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April 25, 1957Convention To Honor
Largest Family There

CHICAGO--(BP)--The largest family attending the 1957 Southern Baptist Convention session here will be honor guests and will receive an award during the Christian home service Thursday evening, May 30.

To qualify for recognition the complete family must be present, according to Joe W. Burton, secretary of home education department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. Burton, also editor of Home Life Magazine, is in charge of the service.

If there are more than one family of the same size present, recognition will go to the family which travelled the greatest distance to attend the Convention.

Recognition and awards will also go to the oldest-married couple and the most recently-married couple. In past years, this recognition has gone to couples wed over 60 years and to those wed as short a time as less than four days.

A girls' sextet from First Baptist Church, Plainview, Tex., will be featured singers.

Another highlight of the program, according to Burton, will be interviews with two professors. Ernest W. Burgess of the University of Chicago will discuss research findings on the home's influence. He has pioneered in developing standard procedures for predicting success or failure in marriage.

Findley B. Edge, associate professor of religious education at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, will discuss the need to train parents. Edge is developing courses aimed at preparing church workers for a home ministry.

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Southeastern RE Group
Sets Ridgecrest Dates

GREENSBORO, N. C.--(BP)--The annual meeting of the Southeastern Religious Education Association will be held at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly July 24-25, according to an announcement from the association's president.

S. C. Ray, minister of education at First Baptist Church here, reported that proceedings of last summer's Ridgecrest session have been mailed to members recently. Others wishing copies, which include major addresses and discussions of trends in religious education, may secure them for \$1 by writing the president.

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Virginia Committee For
New Oak Hill Pattern

RICHMOND, Va.--(BP)--Oak Hill Baptist Academy and the Grayson County public school system in Virginia have had a working arrangement to accommodate students at Mouth of Wilson, Va., where the academy is located.

A committee of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, which operates the academy, has recommended certain phases of the arrangement be terminated after the current school year.

The changes were recommended to avoid any question involving the relationship of church and state in transporting students, and in providing them with classroom space and lunches.

The committee reported here that the county public school operated on the Oak Hill campus--using classrooms rented from the academy--was for grades 1 to 7 and that the academy taught students in grades 8 to 12.

A school bus owned by the Baptist academy has travelled a regular route, carrying students for both the academy and public school, the committee said. In turn, county school buses have carried students attending both the academy and public school.

"Regardless of reciprocal agreements and the fact that the Oak Hill bus transports a larger number of county pupils than the number of academy pupils transported by county buses, Virginia Baptists are in the unenviable and untenable position of participating in an arrangement which results in the transportation of 24 pupils to our Baptist parochial school by public school buses," the committee continued.

The committee recommended that after the current school year the academy discontinue its daily bus runs, and use its bus only for taking boarding students to off-campus activities.

It also recommended that the academy enroll Grayson County day students in grades 8-12 provided they are not transported on public school buses.

The committee also recommended:

1. That the academy no longer accept federally-provided surplus food for lunches for Grayson County public school students attending the academy. It recommended that some other means be worked out to provide lunches.

2. That the academy no longer rent space in its buildings for public school elementary grade classes, effective before the start of the new school term in September.