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Maternity Home Need
In Oklahoma Presented

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)--The child care director for Oklahoma Baptists said here results of a recent survey show a "definite need" for a Baptist home for unwed mothers in this state.

Reporting to directors of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, H. Truman Maxey of Oklahoma City said 23 state Baptist pastors included in the survey indicated they had had 33 requests for maternity home services.

"This is a service Oklahoma Baptists are not providing," he said. Maxey assured directors a recommendation about such a home will be put before them in their spring meeting.

Maxey pointed out Sellers Home and Adoption Center in New Orleans cared for 175 unwed mothers in 1963. "One out of five girls is turned away from the 42-bed Sellers Home," he added.

Sellers Home is maintained by the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board.

Directors also voted to name a new chapel at their Falls Creek Baptist Assembly for E. W. Westmoreland, the state convention's secretary of religious education.

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Lay Service Corps
Formed By Baptists

12-5-64

ATLANTA (BP)--A newly-created Christian Service Corps will place adults over 35 in mission roles during the summer of 1965 in the continental United States.

The corps was created here by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention during its annual session. Volunteers will meet mission needs through short-term (two to 10 weeks) service.

Corps members will serve in mission centers, surveys, revival preparation, leadership training, mission studies, music and other mission field work.

Direction of their work will be by local Baptist forces who have requested that such workers be assigned to their fields.

Creation of the Christian Service Corps follows the recent move by the mission agency to use graduate students for two-year mission terms, known as US-2.

It is also in line with its widely used student summer missionaries. Last summer more than 700 students served as summer missionaries.

Volunteers will provide their own expenses to and from the place of service, and receive no salary or honorarium, but local Baptists will provide room and board in most cases.

"Both single individuals as well as couples will be sought for this service," announced Miss Beverly Hammack of Atlanta, secretary of special mission ministries which will direct formation of the corps.

She said mature Christian adults, 35 years old or older, in good physical and mental health, with experience in a Southern Baptist church, will be sought.

Adults interested in serving this summer are asked to contact special mission ministries, Home Mission Board, SBC, 161 Spring Street N. W., Atlanta, Ga. 30303.

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Virginia Board Votes
For Polhill Journey

RICHMOND (BP)--The general board of the Baptist General Association of Virginia will send Executive Secretary Lucius M. Polhill and Mrs. Polhill on a four-month mission tour next spring at the board's expense.

The tour will include Europe and the Near East and possibly other areas. Action was taken at the board's final 1964 meeting here, site of Virginia Baptist offices.

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Board Members Honor
Redford, Elect Officers

12-5-64

ATLANTA (BP)--The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board paid tribute to its retiring executive secretary, Courts Redford, during its annual sessions here.

In other action, the board elected W. A. Duncan of Atlanta as its president, following the announcement from C. G. Cole of Atlanta, president for the past 9 years, that health would not permit his serving another term.

Redford, whose retirement becomes effective Dec. 31 after 11 years, heard a recital by board members of home mission accomplishments during these years.

He also received a book of more than 1,000 letters of appreciation from Southern Baptists which a committee had gathered and bound.

The board also announced Redford would receive a \$10,000 gift from the mission agency following his retirement.

Other officers elected by the board were David Hall of Phoenix as state vice-president, John Hughston of Atlanta as local vice-president, Mrs. Clint E. Rogers of Atlanta as recording secretary, and Mrs. John J. Hurt as assistant recording secretary.

The board also recognized the services of Guy Bellamy, Oklahoma City, secretary of the department of work with National (Negro) Baptists, and C. C. Warren, Charlotte, director of the 30,000 movement. Both are retiring.

Bellamy, who has maintained his offices in Oklahoma City, was presented with a citation for his work. He has been associated with the mission agency for 21 years, the last 15 in his present position.

In 1949, Southern Baptists had 24 workers with National Baptists and reported about 12,938 persons attending schools and institutes. Last year there were 78 workers and 59,978 students. Also, 147 scholarships were given Negro youth.

Redford said of Bellamy, "His genuine interest in all the Negroes has made possible his effective ministry with the leaders of the three major National Baptist conventions and with all the statewide National Baptist groups."

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Rutledge Seeks
Encounter With Issues

12-5-64

ATLANTA (BP)--The incoming executive secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention called here for a facing of "the pressing issues of our day."

Arthur B. Rutledge of Atlanta said, "We must find ways, in cooperation with others who love God, to help men to Christ."

"Man lives today in the midst of a society marked by urbanization, automation, population growth and shifts, moral crises, racial tensions, multiplying minorities and increasingly active non-Christian religions," he said.

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Historical Marker Set

BELTON, Tex. (BP)-- A historical marker calling attention to Mary Hardin-Baylor College's role in education during the Civil War will be erected on the campus of the Baptist school here sometime in 1965 by the Texas Historical Survey committee.

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Baptist Radio Programs
Depict Yule Customs

12-5-64

FORT WORTH (BP)-- A series of short radio programs produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here have depicted distinctive Christmas customs and music from England, Germany, Italy, Spain, France and Norway.

The 11 complete program segments are entitled "An Old World Christmas." Students from each of the countries, now attending schools in the United States, tell how Christmas is celebrated in their native lands.

Students interviewed on the programs are Eunice Beltran of Spain, attending Baylor University (Baptist), Waco, Tex.; Michael Dezaux of France, Texas Wesleyan College, Fort Worth; and Anne Berg of Norway, Adraine Anderboni of Italy, Anthony Lavender of England and Reinhard Schroeder and Helmut Hage of Germany, all attending the University of Texas in Austin.

Music for the series was recorded by the Baptist Hour Choir under the direction of Miss Joe Ann Shelton.

The programs range in length from three and one-half minutes to four and one-half minutes.

The Radio-Television Commission has also produced a long playing high fidelity (nonaural and stereophonic) recording of the Christmas carols from various countries.

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Effort To Censure Or
Oust Editor Fizzles

12-5-64

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (BP)--An effort to censure or fire the editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine fizzled here when presented to the executive board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Oddly, the attempt by pastors making up the executive board of the Concord Baptist Association of churches did not stem from something Erwin L. McDonald wrote in the 60,000 circulation newsmagazine. It came instead because of something the daily press quoted him as saying.

McDonald had defended a Methodist chaplain at the University of Arkansas for permitting a Bulgarian cultural affairs officer to speak at the Methodist student center after university officials barred the Bulgarian from speaking on campus property.

The Communist official, Peter Vassilev, from the legation in Washington, was one of a series of officials of various foreign governments invited to address the university's Foreign Relations Club.

At the close of Vassilev's speech, members of the student club reportedly "took him (the Bulgarian) apart" during a question and answer period.

McDonald's defense of the chaplain stirred the wrath of 21 pastors making up the Concord associational board, covering the Fort Smith area. They came to the statewide executive board meeting demanding McDonald retract his defense of the Methodist chaplain and, if he refused, he be fired by the Baptist state executive board.

However, not all the Fort Smith area pastors were against McDonald. At least one, a state board member, supported him during the state board's discussion. This member was among the approximately 50 board members voting to deny the muzzling attempt. Only five voted for it.

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In defending the Methodist student leader, McDonald was quoted as saying, "We must not overlook the fact that if we use the methods of communism to fight communism we have lost our battle for American democracy. Let us continue to hold onto our freedom of the press, of assembly, and of worship."

This was the first time since McDonald became Arkansas editor in 1957 anyone has appeared before the state executive board seeking his censure or ouster.

The Concord group assailing McDonald said they would ask their churches to quit buying the newspaper for circulation among church families. Like most other Baptist weeklies, the heart of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine's circulation comes from the "every family plan"--in which a church budgets enough money to have the state paper mailed to every family in its membership.

McDonald estimated circulation in Concord association, the second largest association of churches in the state, at 8000 to 9000. He said the 21 pastors on the associational board are about half the number of pastors in Concord association.

He said subscription cancellations would not affect his belief in freedom of speech and of the press.

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Houston Hospital
Launches Satellite

12-5-64

HOUSTON, Tex. (BP)-- Memorial Baptist Hospital here has launched its third satellite hospital, giving the downtown medical center branches in three parts of the metropolitan area.

The new satellite, located in northwest Houston on a major freeway, will have 130 beds when completed in early 1966.

Construction has already started by a Houston investment builder, who will lease the facilities to the hospital.

Memorial Baptist Hospital already has two other satellites near freeways in the southeast and southwest sections of Houston.

Executive Director W. Wilson Turner said the satellite system brings the hospital beds closer to the people living in the suburbs, and gives the added services of the major central unit downtown.

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Has She Tried
The Canned Kind?

12-5-64

MONROE, La. (BP)--A young lady who lived in the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home here for several years, and who was married several weeks ago, confessed during a visit to the children's home she has a problem.

It comes at the point of making biscuits. For years she has know how to make 300 biscuits for breakfast. Her perplexing problem now is: how does she make biscuits for only two people?

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