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926 Converted In  
Panama Crusade

PANAMA CITY (BP)--An evangelistic crusade that may alter the course of Baptist work in Panama reaped 926 professions of faith, including 394 decisions for baptism, final tabulations have revealed.

The crusade, led by 37 Baptist preachers from outside Panama, was the first simultaneous revival in Panama and the Canal Zone since 1962.

Gospel meetings were carried on in 57 different churches or missions at the same time, bringing results that prompted S. A. Scarlett, president of the Panama Baptist Convention, to say:

"We have had the greatest campaign ever. Our churches have been revived. I believe it will change the course of the history of our work here."

According to Joe Carl Johnson of Balboa, superintendent of missions in Panama, 41 joined Panamanian Baptist Churches by letter during the crusade, 54 made decisions for special service, 634 rededicated their lives, and 107 made other types of decisions.

Fourteen of the preachers were from South Carolina, others from Texas, Arizona, California, Kansas, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, and Virginia. Three evangelists came from Costa Rica.

In the area served by missionary Douglas Pringle, the total membership of churches and missions taking part in the revival was 51. The meeting in this area, however, elicited 144 professions of faith, almost three times the membership.

One of the revivals in Pringle's area was led by Benito Villarreal, pastor of Segunda Iglesia Bautista (Second Baptist Church) in Houston. He said the highest attendance in the mission prior to the revival was 18. On the first night, 26 showed up and eight made professions of faith.

The simultaneous crusade was directed by Harold E. Lindsey, associate in the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's division of evangelism. Aside from preachers participating, A. G. Gower, a medical doctor from Manassas, Va., worked in clinics in the San Blas Islands. Dr. Daniel Gruver, home board medical missionary in Panama, preached in Darien Province, and also conducted clinics among the Choco Indians of that area.

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Mrs. E. Powell Lee  
Dies in Montgomery

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. (BP)--Mrs. E. Powell Lee of Montgomery, Ala., widow of a well known Baptist evangelistic singer, died Feb. 26 here only four months after her husband's death.

Mrs. Lee, 66, was a native of Little Rock, Ark., and the former Helen Jackson. The Lees were married for 45 years, and there were three children. E. Powell Lee Jr. was killed in World War II. A daughter, Mrs. Dixie Lee Davies lives in Oklahoma City, and a son, Jack Lee lives in Montgomery.

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Baylor Prof's  
Symphony Played

3-3-66

WACO, Tex. (BP)--The second symphony of Richard Willis, composer-in-residence at the Baylor University School of Music, had its world premiere recently.

The Oklahoma City Symphony Orchestra performed the work as part of the third annual festival of the arts at Oklahoma College of Liberal Arts in Chickasha, Okla.

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Texas Baptists Raise  
\$7 Million for Education

DALLAS (BP)--Gifts to Texas Baptists' five-year Christian Education Crusade which climaxed last Dec. 31 totaled \$7,106,068, according to a report recently released by the crusade office. The original goal was 28 million dollars.

A breakdown in the actual campaign-credited gifts shows the following amounts to the 10 Texas Baptist Schools:

Baylor University in Waco received \$2,848,702;  
 Dallas Baptist College in Dallas received \$619,526;  
 East Texas Baptist College at Marshall received \$128,970;  
 Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene received \$897,530;  
 Houston Baptist College in Houston received \$128,560;  
 Howard Payne College in Brownwood received \$374,064;  
 Mary-Hardin Baylor College at Belton got \$507,391;  
 University of Corpus Christi at Corpus Christi was given \$154,628;  
 Wayland Baptist College at Plainview received \$881,148;  
 San Marcos Baptist Academy in San Marcos received \$137,646.

Other gifts received by Baptist colleges and universities during the crusade but not credited to the crusade totaled \$15,894,135.

Crusade expenditures totaled \$554,597.

W. F. Vanderburg, crusade director, said numerous other gifts to mature in the near future were negotiated during the crusade period.

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Seminary Trustees Okay  
Two Remodeling Jobs

3-3-66

FORT WORTH, (BP)-- Trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary voted to spend \$500,000 on remodeling two buildings and elected two new members to the seminary faculty.

Meeting in semiannual session, the trustees also voted to send Seminary President and Mrs. Robert E. Naylor on a tour of the mission fields of Africa. The Naylor's probably will make the tour in September and October.

The major remodeling job will be done on Fort Worth Hall, men's residence hall which was built in 1910 as the first structure on the campus. The \$450,000 remodeling will begin late this spring and will include air conditioning of the building.

Trustees also voted to spend \$50,000 in remodeling of space on the first floor of the Memorial Building to provide an archaeological museum, a language laboratory and additional classroom space.

New Professors are Leroy Ford and F. B. Huey, Jr. Ford will be professor of programmed instruction and principles of religious education, and Huey will be associate professor of Old Testament.

Ford, who will move to Fort Worth from Nashville, this summer, is editor of the Adult Training Union lesson courses for the Baptist Sunday School Board.

He is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary, and served churches in Texas and Oklahoma as minister of education from 1949 to 1958.

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Huey has been a guest professor at the seminary this year while home on furlough as missionary to Brazil, where he and his wife have served since 1961.

He holds degrees from the University of Texas and from Southwestern Seminary. He was pastor at Sanger, Tex., and Denton, Tex., before going to Brazil.

Huey taught in the South Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary from 1962 to 1965 and was pastor of the Fundacao Baptist Church in Rio De Janeiro.

In other action, the board:

--Appointed a committee to study faculty and staff salaries and benefits and to bring recommendations to the trustee executive committee in July.

--Heard a report from Development Director L.B. Reavis, that \$111,174.67 had been contributed to the seminary's endowment funds from Aug. 1, 1965, through Jan. 31, 1966.

--Gave faculty tenure to four men: Thomas Urrey, New Testament; William Pinson, Christian ethics; Jack Coldiron, voice; and T. W. Hunt, organ and piano.

--Advanced another faculty member, David L. Conley, in rank from assistant to associate professor.

--Received an enrollment report from Naylor that the enrollment for the year stands at 1,911, with 576 new students, and a report on a schedule change under which seminary students will enroll two weeks earlier next fall so that the fall semester can be completed before Christmas.

--Heard a report by Ralph Smith of Austin, Tex., vice-chairman of the real estate committee, on the recent purchase of Carroll Park Apartments for housing of married seminary students.

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Texas Group Opposes  
Liquor By Drink Vote

3-3-66

WACO, Tex., (BP)--The board of directors of Texas Alcohol Narcotics Education, Inc. (TANE) passed a resolution here that urged Texans to become qualified voters who would reject any attempt to legalize liquor by the drink in Texas.

The board members were meeting at Baylor University (Baptist) here during their eighth annual seminar.

TANE Attorney Cecil A. Morgan of Fort Worth reported to the board that there is no legal method to keep from the people of Texas a referendum on the issue of liquor by the drink, extended hours of liquor sales and racetrack gambling.

The resolution passed by the board urges Texans to become qualified to vote in the new two-week voter registration period "in order to reject soundly the idea of legalizing liquor by the drink, should the issue appear in the May 7 primary election."

The resolution said such a referendum "places an additional burden of proof on the citizens of Texas who have no profit to make but are deeply concerned about the moral climate of our state."

It expressed the board of directors' "unalterable opposition to these efforts to weaken the will of Texans in resisting increased liquor consumption in our state through continual referendums at public expense."

The resolution also commends to Texans "every constructive effort to promote tourism in Texas without using questionable or immoral activities or attractions" and expresses commendation to the board of directors of Six Flags over Texas amusement park "because it has become the greatest tourist attraction in our state without selling any kind of alcoholic beverages."

TANE is an organization composed of businessmen and churchmen which receives much of its financial support from Texas Baptists.

The seminar, held also at Baylor, was an effort to give school, health, church and social workers background information--both scientific and moral---on alcohol, narcotics and related problems.

Bishop O. Eugene Slater, resident bishop of the San Antonio-Northwest Texas Area of the Methodist Church, told a seminar banquet crowd that Texas Alcohol Narcotics Education, Inc. (TANE) workers are people "involved in a concern endeavoring to save human life."

Other seminar sessions dealt with such topics as "Alcohol and Highway Safety" and "Curriculum Goals and Materials in Alcohol Education."

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Baylor Library  
to Benefit

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WACO, Tex. (BP)--Baylor University's proposed new library will receive half the proceeds from the sale of 30 Chinese paintings exhibited in the Baylor Student Union Building.

The paintings by Prof. Lim Tsing-Ai of China and Taiwan, are priced from \$100 to \$500. They are in the unique Chinese style on water color paper glued to silk brocade. A native of Canton, China, Lim Tsing-Ai is now an art instructor at the Rudolph Schaeffer School of Design in San Francisco.

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President Signs New  
GI Bill For Education

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WASHINGTON (BP)--A new "Cold War GI Bill" which will provide assistance for education was signed into law by the President of the United States. Nothing in the bill prohibits ministerial students from participating in the program.

The law provides a permanent program of educational and other benefits to all veterans who have served more than six months active duty since 1955. The measure went through Congress with no negative votes. It becomes effective June 1 of this year.

According to information from Religious News Service, the new law will assist some 30,000 servicemen already entitled to its benefits to become ministers, priests and rabbis. Many of these could enroll in Baptist theological seminaries.

It is reported that 36,000 men received ministerial training under the World War II GI Bill, and that 25,000 registered at seminaries under the Korean Bill.

The new program provides education benefits for those who wish to attend high school as well as college. It sets up benefits from \$100 to \$150 per month, depending on the number of dependents. One month of education payment for each month of service up to three years is provided.

The allowance is for living or educational expenses. Additional money will not be provided for tuition, books and fees.

The measure permits persons still on active duty who have served more than two years to attend classes while still in service. A program of tuition grants is provided for these persons.

Other benefits of the new law include vocational rehabilitation, home loan guarantees, job counseling and preference in federal employment.

Education institutions at which veterans may study are defined as public or private secondary, vocations, correspondence, and business schools, junior and senior colleges, universities, professional schools, scientific or technical institutions, or any other institution furnishing education at the secondary school level or above.

A program of education is considered any which is generally accepted as necessary to meet a predetermined educational, professional or vocational objective.

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