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McCall Says Survival  
Rests With Individual

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DALLAS (BP)--The President of Baylor University said that he doubts Baptist schools can survive as denominational institutions unless they get additional financial help from individual Baptists, friends, and alumni.

Abner McCall, president of the Baptist school in Waco, Tex., made his remarks in the keynote address to the fourth annual Conference of Southern Baptist Business Officers meeting at the Southern Baptist Annuity Board Building here.

McCall, speaking on the subject "Can We Survive?", said every school which survives will have to have a development program aimed at the individual.

"If we survive, it will be the result of the giving of individual Baptists," McCall said. "And if we don't sell them, we cannot continue to exist as denominational schools," he added.

He told the conference that part of the answer to survival lies in support from corporations and foundations, but that the major source will be alumni and Baptists and other friends of Christian education.

McCall said it was unrealistic to hope that more help can come from the denomination unless some new development comes along. Cost of higher education is rising faster than allocations can be made in the denomination's giving program, he said.

McCall said while some Baptist institutions may fail to survive as denominational schools, he believes they will survive as educational institutions "because they are needed."

The former president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas said that since Baptist schools must "remain aloof" from direct forms of federal aid "we are going to be competing on an unequal basis" with schools which do receive such aid.

Similar ideas were given in a speech by E. Bruce Heilman, administrative vice president of George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, Tenn.

Heilman said denominational schools must be able to compete at least on an even basis with public supported schools if they are to have significant influence.

He said if the denomination cannot support all its schools to allow them this level of equality, then the only recourse is to reduce the number.

But he cautioned the group about being pessimistic. "It is time to deal with our difficulties in a more positive way," he said.

Heilman said it was the job of the college administrator to present a positive message to Baptists for the need for education.

At the closing session, William S. Price, of Garden City, N. Y. told the conference that Christian educational institutions "must survive."

Price, general manager for Educational and Institutional Co-Op Plan, said the need for Christian education has never been greater than it is today.

"Your kind of institutions are the only ones which can provide this Christian education we need so desperately."

The conference elected H. Graves Edmondson, comptroller of Stetson University, DeLand, Fla., as chairman; and E. T. Bowman, treasurer of Baptist Children's Home of North Carolina, Thomasville, and William G. Kersh, executive director of Oklahoma Baptist Hospital and Golden Age Homes, Oklahoma City, as vice-chairmen.

Hansen Resigns Alaska  
Position For Pastorate

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska (BP)--The top executive of the Alaska Baptist Convention, William H. Hansen, has resigned effective May 8 to become pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Anchorage.

Hansen, executive secretary of the Alaska convention for the past three years, announced his resignation during a special meeting of the 15-member state Baptist executive board here.

The board accepted the resignation and then voted to ask Allen Meeks, religious education secretary for the convention, to serve as interim executive secretary.

A successor to Hansen will not be named immediately, according to Oliver Marson of Fairbanks, president of the board. The administrative committee of the board will nominate a person to fill the vacancy. J. T. Burdine of College, Alaska, is chairman.

Hansen has for the past two months served as interim pastor of the Calvary church in Anchorage, one of the largest congregations in the state.

Former pastor of the church, John Canning who then was president of the Alaska Baptist Convention, died in February during a preaching mission in Seattle.

Hansen, 36, became executive secretary of the 7,600-member Alaska convention in 1963 after serving for a year as pastor of Hamilton Acres Baptist Church in Fairbanks.

As executive secretary, he supervised the cooperative work of 34 Baptist churches and 14 missions in Alaska, and also was editor of the convention's monthly publication, the Alaska Baptist Messenger.

He was the second executive secretary in the convention's history.

Although his resignation was effective May 8, he will not assume the Anchorage pastorate until June 3. He plans to take his family on a vacation trip to "the Lower 48 states" before assuming the new responsibility.

Before coming to Alaska in 1961 as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Valdez, Hansen was pastor of the Riverview Baptist Mission, Norman, Okla. He was vice president of the Alaska Baptist Convention for two years as a pastor.

He is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with the doctor of theology degree, and Concordia Seminary (Lutheran), St. Louis, Mo., with bachelor of arts and divinity degrees. He attended Oklahoma University, Norman, and St. Paul's College, Concordia, Mo., before entering seminary.

Hansen and his wife, Margaret, have four children.

Photo being mailed to state Baptist papers.

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Baylor Captures  
Debate Tourney

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WACO, Tex. (BP)--Baylor University's speech department walked off with its third consecutive sweepstakes victory at the annual regional Pi Kappa Delta debate tournament.

Teams from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas participated in the tournament held on the campus of Stephen F. Austin College in Nacogdoches, Tex.

Pi Kappa Delta, which sponsored the tournament, is the largest debate fraternity in the nation. Baylor, a Baptist institution, has been a member since 1928.

CORRECTION: Please change date of funeral services as reported in graph 8, line 2, story mailed April 6, page 2, headlined: John L. Plyler, Former Furman President, Dies. Date of funeral is April 7, not May 7 as reported. Date of death in graph 7, April 5, is correct.

Home Board Assigns  
Summer Missionaries

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ATLANTA (BP)--An Auburn University architectural student will return to Panama this summer to get in on completion of a church building he designed the year before.

As one of 650 student summer missionaries who have just received their ten-week 1966 assignments from the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here, Lawrence Corley of Birmingham, Ala., has been re-assigned to the Bocas del Toro Province in the Republic of Panama.

While serving there last year as a summer missionary, Corley discovered a small congregation that had saved money for three years to build a church, but still lacked sufficient funds for any sort of decent structure.

Corley said he felt the Lord led him to the solution--use the railroad ties which could be secured free from the United Fruit Co., as the structural elements, add a covering on the roof, pour a floor, and erect partition walls mostly of screen.

As a result of the experience, Corley has expressed a desire to enter the mission field full-time as an architect. Earlier in student days, he had nearly chosen a career in church music.

This summer, Corley will make sure the building he started last summer is complete, assist a team of Tennessee Baptist Student Union workers in building an auditorium for the Zion Baptist Church in Bocas, Panama, and replace a steeple on the church at Almirante, Panama. The Bocas del Toro Province is located near the Costa Rican border on the Caribbean side of Panama.

Of the 650 student summer missionaries assigned by the Home Mission Board, more than 60 will be supported by state Baptist Student Union organizations.

All will work under the director of the Home Mission Board's student summer missions ministry, headed by Beverly Hammack of Atlanta.

The student volunteers are appointed for ten weeks to every state in the union, plus Panama and Puerto Rico.

Assignments involve recreation work, camp counseling, surveying, work in Baptist centers, and Bible schools.

The 1966 group is short on married couples, Miss Hammack reported. Only 13 volunteered and were assigned, mostly to pioneer Baptist areas where couples often are instrumental in starting new churches and missions.

California will get the biggest share of summer missionaries this year--100, including ten who will be part of evangelistic teams that will work in youth revivals and youth programs.

NOTE TO EDITORS: Lists of students by home states are being mailed to you from Atlanta.

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Samford University Plans  
Pastoral Care Institute

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala.(BP)--Samford University (formerly Howard College) here will sponsor its third annual Pastoral Care Institute June 27-28, with Wayne E. Oates of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., as principal speaker.

Oates will lecture each session on the general theme of pastoral counseling.

Other program participants will include George Bagley of Montgomery, Ala., Alabama Baptist executive secretary; Herschel Hammer, editor of the Methodist Christian Advocate; James H. Landes, pastor of First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.; Allen Montgomery, pastor of Canterbury Methodist church, Mountain Brook, Ala., and president of the Greater Birmingham Ministerial Association; several chaplains of the area, pastors and others working in the area of counseling.

Accommodations will be available on the campus at a cost of \$2 per night. A registration fee of \$1 is required, said Gilbert L. Guffin, dean of religion.

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Baptist Professor Honored  
In Oklahoma-the Philippines

SHAWNEE, Okla. (BP)--A man who has made classroom instruction his job for the last five decades was honored simultaneously at Oklahoma Baptist University here and 6,000 miles away at Central Philippine College, Iloilo, Philippine Islands.

Everett W. Thornton, distinguished service professor of history at Oklahoma Baptist University in his 50th year of teaching, was the professor honored here and abroad.

Both colleges declared April 7 as "E. W. Thornton Day" on the Shawnee campus and at the Philippine Island campus.

Thornton has served on the Oklahoma Baptist University staff since 1942. He worked at the Philippine College from 1921-1925 as a missionary teacher sponsored by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

He became chairman of the history department at the Baptist school<sup>here</sup> in 1942 after serving Sioux Falls College in South Dakota in the same capacity for eight years.

Thornton began his half-century teaching career in 1916 at Centerville, Iowa High School, teaching in Iowa schools for five years before he and his family journeyed to the Philippine Islands where he taught another five years.

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Panama Baptists  
Elect Panamanian

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BALBOA, The Canal Zone (BP)--A Panamanian has been elected president of the Panama Baptist Convention for the first time in the convention's seven-year history.

He is Miguel Angel Olmedo, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Aguadulce.

Until now, most of the leadership in the Panama Convention has come from the ranks of missionaries or West Indians, whose work in Panama predates support of Southern Baptists.

The immediate past president, S. A. Scarlett, and one of the two other past convention presidents were West Indian.

"Olmedo was elected with the backing of all the elements of this diversified convention," said Gerald Palmer, secretary of the Southern Baptist Home Missions Board's language mission department, which sponsors Southern Baptist missions work in Panama.

"Work of the West Indians and the churches in the zone has been the spring board from which to reach out into Panama. Now the fruits of their leadership are becoming evident."

The seventh annual Panama Baptist Convention also accomplished another first by voting to stage the 1967 convention in the interior of Panama. It will be in Aguadulce in March, 1967.

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