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Baptists Of America Join In Evangelism

DALLAS--(BP)--"A large portion of 51 million non-Christian American citizens will hear about the Saviour in 1959, if Southern Baptists do their part in the Baptist simultaneous crusade," said Leonard Sanderson, Dallas, department of evangelism director for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

"Surveys taken by several state conventions indicate that approximately 90 per cent (or 27,000) of the Southern Baptist churches will participate in the year of revivals.

"The North American crusade," Sanderson said, "has now become an international year of evangelism. Baptist churches in South America will conduct prayer services during the North American periods of revival in March and April. These same churches will schedule simultaneous crusades during their spring of the year in October and November.

"The spirit of revival has attracted the attention of Southern Baptist missions stations. Baker James Cauthen, Richmond, Foreign Mission Board executive secretary, has said that special prayers for the North American crusade will be held in 36 nations where missionaries are stationed."

In summarizing Southern Baptist participation in the crusade, the SBC evangelism director said that the next important date is Dec. 31, 1958, date of the New Year's Eve prayer service.

On Jan. 4, the Sunday following the prayer observance, an estimated three million Southern Baptists will personally sign soul-winning commitment cards.

The Southern Baptist Convention is one of six North American Baptist groups participating in the 1959 crusade. The 51 million figure is the number of people past 12 years of age who are not members of churches.

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Wayland To Restore A Campus Landmark

PLAINVIEW, Tex.--(BP)--When Wayland Baptist College here completes the restoration and renovation of its administration building, not only will a landmark of the Texas Panhandle have been preserved, but the college will have a million dollar building for one-sixth the cost, according to Tom Z. Parrish, college director of development.

The campaign to raise \$150,000 to finance restoration of the 50-year-old building has been launched.

After extensive investigation by Wayland College's architect, Herbert Brasher of Lubbock, and representatives of firms specializing in restoration of old buildings, the trustee committee on development was advised that the administration building is structurally sound. They reported a building with comparable floor space would cost over \$1 million to build today.

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Oklahoma Institutes State Press Award

OKLAHOMA CITY--(BP)--Oklahoma Baptists' first state press award was presented here to Miss Mary Jo Nelson, religion editor for the Oklahoma City Times. The occasion was the 53rd annual meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

Presentations of the award, an engraved wrist watch, and a plaque commending

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Miss Nelson for "outstanding reporting of church news" were made by T. B. Lackey, state executive secretary, on behalf of the Convention.

A Baptist public relations subcommittee selected Miss Nelson to receive the award, which will be presented to some state newspaper editor or reporter annually, from persons nominated by pastors and church public relations chairmen from over the state.

Use of imagination and initiative in reporting and writing religious news were among points considered in selecting the press award winner, R. T. (Dick) McCartney, public relations director for the state Baptist convention, said.

Miss Nelson has been with local newspaper staffs since 1951. She is a member of St. Luke's Methodist Church here.

She covered the 1958 session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston for her paper.

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Morgan Re-Elected

TOPEKA, Kans.--(BP)--Rang Morgan has been re-elected president of the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists. Morgan is pastor of Sharon Baptist Church, Wichita.

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Wake Forest Sets Up Poteat Scholarships

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.--(BP)--The William Louis Poteat Scholarships have been established by the Wake Forest College faculty here for graduates of the five Baptist junior colleges in the state.

Scholarships ranging in value up to \$500 per school year will be awarded annually on a competitive basis beginning with the 1959-60 school year.

An applicant must be enrolled in one of the Baptist junior colleges in North Carolina, and must have a high grade average. The five scholarships are available to both men and women and are renewable for the senior year. They will be awarded on the basis of ability and need.

Dr. William Louis Poteat, for whom the scholarships are named, was president of Wake Forest from 1905 to 1927. He taught at Wake Forest for 61 years. He was the father of Hubert McNeill Poteat, Latin professor at the college for 44 years.

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Ohio Baptists Praise Church-State Editorial

DAYTON, O.--(BP)--Messengers attending the 1958 session of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio here passed a resolution praising a Baptist editor for his editorial comments on possible religious aspects involved in the 1960 race for the Presidency.

The resolution commended Editor R. G. Puckett of the Ohio Baptist Messenger, organ of the convention.

Puckett, in an editorial in the Nov. 1 edition, called attention to problems which might arise if a Roman Catholic political figure were nominated for President by one of the parties and elected to office.

Points which concerned Puckett were:

An indifference on the part of public officials, and possibly the people themselves, on religious aspects which might affect a candidate's position in the race.

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The possible increased giving of federal funds to church-related projects.

Whether the nominee, if he were a Roman Catholic, would openly state if he placed the demands of the Roman Catholic Church "above those of his office" as President of the United States.

"I do not expect Mr. Kennedy (Sen. Kennedy of Massachusetts), if he were elected President of the United States, to try to convert our masses to Roman Catholicism. That is not the issue," Puckett wrote.

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Convention Reaches Goal Of \$13 Million

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Convention has met its 1958 Cooperative Program operating and capital needs budget goal of slightly more than \$13 million, Treasurer Porter Routh reports.

This means that the regular budget allocations to agencies of the Convention have been paid out and that the Convention has now entered the Advance phase of its budget.

Cooperative Program funds received the last six or seven weeks in the calendar year will be divided between the Foreign and Home Mission Boards alone.

As customary, the Foreign Mission Board will receive 75 per cent and the Home Mission Board 25 per cent of receipts.

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Heeren To Direct Convention Music

LOUISVILLE--(BP)--Convention President Brooks Hays has appointed Forrest H. Heeren, dean of the school of music at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, to be director of music at the 1959 session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Convention will meet in the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center here.

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NOTE TO STATE PAPER EDITORS: We have available on request as a Christmas-interest picture one saved from our editors' meeting last February in Albuquerque. It shows the breaking of the pinata, a popular feature at Mexican Christmas parties in the Southwest. The pinata is an earthenware jug-like or jar-like container which is suspended from the ceiling. It is broken at Christmas parties. Hollow inside, the pinata contains nuts, candy, cookies, and other good things to eat. These fall to the floor after the pinata is broken and children make a wild scramble for the goodies.--Baptist Press.