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SBC Housing Not Critical, Committee Chairman Says

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--The housing situation during the Southern Baptist Convention here June 10-13 is "not yet critical," the chairman of the convention's housing committee, G. Avery Lee, said here in late March.

Lee, pastor of Saint Charles Avenue Baptist Church, reported that the convention housing bureau had placed 7,000 people in 3,000 rooms as of March 25, and that by the first of April, the total would increase to 8,000 persons.

Lee, who added that hotel rooms during the week of the convention are filling rapidly, offered several suggestions to those making hotel reservations:

"Be patient if your confirmation is slow in coming," he said. "The housing bureau makes the assignment, then the hotel sends the confirmation, with a copy to the bureau office.

"If the hotel asks for a deposit, send it. This is standard hotel procedure. Failure to send the deposit could result in 'no room in the inn' on June 10.

"No block reservation requests will be held after April 1. All those rooms will then be returned to the pool for reassignment.

"Please do not try to switch from one hotel to another. One such request is not much of a bother, but a hundred is. If you have a confirmed room, better hold on to it.

"Try to avoid duplicate reservation requests. One man is listed in four different hotels. Man, is he anxious! Many have made more than one request.

"Be patient if your first choices are already filled. An effort will be made to assign accommodations as close as possible to your desires," Lee concluded.

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Two WMU Editors Swap Jobs, New Youth Editor Appointed

(3-31-69)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)--Editors of two Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) periodicals have swapped jobs, and a new editor has been named to edit youth materials.

The new editor is Miss Oneta Gentry of Nashville, who becomes editor of Tell and other Girls' Auxiliary materials published by the WMU, beginning March 31. Miss Gentry is currently copy editor for Broadman Books of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

The two editors swapping jobs are Miss Ethalee Hamric, editor of Royal Service for the past 12 years; and Miss Rosanne Osborne, who joined the WMU staff last year and was responsible for designing and editing a new publication called Dimension.

Miss Hamric will now become editor of Dimension, a quarterly magazine for WMU officers which will appear first in October of 1970; and Miss Osborne will become editor of Royal Service.

Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, said the change came about after each editor made chance remarks indicating interests in the others' job. "The idea grew and caught fire," Miss Hunt said.

The change-over is effective immediately, although changes will not appear on the Royal Service masthead until October of 1969.

Dimension will be the third WMU magazine Miss Hamric has edited. She came to WMU in 1948 as an assistant on all WMU publications. She became editor of The Window, Young Woman's Auxiliary magazine in 1955, and began editing Royal Service in 1967. She is a native of Alabama.

Miss Osborne came to WMU last year from Louisiana College (Baptist) in Pineville, La., where she was assistant professor of English. A native of Missouri, she is a graduate of Southwest Baptist College, Central Missouri State College, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and has done additional study at the University of Georgia.

Miss Gentry, a native of Cookeville, Tenn., will also edit a new magazine slated to come out in October of 1970. The new magazine, entitled Accent, will be designed for girls ages 12-17.

Miss Gentry is a graduate of Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, Tenn., and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

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Southeastern Seminary Sets
Seminar on Urban Studies

(3-31-69)

WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP)--A Seminar on Urban Studies will be held at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary from June 16 - July 11, 1969, involving a study of the structures and problems of the secular city, including an evaluation of efforts toward the renewal of the church.

As a laboratory course on the urban situation, the seminary will feature student projects on such topics as: "The Church and the Racially Changing Community," "The Church's Ministry to Internationals and to Others of Other Faiths," "Ministry to Blighted Areas and Communities," "Ministry to Scientific-technological Oriented People," and "Ministry to the Academic Community."

The seminar will meet five days a week, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and will offer five semester hours credit. Housing for the seminar will be provided on the seminary campus, though the seminar itself will be rather mobile in the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill Triangle Area.

Most of the classroom instruction will be on the campus while field studies, special lectures and the visiting of special points will involve short trips in the area.

Faculty of the seminar will include: Thomas Bland, professor of Christian Ethics, and E. Luther Copeland, professor of Christian Missions at Southeastern; visiting lecturers from the Triangle Area, from the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and from the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In addition to these leaders, participants in the seminar will include seminarians and pastors.

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Convention To Feature
Education Plans of '70's

(3-31-69)

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--The Southern Baptist Religious Education Association, meeting here June 9-10 just prior to the Southern Baptist Convention, will project Southern Baptist religious education plans for the 1970's.

Carrying out the theme, "Design for a Decade," the convention will feature staff presentations on Southern Baptist plans for the 1970's in the areas of Sunday School, Church Training, Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Union, and pastoral ministries.

Keynote address on the theme of the convention will be brought by W. L. Howse, director of the education division for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Major closing addresses will deal with implementing 1970 plans in the local church, and motivation for religious education. Speakers will be Russel Noel, minister of education for First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., and Jimmy R. Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex.

The convention will open Monday morning, June 9, at 9:30 with an opening address by James Frost, secretary of the Sunday School department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas.

An opening session panel discussion will feature Don Herman, minister of education at Parkway Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.; Lucien Coleman Jr., professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; and Mrs. Maruice Williams, of Birmingham, Ala.

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Staff presentations on plans for the 1970's will be made by Ernest Mosley, consultant, Church administration department; A. V. Washburn, secretary, Sunday School department; and Philip B. Harris, secretary, church training department; all of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; and by Norman Godfrey, field services director of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Memphis; and Mrs. Marie Mathis, director of the promotion division, Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Ala.

Each session will open with music led by Gale Dunn, minister of music for the Richardson Heights Baptist Church, Richardson, Tex., a suburb of Dallas.

A Monday evening banquet for association members will be held at the First Baptist Church of New Orleans, 4301 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans.

All other sessions will meet at the Sheraton-Charles Hotel, 211 St. Charles, New Orleans.

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Walsh Named Dean At
N. Greenville Junior College

(3-31-69)

GREENVILLE, S. C. (BP)--Billy J. Walsh, former Southern Baptist mission to Mexico, has been named dean of instruction at North Greenville (Baptist) Junior College.

Walsh, who has been a professor of Spanish at the college since last January, will assume his new duties June 1, succeeding Paul Talmadge, who will accept a similar position at Anderson (S.C.) College.

A native of Little Rock, Ark., Walsh served as a missionary to Mexico from 1961-67. Between 1949 and 1961 he was pastor of churches in Harrison and Lewisville, Ark., and Presidio, Dodson and Murphy, Tex.

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Sheraton-Charles Hotel

June 9-10, 1969

New Orleans, Louisiana

THEME: "Design for a Decade"

MONDAY MORNING, June 9

- 9:30 Music design -- Gale Dunn, minister of music and education, Richardson Heights Baptist Church, Richardson, Texas
- 9:40 "The Religious Educator, the Person, the Program" -- James Frost, secretary, Sunday School Department, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas
- 10:15 Panel Presentation: "Is It In the Bible?" -- Panelists:
--Don Herman, minister of education, Parkway Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri
--Lucien Coleman Jr., assistant professor of religious education, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.
--Mrs. Maurice Williams, Birmingham, Alabama
- 11:00 Music
- 11:05 "Pastoral Ministries Design"--Ernest Mosley, consultant, Church Administration Department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee
- 11:25 Audience response
- 11:40 Recess

MONDAY AFTERNOON, June 9

- 2:00 Music Design -- Gale Dunn, Richardson, Texas
- 2:10 Sunday School Design for the '70's -- A. V. Washburn, secretary, Sunday School Department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, and staff
- 2:50 Audience Response
- 3:05 Church Training Design for the '70's -- Philip B. Harris, secretary, Church Training Department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, and staff
- 3:45 Audience Response
- 4:00 Recess

MONDAY EVENING, June 9

- 6:30 Banquet, at First Baptist Church, New Orleans (cost \$2.00 per person)

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION program, continued,

TUESDAY MORNING, June 10

- 9:30 Music Design -- Gale Dunn, Richardson, Texas
9:40 Woman's Missionary Union Design for the 70's -- Mrs. Marie Mathis, director,
Promotion Division, Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary
Union, and staff
- 10:00 Audience Response
10:15 Brotherhood Design for the '70's -- Norman Godfrey, director of Field Services,
Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, and staff
- 10:35 Audience Response
10:50 Communication Break
11:10 "Design for a Decade" -- W. L. Howse, director, Education Division, Southern
Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee
11:30 Recess

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, June 10

- 2:00 Music Design -- Gale Dunn, Richardson, Texas
2:15 Business Session
2:45 Implementation of "Design for a Decade" in the Church -- Russel Noel, minister
of education, First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma
3:20 "Motivation for the Religious Educator" -- Jimmy R. Allen, pastor, First
Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas
4:00 Adjourn



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