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### Two Die in Auto Crashes, Youth Seriously Injured

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Death claimed the life of a consultant for the Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department and the teenage grandson of a retired board employee in separate accidents this week.

In another accident, the 20-year-old son of a former board trustee was seriously injured when a concrete bucket was dropped on him by a relief crane operator.

Dead are Grover D. Kagy, 55, the consultant, and Hal Ingraham, grandson of H.E. Ingraham, retired director of the board service division. Young Ingraham, son of prominent Middle Tennessee attorney and Mrs. Frank Ingraham of Franklin, was dead on arrival July 2 at Williamson County Hospital after he was pinned beneath a farm tractor he was operating on the family farm.

Kagy, also killed July 2, was on the way to work when his car collided with a tractor-trailer, a board spokesman said.

Seriously injured in a construction accident in late June was Phil Dunlap, son of Gerald Dunlap, minister of education for First Baptist Church, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and a former board trustee. The younger Dunlap was in Imperial Point Hospital, Ft. Lauderdale.

Police said the accident involving Kagy occurred when the tractor-trailer forced an oncoming pickup truck off the road and then collided head-on with the car driven by Kagy, who was following the pickup truck.

Kagy was dead on arrival at General Hospital here. Charges of involuntary manslaughter were placed against the truck driver.

A native of Illinois, Kagy was a graduate of Gresham College, Springfield, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. He had served on the board of trustees for the Sunday School Board and in numerous positions in the Missouri Baptist Convention.

Prior to coming to the board's Sunday School Department in December, 1973, Kagy was director of missions for the Cane Creek Stoddard Baptist Association in Dexter, Mo. Earlier he served as the pastor of First Baptist Church-Harvester in St. Charles, Mo., and as minister of education in churches in Texas, Illinois, Tennessee and Missouri.

Kagy currently was serving as the interim pastor of Stones River Baptist Church in Smyrna, Tenn., where memorial services were held. Another memorial service was conducted at the Sunday School Board and funeral services were held in Salem, Ill.

Survivors include Kagy's widow, Mrs. Patricia O'Brien Kagy; two daughters, three brothers and four grandchildren.

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(BP) Photo mailed to Baptist state papers

Sanchez Re-named President  
By Texas' Mexican Baptists

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HOUSTON, Tex. (BP)--Rudy Sanchez, a Houston pastor, has been reelected to a second term as president of the Mexican Baptist Convention of Texas, and the word "Departmental" was dropped from the organization's name during its annual meeting here. The convention was formerly known as the Mexican Baptist Departmental Convention of Texas.

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The name was changed, according to Leobardo Estrada, coordinator of the Texas Baptist Language Missions Section, because, "We were at one time related to just one department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Now we are into all phases of BGCT work.

Sanchez, the pastor of First Mexican Baptist Church in Corpus Christi, Tex., led more than 1,000 messengers to relate to social issues for the first time in the convention's 64-year history, observers said.

The convention passed a resolution on the farm laborer's plight, calling for "Texas Baptists to join in economic support of businesses which are sensitive to the interests of Mexican-American farm laborers..." No mention was made concerning the United Farm Workers coalition boycott of lettuce and grapes.

A second resolution calling for just and practical alien legislation was returned to the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission for another year of study. The convention also approved a committee to study the living conditions of 65 retired Mexican Baptist pastors in Texas.

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FMB Adds 34 Missionaries;  
Projects Strategy Studies

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RIDGECREST, NC. (BP)--The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its July meeting here added 34 persons to its overseas force and made plans for projecting a bold new strategy in foreign missions during the final quarter of the 20th century.

The 15 couples appointed as career missionaries and two couples employed as missionary associates will serve in 13 countries. Two of the new missionaries have formerly served as Southern Baptist missionary journeymen.

"You are not spectators," Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive secretary, told the overflow crowd of about 2,700 at the appointment service held during Foreign Mission Week at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, where the board held its meeting. "You are participants. This is your Foreign Mission Board.

"Through intercessory prayer and sacrificial giving, you can join hands with these missionaries being appointed and all the other missionaries."

The board also voted that a coordinating committee from the board, composed of the president, vice-president and chairmen of regular standing committees, give overall guidance to the recommended strategy study to be highlighted by a consultation on foreign missions to be conducted in Miami Beach, Fla., prior to the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) in June 1975.

The board's home office staff and all of the overseas missions in 80 foreign countries are encouraged to participate in the study, submitting their studies and recommendations to the board. Discussions will be held with appropriate agencies, state conventions and leadership groups in the SBC. The study should be completed by December 1975, according to the board's recommendation, and will be presented to the Executive Committee, SBC, in February 1976.

Addressing the board, Joseph B. Underwood, consultant in evangelism and church development, reported a growth rate in church membership overseas of 121 per cent in 10 years, from less than 365,000 members in 3,391 churches in 1963 to over 807,000 members in 6,907 churches in 1973.

The average overall growth rate for all our work in 1973 was seven per cent, about twice the world population growth rate," Underwood said. "The average for Eastern and Southern Africa last year was over 14 per cent while for Southeast Asia it was an amazing 17.6 per cent."

Underwood indicated that one of the factors contributing to the growth has been the special evangelistic campaigns.

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"During the past ten years," he said, "the Foreign Mission Board has involved more than 1,200 preachers, musicians and laymen in 83 campaigns in which more than 312,000 first-time decisions (for Jesus Christ) have been recorded."

He pointed out the necessity of the work of missionaries and national leaders laboring through the years to establish churches that make it possible for such evangelistic campaigns to occur.

In other actions, the board approved final policies for the transfer of mission work in Panama from the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to the Foreign Mission Board, effective Jan. 1, 1975. The transfer was approved at the recent SBC meeting in Dallas.

The board also allocated \$1,279,260 of last year's record \$22,232,757 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to meet needs in South America, West Africa, Eastern and Southern Africa, East Asia and Southeast Asia, and for special projects in evangelism and church development around the world.

Appointed as missionaries were Mr. and Mrs. Carroll H. Adams of Kentucky, to Liberia; Mr. and Mrs. W.A. (Bill) Beckham of Texas, to Thailand; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis L. Blackmon of Louisiana, to Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. W. Burton Cook Jr. of Texas, to Taiwan; Mr. and Mrs. J. Murray Edwards of Georgia, to Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. J. Palmer Fletcher Jr. of Virginia and Georgia, to Okinawa.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis G. Fulbright of North Carolina, to Zambia; Mr. and Mrs. David J. Jacobson of Colombia and Ohio, to Costa Rica; Dr. and Mrs. W. Tom Kent of Louisiana, to Panama; Mr. and Mrs. S.M. (Sandy) Kidd of Georgia, to East Africa; Mr. and Mrs. David M. McCormick of California, to Hong Kong.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Mike R. Norfleet of California and Texas, to Taiwan; Mr. and Mrs. Tom D. Robuck of Texas, to Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Sanford of Florida and South Carolina, to Republic of Dahomey; and Mr. and Mrs. T. Brad Thompson of Texas and Tennessee, to Mexico.

Employed as missionary associates were Mr. and Mrs. David W. Haney of Texas, to Indonesia, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Wendell Powers of Michigan and Tennessee, to Taiwan.

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#### President Signs Bill Delaying Postal Hikes

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WASHINGTON (BP)--The President signed into law a bill which delays postal rate hikes for several types of second, third, and fourth class publications.

The new law, which received speedy and favorable treatment from both the Senate and the House, stretches out from 10 to 16 years the deadline when nonprofit second class publications will be expected fully to pay their own way. The extension affects many church periodicals, newspapers, and newsletters. Certain types of third and fourth class publications including the special library rate are similarly affected.

Also benefited by the new law are regular profit-making second class publications, including many newspapers and magazines. Their deadline has now been extended from five to eight years.

When the U.S. Post Office became a semi-private corporation in 1970, Congress stipulated that nonprofit publications would have to pay their own mailing costs without government subsidy by 1981. Under the law just signed, they have until 1987 to meet that requirement.

Profit-making second class publications now have until 1979 to comply, an extension from the original 1976 deadline.

The legislation drew large bipartisan support in both the Senate and the House. In the Senate, the measure was passed by a vote of 71-11, while the House passed it 227-129.

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Although the new law gives temporary relief to publishers and editors, stronger legislation is still being sought which would insure survival both to marginally profitable and non-profit publications. Sen. Gaylord Nelson (D., Wis.), who supported the measure during debate in the Senate, has promised to push such legislation in the next Congress.

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Six States Had 52 Per Cent  
of Messengers in Dallas

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Six states accounted for 52 per cent of the 18,190 messengers attending the largest Southern Baptist Convention in history in Dallas, June 11-13, W. Fred Kendall registration secretary reported.

Texas led with 4,092 messengers, accounting for 22 per cent of the total registration for the convention held in the Dallas Convention Center. The previous all-time high was 16,678 set in 1969 in New Orleans.

The last time the SBC met in Dallas was 1965 when Texas accounted for 33 per cent of the 16,053 registration.

Alabama was second for the 1974 convention with 1,175 registering, and North Carolina, which had the largest attendance in Portland, Ore., for 1973, was third with 1,145 messengers represented.

Fourth was Tennessee with 1,099; fifth, Georgia with 1,061; and Oklahoma was sixth with 1,031.

Others, in order, were: Mississippi, 981; Louisiana, 935; South Carolina, 885; Missouri, 825; Florida, 669; Kentucky, 682; Arkansas, 680; Virginia, 621; California, 357; Illinois, 256; New Mexico, 223; Kansas-Nebraska, 205; Ohio, 194; Indiana, 167; Maryland, 157; Colorado, 132; Arizona, 110.

State conventions with less than 100 each represented were: Michigan, 76; Northwest Baptist Convention, 65; Northern Plains, 57; Pennsylvania-South Jersey, 46; Washington, D.C., 45; West Virginia, 28; New York, 23; Utah-Idaho, 19; Alaska, 32; Hawaii, 17; Puerto Rico, 3; Panama Canal Zone and Taiwan, 2.

Searcy S. Garrison, executive secretary of the Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia, will chair the 1975 Committee on Order of Business for the June 10-12, 1975, SBC meeting in Miami, Fla.

Jimmy R. Allen, the pastor of First Baptist Church in San Antonio, Tex., will preach the convention sermon in Miami, with Paul S. James, executive secretary of the Baptist Convention of New York as alternate.

Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee, SBC, said attendance in Miami could run as high as that of the Dallas convention, if economic conditions continue as they are. Surveys indicate that Miami is a preferred spot for Southern Baptists, Routh noted.

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