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Kyle Haselden To Speak
On Mass Media Morality

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NASHVILLE (BP)--A nation-wide Baptist conference on "Morality and the Mass Media" this summer at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C., will feature a series of nine lectures by the editor of Christian Century magazine, Kyle Haselden.

Announcement that Haselden would be the lecturer for the week-long conference was made here by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, which is sponsoring the conference, Aug. 24-30.

The meeting will seek to come to grips with such issues as morality in movies, hard-core pornography, the moral dimensions of advertising, television programming, censorship, legislation and the mass media, use of radio, and other moral issues of the mass media, according to Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the SBC Christian Life Commission.

Haselden, editor of the "ecumenical weekly" magazine published in Chicago, will lecture nine times on the various aspects of mass media morality.

The conference will be held Aug. 24-30, at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, located near Asheville, N. C.

A Baptist, Haselden is a graduate of Furman University (Baptist), Greenville, S. C., and Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N. Y. Two colleges and one seminary have awarded him honorary doctoral degrees.

He was professor at Garrett Theological Seminary and the University of Chicago Divinity School before becoming editor of the Christian Century, and has also lectured at Colgate Rochester Divinity School and several major colleges and universities.

Haselden is the author of four books, The Racial Problem in Christian Perspective, The Urgency of Preaching, The Death of a Myth, and Mandate for White Christians.

He is a former pastor of Baptist churches in Charleston, W. Va., Rochester, N.Y., Yonkers, N.Y., and Minneapolis, Minn.

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Indiana Baptists Oppose
Parochial School Aid Bills

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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (BP)--The Executive Board of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana here adopted a resolution urging the state General Assembly to defeat current legislation involving assistance to parochial schools.

Two controversial issues before the legislature are three fair-bus bills, which would provide state-supported school bus transportation for parochial and private school pupils, and the Hoosier Junior G.I. Bill, which would give \$50 per pupil to any school of the parent's choice.

The resolution which was delivered to each legislator here, requested the assemblymen to use their influence and vote "against all such legislation to extend public tax funds to private and parochial educational efforts."

On the day following the board meeting, the fair-bus bill was toned down by an amendment from the Senate floor which would restrict transportation to already-established public school bus routes. The amendment was expected to delay the vote by several weeks.

In other action, the Indiana Baptist board voted to lease property at Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., for a Baptist Student Union center, located two blocks from the campus where 28,000 students are enrolled.

Indiana Baptist Executive Secretary E. Harmon Moore, in his year-end report to the board, noted 208 churches affiliated with the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, with a total membership of 44,419, a ten per cent increase over last year's total membership.

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From Layman Crusade Start

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PROVIDENCE, R.I. (BP)--Seven months after 21 laymen conducted door-to-door surveys and took part in special crusade services, the Providence Baptist Church was organized here with 18 charter members.

The church, affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, is the third Southern Baptist congregation in the state and one of 17 in the New England states.

Sponsorship for the new church came from the 300-member Greenmeadow Baptist Church of North Kingstown, R.I. Frank M. Chase, pastor at Greenmeadow, accepted the pastorate of the new congregation.

The laymen came to the New England area last July as part of a group of 100 laymen from states where Southern Baptists are strong.

Once in the area they moved into four cities for concentrated surveys and evangelistic services. This is the first church to come from these efforts.

In August a small group of Providence Baptists reached by the laymen met in homes and organized into a chapel. Then they met in rented church buildings, and finally, they rented facilities in the Sheraton Biltmore Hotel.

Already the church has two outreach groups meeting in Providence, and two others are planned.

Participating and representing groups at the service of constitution were Elmer Sizemore, superintendent of missions for the New England Baptist Association in Massachusetts; Fred B. Moseley, M. Wendell Belew, and L. O. Griffith of Atlanta, and Miss Bernice Elliott of Birmingham--all of the SBC Home Mission Board; and E. Milford Howell, state director of missions for the Baptist Convention of Maryland, Lutherville, Md.

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Named Outstanding Women

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FORT WORTH (BP)--Eight Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary graduates will appear in "Outstanding Young Women of America," an annual biographical compilation of 6,000 young women between the ages of 21 and 35.

They include three staff members of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Ala. They are Betty J. Bock, Young Women's Auxiliary director, Elaine Dickson, promotion associate, and Beverly Goss of the WMU staff promotion division.

One home missionary and two foreign missionaries were also included. They are Mrs. Otho Efurd, Kona, Hawaii; Bettye A. McQueen, Ibadan, Nigeria; and Mrs. Harry Von Worten, Bandung, Indonesia.

Others are Joan Harvison, assistant director of communications, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, and Gwen Lawton, journalism professor at North Greenville Junior College, Tigerville, N. C.

Guidelines for selection include unselfish service to others, charitable activities, professional excellence and professional recognition.

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Dear Editor:

Here is the program for the SBC in Miami Beach, along with a story on the featured speakers. It is being sent to you a little ahead of the release to the full Baptist Press mailing list to give you a little break on the release.

We will mail the program and story on Friday, Feb. 10, so we can handle release to the secular press before going to the editor's meeting in Mobile.

Also on Friday, we will mail ONLY to the state paper editors the annual SBC statistics story, with a Feb. 21 release date on the story. This is to be timed with the presentation of the statistics to the SBC Executive Committee meeting here. The statistics story and the convention program will be distributed to you at the editor's meeting on Tuesday of next week.

See you in Mobile.

Sincerely,

Jim Newton
 Assistant Director



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