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Convention Program Set
By Southern Baptists

NASHVILLE (BP)--Nine Baptist ministers and the governor of Georgia are slated to deliver major addresses during the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting May 24-27 in Detroit, Mich.

The outline of the convention program was released here by the convention's committee on order of business, headed by Morris Wall, chairman. Wall is pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church, Yuma, Ariz.

Sessions of the 109th annual Convention, expected to attract about 12,000 Baptists from throughout the nation to Detroit, will be held at Cobo Hall on the banks of the Detroit River.

Gov. Carl Sanders of Atlanta, Ga., is the only major program speaker who is not a Southern Baptist minister or denominational leader.

Gov. Sanders, himself a Southern Baptist layman, will address the convention following the report of the SBC Christian Life Commission, Friday afternoon, May 27.

The four-day convention will open Tuesday evening, May 24, with two major program messages--the annual convention sermon delivered by Ray E. Roberts, executive secretary of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, with offices in Columbus; and the annual president's address by Wayne Dehoney, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn.

Dehoney will preside over the convention for the last time, serving this year his second term as president of the 10.6 million-member convention, the largest Protestant-evangelical denomination in the nation.

Sessions scheduled for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights during the convention will emphasize missions and evangelism.

Reports of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and Foreign Mission Board will be delivered during Wednesday and Thursday night sessions, and the convention will close with a special service designed to launch a gigantic hemisphere-wide evangelistic crusade planned for 1969 called "The Crusade of the Americas."

The evangelistic effort will be launched with messages by Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, Okla., and a vice president of the Baptist World Alliance; and by Roberto Porras Maynes, executive secretary of the National Baptist Convention of Mexico, with offices in Mexico City.

An address on theological education by Millard J. Berquist, president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., will highlight the Thursday morning convention session, May 26, following reports by each of the six Southern Baptist seminaries.

Four prominent Southern Baptist pastors will deliver messages to close out the morning, afternoon, and evening sessions on Wednesday, May 25, and the Friday morning session, May 27.

They are, in order of appearance: Warren Hultgren, pastor, First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.; W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.; H. Franklin Paschall, pastor, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.; and Monroe Swilley, pastor, Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.

For the second time, the convention will include a period for dialogue between the messengers (delegates) and the executive heads of the convention's agencies. The messengers will deposit their written questions in special boxes, and the panel of denomination leaders will give impromptu answers during the Friday morning period.

Most of the convention will be devoted to annual reports from the agencies related to the convention. Theme for the meeting will be "God's Word For A New Age."

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Baptist Press will soon mail to state Baptist paper editors six photographs of the convention hall in Detroit, and other scenes of interest in the convention city.

Navy Seeks Baptist Ministers As Chaplains

ATLANTA (BP)--The Southern Baptist Chaplains Commission has put out a call for Baptist ministers ready for immediate commission and active duty in the United States Navy.

The demand was brought on by a Navy adjustment of the number of Baptist chaplains and by the stepped-up manpower needs resulting from the war in Viet Nam.

This is the first time the Navy has been far enough behind in recruitment of chaplains to offer commission and active duty within 60 to 90 days, according to George W. Cummins of Atlanta, director of division of chaplaincy for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Previously, chaplain volunteers have waited eight to 12 months for active duty assignment in the Navy.

The situation in the Army is not yet as acute, Cummins said, but there is need for Southern Baptist ministers in the Army Reserve Chaplaincy, with active duty available in eight to 12 months.

In the Air Force, quotas for both initial commissioning and active duty are filled.

Both Army and Navy requirements for chaplains include an age limit of 33. However, a minister with prior military service whether as an enlisted or commissioned officer, can be commissioned in the Navy up to the age of 36½ years.

The Army will take previously commissioned officers up to 36½ years of age.

All three services require 120 semester hours of college study or a degree, and 90 theological hours or a degree from a seminary. Two years full-time or four years part-time pastoral experience is required for active duty assignment.

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Two Missionary Couples Named To Baptist Centers

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ATLANTA (BP)--The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board approved career missionary status for two couples during its February board meeting, and assigned them to Baptist mission centers.

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Brinkley of Fort Worth soon will be directors of the Kathleen Mallory Baptist Good Will Center in Baltimore.

Brinkley, currently minister of music and youth at the B. H. Carroll Baptist Church in Fort Worth, is a graduate of the University of Richmond (Baptist), Richmond, Va., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

New pastor at the Johanning Baptist Mission Center in Washington, D. C. is Kenneth Edison Burke Jr., former pastor of the Jamestown Baptist Church in Jamestown, Ky. Burke is a graduate of the University of Richmond and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

Mrs. Ruby Jane Burke also has been appointed by the board to serve with her husband at the Johanning Center, a program of the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Washington.

Other February missionary appointees:

Cary Harden Jr., pastor of the Southeast Baptist Church in Bedford, Ohio, will serve as superintendent of missions for the West Central Ohio Baptist Association. Harden is a graduate of Auburn University, Auburn, Ala., and Southern Seminary.

Richard A. Mobley, who has been mission pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church in Trinidad, Colo., since 1963, also was accorded full missionary status. He is a graduate of Howard Payne College (Baptist), Brownwood, Tex., and has attended Southwestern Seminary.

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Editors Elect Officers,
Study Ad Man Employment

ATHENS, Ga. (BP)--Editors of Southern Baptist publications meeting here elected C. R. Daley of Middletown, Ky., as their new president and voted to ask a committee to study the possibility of employing someone to solicit advertisements and endowments for the 29 state Baptist papers.

Daley, editor of the Western Recorder, publication of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, succeeds Erwin L. McDonald of Little Rock, Ark., as president of the Baptist Press Association.

Other officers are L. H. Moore, editor of The Illinois Baptist, Carbondale, Ill., as vice president; and Gainer E. Bryan Jr., editor of the Maryland Baptist, Lutherville, Md., as secretary-treasurer.

The suggestion that the editors consider the possibility of employing a person to solicit advertising and endowments for state Baptist papers came from the association's advertising committee, headed by Jim Cole of Alexandria, La., editor of the Baptist Message, published by the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

The Baptist paper editors voted to request the advertising committee to study the possibility and to bring back a recommendation to the organization next year, at Mobile, Ala., Feb. 13-15.

Cole, in a report read to the association by Daley, said that the costs of producing the 29 state Baptist newspapers and newsmagazines were constantly spiraling, and that increased revenue must be found to support the publications. He advised seeking more advertising for the publications and the possibility of endowments, gifts and annuities as other revenue.

In other action, the association adopted resolutions expressing appreciation to the Georgia Baptist hosts of the meeting, to the program personalities, to former Baptist Press writer Theo Sommerkamp who has moved to a new position; to two Baptist editors who are retiring; and for the life of an Alabama Baptist editor who died in 1965.

The retiring editors are E. S. James, editor of the Baptist Standard, Dallas; and S. H. Jones, editor of the Baptist Courier, Greenville, S. C.; both of whom were former presidents of the association. The resolution of respect was in honor of the late Leon Macon, editor of the Alabama Baptist, Birmingham, Ala.

Most of the three-day session at the University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education was devoted to lectures by journalism professors at the university.

The lectures touched on editorial writing, makeup and typography, purposes of church publications, editing, newswriting, features, use of computers, and critiques of the Baptist publications.

The editors met jointly with executive secretaries of state Baptist conventions for a banquet program prior to the journalism lectures. Principal speaker for the banquet was Pierce Harris, pastor emeritus of the First Methodist Church in Atlanta.

Harris, who said he did not want to talk about the differences between the Methodists and Baptists because it wouldn't take enough time on the 30 minute program, outlined a four-point philosophy on how to get more out of life.

He advised the Baptist leaders to (1) learn one new thing every day; (2) make the largest possible number of friends and the fewest possible number of enemies; (3) think one great thought every day; and (4) do one nice thing every day you don't have to do.

The editors and executive secretaries voted to meet in Arizona, Feb. 12-14, in 1968.

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Seminary Trustees Elect
Officers, Adopt Budget

NEW ORLEANS (BP) --- Trustees of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here elected four laymen as their officers and adopted a record \$1,329,000 budget for 1966-67.

The new budget for the coming academic year represents an increase of \$44,000 over the current year's budget.

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William L. May, an insurance executive from Baton Rouge, La., was named president of the seminary board.

Three New Orleans laymen were elected as other officers. A. Morgan Brian, Jr., an attorney, was elected vice president; Cecil M. Girard, a geologist, as secretary; and Edward Wood, finance businessman, as treasurer.

In other action, Helen Falls was promoted from associate to professor of missions in the seminary's school of theology, and Clark Pinnock was elevated from assistant professor to associate professor in the theology department.

Randall Veazey, minister of music for the First Baptist Church in Gulfport, Miss., was elected as instructor in the school of church music.

Trustees voted to name the seminary's annual evangelism lecture series for J. Thomas Gurney, an Orlando, Fla., attorney who was previously president of the board of trustees. Gurney recently made a \$19,000 gift to the seminary to endow the lectures.

A lay fellowship for theological studies and Christian witnessing was established by the board. The program will include on-campus theological studies and teams of professors visiting selected communities for teaching and dialogue sessions with laymen.

Seminary president H. Leo Eddleman reported that \$403,002 has been spent and committed for construction as part of the campus rehabilitation program. Hurricane Betsy interrupted major phases of projected 1965 rehabilitation construction.

Programmed expenditures for 1966-67 are \$896,998. Cooperative Program funds from the Southern Baptist Convention's unified budget plan have been reprogrammed. These funds are part of the \$1.6 million allocation to be received by the seminary over a three-year period.