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HISTORIANS STUDY
NEEDS AND FACILITIES

RIDGECREST, N.C.--(BP)--Southern Baptists, through the sponsorship of the Historical Commission, closely scrutinized their history in a special series of studies here, August 20-23. Two new areas were explored:

(1) Seminary and college history teachers and librarians discussed books needed to be written to serve the history interests of Baptist people.

(2) Library resources of seminaries, colleges and the Historical Commission were analyzed with the view to making them available to a larger number of students.

Dr. Robert A. Baker, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, delivered the annual address on Friday night in Ridgecrest auditorium.

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EUROPEAN BAPTIST DISUNITY
DISPELLED IN COPENHAGEN CONFERENCE

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--It's a good thing for Baptists to get together, even in Europe! This was the sense of a letter received here from Dr. Duke K. McCall reporting from Copenhagen, Denmark, where he recently attended a meeting of the European Baptist Federation, the first since the federation was organized at Zurich, Switzerland in 1949.

"The significance of the congress was really not in its program but in the fact that for the first time the Baptists of Europe came together as such. There was much of suspicion and tension, but these were submerged in a sense of Baptist unity.

"The program was led by Bredahl Peterson, president of the federation. He is succeeded as the president by Henry Cook of London.

"The congress was actually dominated by theological discussions rather than business. The discussions reached no conclusions but did both air the differences of the various Baptist groups present and bring to focus the light from various theologians.

"The fact that various Baptist theologians were called into the meeting as consultants made these discussions exceedingly important. Their importance, however, was to the participants only and can work out to the general public only through those who participated." The letter was directed to Dr. Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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GLORIETA SLATES
FULL 1953 PROGRAM

GLORIETA, N. Mex.--(BP)--Glorieta Baptist Assembly will conduct a full summer program in 1953, according to an announcement made here in the closing days of the one-week "Pioneer" encampment. The schedule calls for thirteen weeks of conferences:

- June 8-14 - Church Music Conference
- June 15-21 - Foreign Missions Conference
- June 22-28 - Home Missions Conference
- June 22-28 - Baptist Brotherhood
- June 29-July 5 - Y.W.A. Camp
- July 6-12 - W.M.U. Conference -- Business Woman's Circles
- July 13-19 - Bible Conference and other Denominational Conferences
- July 20-26 - Sunday School Conferences
- July 27-August 2 - Sunday School Conferences
- August 3-9 - Church Leadership Conferences (Barnette-Lambdin, directors)
- August 10-16 - Training Union Conferences
- August 17-23 - Training Union Conferences
- August 24-30 - Student Retreat

The "Pioneer" week this year registered 1,214 people from seventeen states.

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PROGRESS REPORTED
PROMOTION TCM WEEK

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Transfer Church Membership Week, scheduled for September 14-17, is being well promoted by the state secretaries. Two states report progress this week as follows:

Oregon-Washington: Setting of a goal of five hundred, revising church rolls, taking a religious census, conducting a week of special services either in the form of a visitation revival or evangelistic services spell out to the world the concern of the Baptist churches of Oregon-Washington to reach the "lost, strayed or stolen" Southern Baptists in the two state area.

Maryland: Space in state paper, district associations urged to devote a portion of time during their meetings in July and August to this task, pastors asked to search for unaffiliated Baptists. Each pastor will write his non-resident members, urging them to attend the Baptist church in their community, and to the pastor of the Baptist church in the community where the non-resident members lives inviting him to visit the individual.

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EXPRESSES GRIEF
OVER DODD'S PASSING

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--American Baptists through their president expressed their grief over the death of the great Baptist leader, Dr. M. E. Dodd of Shreveport, Louisiana. The letter was from John A. Dawson, president of the American Baptist Convention. It is as follows:

"American Baptists across the land join our Southern Baptist brethren in sharing the loss of Dr. M. E. Dodd who so ably served the cause of Jesus Christ and the kingdom enterprise throughout his lifetime.

"As the Southern Baptist Convention sorrows in his passing, we would have them know that our hearts share their sadness, but glory in the fact that he has reached the heaven that he preached about so long."

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BAPTIST HOSPITAL
OPENS ATOMIC LAB

MEMPHIS, Tenn.--(BP)--Baptist Memorial Hospital will open soon a specially designed laboratory where for the first time in the Memphis area diagnostic tests for brain tumors will be made using radioactive dye. The laboratory has been approved by the Atomic Energy Commission and arrangements have been completed for the purchase of the radioactive material from Oak Ridge.

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BRIMM JOINS MISSISSIPPI IN FIGHT
AGAINST REPEAL OF PROHIBITION

TUPELO, Miss.--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Social Service Commission helped Mississippi Baptists unlimber their big guns in an assault against the liquor interests who fought the battle for repeal of Mississippi prohibition laws. Dr. Hugh Brimm, Social Service Commission executive head, spent a week in early August stumping the northern part of the state. He later returned to Mississippi for a final speaking engagement at Tupelo on August 24.

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NOTE TO THE EDITOR

Please kill last week's story on Oliver Shield's illness. The initials are wrong. Dr. Shields, pastor of Lafayette Park Church, is not sick at all.

BP Director