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Theological Educators Map Plans For Meetings

BOSTON--(BP)--Baptist theological educators made plans here for a series of meetings to discuss their common interest in seminary education.

Under chairmanship of Duke K. McCall, Louisville, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 22 seminarians representing 15 Baptist institutions met here recently.

They decided to have a meeting of Baptist theological educators in connection with the biennial meeting of the American Association of Theological Schools, and in alternate years to have a longer meeting for study and discussion as well as fellowship.

The recent meeting here was the outgrowth of the fellowship meeting for theological educators held during the Baptist World Congress in London in 1955. McCall was asked to convene those interested in theological education in North and South America.

Another matter discussed at the Boston session was the plan to hold a theological fellowship meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1960 when the Baptist World Congress meets in that city.

The seminarians also adopted a plan to exchange information about various aspects of theological education.

Wilbur Saunders, president of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School and chairman of the Baptist World Alliance Organization of Theological Professors, reported to the group in Boston on progress of the British and European theological group. He suggested various matters of concern for the group of American educators.

Those attending the Boston meeting were: Walter Harrelson, University of Chicago Divinity School; Virgil A. Olson, Bethel Theological Seminary; George A. Lang, North American Baptist Seminary; Gilbert L. Guffin, Eastern Baptist Seminary; Millard J. Berquist, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; S. L. Stealey, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; J. Wash Watts, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; Ralph E. Knudson, Berkeley Baptist Divinity School; Harold K. Graves, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary; Maurice P. Johnson, Berkeley Baptist Divinity School; Allen W. Graves, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Ralph M. Johnson, Berkeley Baptist Divinity School; Paul T. Losh, Central Baptist Theological Seminary; Carl H. Lundquist, Bethel Theological Seminary; James D. Mosteller, North Baptist Theological Seminary; Jesse Northcutt, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Franklin M. Segler, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Duke K. McCall, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Wilbur E. Saunders, Colgate-Rochester Divinity School; E. Luther Copeland, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Oren H. Baker, Colgate-Rochester Divinity School.

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Buzbee New Pastor Of Fellowship Group

ROCHESTER, Minn.--(BP)--A Southern Baptist fellowship group in one of the world's best known medical centers, Rochester, Minn., will have a new pastor July 1.

He is Glenwood Buzbee, pastor of Lindsay, Okla., First Baptist Church, who will also serve as a Southern Baptist chaplain for several hospitals in the city, including the famed \$17 million Mayo Clinic.

The Southern Baptist fellowship group---13 were present---held an initial meeting May 29 in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Shervert Frazier. Dr. Frazier, a member of the Mayo Clinic staff, lived in Fort Worth at one time and his father

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is a former pastor of Connell Baptist Church.

Dr. W. M. Phillips, a resident surgeon at Mayo Clinic and a Southern Baptist from Tennessee, was organist for the meeting.

The Rochester fellowship group is being sponsored by the Southern Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Warren Littleford, pastor.

Frank Burris, area missionary for Wisconsin and Minnesota, said the next step is for the fellowship to become a mission and then a church.

The group will become the 10th Southern Baptist place of worship in the two-state area. Eight churches have been organized in the association sponsored by the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Buzbee has been pastor of the Lindsay church for 13 years.

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Two Southern Baptists Speak At Conferences

WASHINGTON--(BP)--Two Southern Baptists will be among speakers at Spiritual Life Conferences for Protestant personnel in the United States Air Force.

The Spiritual Life Conferences will be held at Estes Park, Colo., July 10-14 and at Ridgecrest, N. C., Aug. 29-Sept. 2.

Theme for the 1958 conference series is "If Christ Had His Way."

Carlyle Marney, pastor of Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., will preach each night on the conference theme at the Estes Park session. At Ridgecrest, Allen W. Graves, director of school of religious education, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, will moderate a panel discussion on the topic "Christian Marriage and Family Relations."

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New Texas Director Of Jewish Evangelism

DALLAS--(BP)--A. Jase Jones, director of Jewish evangelism for Dallas and Tarrant (Fort Worth) Baptist Associations since January, 1957, has been named director of Jewish evangelism for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

A. B. Rutledge, Dallas, director of stewardship and direct missions for Texas convention, said Jones will continue to direct the work for the two associations and will help coordinate Jewish evangelism throughout the state.

He will counsel other associational and church groups in Texas from his Dallas office, and will also conduct conferences.

Jones will also serve as Texas contact man with the Southern Baptist Convention Jewish evangelism program, inaugurated several years ago.

A graduate of the University of Texas and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Jones served as a Texas Baptist pastor for 16 years before accepting his present position. He was an Army chaplain during World War II.

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Baptist, Of Course! Is There Any Other?

ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Ga.--(BP)--Betty Lou Roebuck, a member of First Baptist Church here, is a Baptist through and through. It could be said, in fact, that she is a "certified" Baptist.

Preparing to leave for the fifth Baptist Youth Congress in Toronto, Betty went to the local bank for travelers' checks.

The teller, efficiently enough, asked "What denomination?"

"Baptist, of course!" replied Betty.

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Chemist To Realize Ambition In Indonesia

MACON, Ga.--(BP)--A chemist who has long wanted to be a Christian missionary is finally beginning to realize his ambitions.

The family of B. S. Meeks Jr., associate professor of chemistry at Mercer University here, is preparing for a two-year stay in Indonesia.

While serving in Indonesia as a research chemist for an American rubber company in 1951 and 1952, Meeks was impressed by the spiritual and intellectual needs of the Indonesians.

He applied to serve as a missionary in Indonesia, but there were no openings for a chemist in the Baptist mission program in Indonesia.

Meeks said that he had begun to consider an appointment to another mission field when the opening came as professor of chemistry at the University of Indonesia. In this capacity, he will not be employed as a missionary, but he can serve as a Christian educator.

He hopes to become active in the Baptist church in Bandung, the Indonesian town where his family will live. As a member of that church, he thinks he will be able to do Christian work among the Indonesians at the same time he is teaching at the University.

While in Macon, Meeks has been an active member of Tattnall Square Baptist Church. He is a deacon, teaches in the young people's department in Sunday school, and sponsors a Baptist Training Union.

Saundra and Barry, the children of Dr. and Mrs. Meeks, are very excited about the trip. But they can't help wishing that they did not have to take all of the shots required for such a trip.

Saundra may have to be taught at home as the number that can be admitted into the American school at Bandung is limited. But the Meekses are hoping that she can be enroled.

Meeks graduated magna cum laude from the University of South Carolina in 1944. He received a Ph.D. in organic chemistry and inorganic physical chemistry.

He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa honorary fraternity. He has been a member of the American Chemical Society since 1942. After graduation from the University of South Carolina, he served as graduate assistant in the organic chemical laboratory at Cornell University from 1947 to 1950.

In 1951, Meeks was employed by the United States Rubber Co. as research chemist and was serving in that capacity until he came to Mercer in September, 1956.

American Headquarters Moved To Valley Forge

CINCINNATI--(BP)--American Baptists closed their 6-day-long Convention here after voting to move headquarters from New York City to Valley Forge, Pa., and adopting a series of resolutions calling for Christian leadership in social issues.

The vote on headquarters consummated debate that began some years ago when Baptists in the Central states and the West began to ask for removal of headquarters from its eastern location.

A Commission on Headquarters studied the problem during the past year and offered delegates at the Cincinnati meeting a proposal to locate in the Interchurch Center, a building being erected in New York City with the help of funds from the Rockefeller family and from other sources.

The proposal to locate in New York was rejected by a negative vote of 65 per cent of the delegates. Suburban Chicago was then proposed as a possible site, and it won a bare majority, but the Convention had previously voted to require a favorable vote of 55 per cent before accepting any headquarters location.

Valley Forge, where the American Baptist Publication Society owns 27 acres of land in a new development area adjoining the Pennsylvania Turnpike, was then offered as a site, but it too fell short of the 55 per cent required, although it received a few more than one-half the votes.

A site on the Midway, on the campus of the University of Chicago, was next proposed, and it won a slender majority, but less than 55 per cent. The stalemate was broken when John A. Lavender, Chicago minister and an advocate of a Chicago headquarters, threw his support behind reconsideration of a move to Valley Forge. With this support, 69 per cent of the delegates voted to locate headquarters in Valley Forge.

The Valley Forge site offers an opportunity to bring all American Baptists together in one location, and is thus a symbol of unity. The delegates believed also that it would reduce costs of operation to move offices to this western suburb of Philadelphia.

The move to Valley Forge cannot be made until buildings have been erected on the land that is now an open field. It is expected that certain operations will remain in a New York office. These might include some of the communications work and certain financial and investment operations.

Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge, of Portland, Oregon, was elected president of the Convention. She is the fourth woman to be chosen for that office. Mrs. Hodge is president of the North American Baptist Women's Federation, an organization related to the Baptist World Alliance.

In 1959, the Convention will meet in Des Moines, Ia., June 4-9.

The Baptist Jubilee Advance was the center of attention on the closing night of the Convention when leaders of five of the seven Baptist bodies in that concerted five-year program were presented. Reuben E. Nelson, New York, general secretary of the American Baptist Convention, said that "we must think of the Baptist Jubilee Advance in terms of the cross and its redemptive purpose. . . . We will work with men and women of every denomination to win people to Christ."

Thomas B. McDormand, general secretary of the Baptist Federation of Canada, charged that Christians "have too little vision and too little spiritual unrest. . . . Through the Baptist Jubilee Advance we seek to fashion our churches into more creative fellowship of those who labor and those who pray."

Frank Wyoke, general secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference, said that the Baptist Jubilee Advance "will be a great demonstration of Baptists working together. . . . We must value our basic fundamentals without stressing our own traditions; we must work together in love."

Joseph H. Jackson, president of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., named "three basic fundamentals" upon which the Baptists in the Advance agree: (1) the doctrine of freedom, (2) the doctrine of the predicament of mankind, and (3) the solution of all our problems with a common salvation in Christ. "The world needs a demonstration of the power and depth of human freedom," he added.

In closing sessions of the Convention, resolutions were adopted against nuclear bomb testing, permanent universal military training, and capital punishment.

Citing the "sacredness of every human life" as a cardinal Christian principle, the resolution on the bomb tests urged the U. S. Government to "seize moral leadership by agreeing to suspend nuclear bomb testing" and by calling upon the Soviet Union to join in seeking sound controls through the United Nations.

Another resolution called upon American Baptists to develop a peace program of a character similar to that proposed by the Southern Baptist Convention at Houston, Tex.

Gardner C. Taylor, pastor of Concord Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., in the closing address of the Convention, stressed the "ripeness of time" for an evangelistic movement on the part of American Baptists.

COMMISSION OFFICERS---Officers of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, elected at the Commission's annual session in Nashville, are from left: Ralph A. Phelps Jr., Arkadelphia, Ark., president of Ouachita Baptist College, chairman; George Thornton, Kosciusko, Miss., attorney, recording secretary, and J. A. Barry, Hartsville, S. C., president of Coker College, vice-chairman. Phelps and Barry are new officers; Thornton was re-elected.-- Baptist Press Photo.