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**Oregon-Washington Board  
 Nominates Grubbs Executive**

PORTLAND, Ore. (BP)--William Eugene Grubbs of Fresno, Calif., director of the department of evangelism for the Southern Baptist General Convention of California for the past three years, has been nominated for possible election as executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington here.

Grubbs' name will be placed in nomination for election to the top Baptist state executive post by action of the convention's Executive Board. The convention will vote on the nomination during its annual session in Salem, Ore., on Nov. 13, as part of the Executive Board report.

If he is elected by the full convention, Grubbs will succeed Roland P. Hood who is retiring as the top executive of the convention comprised of 35,000 members of about 225 Southern Baptist churches in the two-state area.

As the evangelism secretary for California Baptists, Grubbs recently directed a state-wide "Encounter Crusade" described by Baptist leaders as the most intensive evangelistic effort made by a single denomination in the history of California.

Previously, Grubbs was a Southern Baptist foreign missionary to the Orient, serving in the Philippines from 1960-63. He and his wife were appointed to serve in Indonesia by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in 1958, but were reassigned to the Philippines due to visa difficulties.

Grubbs has been pastor of Baptist churches in Florida, Alabama, Missouri, and California.

A native of Eagle Lake, Fla., Grubbs, 43, is a graduate of Stetson University, a Baptist school in DeLand, Fla., and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, where he received the doctor of theology degree. He was born near Foley, Ala., but moved to Florida at the age of six.

He and his wife, the former Anne Coffman of Kansas, have four children: Walter, 21, a senior ministerial student at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee; Paul, 19, a sophomore pre-med student at Baylor University, Waco, Tex.; J. Dennis, 18, a freshman at Oklahoma Baptist University, Laurel, 15, a junior at Bullard High School in Fresno, Calif.

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**Southwestern Team To Lead  
 Counseling Meet In Northeast**

(10-23-68)

BANGOR, Penn. (BP)--A professor and two graduate students from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, will lead a two-day conference on integrity therapy counseling at this Northeastern city Nov. 29-30.

Newly ordained ministers and their wives here will be instructed in the use of the "integrity therapy" approach to counseling through a trial-run group therapy session conducted by the three Southwesterners.

The team will be led by John Drakeford, professor of psychology and counseling and author of the book, Integrity Therapy, and by Oscar J. Jeske of Vernon, British Columbia, Canada, and Thomas Yarbrough of Carrollton, Tex., both who are working on the doctor of education degree at Southwestern.

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Texas Baptists To Vote  
On Releasing Baylor Med

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. (BP)--The Christian Education Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas unanimously approved here a proposal which might allow Baylor University College of Medicine in Houston to become incorporated and independent.

Clearing the first hurdle in the procedure, now the medical school's proposal also must be approved by the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and the convention messengers themselves when they meet in Fort Worth, Nov. 11-14.

Under the proposal, Baylor College of Medicine would be independent from the Baylor University system, clearing the way for the College of Medicine to accept government financial support.

Although the medical school would be legally and financially separated from the Baptist university system and no longer a part of the state Baptist convention's educational program, it would retain the Baylor name and remain academically affiliated with Baylor.

It would operate under a separate board, including non-Baptists, appointed by the full Baylor University Board of trustees.

Since all accredited medical schools in the nation are required to be affiliated with a university system, the arrangement would not be unusual in academic circles, said Baylor University President Abner V. McCall, who presented the recommendation to the commission.

McCall also pointed out that the Coordinating Board of State Colleges and Universities has offered to help the medical school double its enrollment to meet the increasing shortage of physicians in Texas, which now ranks 42nd in the nation in the number of students entering medical schools per 100,000 population.

McCall said that neither Baylor University nor the College of Medicine had adequate financial resources to double the medical schools' operation, but it could be done with state help under the independent corporate agreement.

Granting of independent status would also allow receipt of government funds without violating Baptists principles of separation of church and state, he added.

McCall asserted that selling the medical school to the state of Texas, as some have suggested, would have legal, ethical, and practical problems that would make it virtually impossible.

Should the school achieve independent status, the Texas state legislature would determine matters related to financial aid. But informed sources feel that even if the legislature failed to appropriate adequate funds, independent status for the school would still provide a wider range of financial sources.

In other commission action, the committee of twelve, appointed to study the controversial Carden Report, informed the group the committee is "taking very seriously" its assignment to study all the ramifications of the study.

The report by William R. Carden Jr., former commission staff member, suggested far-reaching changes in the Texas Baptist educational structure including the possibility of reducing the number of Baptist colleges and universities in Texas.

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Illinois Church To Open  
Nursery On Election Day

(10-23-68)

COLLINSVILLE, Ill. (BP)--The Meadow Heights Baptist Church here is planning to offer the services of its nursery for the children of voters in the November general election.

The church is encouraging citizens to vote in the election and to take their children to the church nursery while they are at the polls.

The free nursery service on election day is part of a plan to get church members more involved in their community through Mission Action, a program sponsored by the church's Woman's Missionary Union as part of a nation wide Baptist emphasis in the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Home Mission Board Names  
Six Career Missionaries

ATLANTA (BP)--Six new career missionaries were appointed here by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board during the regular meeting of its board of directors here.

The new appointees are Charles Edwin Hancock of San Francisco (elevated to a career position from an associate status) who serves as a consultant in Christian social ministries in the San Francisco Bay area; Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Edward Spencer of Marin County, Calif., as directors of the Baptist center in Coronado, Calif.; Floyd Tidsworth Jr., of Pikeville, Ky., as pastoral missionary to Fairlawn Baptist Chapel, Washington, W. Va.; Presley Andrew Morris as superintendent of missions for Southeastern Area of Indiana, residing in New Albany; John Hayworth Cross of Birmingham, Ala., as teacher-missionary for work with National Baptists in Montgomery, Ala.

In addition, the board of directors approved Home Mission Board cooperative support in the appointments of J. L. Canafax as associate director of missions for Indiana Baptists, and Margaret Gillaspie, as state Woman's Missionary Union secretary for Indiana.

A native of Thomasville, Ga., Hancock is a licensed marriage and family counselor. A graduate of Howard Payne (Baptist) College in Brownwood, Tex., and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., he is a former public school teacher and pastor.

Spencer had been serving as a correctional officer at San Quentin Prison. A graduate of Wayland (Baptist) College in Plainview, Tex., and Golden Gate Seminary, he is a former youth director and mission pastor.

Mrs. Spencer is the former Alice Frances Barron of Lamesa, Tex. She also is a graduate of Wayland College and attended Golden Gate Seminary. She was a public school teacher for two years.

A graduate of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Tidsworth was pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Pikeville, Ky. A native of Cedarville, Ark., he has been pastor of several churches in Arkansas and Kentucky.

Morris, a native of Clarendon County, S.C., is a graduate of Columbia (S.C.) Bible College, Luther Rice Seminary of Butler University in Indianapolis. He is the former pastor of East Side Baptist Church in Sumter, S.C., and of Trinity Baptist Church in Peru, Ind.

The former pastor of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Cross is a graduate of Virginia Union University, Richmond. He also was a chaplain's assistant while serving with the U. S. Army and was superintendent of Boys at Hanover (Va.) Industrial School. He has been pastor of two Virginia churches.

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Baptist Men's Congress  
Slated For July, 1969

(10-23-68)

NASHVILLE (BP)--A meeting of Baptist laymen from perhaps a dozen Baptist conventions in North America has been slated here July 3-6, 1969, by an ad hoc committee of Baptist laymen from five of the Baptist conventions involved.

The meeting will be called the Baptist Men's Congress on Evangelism and Lay Involvement, and will seek to delve into the challenge of evangelism and involving laymen in both evangelism and deepening their spiritual life and ministry, said Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss., chairman of the ad hoc committee which is planning the meeting.

The idea for the Congress was suggested during a meeting of laymen from North America during the Pan American Baptist Laymen's Evangelism Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, last July, when the five-man committee was appointed to make the plans.

Meeting here recently, the ad hoc committee picked the dates for the meeting and selected Nashville as the host city.

The committee also voted to ask the chairman enlist additional members to form a steering committee composed of unofficial representatives of each of the Baptist conventions participating in the congress.

Although no organization has been created, the group will be related unofficially to the Crusade of the Americas, an evangelistic effort encompassing Baptists in North, Central and South America.

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Cooper said that he hopes that the laymen's meeting here would attract as many as 3,500 to 4,000 Baptist laymen and their pastors.

Cooper, president of the Mississippi and Coastal Chemical Corp., is also vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and was chairman of the lay involvement committee of the Crusade of the Americas which sponsored the Pan American Baptist Laymen's Congress in Rio de Janeiro. At that meeting, he was also elected president of a newly-formed organization of Baptist men in North, Central and South America called the Pan American Union of Baptist Men.

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Negro Church Rejected, Then  
Accepted By Knox Association

(10-23-68)

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--The Knox Baptist Association here rejected the application of a Negro Baptist church because of its supposed affiliation with the National Council of Churches, but the next day rescinded its action and approved the church's membership in the association.

At first the association refused to admit the Mt. Olive Baptist Church to membership because it is affiliated with the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., which is a member of the National Council of Churches of Christ.

The association is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention which is not a member of the National Council of Churches.

Vote count on the first action, which required a two-thirds majority to pass, was 85 for and 81 against.

On the second day of the association meeting here, a motion was made to reconsider the previous day's action, with an overwhelming 113 to 1 voting reconsider, and 108 to 26 voting to rescind the action rejecting Mt. Olive Church.

Two of the leading pastors in the association, Lewis Rhodes of Broadway Baptist Church and Charles A. Trentham of Frist Baptist Church, pointed out that only denominations can belong to the National Council of Churches, and not individual churches.

Dan Murphy, pastor of Ball Camp Pike Baptist Church, told the association he had changed his mind on the matter because a vote against admitting Mt. Olive would be "casting a vote against the local church" and not against the National Council of Churches.

It appeared that most of the opposition apparent the previous day had disappeared after these explanations were given.

At the same time that the Mt. Olive church was rejected on the first day, the application of Sunset Heights Baptist Church, a white church, was also refused because the two were presented together on recommendation.

Both the association's new churches committee and the Executive Board of the association had voted unanimously to recommend that both churches be admitted to the association.

On the second day, the two churches were considered separately, and the Sunset Heights church was admitted unanimously.

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