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North Carolina Home  
 For Unwed Mothers Set

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (BP)--The Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina will begin operating a home for unwed mothers here during 1970, the home's president, W. R. Wagoner has announced.

The new home for unwed mothers will become the fourth such agency operated by Southern Baptists in the United States, and the first in North Carolina.

Designed to accommodate 36 young women per year (maximum of twelve for a four-month period), the home will be located at a large residence at 240 Pearson Drive in Asheville.

Wagoner said that there are no plans at present to offer adoption services out of the home, or from any of the five children's homes operated by the North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes.

A growing need for a ministry to unwed mothers and their offspring was cited as the reason for the decision to establish the home.

"Numerous requests for services have been directed to the agency by individuals, pastors, professional people and other agencies and institutions in behalf of expectant mothers who are bearing children out of wedlock," Wagoner said.

The home's president said that a survey of medical doctors throughout North Carolina concerning the need for such a home showed an overwhelming vote in favor of its establishment.

Three other maternity homes are operated by Southern Baptists in the nation--Sellers Home in New Orleans, operated by the SBC Home Mission Board; and two homes in Dallas and San Antonio, Tex., operated by Buckner Baptist Benevolences, Inc. The Three provide services for about 450 girls each year.

Wagoner said the Children's Homes trustees had studied many perspective locations for the home, but that in recent months, interested citizens in Asheville and Buncombe County had requested that Asheville be considered.

The Executive Committee of the Buncombe Baptist Association took an option on the home in Asheville in January to give the trustees time to evaluate the home and property, and determine its suitability.

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Assembly-Goers Have Hard Time  
 Finding TV For Moon Watch

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RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)--More than 1,000 persons attending the Training Union and Youth Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly here saw Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin set foot on the moon via closed circuit television, but some of them had a tough time finding a television set.

While millions around the world stayed close to their televisions watching the historic feat, guests at the assembly had to shift for themselves to find a television.

"Some guests rented a motel room for the night in order to view the moon walk. Moon watching parties were held throughout the assembly but still not all could be accommodated," said Ken McAnear, manager of Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly.

Closed circuit televisions were being used for the intermediate section of the Youth Conference for Bible teaching and "tune-in", a program featuring discussions of contemporary issues.

These same televisions were opened to the guests in order for them to view what is probably man's most historic achievement of this decade.

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Administrative Services Manager  
Named at Sunday School Board

NASHVILLE (BP)--Don Early has been named manager of the administrative services staff, office of management services, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Early was formerly Broadman Supplies product development manager in the board's executive office.

A native of Nashville, Early is a graduate of Belmont College and holds a master of arts degree from Vanderbilt University, both in Nashville.

He first joined the staff of the board in 1958, as a part-time worker in the addressing and mailing section, and was later transferred to the merchandise control department. In 1960 he became display and direct mail advertising specialist in the board's retail advertising and promotion department, where he served for eight years.

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C O R R E C T I O N

On Baptist Press story mailed 7-17-69, headlined "Alabama Youth Commend Governor's Smut Fight," please make line 2 of first graph read "Governor Albert Brewer...." (not George Brewer as sent). Apologies to the governor.

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