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**McGuire Announces Plans
To Retire As Florida Chief**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP)--John McGuire, executive secretary of the Florida Baptist Convention for nearly 22 years, announced his plans to retire in one year, effective no later than Dec. 31, 1967.

McGuire, 66, made the announcement during a meeting of the State Board of Missions for the Florida Baptist Convention here.

In major business actions, the board met with the recently-activated board of trustees for the proposed Baptist junior college at West Palm Beach, Fla., and voted to call a special session of the convention to consider a proposed charter for the new school.

Date for the special convention was not specified, but there was some discussion of holding the convention in March, provided the new charter is ready.

The newly-activated board of trustees for the school was given the responsibility of developing the proposed charter, as well as setting a target date for opening the school.

The board also appointed a nine-member committee to nominate a successor to McGuire as executive secretary of the convention. James Monroe of Miami was named chairman of the committee.

McGuire became executive secretary of the 581,956-member convention on Jan. 15, 1945, when the convention then had only 184,140 members. There were then only 826 Baptist churches in Florida, compared to about 1,400 today.

McGuire heads a staff of 76 employees in ten departments. Twenty-one years ago when he took over the post, there were 10 employees in four departments. Offices of the convention are in a new five-story building in Jacksonville.

McGuire expressed the hope that his retirement could be effective not later than Dec. 31, 1967. Mandatory retirement age under convention policy is 68. McGuire will be 68 in February of 1968.

During the joint meeting of the State Board of Missions and the board of trustees for the proposed West Palm Beach junior college, Jess Moody of West Palm Beach was elected chairman of the school's trustees. Moody is pastor of the First Baptist Church of West Palm Beach and is a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention Pastors' Conference.

Meeting jointly with the trustees and the State Board of Missions was the Education Commission of the Florida Baptist Convention.

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Indiana Baptists Name
New Women's Executive

12-12-66

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (BP)--Miss Martha Fellows of Jefferson City, Mo., a Woman's Missionary Union worker for the Missouri Baptist Convention, has been named Woman's Missionary Union secretary for the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana.

For the past five years, Miss Fellows has been Young Women's Auxiliary and Sunbeam Band director for the Woman's Missionary Union department of the Missouri Baptist Convention. Previously she was youth director for several Baptist churches in Texas.

She was elected to the Indiana post, effective Jan. 1, by the convention's Executive Board by mail ballot on recommendation of the board's WMU committee.

A native of Springfield, Mo., she is a graduate of Southwest Missouri State College, Springfield, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

She will be the second WMU secretary for Indiana Baptists, succeeding Mrs. Otha Winningham who resigned Oct. 1 when her husband was called as pastor of a church in Gary, Ind.

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Graham, Japanese Pilot
Speak On Bomb Anniversary

HONOLULU, Hawaii (BP)--A former Japanese pilot who led the attack on Pearl Harbor stood on the platform here with Evangelist Billy Graham on the 25th anniversary of the bombing as "Brothers in Christ."

Commander Mitsuo Fuchida, now a Presbyterian evangelist, drew applause from the large gathering at the International Christian Leadership Breakfast when he declared:

"When I came to Hawaii 25 years ago, I was your enemy. Now I am your brother in Christ."

Graham, enroute to Vietnam to spend Christmas with American troops there, said that Fuchida's life is a testimony of the power of God to change human lives.

Fuchida told the crowd of his conversion as a result of reading the scriptures, and that he believes God spared his life so he might now be able "to witness to the Lord's grace and forgiveness."

At least six times during combat, he faced almost certain death, but somehow he always managed to escape. Of the 70 officers who led the attack on Pearl Harbor, Fuchida is the only one still living.

Captain Fuchida was commander of the lead high-level bomber in the Pearl Harbor attack, and it was he who fired the signal flare at 7:49 a.m. on Dec. 7, 1941, that started the attack and brought Japan into World War II.

On that day, Graham was attending services as a student pastor while studying at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill. He learned of the attack immediately after the church service.

Graham and Fuchida were introduced at the breakfast by Dan Liu, Honolulu's chief of police and president of the International Christian Leadership group. Liu is a Baptist deacon.

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Ouchita University
Approves Buildings

12-12-66

ARKADELPHIA, Ark. (BP)--Trustees of Ouchita Baptist University here have approved details for a \$2 million bond issue to finance building construction.

The bond issue will finance additions to the school's science hall, library, and administration buildings, plus some renovation work including enlargement of an auditorium.

The board authorized architectural studies for additions to the Hamilton Moses Science Hall and the J.R. Grant Administration Building, and approved beginning construction immediately on a three-story addition to Riley Library. All are covered by the bond issue.

Trustees also voted to enter loan negotiations with a life insurance company for a men's dormitory to house 304 students to be completed by next September.

They also approved renovation and remodeling of the Cone-Bottoms dormitory for women.

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention meeting in November had authorized the school to issue the bonds.

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Stetson Given \$5,000
Grant By Foundation

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DeLAND, Fla. (BP)--A \$5,000 gift from the Esso Education Foundation has been awarded to Stetson University, a Baptist school here, to furnish and equip the Lecture Auditorium in the new School of Business building.

K. B. Clay, district manager of the Humble Oil and Refining Company in Tampa, presented the foundation check to Stetson President J. Ollie Edmunds.

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Colorado Moves Up Dates
To Start New Convention

DENVER, Colo. (BP)--Target date for establishing a new Baptist regional convention comprising four states was moved up to Nov. 7-9, 1967, by action of the Executive Board of the Colorado Baptist General Convention meeting here.

Earlier plans called for beginning the new convention, which would include Southern Baptists in Wyoming, Montana, North and South Dakota, on the date of Jan. 1, 1970.

Place for the organizational meeting of the new convention was not determined by the Colorado Executive Board, which instead proposed that the organizational convention be held at the location of the new convention offices.

A formula was adopted by the board for selecting the site, providing that each Baptist association in the states involved elect a person to represent the association at a meeting in Sheridan, Wyo., on Feb. 28, 1967, for the purpose of selecting the location.

"It would be agreed that wherever the representatives decide the convention offices should be located would be the place where the organizational meeting would be held--and the constitution committee would include this location in their proposed constitution as the location for the convention offices," said the recommendation adopted by the Colorado board.

In other action, the Executive Board elected Bob Lawrence of Thornton, Colo., as new associate in the convention's religious education. Lawrence is now director of music-education for First Baptist Church, Thornton, Colo. He assumes the position Jan. 1, 1967.

Baptist churches in the four states which will make up the new convention have for numerous years been affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Colorado.