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Churchwomen Surveyed Don't Smoke Nor Drink

JEFFERSON CITY, Tenn.--(BP)--Two professors at Baptist-related Carson-Newman College here recently completed a survey of leading Baptist churchwomen in East Tennessee, the results of which showed that:

The great majority of the women do not smoke nor drink intoxicants.

They are very strongly against dancing, but four times as many approve of dances sponsored by a Baptist college than dances sponsored by churches.

Only about one in five favors integration of the public schools.

More than a third of them miss midweek prayer services and Training Union.

Not quite half of them read their state Baptist newspaper regularly. The state newspaper is read as thoroughly, however, as the Southern Baptist Convention's home magazine, Home Life.

Only two-thirds of them made a special visit on behalf of their churches during the month prior to the survey.

They are, with the exception of one in five, tithers. Less than one in 10 failed to take a study course in the last two years.

While overwhelmingly (93 per cent) against Southern Baptists' joining the ecumenical movement, 41 per cent approve of Baptist churches accepting into fellowship someone from another denomination if he has been baptized by immersion.

And almost half of them say it's all right for Baptists to take part in an observance of the Lord's Supper in some other church than Baptist.

Four out of five believe Baptist students should attend Baptist colleges "when circumstances permit" but only 13 per cent say they should attend Baptist schools "under all circumstances."

Over half of them don't belong to a civic or community club where they live. The survey of Tennessee Baptist women was carried on by Carson-Newman students under direction of Herbert J. Miles, professor of sociology, and Ray F. Koonce, associate professor of psychology.

Students sent questionnaires to 1152 churchwomen whose names had been provided by pastors in East Tennessee. The women held an average of three general church offices or offices of key church organizations. Questionnaires did not have to be signed and 613 women filled them out. The other 47 per cent wasn't heard from.

The survey was planned so that women in churches of all sizes in all areas would be contacted. Questionnaires were sent to churchwomen in open country, town, village, and city churches. In the case of city churches, the surveyers were careful to include both large and small churches and large and small cities.

The two professors commented at length on the fact that 96 per cent of the women replying feel a Christian must never drink alcoholic beverages and 93 per cent say a Christian shouldn't use tobacco.

They also noted that churchwomen represented by the survey need to think more seriously about taking part in civic affairs in their communities.

Most of the women were between 30 and 49 years of age and 84 per cent of them grew up in communities of less than 2500 population, or in open country areas. Their education averaged out at 11.9 years of public school, or equivalent to completing high school.

Brotherhood, RA State Leaders Hold Session

PARIS LANDING, Tenn.---(BP)---State Brotherhood secretaries and Royal Ambassador leaders will meet for their annual leadership planning meeting here Dec. 15-17.

The meeting, which will be attended by approximately 40 state workers and the staff of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission in Memphis, is being held this year at Paris Landing Inn at Paris Landing State Park.

The three-day session is conducted each year to plan details for Brotherhood growth and activity across the Convention during the coming year. Long-range planning also will be pursued across a five-year period.

A progress report on the Royal Ambassador program, now being revised, will also be made. Goals and objectives for 1959 and 1960 will be set up with particular emphasis given to the 1960 Jubilee theme, "Teaching and Training." A preview of the camp craft course to be held for state leaders at Camp Kittiwake, Miss., next April will be presented.

Purpose of this course is to instruct state leaders in order that they in turn might train personnel in their states for camp craft leadership.

Norman Godfrey, Tarrant County Baptist Association Royal Ambassador leader of Fort Worth, will serve as a resource person in a discussion on "Some Practical Experiences of an Associational Royal Ambassador Leader."

Final plans for launching the Brotherhood Commission's newest publication, *Ambassador Leader*, will be completed.

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Advance Subscriptions To RA Leader Received

MEMPHIS--(BP)--Advance subscriptions to *Ambassador Leader*, newest publication of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, reached 1138 on Dec. 1, 60 days prior to publication of the first issue.

The magazine, a quarterly periodical designed for Royal Ambassador leaders, was created in response to popular demand by men who lead this boys' organization sponsored by Brotherhoods in Southern Baptist churches.

Transfer of RA sponsorship from Woman's Missionary Union, Convention auxiliary, to the Brotherhood caused the need for the new magazine, Brotherhood Commission Executive Secretary George W. Schroeder announced.

The first issue, to be released Feb. 1, is the Spring number. It will contain leader helps for April, May, and June. Advance subscriptions are coming in at the rate of almost 150 a week, Schroeder said.

There are 17,322 RA chapters in 10,354 churches. The commission's goal is to have leaders of all chapters subscribing to the magazine.

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Executive Committee Employs 2 Assistants

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Albert McClellan and John H. Williams, both of Nashville, have been elected to fill two new administrative positions on the staff of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee here.

They were elected by the administrative committee of the Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the Executive Committee.

McClellan, the Executive Committee's present director of publications, will become its program planning secretary on Jan. 1. On the same date, Williams will

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become its financial planning secretary.

The positions to which they were elected resulted from action taken by the Southern Baptist Convention in its session at Houston in May. The positions were created when the Convention adopted a report from the Committee to Study Total Convention Program.

Williams is manager of the contracts and insurance department for the Baptist Sunday School Board. He has been in the board's employ for 24 years.

McClellan, in his new capacity, will be program planning assistant and principal professional assistant to Executive Secretary Porter Routh. He will review and appraise proposals of the Convention's agencies to determine their relation to the total Convention program and to the total denominational program, which includes local and state Baptist work.

McClellan will study the soundness of these programs in use of planning techniques and will also serve as acting executive secretary-treasurer when called upon.

McClellan's election will leave the post of director of publications open. The administrative committee is seeking a successor to McClellan there.

Williams will serve as principal financial planning assistant to the executive secretary. He will review and appraise the financial policies and practices of Convention agencies, to the extent with which the Executive Committee is concerned with them.

Williams will also be chief accountant of the Executive Committee office staff and supervise its accounting personnel. The Executive Committee office will have handled about \$25 million in 1958 which came in Cooperative Program and designated funds for agencies of the Convention.

Williams will continue to work with Convention agencies in placing exhibits in the building used for the annual session of the Convention each year. He will assist the Executive Committee in making arrangements for future sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention.

McClellan joined the staff of the Executive Committee as director of publications and associate executive secretary in 1949, following a period as editor of the Baptist Messenger, Oklahoma weekly newspaper. He was pastor of First Baptist Church, Waurika, Okla., before becoming editor.

Williams is a layman. A native of Treharris, Wales, who came to the United States at the age of 6, Williams's childhood home was in Johnston City, Ill. He moved to Nashville in 1931. He had been manager of three departments for the local Sears, Roebuck and Co. store for four years when called by the Sunday School Board as cashier and accountant.

During his long service with the board, Williams was assistant to the business manager and director of the book store department prior to managing the contracts and insurance department.

Williams is married to the former Virgie Lee Lay of Johnston City, Ill. They have three children, a son, Jack, who is studying at Belmont College here, and two daughters, Mrs. John Jolliffe of Chattanooga and Mary Williams of Nashville.

McClellan, a native of Bowie, Tex., attended Decatur Junior College, Decatur, Tex., and Baylor University, but received his bachelor of science degree (cum laude) from Oklahoma Baptist University. He received the master of theology degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

He was ordained to the ministry when 18 and held several pastorates while a student. He has served on the board of directors of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, as a trustee of OBU and of Belmont College, as chairman of the Southern Baptist Committee on Denominational Calendar, and as a member of the trustees of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mrs. McClellan in the former Mabel Ruth Helm of Poplar Bluff, Mo. They have two sons, Renick and Alan.

In announcing the selection of McClellan and Williams, Executive Secretary Routh said their election by the administrative committee was authorized by the full Executive Committee at its June, 1958, meeting.

"Both of these men have had long and successful experience in denominational service," Routh continued. "Their unanimous selection by the administrative committee reflects the spirit of confidence of Southern Baptists in their ability to provide effective service in their new tasks."

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Cooperative Program Monthly Peak Reported

NASHVILLE--(BP)--State Baptist conventions set an all-time monthly high in Cooperative Program funds they forwarded during November to the office of Southern Baptist Convention treasurer here. The amount was \$1,585,907.

Previous high was in January, 1958, when state Baptist bodies forwarded \$1,475,664, according to Treasurer Porter Routh of Nashville.

The November Cooperative Program receipts were part of a total \$1,712,493 received from state groups in November and boosted the total for the year to date to \$23,435,003.

Of that amount \$14,339,771 has come in Cooperative Program gifts and \$9,095,232 in designations.

The Southern Baptist Convention's 1958 Cooperative Program budget, from which the basic operating and capital needs of all its agencies are met, was \$13,035,000. This was reached during November. From the date of meeting the budget, all Cooperative Program receipts have been divided between the Foreign and Home Mission Boards.

The Foreign Mission Board's 75 per cent share of Advance funds---as Cooperative Program receipts above the budget are known---was \$987,578 through Nov. 30. The Home Mission Board's 25 per cent share was \$326,192.

Cooperative Program receipts for 1958 to date are \$1,394,294 greater than for the first 11 months of 1957. This is a 10.77 per cent increase.

Designated gifts, which are earmarked for special objectives by their donors, are running \$604,009 above 1957, an increase of 7.11 per cent.

Total receipts are running 9.32 per cent---or \$1,998,303---above the corresponding 1957 figures.

Figures reported by Treasurer Routh represent only sums forwarded by state Baptist groups to the Southern Baptist Convention. Funds kept by the state conventions and by local and regional Baptists are not included.

During November, _____ forwarded a total of \$
including \$ _____ through the Cooperative Program and \$
in designated offerings. This placed the state _____ among those
reporting.

Gifts reported by the Southern Baptist treasurer's office in the November statement were contributed to churches in the states during October.

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ATLANTA--(BP)--Executive secretaries from 21 state Baptist groups and the staff of the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board met here to discuss their future program of home missions.

Purpose of the meeting was to consider ways in which they could implement the recommendation of the Southern Baptist "Survey Committee" that the states and the Home Mission Board increase their co-operative effort and develop a uniform Conventionwide pattern of mission work.

The Home Mission Board's recently-announced reorganization goes into effect Jan. 1. Board Executive Secretary Courts Redford said the reorganization is designed to implement "Survey Committee" recommendations.

State executive secretaries attending the meeting unanimously "looked with favor" on a plan of mission work presented by Redford. It would correlate the efforts of state mission boards and the Home Mission Board "in every phase of mission work," according to Redford.

The state executive secretaries agreed to present Redford's plan to their own administrative boards for consideration.

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A 20th Century Dorm
For Georgetown Coeds

GEORGETOWN, Ky.--(BP)--The board of trustees of Georgetown College has voted to construct a dormitory for girls.

Not since 1895, when the present Rucker Hall was built, has a new dormitory for girls been provided. Several major improvements in present facilities and the purchase of a number of large dwellings in the city of Georgetown have met the housing needs up to this time.

The new dormitory will be similar in appearance to the men's dormitory, Anderson Hall. It will house 108 girls.

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Wingate Lectures Tell
About Christian Work

WINGATE, N. C.--(BP)--Wingate College here is conducting a series of 13 lectures to acquaint students and faculty with the history of Christianity, the special beliefs and doctrines of Baptists, and the way Baptists do their work.

"The real objective of the course is to see the issues of religion in historical perspectives, to see religion's role in contemporary society, and to build an intellectual foundation for inherited religion," college officials said.

Wingate, a junior college, is related to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

The series began Oct. 6 and will end Jan. 12. Among the speakers are S. L. Stealey, president, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. ; Carlyle Marney, pastor, Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.; M. A. Huggins, general secretary of the Baptist state convention, Raleigh, and other well-known Baptist pastors, educators, and officers.

Some of the lecture subjects are "The Central Message of Christianity," "The Course of Baptist History," "Separation of Church and State," "Baptism of Believers by Immersion," "The Southern Baptist Convention," and "The Responsibilities of Individual Baptists."

A better-informed student body and faculty, Wingate College officials said, will be a student body and faculty more aware of their religious heritage and Baptist way of life.

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