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SBC Visitors Can See
Canada, Birth of Car

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DETROIT (BP)--Baptists who visit the motor capital of the world to attend the Southern Baptist Convention May 24-27 will have an opportunity to witness the birth of an automobile and visit America's neighbor to the north--Canada.

In highly automated industrial plants here, workers take iron ore and coal and turn in to finished automobiles.

Here is the Ford River Rouge Plant---two square miles of shipping docks, rail lines, foundries, factories, glass plant, steel mills---where 63,000 workers build finish automobiles from raw iron ore and coal.

Also in Motor City, USA, are 11 other assembly lines, including the world's longest assembly line operated by Plymouth. In downtown Detroit is the General Motors Building, nerve center of the world-wide GM empire.

Visitors can "go abroad" to Canada by crossing the Detroit River into Windsor, Ontario. Oddly enough, you go "south" into Canada.

But Canada and the automobile industry are not the only attractions in Detroit. Here also is Greenfield Village, the Henry Ford Museum, and Belle Isle.

Such has made Detroit one of the leading tourist spots in the country.

The Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village is a magnificent collection of American unequaled in scope---a 200 acre panorama. The museum's exciting array of items tells an unparalleled object story of American industrial progress. In Greenfield Village are the actual buildings and furnishings in which much of the significant history of America was made.

Belle Isle is a 1,000 acre island playground in the middle of the Detroit River, featuring such attractions as the Anna Scripps Witcomb Conservatory which provides outstanding flower shows, and aquarium with 200 species of fish, and the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, a colorful maritime history of the Great Lakes.

The Detroit River is the home of the world's largest pleasure fleet, and is the world's busiest commercial waterway, carrying more tonnage than the Panama and Suez Canals combined.

On the banks of the Detroit River is the Civic Center in which Cobo Hall is located. Sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention will meet in this convention-center complex, a 72-acre riverfront park.

No visit to the Detroit area is complete without a visit to Canada via the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel, the world's only international vehicular tunnel, or by the Ambassador Bridge, the world's largest international suspension bridge.

The tunnel is 5,160 feet long, is air-conditioned, and lighted like a city street. The bridge is a four-lane bridge highway, with an excellent aerial view of the Detroit and Windsor skylines.

No passport is required to visit Canada. Naturalized citizens and aliens, however, must show proper credentials.

If you drive your own car into Canada, you will need your state motor vehicle registration card. If you take your car, it will cost you 60 cents plus an extra 10 cents for each additional passenger, both ways.

Each person is permitted to bring \$10 worth of goods from Canada without paying customs duty on the purchases. Canada shops offer such specialties as fine British wo lens, English china, antique silver, and good buys in shirts.

There is a daily tour to Canada, including a tour of Belle Isle, which costs \$2.85 per person. The tour, which enters Canada via the tunnel and returns via the bridge, also allows time for shopping.

Several tours of the city of Detroit will be available to Southern Baptists attending the convention.

Three specific tours are being offered. They will cover : (1) the River Rouge Ford Plant, (2) the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village; (3) Baptist work in the inner city of Detroit.

The first two tours are commercial, with a charge of \$2.85 per person. There is an additional admission fee of \$1.40 into the museum and another \$1.40 into the village. All clergymen with identification are admitted to the museum and village free. Tickets may be purchased for these and the tour of Canada and Belle Isle at the information desk in Cobo Hall where the SBC will be meeting.

On Thursday afternoon when no convention sessions are scheduled, there will be a free tour of Southern Baptist work in the inner city of Detroit. The tour will include the state convention office, Baptist Building-Priscilla Hall, located between Cobo Hall and the Cultural Center, the Baptist Center, the language ministry centers, and other inner-city churches and ministries.

But there is much to see in Detroit not covered completely by the tours of specific points of interest.

The Cultural Center in downtown Detroit includes Wayne State University with nearly 30,000 students, Detroit Institute of Art, the Detroit Public Library, the Detroit Historical Museum, the Rackham Building (home of 41 engineering societies), and the International Institute, a center of folk-art and culture of Detroit's numerous nationality groups.

Also of interest to many will be the University of Detroit, the world's largest Roman Catholic University; the world's largest Masonic edifice located just one block from Southern Baptist offices; Metropolitan Beach known as the world's largest fresh water beach; the Detroit Zoo with 122 acres housing 3,300 specimens; and Cranbrook, which includes six famous cultural institutions and schools.

And these things can be seen with the added comfort of 39 miles of expressway in the city of Detroit.

Detroit leads the eastern United States in in-city freeways. It's a fitting characteristic of the motor capital of the world.



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SBC To Launch 1969
Crusade of Americas

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DETROIT (BP)---The Southern Baptist Convention meeting here May 24-27 will launch plans for its participation in a vast evangelistic campaign covering the entire hemisphere during 1969, the convention's president has announced.

Called the "Crusade of Americas," Baptists in North, South and Central America are expected to join hands in one big evangelistic effort during 1969.

Each Baptist body will conduct its own campaigns, and the Southern Baptist Convention will launch plans for its efforts during the closing convention session here Friday night, May 27.

Principal speaker for the session will be Roberto Porrás-Maynes of Mexico City, executive secretary of the National Baptist Convention of Mexico.

Herschel H. Hobbs, former president of the SBC and now a vice president for the Baptist World Alliance, will respond to the call for Southern Baptist participation, and speak for North America. Hobbs is pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Current president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Wayne Dehoney of Jackson, Tenn., outlined plans for the closing convention session, saying it "promises to be one of the greatest sessions ever held at a Southern Baptist Convention" Dehoney is chairman of a SBC committee to coordinate plans for the Crusade of the Americas.

"There will be dramatic responses, country by country, from persons in national dress," said Dehoney in describing plans for the closing convention session. "There will be a giant parade of the flags and a commitment service." The International Choir from Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex., will sing.

Dehoney issued a plea for every Southern Baptist who plans to attend the convention to stay through the closing night session.

"In the Crusade of the Americas we face the greatest evangelistic and mission challenge our people have ever known," Dehoney said. "Yet unfortunately there will be those who will weary of the convention and feel an urgency to 'get back home.'

"It is a sad commentary," Dehoney quipped, "but if the Lord Himself were to announce his glorious return on Friday, there would still be some preachers who thought they had to go home early---because they wanted to prepare a sermon to preach on Sunday on the second coming of the Lord!"

"But the greatest preparation that a man could have to preach to his people on Sunday would be the experience of this Friday night service," Dehoney said.

The Crusade of the Americas was proposed by Rubens Lopes of Sao Paulo, Brazil, following a nation-wide evangelistic campaign in Brazil that resulted in more than 100,000 professions of faith.

An international planning conference for the crusade is slated in July at Cali, Colombia with representatives from each Baptist body in North, South, and Central America expected to attend.

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Tennessee Elects Phelps
To Direct Annuity Work

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Paul Phelps of Lenoir City, Tenn., has been elected director of the protection plans department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. He began his work April 1.

A native of Lenoir City, Phelps operated the Phelps Chevrolet Co. there for more than 18 years.

In his new work, Phelps will administer and promote the retirement and benefit plans available to ministers and denominational employees through the Southern Baptist Annuity Board

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Lawton Named Anderson
College Vice President

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ANDERSON, S. C. (BP)--The superintendent of missions for the Saluda Baptist Association has been named vice president of Anderson College (Baptist) here, effective June 1.

J. K. Lawton of Anderson is the new administrative staff member, announced J. E. Rouse, president of the Baptist junior college.

Lawton is a graduate of Samford University, Birmingham, Ala.; New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He is a native of South Carolina and was pastor of several churches in South Carolina before becoming associational superintendent of missions.

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URGENT CORRECTION: Please change figure in first graph, story mailed April 6, page 3 of mailing, headlined: "Alabama Church Approves Gifts on Member's Death." Figure should be \$10.00, not \$10,000 as indicated in story. Line 2 should read: "memorial gift of \$10 to the Baptist Foundation of Alabama..." Thanks.

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Florida Baptist Board
Asks Federal Grant Delay

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP)--The State Board of Missions for the Florida Baptist State Convention voted unanimously here to request trustees of Stetson University to reverse their decision to accept a federal grant until after completion of a state Baptist study on church-state relationships.

Trustees of the Baptist school in DeLand, Fla., had voted in February to use a \$501,926 federal grant to reduce the amount of an already-approved federal loan of \$1.2 million for construction of a science building.

The Florida Baptist convention state board, which has no official control over the Stetson trustees, wants the school to delay its action until after November of 1966.

A 15-member committee headed by Malcomb B. Knight of Jacksonville, Fla., is currently studying the church-state separation implications of acceptance of federal funds by Baptist institutions. The committee will report its findings and recommendations to the convention in Miami, Nov. 8-10.

Regardless of the committee's recommendations and actions of the convention, the Stetson trustees would not be legally bound to reverse their decision. Stetson, a Baptist school, is governed by a private, self-perpetuating board of trustees, three-fourths of whom are Baptists.

The president of Stetson University, J. Ollie Edmunds, said that the Stetson board of trustees will seriously consider the request from the Florida Baptist State Convention board at its next meeting, May 20.

Edmunds pointed out, however, that the Stetson trustees decided that they must accept the federal grant before a time limit set by government requirements ran out in February. He said a government restriction requires that any application for a grant must be made within 18 months after a loan for the same project had been approved.

Edmunds said that the trustees must decide in May whether or not to stand by their earlier decision, or to forever lose the \$501,926 grant. Because of the time limit, the decision could not be delayed until after the November state convention.

The vote by the Florida Baptist state missions board came following adoption of a resolution by the Pinellas Baptist Association's executive committee, which requested the state Baptist board "to negotiate with the trustees of Stetson" to reverse their action on the matter until after the convention. The resolution, which was referred to the study committee, also asked the board to establish a convention policy whereby any institution accepting such funds would automatically cease to receive Cooperative Program budget money.

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The week before the action of the Florida convention's board, an editorial in the convention's weekly newspaper, the Florida Baptist Witness, said that reaction to the Stetson decision was varied.

"Some are delighted, others are relieved, some are disappointed, others are angered, a great many are indifferent, others are hurt, but we believe...that the great majority of us are at least saddened by this action," wrote Editor W. G. Stracener.

The editorial deplored "the association of the Baptist name with the acceptance of grants from public tax funds which were collected from citizens of every religious persuasion and none."

Pointing out that Stetson is technically not a Florida Baptist Convention institution but rather a private institution, the editorial said however that "in the eyes of the general public, a 'Baptist' institution has broken with the time-honored position of Baptists, breached the wall of separation, and in so doing has weakened the voice of all Florida Baptist on this important issue."

"Our fear is ... that the ultimate loss will be greater than the immediate gain," the editorial concluded.

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