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**Foundation Awards
Furman \$2 Million**

GREENVILLE, S. C. (BP)--Furman University here has been awarded an unrestricted grant of \$2 million from the Ford Foundation, provided the Baptist school matches the funds on a 2½-to-one basis during the next three years.

Furman will have to raise \$5 million in order to receive the full \$2 million from the Ford Foundation. The Baptist school will get \$390,000 immediately, and will receive annual payments based on the amount of matching funds contributed.

In announcing the \$2 million "challenge" grant from the Ford Foundation, Furman President Gordon Blackwell expressed confidence that the university will raise the \$5 million in matching funds within the next three years.

Blackwell said that the grant had no strings attached, and that institutions receiving the grants may use the funds for any purpose that will advance their educational progress.

The grant to Furman was one of several announced by the Ford Foundation. Others receiving similar grants in 1966 are Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, Ala.; Duke University, Durham, N. C.; Emory University, Atlanta; Randolph-Macon College for Women, Lynchburg, Va.; and Vanderbilt University, Nashville.

Blackwell said that Furman was selected for the grant because of the university's "superior scholarship, its plans and ability to make pace-setting improvements, the quality of its leadership, its potential for serving as a model for excellence in this region, and the strength of its support from alumni and other sources."

Blackwell said that the grant, along with the matching funds, will help speed Furman toward its goal "of excellence as a top-flight coeducational, church-related liberal arts college."

Taking high priority in the attainment of this goal, added Blackwell, will be increases in faculty salaries, scholarships for students, additional library books and services, instructional equipment, the establishment of computer services, and another step toward completion of the Furman plant to serve 2,500 students by 1975.

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**Czechs Advised Against
Public Tongue Speaking**

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PRAGUE (BP)--Baptists in Czechoslovakia were advised against public exhibitions of speaking in tongues during sessions of the Baptist Union of Czechoslovakia meeting here.

The Baptist people were not advised to speak in tongues, but some of them do practice this doctrine, reported to European Baptist Press Service.

To those who felt compelled to speak in tongues, counsel was given that they practice this in private and do not hold public exhibitions, the news report said.

The Czechoslovakian churches, in a letter drafted at Prague, were counseled that the most important thing, according to Galatians 5:20, is "the fruit of the Spirit rather than the manifestation of the Spirit."

The Czechoslovakian Baptist group reported a total of 4,106 members in its 26 churches and 100 preaching points. There are 22 full-time pastors, and about 120 layman preachers who help meet the needs of the churches and preaching stations.

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A total of 96 converts were baptized during the past 12 months, the union was told in a report. During an evangelistic service at the assembly, 15 people made decisions for Christ.

During the annual session, special emphasis was given on the needs of the layman preachers, including a lecture on how to study and interpret the scriptures and how to prepare and deliver sermons.

Peak attendance at the assembly, held at the 254-member First Baptist Church of Prague, was 1,200. Guests attended from East Germany, Russia, and the United States.

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Conference On Aging
Elects Poole President

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WINSTON SALEM, N. C. (BP)--The Conference of Southern Baptist Administrators of Homes for the Aging here elected their host as the group's new president and heard major addresses calling for new approaches in ministering to the needs of the aging.

New President is Bill Poole, general superintendent of North Carolina Baptist Homes, Inc., and host for the meeting here.

Elected vice president was William Kersh, executive director of Hospitals and Golden Age Homes for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

In the opening address, an official of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission urged the two dozen administrators of Baptist homes for the aging to lead an effort to involve older people in the total ministry of Christianity.

Bill Dyal Jr., of Nashville, said that Americans have become a generation of "those who think young," and have thus sought to shelve older people instead of involving them in the world of today.

Dyal said, however, that the retired person has become a "free man"---free of pressures from his employer, free from time limitations that restrict others, and free to say what he thinks without fear.

With the added advantage of years of experience and maturity, the retired person can often accomplish more than a younger man, Dyal said.

He said that church leaders must prod the older person to action and to seek to involve them in programs of the church and community, such as adult education, literacy efforts, help to the poor and needy, citizenship programs, foreign affairs, and such unpopular causes as race relations.

Another major speaker, William T. Eggers, addressed the group twice, urging Baptists to be less exclusive in their programs and to utilize new methods in their ministry to the aging.

Eggers, administrator of the Home for Aged Lutherans, Wauwatosa, Wisc., told his Baptist counterparts: "Don't try to go it alone."

Eggers said that the advent of Medicare means a whole new day for help to the aging, but it also will stimulate an even greater need for non-profit, private homes for the aged.

He said Medicare will have an enormous effect on the field of ministries to the aging, but it will not solve all the problems and meet all the needs.

Eggers said that Baptist homes for the aging offer a unique opportunity for service, because "they are dedicated to people in a ministry of understanding and compassion, all too often markedly absent in commercial homes and hospitals."

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Shipman Named Radio-TV
Commission Promotion Man

FORT WORTH (BP)--C. Edward Shipman, western marketing director for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here, has been named director of promotion for the SBC agency.

He succeeds Claude Hicks, who has been named associate director of Hendrick's Children's Home In Abilene, Tex. Shipman assumes the position July 1, said Paul M. Stevens, commission director in announcing his appointment.

Shipman is a former advertising salesman with the Fort Worth Press, and was public relations director for Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S.C., prior to joining the commission.

He also serves currently as pastor of Rainbow Baptist Church, Glen Rose, Tex.

A native of South Carolina, he is a graduate of Columbia Bible College, attended Texas Christian University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

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Photo mailed to state Baptist papers.

Prisoner Gives Kids
Funds For Fishing

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MONROE, La. (BP)--An inmate of the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola, La., has made a cash gift to Louisiana Baptist Children's Home to purchase fishing tackle for some of the boys.

The prisoner, who was not identified, sent the undisclosed amount to the children's home superintendent, Wade B. East, along with a note saying:

"I was very fond of fishing when I was a boy, and since I have no children and my prison sentences preclude the possibility of my ever being free again or having a family of my own, I would like to help your boys find the enjoyment that I once knew."

He obtained the money for the gift from the sale of some hobby work.

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