

July 16, 1964

General Board Okays
New Trustee Plan

HENDERSONVILLE, N. C. (BP)--The general board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina approved here a proposal to permit non-Baptist and out-of-state trustees for all of its colleges.

The vote was 44 to 5 with some board members not voting.

The board also voted 37 to 12 to participate in the Higher Education Facilities Act, receiving federal funds on the basis of "services rendered."

Both recommendations, to become effective, must be adopted by the state convention session in November.

The board's executive committee recommended the revised plan for selecting Baptist college trustees. Said the committee: "It was the unanimous feeling of the (Christian Education) Council that (this) will make it possible for the colleges to secure supplementary and more effective base of professional and financial assistance from sources now closed to them.

"At the same time, they would retain their effective witness of the Baptist State Convention in administration and operation."

The change would permit 25 per cent of the trustees of the colleges to come from out-of-state and to be non-Baptists. "The Board of Trustees of each college shall submit to the Convention's Nominating Committee two names for each vacancy (of this one-fourth) from which the Committee shall select one, and these shall be nominated to the Convention," the revised plan says.

"The provisions of the Constitution as to residence and church membership of trustees need not apply to the Trustees in the 25 per cent group nominated and elected," it says also. "At all times at least 75 per cent of the Trustees of each college shall be members of Baptist churches cooperating with the Baptist State Convention."

The change reserves the right of the nominating committee "to reject any or all nominees submitted by the Board of Trustees of each college and request new nominations" from the trustees.

The new plan would go into operation at the 1965 convention, if given convention endorsement.

The Convention's Christian Education Council claimed "participation in the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963 is within the provisions of the Constitution of the Baptist State Convention."

Each Baptist college in North Carolina would be permitted to take part in the federal program "based on the principle of 'services rendered.'"

H. L. Ferguson, Charlotte, N. C., minister and board member, opposed the federal aid stand. He said it was inconsistent for Baptists, the act may not be constitutional and the colleges can get along without federal money.

In its 1964 session, the North Carolina convention lacked by 194 votes the two-thirds majority necessary to give Wake Forest College up to 12 out-of-state and four non-Baptist trustees.

The general board's 1964 action applies to all the colleges. In addition to Wake Forest, the convention operates six other senior and junior colleges.

In 1957, the North Carolina convention approved acceptance of federal research grants by Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Winston-Salem, which is operated by Wake Forest College. The convention took the position the grants required a medical school to enter into a contract with the government and perform services on which grants were based.

Miss Brewer Weds
Memphis Businessman

BIRMINGHAM (BP)--Miss Betty Brewer, former director of a missionary unit for 330,000 girls in the Southern Baptist Convention, became the bride of S. E. Kidd Jr. at a wedding ceremony in Hunter Street Baptist Church here July 11.

The romance began when Miss Brewer went to Memphis in 1963 to plan for the 50th anniversary convention of Girls' Auxiliary, sponsored by Woman's Missionary Union of the SBC. Kidd is a Memphis businessman and church officer.

The demand for reservations for the Girls' Auxiliary Convention was so tremendous it wound up being staged in quick succession as a triple-header. This required Miss Brewer to make even more trips from her office in Birmingham to the convention locale in Memphis.

Officiating at the ceremony here was Roland M. Brewer, brother of the bride and pastor of First Baptist Church, Martinsville, Va. The bride was given away by another brother, Roy Brewer of Jacksonville, Fla.

Miss Dorothy Weeks of Birmingham, editor of the Girls' Auxiliary magazine, Tell, was a bridesmaid.

Miss Alma Hunt, Woman's Missionary Union executive secretary, and Mrs. R. L. Mathis, director of its promotion division, entertained the bride-elect at a tea the day before the wedding. The tea was held in the parlor of the Woman's Missionary Union office building here.

Miss Kathryn Bryan and Miss Anita Camp, other Girls' Auxiliary office staff members here, assisted in serving at the wedding reception.

Kidd is music director at Eudora Baptist Church in Memphis. Miss Brewer joined the Woman's Missionary Union office in 1955, resigning prior to the wedding.

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Indian Appointments
Include Three Couples

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ATLANTA (BP)--The appointment of eight missionaries for Indian work, good will center work, and mountain missions brings the total under appointment by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here to 2,330. Most of the missionaries work in cooperation with state mission boards.

Three couples were appointed to serve among Indians in New Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Larry Sloan were appointed for Indian work in Grants, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Maring Eugene Elder to serve in Cubero, N. M.; and Mr. and Mrs. James A. Bowen for Bernalillo.

Miss Jean Fairfax was appointed to work at Portland-Boyce Good Will Center, Louisville, Ky., and K. Wayne James was named as mountain missionary in Grundy County, Tenn.

Sloan, a native of Waurika, Okla., and a graduate of Southwestern State College, Weatherford, Okla., formerly served as a home missionary among Spanish-speaking people in El Rito, N. M. More recently he has been pastor of Ponce Baptist Church in Ponce, Puerto Rico, hometown of his wife, the former Ana Maria Pacheco. There are four Sloan children, two girls and two boys.

Elder, a native of Louisville, Ky., received his education at Campbellsville College (Baptist), Campbellsville, Ky.; Howard College (Baptist), Birmingham, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans.

He served one summer as a student summer missionary of the Home Mission Board in Arizona. Other experience includes a student pastorate in Hodges, Ala.; serving as music director of the Indian Baptist Center in Phoenix, Ariz., and pastoring Pheba Baptist Church, Pheba, Miss.

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Margaret Ellamae Thompson Elder is a native of Greenville, Ala., and was educated at Howard College and Grand Canyon College (Baptist), Phoenix. She was a public school teacher in Violet, La., for one year. The Elders have one son.

Bowen was born in Killeen, Tex., and was educated in Texas schools, the University of Corpus Christi (Baptist) at Corpus Christi and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. He has pastored three Texas churches, Big Wells Baptist Church, Big Wells; Olin Baptist Church, Hico, and First Baptist Church, Luling.

Mrs. Bowen, the former Marnelle Sullivan of Nacogdoches, Tex., is a registered nurse. She received her training at the Lilly Jolly School of Nursing, Memorial Baptist Hospital, Houston, Tex.; attended the University of Corpus Christi, and graduated from Texas Wesleyan College, Fort Worth. The Bowens have a son and a daughter.

Miss Jean Fairfax, appointed to serve at Portland-Boyce Center in Louisville, will also assist the center director, Lowell Lawson, in establishing weekday programs in the area, subject to the approval of the association, the state mission board, and the Home Mission Board.

Miss Fairfax, a native of Alexandria, Va., received her education at Longwood College, Farmville, Va., and at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. She served for four summers as a student summer missionary of the mission agency. Between college and seminary she taught in public schools in Virginia.

James, a recent graduate of Southwestern Seminary, will serve as pastor of Cumberland Baptist Chapel, Altamont, Tenn., Southern Baptists' only work in Grundy County in the Cumberland Mountains. He is a native of Raton, N. M., and a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University (Baptist), Abilene, Tex. His wife, the former Billie Lou Julian, and he have one son.

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Races Work Together
On Census In Austin

(7-16-64)

AUSTIN, Tex. (BP)--Anglo, Latin American and Negro Baptists of Austin are working together on a citywide religious census in preparation for the Latin American Baptist New Life Crusade.

The statewide crusade will seek to reach 2-1/2 million Latin American people of Texas with the gospel Aug. 30-Oct. 11.

More than 200 census-takers turned out on the first Sunday of the project and "cooperated beautifully" said Carlos Paredes, pastor of the First Mexican Baptist Church of Austin. The First Mexican Church is sponsoring the census in conjunction with the Austin Baptist Association.

The three groups went together into various sections of the city, Paredes said, with no incidents of any kind marring the cooperative spirit. Only a few of the people visited refused to give information requested.

Paredes estimates the census will secure information on more than 60,000 people, including Anglos and Negroes living in the fringe areas. Workers included Anglo pastors of Austin churches.

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