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Texas Baptists Change
Children's Home Policy

DALLAS--(BP)--The executive board for the Baptist General Convention of Texas has laid preliminary plans for including the four Texas Baptist children's homes in the state's Cooperative Program.

Traditionally, the homes have been supported only by individual gifts from churches and persons over the state. Further, each home has conducted its own fund-raising campaign and has been responsible for its own management separate and apart from the others.

The homes formerly received no support from state missionary funds, and have been for the most part reluctant to enter into the Texas Baptist cooperative program of missions.

If, however, the children's homes are eventually included in the Cooperative Program budget, they will receive their operating expense from Cooperative Program funds. They will still solicit gifts for capital needs from individuals, but not from the churches of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The four Texas children's homes --caring for 1,050 children -- supported by Baptists are Buckner Orphans' Home, Dallas, Mexican Baptist Orphans' Home, San Antonio; Texas Baptist Children's Home, Round Rock; and the South Texas Children's Home, Pettus.

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Ohrn In Rio To Plan
For World Congress

WASHINGTON, D. C.--(BP)--Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, has gone to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to discuss arrangements for the 10th Baptist World Congress there in 1960.

Ohrn will spend about 10 days conferring with Joao Soren, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Rio, and others.

The Congress will meet in mid-July, 1960. It will be the first Congress south of the equator.

Seminary Library Named
In Memory Of Founder

LOUISVILLE, Ky.--(BP)--Trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here have voted to name the school's library in honor of James Pettigru Boyce, founder and first president of the seminary.

The \$1½ million building is planned for completion during the Seminary's 1959 centennial year. During this year the Southern Baptist Convention will hold its annual meeting in Louisville.

It was Boyce's 1856 inaugural address at Furman University that launched the idea which developed into Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and three other founders constituted the first faculty, and his personal 5,000-volume library formed the foundation of the Seminary's present 135,000-volume collection.

The board of trustees also has examined the results of a 5-month study of the Seminary's administration and operation, and has approved them "in principle." The study was conducted by the Chicago management consultant firm of Booz, Allen & Hamilton, which conducted earlier studies of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and the Woman's Missionary Union. Booz, Allen & Hamilton are now surveying the Southern Baptist Convention as a whole.

The trustees have taken specific action to implement some of the suggestions based on the study regarding the organization of the board of trustees and the internal administration of the Seminary. They instructed the president and executive committee to act on other recommendations in line with their approval.

Wade H. Bryant, pastor, First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va., was elected chairman of the 55-member board, succeeding H. I. Hester, vice-president of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

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Georgia Student Centers
Slated for Improvement

ATLANTA--(BP)--The Georgia Baptist Convention executive committee has created a fund to improve student centers at colleges in the state.

The first improvement will be undertaken at the Baptist Student Center in Athens, home of the University of Georgia.

State mission gifts in excess of the first \$90,000 received this year will go into the improvement fund.

The executive committee also voted to permit State Executive Secretary Searcy Garrison to visit Formosa in May on a preaching mission sponsored by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

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Gov't. Medical Loans
Endorsed By Arizona

PHOENIX, Ariz.--(BP)--The executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona has endorsed proposed legislation making government loans available for denominational hospital and medical facilities.

The proposed legislation in Congress would amend the present Hill-Burton Act which permits government grants to public and denominational hospitals, but does not provide for loans.

A similar position was taken recently by the Southwide Baptist Hospital Administrators, who met in Chicago. Prior to that the Southern Baptist Executive Committee and several other Baptist groups had asked for changes in the Hill-Burton Act.

While one or two Baptist hospitals have accepted Hill-Burton grants, others have declined them.

Baptist groups seeking changes in the law feel that government grants to denominational hospitals violate the principle of separation of church and state. They do not consider loans in the same light.

A recent editorial appearing in the Religious Herald, weekly newspaper of Southern Baptists in Virginia, questioned whether Baptists ought even to accept government loans for denominational hospitals.

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Medical School Plans
To Erect New Building

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.--(BB)--Dr. C. C. Carpenter, dean of Bowman-Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College here has announced plans for construction of a new building for the school.

At an approximate cost of \$2 million, the building will probably be under construction in early spring. The building will expand present research and teaching facilities.

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Growth of New Campus
Approved By Seminary

BERKELEY, Calif.--(BP)--The board of trustees of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary meeting here approved the progress of the Seminary's new campus at Strawberry Point in Marin County, Calif., north of San Francisco. With grading completed, and landscaping near completion, installation of utilities will begin soon.

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Relief & Annuity Board
Holds Annual Meeting

DALLAS, Tex.--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Relief and Annuity Board held its 39th annual meeting here Mar. 19-20. Every state of the Southern Baptist Convention was represented at the meeting, with approximately 50 board members and special guests present.

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Graham To Address
American Baptists

NEW YORK--(BP)--The American Baptist Convention, meeting in Philadelphia May 29-June 4, will have for its theme "Looking Unto Jesus."

Evangelist Billy Graham will conduct an evangelistic rally on June 3 as a feature of the Convention program. Graham will come to Philadelphia from his crusade in New York City.

Other speakers include Theodore F. Adams, pastor, First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., and president of the Baptist World Alliance; Elton D. Trueblood, Richmond, Ind., former religious information chief of the U. S. Information Agency, and Martin Luther King, pastor of Dexter Ave. Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala.

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Wake Forest Building
To Be Dedicated Soon

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.--(BP)--The new Wake Forest College law school building here will be dedicated Apr. 26. Principal speakers for the ceremonies will be Dean Albert J. Harno, University of Illinois, college of law, and Luther Hodges, governor of North Carolina

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Baptist Hospital Aids
Victims Of School Fire

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.--(BP)--Baptist Hospital here served as a disaster center recently when fire destroyed Flat Rock School in nearby Mt. Airy, N. C.

The fire took the lives of two persons and injured about 25 others. Many of the injured were brought to Baptist Hospital for treatment.

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Lottie Moon Offering
Exceeds Former Years

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Lottie Moon Christmas Offering receipts have already exceeded any previous year and some funds are yet to be reported, Porter Routh, treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention, announced here.

The total through Mar. 19 was \$4,528,454. Last year's final amount, not reported until Apr. 30, was \$4,508,063, according to Routh.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds, given in memory of a pioneer Southern Baptist missionary to China, help support the 1,100 foreign missionaries sponsored by Southern Baptists in more than 35 countries.

The offerings are received in December and January through the 30,800 churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention. They reach the Southern Baptist Convention treasurer's office in Nashville from then through April.

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.....Chaplain (Lt.-Col.) Henry L. Gillenwaters, assistant Army chaplain, Fort George G. Meade, Md., has accepted a call to First Baptist Church, Eastport, Md. He has left the chaplaincy.

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.....Harry Morgan has resigned pastorate of First Baptist Church, Crane, Mo., to serve as a chaplain in the Army, stationed at Fort Riley, Kans. Bill Bates, Oklahoma City, has been called to the pastorate at Crane.

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.....George F. Serson, Red Oak, Va., has accepted pastorate of First Baptist Church, Boca Grande, Fla.

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.....Forty Baptist churches in the District of Columbia Baptist Convention and 24 Baptist churches in the Mount Vernon Baptist Association, Virginia, will participate in a simultaneous evangelistic crusade Mar. 31-Apr. 14.

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.....Warren C. Hultgren, pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, Lake Charles, La., for the past two years, will move to the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., Apr. 1.

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.....Dale Moody, professor of Christian theology at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., delivered the Layne Foundation Lectures at New Orleans Seminary Mar. 27-29. Moody also has been selected to receive a \$4,000 grant for study at University of Heidelberg, Germany, next year.

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.....Bob Mowrey, pastor of First Baptist Church, Summerville, Ga., has resigned to become pastor of First Baptist Church, Fort Payne, Ala.

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.....Herman L. Mitchusson, Pauls Valley, Okla., will become Wayland Baptist College business manager June 1. Mitchusson is currently principal of Pauls Valley High School.

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