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Kansas Names Pat McDaniel  
As New Executive Secretary

WICHITA, Kan. (BP)--James Curtis (Pat) McDaniel, field representative in the church loans division for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, was elected here executive secretary of the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists, effective March 1.

The unanimous action came in a called meeting of the Kansas-Nebraska Executive Board, on the recommendation of the convention's five-man board of managers.

McDaniel has been assisting the Kansas Convention for several months, and previously was the SBC Home Mission Board's representative in Kansas after the state convention asked the SBC board to provide sound business counsel following disclosure that the state Baptist church loans association was insolvent.

In addition to serving as executive secretary for the state convention, McDaniel will be director of the state Baptist church loan association, which is about \$1.6 million in debt.

Only a few days before McDaniel's election, Kansas Baptist leaders announced they had been victorious in enlisting pledges totalling \$623,000 exceeding a goal of \$500,000 within the state, and a committee of state convention executive secretaries announced they had enlisted pledges of \$442,000 from other state conventions. These two amounts, plus a \$1,500 weekly Cooperative Program allocation, would solve the \$1.6 million indebtedness within five years.

McDaniel accepted the position after a telephone conversation with W. E. Thorn, president of the Kansas convention and pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church, Wichita.

"I am thrilled and excited that we have a man of the capabilities of Pat McDaniel coming to lead the Kansas convention and the Church Loans Association," Thorn said.

"He has an excellent background of experience in business, financial and religious activities, to make him an outstanding leader," Thorn added. "I personally look forward very much to working with him in bringing our convention out of its financial doldrums and into a new era for the work in Kansas and Nebraska."

The chairman of the board of managers for the convention, Sen. Lester Arvin of Wichita said he felt Pat McDaniel is an excellent choice for the position. "He is already well acquainted with our problem, knows many of our pastors, and all members of the convention's staff.

"During the past several months, he has been a tremendous help to the Kansas convention in finding means of resolving our financial problems," Arvin said. "This man has already proven what he can do."

Before joining the SBC Home Mission Board staff in Atlanta, McDaniel was assistant to the executive secretary for the Baptist State Convention of Michigan, in Detroit.

Previously, he held various positions with banks and trust companies in Michigan and Texas, including five years with the Citizens National Bank, Weatherford, Tex.

A native of Texas, he was the recipient of the "Outstanding Young Man" of 1960 presented by the Jaycees of Weatherford, Tex. He is a graduate of Weatherford Junior College, attended the American Institute of Banking for five years, and attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

McDaniel succeeds N.J. Westmoreland, the first executive secretary of the Kansas convention who resigned October 1 after 23 years in the position.

North Texas Students Trade  
Semester Break For Slum Work

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Ninety students from North Texas State University, Denton, Tex., recently traded their semester break for six days of tiring work in the New Orleans slums.

The excursion, called "Project Amis," was sponsored by the North Texas State Baptist Student Union, but brought together Protestants, Catholics and agnostics to clean yards, paint houses and perform for high school and university groups.

The 48 women and 42 men paid a \$25 transportation fee and lived in the Baptist Men's Mission and the Good Samaritan Mission.

Besides working at some of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board mission centers, they also sang at "The Way," a Bourbon Street coffeehouse, and participated in BSU services at Tulane University Medical School.

They divided to work in several areas of the city, but came together to clean up two churches badly damaged by Hurricane Camille. They also participated in Sunday services at several New Orleans churches. Some taught Sunday School classes and sang in the morning worship.

Constant bus breakdowns and rainy weather did not dampen their spirits, and the hardest part for some was going home.

Joe Cummings, 21-year-old senior said: "I have established some relationships with the people that are now going to have to be broken, and we have begun some work that will probably end after we're gone."

Project Amis was an outgrowth of Project Amigos, a similar work trip which last year took the students to South Texas. The North Texas State BSU had previously sponsored a mid-winter retreat, but waning interest and a desire of the students to see missions in action prompted Director Britton Wood to seek new avenues of ministry.

"After last year, they came to me and said, 'We can't go back to a mid-winter retreat,'" Wood said. So the wheels were set in motion for the New Orleans trip.

Wade Hopkin, superintendent of missions for New Orleans Baptists, expressed satisfaction with both the work and the attitude undergirding Project Amis:

"I had a pre-disposition about these kids coming, because I agree with the concept that Wood is putting forth: The concept of working with rather than working for," Hopkin said.

"This trip will help many of these kids in their psychological growth, because it is their first opportunity to give of themselves. I think they did a great job and I would like for them to come back," he concluded.

In orientation sessions, preceding the trip Wood had discussed Bourbon Street's many burlesque houses, "so that they (the students) wouldn't think they had one up on the preacher if they went down."

"The most frustrating part of the trip was the French Quarters," Wood said. "The students felt more helpless here in their work."

The very size of the group overwhelmed some of the residents. They found it hard to believe that students would pay to work.

Wood had been specifically requested not to bring an integrated group to the all-white Plaquemines Parrish. "But 90 students piled off the busses, the residents didn't notice that two were black or that another two were 'hippies,'" he said.

New Orleans was a shattering experience for some who admitted being from sheltered backgrounds.

"We must transcend where we live to relate to these people," one student said. Reminding the group that they came from "good little Christian homes," the student pointed out that this in many ways was "a completely different situation."

Wood doesn't know yet whether next year will see a similar project. But his students are ready. "Already they're asking where we're going next year."

Apparently they respond well to the idea of missions in action.

Kentucky Religious Leaders  
Oppose Parochial Aid Bill

LOUISVILLE (BP)--Ten religious leaders in Kentucky, including three Southern Baptists, have issued a statement opposing a bill in the Kentucky legislature to provide public tax funds to pay up to 70 per cent of the salaries of parochial school teachers.

"We believe this constitutes substantial 'aid' to parochial and private elementary and secondary schools" in violation of the state constitution, the religious leader said.

They cited three reasons for their opposition: (1) It is clearly unconstitutional; (2) it puts in peril our invaluable public school system; and (3) it denies religious freedom and is divisive among the church groups."

The religious leaders called on all Kentucky legislators to vote against the two bills (House Bill 198 and Senate Bill 128), and urged all Kentucky citizens "who may share these convictions" to communicate their concern to the legislators.

The statement was signed by the Methodist Bishop for Louisville, the Episcopal Bishop for the Kentucky district; the moderator for the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, two Methodist district superintendents, the Church of the Nazarene district superintendent for Kentucky; the ecumenical concerns chairman for Christian Churches in Kentucky; and by three Southern Baptist leaders.

Signing the statement were Harold G. Sanders, executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention; C. R. Daley, editor of the Western Recorder, Baptist state paper; and G. Allen West, missions superintendent for the Long Run Baptist Association, Louisville.

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Graham Says Youth Will  
Save Or Destroy World

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DALLAS (BP)--Today's young people will either help us save the world or preside over its destruction, Evangelist Billy Graham told audiences in both Waco, and Arlington, Tex., (between Dallas and Fort Worth), in a recent swing through Texas.

Graham spoke to 11,000 people at the Heart-O-Texas Coliseum in Waco, kicking off a week-long observance of the 125th anniversary of Baylor University, the oldest institution of higher learning in Texas.

He also stopped in Arlington to accept an invitation from more than 1,400 black and white ministers and laymen from churches of many denominations in the Dallas-Fort Worth area to hold a crusade in late 1971.

Addressing himself to Christian education's place in the contemporary world, the Southern Baptist evangelist told both groups that the United States is facing "a total revolution."

He pointed to revolutions in technology, communications and moral standards but said, "perhaps the profoundest revolution is in education.

"Today's students are alienated," he said. "And it is up to Christians to help them find some answers."

Speaking to the ministers, Graham said young people are rebelling against an educational system which has depersonalized them and one which is educating what he called "monstrosities" --concentrating on the minds and bodies of students but ignoring the spiritual.

"We (Baptists) have a spiritual commitment which secular and government-controlled schools do not," he said in Waco. "That's why there will always be a Baylor."

Graham said that Christians must strive to minister to both the physical and spiritual needs of persons, keeping Christ-centered evangelism at the heart of all methods of outreach.

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ALLEN GETS MULLINS AWARD: Duke K. McCall (left), president

of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, presents

the seminary's annual E. Y. Mullins award for outstanding denominational

service to Clifton J. Allen (right) of Nashville, ~~executive~~ former editorial

secretary for the SBC Sunday School Board and g editor of the Broadman Bible

Commentary. (BP) Photo

**GRAHAM SPEAKS AT ECUMENICAL GATHERING:**  
Evangelist Billy Graham (center) stands during congregational singing beside denominational leaders launching a unique Oklahoma City Agency for Cooperative Christian Ministry. Beside Graham is Hersch I H. Hobbs, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and president of the agency's Executive Board. Others pictured include (left to right) a Christian Church minister, a Catholic priest, Hobbs, Graham, a soloist for the rally, A Negro Baptist pastor, and a methodist minister.  
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