E. L. Golonka of Atlanta, general field worker in the language missions department of the mission agency, said a missionary pastor will be secured to lead the work.

In the meantime, Charles E. Magruder of Tonawanda, N. Y., area missionary for the Frontier Association, will lead the congregation until a pastor is appointed.

Magruder says this is the first work sponsored by Southern Baptists within Buffalo. The city's population is more than a half million, and 47,500 are Polish.

Golonka, himself a native of Poland and easily at home with six languages, says there are more than seven million people in the United States who were born in Poland or descended from Polish parents and speak Polish.

He is helping establish a Southern Baptist ministry among these people, most of whom are concentrated in states bordering the Great Lakes.

Golonka is president of the Polish Baptist Association. He has been pastor of an English-speaking church in Minnesota and a Polish-speaking church in Chicago.

He says the first need is to enlist a young generation of Polish descent to be trained in the colleges and seminaries of Southern Baptists for missionary work among the Polish people.

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Atlantic City Weather  
Ranges 54-71 Degrees

(2-2-64)

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (BP)--Don't expect to find "the good old summer time" here in May.

That's the official word from the U. S. Weather Bureau to Baptists planning to attend conventions here in May. Scheduled the week of May 18-24 in Atlantic City are the Southern Baptist Convention, the American Baptist Convention and the Baptist Jubilee Celebration.

From the past experience the forecast for the period of these two meetings is: maximum temperature--66 to 71 degrees, minimum temperature 54 to 58 degrees.

Again from the past, the weather can be expected to be clear nine days in May, partly cloudy 10 days, cloudy 10 days, sunny 62 per cent of the time.

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Congo Arrow Slays  
Baptist Missionary

(2-2-64)

By the Baptist Press

Wire service accounts of guerilla warfare in the Congo told of the arrow slaying of a Baptist missionary, who was identified as Miss Irene Farrell.

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The American agency which sponsored the work Miss Farrell carried on has been identified as Baptist Mid-Missions which has headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio.

Southern Baptists have no mission work in the Congo. The most recent yearbook of the American Baptist Convention, which does sponsor work in the Congo, does not list the names of Miss Farrell nor of Miss Ruth Hege, another Baptist missionary wounded in the guerilla attack.

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Tallahassee Church  
Shuns Race Vote

(2-2-64)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (BP)--First Baptist Church here will not vote on whether to open its doors at public worship services to all persons, regardless of race, color or creed.

At a Wednesday night prayer meeting, members voted 640 to 626 against a church-wide ballot recommended by the deacons. The ballot would have tested the church's feeling on welcoming all persons to worship. The vote leaves in effect the present church policy.

Like Protestant churches in this capital city of Florida, the First Baptist Church (membership: 4464) has a policy of segregation. Only the Roman Catholic Church in Tallahassee is fully integrated.

Last year, the city's largest Episcopal Church lost its minister after differences of opinion related to the racial question.

C. A. Roberts, pastor of the First Church, has publicly urged the members to vote to change the long-standing segregated worship policy. He made an urgent plea for this change during a Sunday service which was also viewed by an areawide television audience.

Deacons had recommended the church membership ballot on the question at the following Sunday service. The Wednesday night vote, technically, was a vote to reject the recommendation of the deacons. Had they voted to accept the recommendation, there would still have been another vote the following Sunday.

Feeling on the matter ran high. W. T. Moore, chairman of deacons, moderated the discussion which he tried to limit to eight speakers--four on each side. He could not, however, close debate without some other statements from the audience.

Clark Durrance, a member of the deacons, and 11 others filed a minority opinion saying they did not join in the majority recommendation.

Because Tallahassee is the home of two state universities, racial feeling has been unusually keen. One university, Florida A & M, is all-Negro. The other, Florida State University, was all-white until two years ago when two Negroes were admitted. There are about 12 Negroes now at Florida State.

Tallahassee was the scene of racial demonstrations which resulted in mass arrests last year as Negroes picketed downtown businesses which practiced segregation.

During 1963, many Tallahassee stores dropped their racial barriers at lunch counters and some hired Negro clerks for the first time in history.

The recommendation from the deacons said they joined with the pastor "in recommending to our church that we open the doors of our public worship services to all men, irrespective of race, color, or creed."

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## Chaplain Says Young Adults Not Reached

LOUISVILLE (BP)--The director of the chaplains division of the United States Navy told seminary graduates here "the church is not reaching young adults in this scientific age."

Rear Adm. James W. Kelly, the first Southern Baptist chaplain to advance to that rank, returned to his alma mater--Southern Baptist Theological Seminary--to address 88 graduates.

Kelly said only 13 per cent of the young men on a ship which he served as chaplain attended Protestant services. He said he doubted seriously whether the church in civilian communities is doing any better.

"Nothing short of sacrificial love for our people will make an impression upon a world so steeped in scientism as our own," Chaplain Kelly added.

Before moving into the chaplaincy director's post, Chaplain Kelly headed the religious program at the U. S. Naval Academy in Annapolis. He received the master of theology degree from Southern Seminary in 1940.

Three doctor of theology degrees were awarded at the graduation, one from each of the three schools of the seminary--theology, religious education and church music.

Nobel D. Brown's degree was presented him by the faculty of the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomosho, where he is teaching under appointment as a Southern Baptist missionary. His stateside home is McHenry, Ky.

Brown completed his degree requirements and left for Nigeria before graduation day.

The other doctor's degrees went to Liston O. Mills, Wilmington, N. C., and to Robert David Whitten, San Antonio.

Seven professors who had been granted permanent status since joining the faculty signed the handwritten copy of the "Abstract of Principles" drawn up by the founders of the seminary.

Each professor is required to sign a copy of the doctrinal statement when he begins to teach at Southern, but the signing of the original document is a special ceremony reserved for those who are granted tenure, or permanent status on the faculty.

The original "Abstract of Principles" was handwritten over 100 years ago when the seminary was founded.

This graduation was the first formal convocation for the seven signers since they were given tenure standing. The seven are Forrest H. Heeren, dean of the school of church music; G. Maurice Hinson, associate professor of church music.

William C. Bushnell, associate professor of church music; Nolan P. Howington, associate professor of Christian ethics; E. Jerry Vardaman, assistant professor of biblical archaeology; Joseph A. Callaway, associate professor of biblical archaeology, and Hugo H. Culpepper, associate professor of Christian missions and world religions (filling the W. O. Carver chair).

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## Stetson Bans Campus Sale Of Cigarettes

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DELAND, Fla. (BP)--Stetson University has discontinued the sale of cigarettes and all other forms of tobacco on its DeLand campus, President J. Ollie Edmunds announced.

"The recent report of the surgeon-general has made it abundantly clear that the use of cigarettes, particularly when begun at an early age, may have harmful effects upon the user," Edmunds said.

"Stetson has, therefore, discontinued the sale of cigarettes and all other forms of tobacco on this campus," he added. Stetson is affiliated with the Florida State Baptist Convention.

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Music Conference  
Announces Program

By the Baptist Press

Choirs from churches in New York, North Carolina and South Carolina are to be heard during the 1964 Southern Baptist Church Music Conference.

The music conference meets in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Atlantic City, N. J., May 18-19, just before the annual Southern Baptist Convention.

Eugene M. Bartlett, Oklahoma City, music conference president, announced the program starts at 9 o'clock Monday morning and ends at 4:30 Tuesday afternoon.

The church choirs singing are the Junior choir of First Baptist Church, Columbia, S. C.; church choir of Manhattan Baptist Church, New York City, and chancel choir of Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.

A hymn pantomime will be directed by Mrs. Alberta Irey from the First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla. The Baptist Hour Choir from Fort Worth will give a concert.

Singing Churchmen from North Carolina, Georgia and Oklahoma will also appear. College groups to appear are from Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., and North Greenville College, Tigerville, S. C., both Baptist related.

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(Detailed program mailed separately.)

Report Shows One  
Unwanted Statistic

DALLAS (BP)--Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board trustees heard only one statistic they considered distressing in a report that otherwise showed record-breaking increases in almost every area during 1963.

That one statistic, according to R. Alton Reed, executive secretary, centers around the number of ministers who quit as pastors.

Of the 183 ministers who withdrew from active participation in the Annuity Board's retirement program, 108 said they were turning to secular work. Another six said they were leaving the ministry altogether, Reed said.

The remainder of Reed's report to the 58 state and local members attending the 46th annual meeting here revealed what they consider a highly successful year of operation.

In his report, Reed said more than \$3-1/4 million was paid in benefits during the past 12 months to almost 6,000 Baptist ministers, and church and denominational employees. This sum brought the total benefits paid since the beginning of the board in 1918 to more than \$43,650,000, Reed said.

Funds held in trust for future payments to almost 28,000 Baptist ministers or denominational employees or their widows rose to \$119,546,779, in 1963, some \$14 million over the previous year, Reed said.

He added that 3,067 new members joined the retirement plans with 1,987 of them being ministers. With this increase, 18,571 ministers are now protected in one of the plans the board administers, Reed said.

By contrast, Reed pointed out, the relief roll decreased to 722 persons from a 1962 high of 768. These relief beneficiaries, who were given \$201,421, are older ministers or their widows who did not join the retirement program.

Other highlights of the two-day meeting included the approval of by-laws changes to coincide with reorganization changes made last year; and a speech by Henry W. Wickenhiser of United States Trust Co., investment counsel for board, who told the trustees, "You can be proud of your fund. It is doing very well indeed," as he noted the interest return on investments made by the board.

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The final session highlighted a speech by Charles Burrall of Huggins and Co., Philadelphia, actuarial firm for the board.

Burrall called the three plan program--Southern Baptist Protection Plan, Age Security Plan and Variable Annuity Fund--the "most unique package of protection for pastor in the denominational pensions field."

"You can pat yourselves on the back for this, especially your supplemental plans," Burrall added.

The Variable Annuity Fund, a supplemental plan, closed the year with a per unit value of \$1.2625, the highest price since the fund's beginning four years ago. Total income from the 1064 members in the variable reached a new high of \$1,203,963 as of Dec. 31.

Wallace Bassett, Dallas minister, was reelected president of the board.