

December 9, 1964

Union University
Refinances Debt

NASHVILLE (BP)--Permission has been granted to Union University, Baptist school at Jackson, Tenn., to refinance its debt and borrow additional funds for capital improvements.

The Tennessee Baptist Convention executive board gave the school authority to extend its debt ceiling to \$1 million. The university now owes \$522,000.

This action would make available approximately \$442,000 to be used for capital improvements--including loans for a new library and a new chapel.

Approval was also given for Union trustees to enter into a lease-rental or rental-purchase agreement to provide a new dormitory on land already owned by the school.

The Tennessee board also approved construction of a Baptist student center at Austin Peay State College at Clarksville. The project's \$80,000 cost would be borne by the state convention and the Cumberland Baptist Association of churches, which covers the Clarksville area.

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Graduate Specialist
Added To Degree List

12-9-64

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Graduate specialist in religious education (GSRE) studies at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary have now become a graduate degree program requiring 32 hours of residence study beyond the master in religious education degree.

"The GSRE degree meets the needs of persons desiring additional specialization in areas of religious education and can be an opportunity for advanced study for students with previous MRE degrees," said J. Kelva Moore, religious education graduate committee chairman.

One-half of the hours taken by a graduate specialist candidate will be graduate seminars, with the remaining coursework in one of the three schools--religious education, music or theology.

In addition to the new degree, New Orleans Seminary school of religious education offers the diploma in religious education, master in religious education and doctor of religious education degrees.

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Kentucky Southern
To Enlarge Plant

12-9-64

LOUISVILLE (BP)--Kentucky Southern College here has received the approval of the Kentucky Baptist executive board to issue \$2.5 million in bonds for a student union building and a physical education building.

Construction on the two buildings will begin in March.

This brings to \$3.5 million the amount the Baptist college has been authorized to borrow this year. Earlier, it received permission to secure \$1 million for student housing, already under construction.

An administration-classroom building, the first building project at the young college, is in use now.

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The physical education building will not include facilities for intercollegiate or other spectator sports.

In other action, the Kentucky Baptist executive board was told that Youth Night attendance at the close of the 1964 Kentucky Baptist Convention sessions here topped all attendance records at Freedom Hall.

Freedom Hall officials said records fell when 25,000 jammed the main hall--site of the 1959 Southern Baptist Convention meeting--another 3000 sat in the east wing and an estimated 5000 stood outside. These 33,000 came to hear Evangelist Billy Graham deliver the Youth Night message.

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No SBC Ties Found
For Arrested Minister

12-9-64

PHILADELPHIA, Miss. (BP)--As far as can be determined, the 39-year-old Baptist minister arrested in civil rights cases here is not now pastor of a church affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention and has never been pastor of one.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested Edgar Killen of Union, Miss., along with 20 others in connection with the midsummer slaying of three civil rights student workers here.

Press reports have linked Killen with Salem Church in Neshoba County and Zion Church in Kemper County. No churches by that name are listed in records of the Mississippi Baptist Convention for those counties.

No Edgar Killen appears in the listing of pastors in the Southern Baptist Convention Annual. However, the Mississippi Convention Annual does list one Edgar Ray Killen of Union, Miss. It does not associate him with pastorate of any church.

State convention office sources in Jackson explained a man can get his name on the list of ministers simply by identifying himself as one and asking the office to put his name on the list.

The name of Edgar Ray Killen, or E. R. Killen, has been in the Mississippi list for several years. A check of information available from district associations of churches does not show anyone named Killen as pastor of a church.

The Killen arrested was identified as operator of a sawmill and as a farmer, as well as a Baptist minister. It was believed he relied on business activities for his income rather than churches.

There was no information on what church ordained Killen to the ministry.

A pastor in the Philadelphia area told the Baptist Press he knows Killen on passing acquaintance. This pastor said he has never seen Killen at any annual session of the district association of Southern Baptist churches nor at any session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

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President Moves

12-9-64

LYNCHBURG, Va. (BP)--The president of the Georgia Baptist Pastors' Conference, Charles R. Standridge, has accepted a call to pastorate of West Lynchburg Baptist Church here. A Georgia representative on the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board, Standridge has been at the First Baptist Church, Tifton, Ga.

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Baptist School Asks
Government Loan

WASHINGTON (BP)--A Baptist school is one of 39 colleges and universities requesting \$52,564,000 in college housing loans, according to announcement from the Community Facilities Administration of the Housing and Home Finance Agency.

Oakland City (Ill.) College, affiliated with the General Association of General Baptists, requested a \$375,000 loan.

Nineteen other church-related schools requested loans totaling \$18,219,000. These include five Lutheran, five Methodist, and four Roman Catholic schools, and one each of Church of the Brethern, Presbyterian, Friends, Christian Reformed and Evangelical Reformed. The loans have not yet been approved.

Earlier Mount Olive (N. C.) College, a Free Will Baptist school, was approved for a \$412,000 loan for construction of a dormitory complex.

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Committee To Clarify
Texas Trustee Vote

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DALLAS (BP)--The Texas Baptist executive board approved a committee study of changes made in the Baptist General Convention of Texas' constitution in an effort to clarify and interpret the new clauses.

At issue is the eligibility of trustees for election to the boards of state Baptist institutions, and the length of their terms.

Messengers to the state convention voted in November to prevent a trustee from serving on more than one board, with certain exceptions. Trustees must also rotate off the boards after three terms.

The executive board asked its chairman to appoint a committee to clarify and interpret the changes so that each of the 26 committees to nominate trustees would be operating on the same interpretations.

The board reelected its officers to a second term, naming J. Carroll Chadwick of Center, Tex., as chairman.

The board voted to employ Harry V. Hamblen of Houston as a top executive, naming him as missionary coordinator for area and associational missions. Hamblen has been secretary of the Baptist district organization in the Houston area, and previously was pastor of First Baptist Church, Harlingen, Tex.

He will do the work of three men who have coordinated the area and association missions work on a part-time basis for the past year, and will be returning to their previous assignments on the state convention staff.

In other action, the board elected 38 Baptists to key state convention commissions and committees, approved a \$560,000 fund campaign for Valley Baptist Academy's new campus in Harlingen, and voted to establish a historic center at Independence, Tex., where Baylor University was founded in 1845 and where the oldest Baptist church in Texas is located.

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SBC Tops Year's Budget
First Time Since 1960

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NASHVILLE (BP)--For the first time since 1960, the Southern Baptist Convention has gone over its annual budget and entered what is known as an advance section, when all Cooperative Program receipts go to foreign and home missions.

The advance was entered Dec. 8 when receipts from state Baptist offices for the day brought the Cooperative Program income for the year to \$50,000 more than the 1964 budget of \$19,187,355.

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Reaching the budget objective for the year meant (1) all capital needs from 1963, when the budget was not met, have been paid to SBC agencies; (2) all operating and capital needs allocated to agencies for 1964 have been taken care of, and (3) the Foreign and Home Mission Boards would share exclusively all Cooperative Program receipts to the SBC through Dec. 31.

Three-fourths of the \$50,000 overage went to the Foreign Mission Board, and the same proportion would apply to the balance of Cooperative Program receipts for the calendar year. One-fourth is the share for the Home Mission Board.

It appeared likely SBC Cooperative Program income for the year would reach over \$20 million, giving the mission agencies at least \$800,000 in advance funds.

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East Texas Gains
Full Accreditation

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LOUISVILLE (BP)--Full and unqualified accreditation of East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, was announced during the annual meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools here.

College officials termed this the final step in accrediting procedures for East Texas. It was admitted to membership in the Southern Association in 1957, but without full and unqualified accreditation.

The school has an enrolment of 567 full-time students.

At the same association meeting, the president of another Baptist school was elected secretary of the executive council of the association's commission on colleges. He is Floyd V. Turner of Bristol, Va., head of Virginia Intermont College, a junior college for women.

Officials of Baptist-sponsored Cumberland College at Williamsburg, Ky., announced accreditation as a senior college, after moving up from junior college status. They said Cumberland also is a recognized teacher training institution.

Presidents and deans of Southern Baptist colleges which belong to the Southern Association held a meeting of their own while in Louisville. They were addressed by Gordon W. Blackwell, the new president of Furman University (Baptist), Greenville, S. C.

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