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**Ouachita Won't Press
To Take Federal Aid**

LITTLE ROCK (BP) -- Trustees of Ouachita Baptist University apparently wish to avoid a floor fight at the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and so have said they will not press for the right to seek federal aid for the Arkadelphia, Ark., school.

Instead, the convention here will receive a proposal that Baptist churches in Arkansas increase their Cooperative Program gifts next year by 10 per cent over the budgeted amount in 1965.

Anticipating this additional income, \$67,500 was added to the 1966 proposed Cooperative Program budget on which messengers to the convention vote. Three-fourths of this added amount will go to Ouachita and one-fourth to Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, Ark.

The increase brought the total budget submitted for convention approval to \$2,171,653.

The question of whether Ouachita could accept federal grants for buildings had loomed as the major issue at the 1965 state convention session in Little Rock.

University President Ralph A. Phelps said in August if the school was to remain a university "of the first magnitude" it would have to receive matching grants from the government under 1963 Congressional legislation.

At a subsequent meeting of 115 Baptist pastors and laymen here, at which the Ouachita trustee action was reported, the consensus was the Ouachita board made a "wise move." It appeared that, after a bitter floor battle, messengers would have disapproved federal aid for Ouachita.

A spokesman said Southern Baptist College, a presently independent junior college which gets convention financial help, had turned down a federal grant because of Baptist sentiment in Arkansas against federal aid.

The Ouachita federal aid question has been brewing since August, 1964 when the university's trustees adopted a resolution asking the sponsoring state Baptist convention for a vote on permitting federal aid "so that pressing financial needs might be partially met."

Trustees changed their stance "in the interest of harmony and fellowship" after finding "there is far from unanimity of opinion on this question in behalf of either side."

In their newest statement, the trustees remarked, "A great many of the brethren have said that the needs of Ouachita can be met through voluntary giving...so that it will not be necessary to accept the building grants."

Federal aid has been an issue also affecting Baptist colleges in South Carolina, Georgia and Texas already this year. It was an issue before the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina a year ago, regarding denominational colleges.

Baptists traditionally think of federal aid as being involved in the separation of church and state, which is a vital principle in denominational life.

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Brotherhood Commission
Starts New Magazine

MEMPHIS (BP) --Directors of the Southern Baptist Convention Brotherhood Commission approved a record operating budget of \$466,000 and elected Hugh Cantrell of Arkadelphia, Ark., as their new chairman at their annual two-day meeting here.

The 28 directors representing 19 states also voted to:

1. Sponsor a national congress for Baptist boys in a city west of the Mississippi River August, 1968.

2. Begin in October, 1966 the publication of Crossroads, a 32-page monthly magazine containing curriculum materials on missions for Baptist young men 18-24.

3. Sponsor with state Brotherhood departments five-year growth goals in missionary education in Southern Baptist churches.

4. Reorganize the Commission to include committees in the areas of policy and procedure, program development, budget and finance, building and properties, and business services.

5. Adjust the organizational pattern for missionary education organizations in churches to include a Brotherhood director to supervise work of Baptist men's groups, Royal Ambassador (Boys') chapters and young men's units.

The new operating budget, \$91,630 higher than last year's figure of \$374,370, calls for increases in program development. The treasurer's report listed assets of \$1,019,434.

The Brotherhood Commission provides a program of missionary education for 626,500 Baptist men, young men and boys in more than 17,000 Southern Baptist churches.

Chairman Cantrell, director of in-service training for ministerial students at Ouachita Baptist University, took over the reins of the Commission after one year as vice-chairman.

Other officers include Fred Worrill, Atlanta, Ga., advertising man, vice-chairman; and Lucius Marion, pastor of Clarksdale (Miss.) Baptist Church, recording secretary.

George W. Schroeder was re-elected executive secretary-treasurer, full-time top staff position on the agency.

Norman Godfrey, director of the Young Men's department, said he expected to start the new magazine with a circulation of 10,000. Editor of Crossroads is Roddy Stinson. Godfrey estimated his target audience at 723,000.

The group voted to meet in Memphis in 1966 on Oct. 27-28.

Certificates of commendation for outstanding Christian service were presented to five retiring commissioners. They were Robert P. Dent of Holly Springs, Miss.; A. D. Foreman Jr., of Memphis; C. C. Kelly of White Deer, Tex.; Lynn L. Martin of Clovis, N.M., and Gregory Walcott of Canoga Park, Calif.

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(Photo mailed from Memphis to Baptist state papers.)

Staffer's Mother Dies

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WICHITA FALLS, Tex. (BP)--Mrs. T. D. Wiley of Wichita Falls died here Oct. 21, with the funeral being held the day after. Mrs. Wiley was mother of Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Birmingham, former Southern Baptist Convention vice-president, former president of SBC Woman's Missionary Union, and now director of the promotion division, a staff position with the missionary agency.

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New Orleans Hospital
Gets New Assistant

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Wade C. Henry of Phoenix, Ariz., has been appointed an assistant administrator of Southern Baptist Hospital here.

Henry joins administrator Raymond C. Wilson and assistant administrators J. D. Stoudenmier and Fred H. Willie in the management of Southern Baptist, now undergoing expansion construction which will result in a 600-bed facility.

Henry is a 1954 graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee and received a master's degree in hospital administration from Washington University, St. Louis.

The hospital here is one of two owned and operated by an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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