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7 Career Missionaries
Approved At Ridgecrest

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RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)--One couple was appointed to Spanish language school and five other career missionaries assigned to the field when the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board met here in August.

The board, at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly for its mid-year meeting, also voiced approval of 26 new appointees under US-2, a program of two-year homeland assignments for young people.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lewis Duke will enter the Spanish Language School in San Antonio, Tex., this fall.

Duke, a graduate of the University of Corpus Christi in Corpus Christi, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, was a mountain missionary in Craig, Colo., previous to this appointment. He is a native of St. Joseph, Mo.

From 1960 to 1962, Duke was education director at the Second Baptist Church in Garland, Tex. His wife, the former Ruth Davis of San Angelo, Tex., also attended the University of Corpus Christi.

James W. Bell, a native of Carter, Okla., and currently pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Casa Grande, Ariz., was appointed superintendent of missions for the Catalina Baptist Association in Tucson, Ariz.

Bell, a decorated Air Force pilot in World War II, is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif.

He is a former pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church in Globe, Ariz., and the Second Baptist Church in Norwalk, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Philley have been assigned to begin a weekday program at Hopkins Memorial Baptist Church in Gadsden, Ala.

Philley is pastor of the Mount Olive Baptist Church in King, N. C., and former pastor of the West End Mission of Green Street in High Point, N. C., and the Gorum Baptist Church in Gorum, La. He was also assistant chaplain at Louisiana Central Hospital in Pineville, La., for a year.

He is a graduate of Louisiana Baptist College in Pineville, and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N. C. Mrs. Philley attended Louisiana Baptist College.

W. C. Carpenter Jr., pastor of the Orchards Baptist Church in Lewiston, Idaho, was appointed as state missions director for the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington, with offices in Portland, Ore.

He is a graduate of Baylor University in Waco, Tex., and Southeastern Seminary, and is former pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Portales, N. M., and the First Baptist Church in Baton, N. M.

Thomas Francis was appointed as superintendent of missions in Baltimore, Md. Currently he is superintendent of missions for the Green Valley Baptist Association in Henderson, Ky.

He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky in Lexington and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. Formerly, Francis was superintendent of missions of the Crittenden Association in Dry Ridge, Ky., and a Southern Baptist foreign missionary to Israel.

The board also acted to assign two couples appointed previously. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Clay, who have been attending Spanish Language School in San Antonio, were assigned to serve among Spanish-speaking in Gary, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dan Grubb, who have served temporarily at the Clark-Howell Techwood Baptist Center in Atlanta have been reassigned to the Neighborhood Center in Roanoke, Va.

Editor Says Priorities
Draw Christians Closer

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)--In the face of mounting Christian discouragement over world trends, the editor of a major religious journal said here he sees the hopeful sign that "Bible-believing Christians gradually are drawing together."

Carl F. H. Henry of Washington, editor of Christianity Today, said the united efforts were coming in "widening trans-denominational fulfillment of New Testament priorities."

He sees the move as irrespective of nationality, race, or ecumenical alignment or non-alignment.

"If any one denomination or church thinks that by itself it can evangelize the earth in our century, the hour is long overdue either to turn its farsightedness into an asset or to apply for ecumenical lenses," he told Southern Baptist Evangelism leaders meeting at the Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly here.

Henry specifically cited the World Congress on Evangelism meeting this fall in Berlin as offering "wide encouragement for the fullest cooperation across denominational lines." The Congress is attracting a large number of Southern Baptists.

He said he was convinced that "a massive evangelistic thrust in which all the followers of Christ link hand and heart around the world, could see the age of mass transportation and the mass media become an instrument of Christian witness rather than of pagan defilement or secular preoccupation."

Henry had earlier said that this generation has more than met the conditions for inviting divine judgement and doom. "For the final outcome, the fatal misery of mankind, all that is required is a continuing unregeneracy of modern man."

He listed among discouragements faced by Christians: population growth, rulers prohibiting public proclamation, escalating crime, a new morality with some ecclesiastical encouragement, "God is dead" theorists subsidized by churches, and ecumenical Christianity promoting mergers and social revolution while it veils the Great Commission.

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Alaska Convention Urges
Race Relations Action

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska (BP)--Southern Baptists in the nation's northernmost state adopted a resolution here calling on Alaska Baptists "to continue to act with courage and Christian conviction in race relations."

The action came on recommendation of the public affairs committee of the Alaska Baptist Convention during the convention's 21st annual meeting here.

Four Negro churches are affiliated with the convention of Southern Baptists in Alaska, and all convention churches are reportedly open to all races. The convention's second vice president is a Negro.

The convention also went on record as opposed to state and federal aid in any form to sectarian religious institutions.

Coming a few days before a state-wide political election, the Baptists voted "that public-spirited Christians be encouraged to seek public office."

"When such are elected," the recommendation stated, "we urge all Christians to support them in every way possible while they are in office."

Mayor Elmer Rasmusson of Anchorage, addressing the opening convention session, told the Baptists that their coming to Alaska in 1943 had lifted the moral tone of the entire territory.

"Anchorage is a better place in which to live because Baptists are here," he said.

A state convention budget of \$194,618 was adopted for 1967, an increase of \$8,728 over the 1966 budget.

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The new budget directs that 28 per cent of the Cooperative Program (unified budget) funds received in Alaska be given to Southern Baptist Convention causes, and that 72 per cent remain in Alaska to support state Baptist causes.

The convention for the first time greeted its new executive secretary, E. W. Hunke of Phoenix, Ariz. Hunke, who assumes the top executive post for Alaska Baptists on Sept. 1, has been associate executive secretary of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention. He was elected in July by the convention's Executive Board.

The 329 messengers (delegates) and visitors to the convention heard reports that the convention's 47 churches and missions reported 628 baptisms and 927 church membership transfers last year, bringing total church membership to 7,120. Another report disclosed that the churches received \$757,261 in contributions last year, and that state convention receipts were \$215,670.

A recommendation of the convention's social ministries committee that a consultant in social services be employed was referred to the convention's Executive Board for study. The convention has operated an orphanage in Anchorage for 17 years.

The Executive Board reported on its actions---to study the feasibility of a new Baptist building in Anchorage, to authorize an exhibit in the 1967 Alaska Centennial Exposition in Fairbanks, and to appoint to Arctic stations Mr. and Mrs. Harley Shield of Hoopa, Calif., as missionaries to Kotzebue, Alaska, and Shirley Korte of Holyoke, Col., to Selawik, Alaska. Seven Alaskan Baptist missions are located north of the Arctic Circle.

Re-elected convention president was Oliver Marson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Fairbanks. Elected first vice president was Ed Wolfe, pastor of Hamilton Acres Baptist Church, Fairbanks.

Leo Josey, the first Negro officer of a Southern Baptist state convention, was re-elected second vice president. He is pastor of the Greater Friendship Baptist Church, Anchorage.

The 1967 meeting of the convention was set for Aug. 15-17, 1967, at the First Baptist Church, Fairbanks.

Out-of-state speakers for the convention included Willis A. Brown of Atlanta, Ga.; W. C. Fields and Keith von Hagen of Nashville, Tenn.; Charles L. McKay of Phoenix, Ariz.; and R. Alton Reed of Dallas, Tex.

The Alaska Baptist Convention is one of 29 state conventions affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention. Churches affiliated with the American Baptist Convention are located in Alaska.

The Alaska Baptist convention meets in August prior to the snow and ice, which begins in Alaska in September. Most other Baptist state conventions meet in October and November.

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Maryland Baptist College
Elects Kratz President

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WALKERSVILLE, Md. (BP)--Trustees for the proposed new Maryland Baptist College here have elected C. Eugene Kratz of Dallas as president of the Baptist junior college being constructed in Walkersville.

Kratz has been for the past five years coordinator of institutional programs for the Texas Baptist Christian Education Commission in Dallas.

His election on Aug. 20 was effective immediately. Kratz, in accepting the position, said he would be arriving in Walkersville in mid-September.

A former Southern Baptist educational missionary to Southern Rhodesia, Kratz had served as vice president and dean of Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, N. C.; and as research coordinator for the cooperative research branch of the U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C., prior to joining the staff of the Baptist General Convention of Texas in 1961.

A native of Birmingham, Ala., Kratz is a graduate of the University of Alabama with bachelor of science and master of arts degrees; and Teachers College in Columbia University, New York, with a doctorate in college and university administration. He recently did additional post-graduate work in educational research at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

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His election as president of the proposed new Maryland school was announced by Dr. Melvin Lea, chairman of the trustees and a surgeon in Frederick, Md. "We are indeed fortunate," said Dr. Lea, "to have a man with such rare qualifications for this most important position."

Another Alabama educator, Conwell A. Anderson, served briefly as the first president of the new Maryland Baptist College, but resigned after a misunderstanding over whether the school was to be a four-year senior college or a two-year junior college.

Trustees in December affirmed an original policy of beginning the school on a two-year basis. The school had been scheduled to open in September of 1967.

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Seminary Names Mims
Press Relations Man

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has named George M. Mims Jr., recent graduate from the University of Florida School of Journalism, as director of press relations.

A native of Jacksonville, Florida, Mims has worked as a reporter and sports editor for the St. Augustine (Fla.) Record, and has done free lance features and news photography. He is a member of Sigma Delta Chi, the national journalism society.

In addition to his responsibilities with handling press releases, he will serve as the associate editor of the seminary publication, the Vision.

Mims is a first year bachelor of divinity student in the school of theology. His father is pastor of the Brookview Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Fla.

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