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DENOMINATION ORIENTATION
PLAN ADOPTED FOR STUDENTS

DALLAS, Tex.--(BP)--For the past five years Texas Baptists have been conducting an annual denominational orientation course for ministers enrolled in their colleges. It covers two evenings on each of the Texas Baptist college campuses. The college itself is responsible for promoting and checking attendance. Written assignments are made.

The courses are conducted by denominational representatives, most of them from the state offices. The first evening is devoted to a study of the Sunday school, Training Union, Brotherhood, and Woman's Missionary Union, all from a denominational point of view. The second evening is devoted to a study of evangelism, student work, radio and public relations, state Baptist papers, direct missions, endowment, and church loans, also from the denominational point of view.

According to Prentiss W. Chunn, Jr., one of the state student secretaries for Texas Baptists, the plan has been widely beneficial. He said, "An associational missionary who has many student pastors in his area reports that it has been easier to promote all phases of denominational work since the students have taken the orientation courses, because they are already familiar with the work he promotes before he presents it to them. A graduating senior who had the course during his entire college career said that it was the most immediately practical work he studied in college. A college president who has attended all four years of orientation says that he has found the material to be interesting and helpful to his students the entire time. A pastor with many years of experience expresses regret that he did not have the opportunity to study the denomination during his college days but had to learn the work as he presented it to his people. The aim is to make the courses progressively more practical in the future."

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MISS. BAPTISTS TO START
MILLION DOLLAR HOSPITAL DRIVE

JACKSON, Miss.--(BP)--Mississippi Baptists will launch a campaign immediately to raise \$1,000,000 for Mississippi Baptist Hospital. Action was taken in a special called session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention board recently. The money is to go toward completion of a new addition, new facilities for Negro patients, building and equipping a laundry, and for other needed repairs.

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BWA YOUTH SECRETARY
URGES PERSONAL WITNESSING

RIDGECREST, N.C.--(BP)--"A new urgency in the personal witnessing is sensed in many places," Joel Sorenson, youth secretary, Baptist World Alliance, told the 800 Baptist girls attending the YWA Retreat at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly. He pointed out that "Should the Southern Baptists have proportionately as many missionaries as the Swedish Baptists, they should have about 11,000. Now they have about 1,000."

"God has called upon man to help proclaim to every people the gospel of truth," Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., said in speaking to the girls. "It is amazing around the world how people have strange conceptions of God," he continued. "In many places much is said about the name of God, but little about the truth of God." Twenty-eight girls stepped out to answer Cauthen's plea for mission volunteers in the dedication service. Thirty-four more made decisions for full-time Christian service. The girls gave \$1,207 in a special hospital offering for a Pusan Baptist Hospital.

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NOVA SCOTIA BAPTISTS
ORGANIZE BOYS GROUP

KENTVILLE, N.S.--(BP)--Maritime Baptists have organized a new program for boys called the "Sigma-C." An editorial in the Maritime Baptist, denominational paper for the province, says the purpose is to enlist five or more boys in each church for study of Baptist missions, membership problems in Baptist churches, and Bible lessons.

The name "Sigma-C" has a double meaning. Sigma is the greek letter "S" and is the opening letter of the word skopon (goal) used by Paul in his saying to the Phillipians "I press toward the goal." The "C" stands, of course, for Christ.

But for the organization there is more in the name, "Skopon." The editorial says "Skopon" contains the root from which the English word "Scope" came. "Scope" is the key to the "double fourfold" program. "S" stands for sports; "C" for church; "O" for others; and "P" for personal. These are the four areas of program. What of the "E"? "E" stands for evangel and it is intended that the Evangel (the Gospel of Christ) should permeate the whole of the program."

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BAPTIST FOLKS AND FACTS!

.....Southern Seminary's first summer school has enrolled 130 students. Visiting professors for the summer session are Stewart A. Newman, Southeastern Seminary and W. W. Adams, who will join Southern's faculty on July 1.

.....C. DeWitt Matthews, Macon, Ga., is in Alaska to preach in a revival at the Calvary Baptist Church, Anchorage.

.....James M. Wilder, pastor, Pageland Baptist Church, Pageland, S.C., has accepted a call to the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Newton, N.C.

.....Gene Kerr, Maryville, Tenn., has been named business manager of the executive board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

.....Evans T. Moseley, pastor, Harrodsburg Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, Ky., for the past six years, has accepted the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Ponca City, Okla.

.....An oil portrait of John W. Raley, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, presented to the university by a group of his friends, was unveiled recently.

.....A.S. Newman, Brotherhood secretary for Louisiana Baptists since 1946, has accepted the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Vienna, La.

.....Mississippi Baptist Convention will send Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary of the convention to the Baptist World Alliance in 1955.

.....A New Mexico Historical Society for New Mexico Baptists was recently organized with A.A. DuLaney, Roswell, N. Mex., serving as first president.

.....James Herrick Hall, editor of Good Tidings, Washington, D.C., served as interim music minister of First Baptist Church, New Orleans, La., for ten weeks, and commuted from Washington to New Orleans each week.

.....Adiel J. Moncrief, Jr., First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mo., will conduct a spiritual retreat for U.S. Military chaplains in the Alaskan Command for the United State Air Force this summer.

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ANOTHER BAPTIST NURSE JOINS THE TEAM

Dear Nancy,

As you can see from the picture of the nurse, doctor, and chaplain, I have "joined the team" here at the Baptist Hospital where I received my training as a professional nurse. Yes, I'M "on the team" and a mighty important part of it, too. As I go about my duties in partnership with the doctors and the hospital chaplains--other members of the team--I sometimes think back to the days when I was a high school senior as you are now. I, too, was undecided concerning my future, but I'm glad that I decided to go ahead and further my education by enrolling as a student nurse at Baptist Hospital.

Receiving my class pin at graduation exercise this week brought a flood of memories of the three happy years spent in training and I'm glad that you are thinking of becoming a nurse, also. I know you'll like it.

The three years here are a wonderful combination of study, recreation, and clinical experience--the professional way of saying "putting our knowledge into practice through bedside nursing in the hospital." The periods of giving bedside care make you feel really useful. It is great to know that you can help someone who is suffering and I get a warm feeling way down inside every time I think of it.

As a student nurse you'll proceed in orderly fashion one step to another, one specialty to another, through medical and surgical nursing, obstetrics, pediatrics, etc. Soon all the things you're now doubtful about are behind you and you are a NURSE!

Say, I haven't told you a thing about the social and religious activities in the school. We have a Baptist Student Union, an active YWA and all of the usual committees of both organizations, including social and missions committees.

We have a social at least once a month that is either sponsored by the BSU or the social committee of the school. You should have seen Mary trying to learn to skate at a party a few months ago. She really put on a show!

Religious activities play a major part in the life of a student nurse. Most of us joined a local church soon after we entered school and it quickly became "our" church. We even became teachers in a mission Sunday school. In addition to the regular church activities, we have noon devotional meetings and vesper services at scheduled times on the hospital campus. Once each year we have Religious Focus Week with convention-wide student leaders present.

You know, even though I graduated three days ago, I find myself writing you in the present tense, just as if I were still ⁱⁿ school. Actually, it's hard to realize my student days are over and I've started on my chosen career. Not only have I begun my career, but my classmates have begun theirs, too.

You'll be interested to know that Dorothy has decided to be a Public Health nurse and Betty is up for appointment as a missionary, which has been her ambition for a long time. Remember "flighty Ann" (as if anyone could forget her). She's going down tomorrow to join the Air Corps. As an officer, too! Pat got married to a doctor the day after we graduated and she is looking forward to using her nursing experience in rearing a family of her own. Several of the other girls in our class are going back to their home towns to nurse as soon as they take their state board exams.

Whew! What a long letter, but you asked for it. I guess you can tell that I'm really sold on nursing as a career and if I had to choose again, I'd select the same--nursing. It is truly a profession in which you receive more than you give.

I'll look forward to seeing you in the new class in September. Be sure to get your application in right away. (Mat enclosed)

Arleen

NOTE TO EDITORS : Mat "A" is the mat that goes with release entitled "Frank Tripp to Lead Hospital Assoc. Program," which appeared in BAPTIST PRESS Dated June 17.

Mat "B" is for the above story entitled "Another Baptist Nurse Joins the Team."

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