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Second Conference For Laymen Planned

MEMPHIS--(BP)--The Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention has set the dates Sept. 13-15, 1961, for its Second National Conference of Southern Baptist Men. The conference will meet here.

James Sapp, director of promotion for the Commission here, said attendance goal is 10,000. 6200 men attended the first conference in Oklahoma City in September, 1957.

Memphis, he said, was chosen because of its housing and auditorium facilities for conventioners. Also the Brotherhood Commission expects to complete and occupy its new office building on Poplar Ave. here in 1960.

Committees will be set up during the coming year to begin advance preparation for the conference. A theme will be selected later, according to Sapp.

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Brotherhood Elects Sherrick Chairman

MEMPHIS--(BP)--R. L. Sherrick, Memphis insurance executive, and chairman for two years of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, has been elected chairman of the full commission.

He succeeds Bruce Carter, president of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, Miami, Okla.

Other new officers are Plaford Davis, Effingham, Ill., business executive, vice-chairman, and Hilliard Felton, Russellville, Ala., businessman, recording secretary.

The Brotherhood Commission re-elected its chief administrative officer, Executive Secretary-Treasurer George Schroeder of Memphis.

The Commission maintains its office in Memphis and sponsors Brotherhood work for men and Royal Ambassador work for boys in churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Brotherhood Commission Seeks To Become Board

MEMPHIS--(BP)--The Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention believes the "time has come" for it to receive status as a board of the Convention.

The Commission, in its annual session here, appointed a committee to draft a resolution which will be presented to the Southern Baptist Convention's Committee to Study Total Convention Program.

This resolution will be presented in time for consideration by the Study Committee prior to its report to the 1959 Convention in Louisville in May.

The Study Committee presently has under consideration a report which charts the future pattern for agencies with commission status in the Convention, and probably would have something to say on this to the 1959 Convention.

"The Brotherhood Commission, because of the very nature of the work delegated to it by the Convention, is responsible in the production and distribution of

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materials for organizations within the churches, a function usually delegated to agencies having board status in the Convention," Executive Secretary George Schroeder of Memphis said.

Other reasons why the commission feels it has earned the right to become a board were given by commission members as:

1. The "noticeable difference" in the work of the Brotherhood Commission and the type of work carried on by other agencies with commission status. Commission members said the Brotherhood Commission deals with work for men and boys in churches and that programs related directly to church activities are usually delegated to boards.

2. The "phenomenal growth" of Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador work during the past several years.

3. The transfer of Royal Ambassador boys from the Woman's Missionary Union to the Brotherhood Commission, approved by the 1954 session of the Convention and completed recently.

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Campcraft Program Launched For RAs

MEMPHIS--(BP)--A campcraft program for boys in Royal Ambassador chapters is being launched by the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention here, which promotes RA work.

Director of Promotion James Sapp of Memphis said that 80 "key leaders" in Brotherhood and RA work in the denomination would assemble next Apr. 19-26 at Camp Kittiwake, Miss., for the start of the program.

The program at Kittiwake, Mississippi Baptist Convention assembly grounds on the Gulf of Mexico, is designed "to qualify the 80 attendants as instructors in campcraft," Sapp added.

Gunnar Peterson, professor of camping and outdoor education at George Williams College, Chicago, will direct the Kittiwake meeting. Frank Black of Memphis, assistant secretary of RA work for the commission, will be Peterson's assistant.

The 80 leaders will, in turn, conduct campcraft education sessions in states and regional areas for RA chapter leaders from Southern Baptist churches, Sapp said.

"The course at Kittiwake is essentially the same basic campcraft course used by American Camping Association and ACA credit will be given," he continued.

Campcraft is part of a new, revised program for Royal Ambassadors recently approved by the Brotherhood Commission.

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Development Of Life Target Of RA Program

MEMPHIS--(BP)--A new, revised program for Royal Ambassadors has received final approval by the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention here.

"The program is designed to develop the RA boy in three areas of life," according to Brotherhood Commission leaders. It will be promoted through curriculum materials and program activities produced at the Brotherhood Commission office in Memphis.

The three areas of life are: (1) Stewardship development of the boy himself, as well as through the home, church, and community; (2) Participation in co-operative world missions in the denomination, state, nation, and world, and (3) Proficiency in skills and crafts through learning experiences in vocational arts and crafts, through sports and games, and through health and safety education.

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