

March 29, 1959

American Convention Program Announced

DES MOINES, Ia.--(BP)--John 12:32---"And I, if I be lifted up . . . will draw all men unto me"---has been chosen as Scripture text for the American Baptist Convention program here June 4-9.

Theme for 1959 is "Christian Love Confronts a Changing World." Convention hymn of the year is "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun."

The program of the American Baptist Convention parallels the order of business of the Southern Baptist Convention in one special respect: The graduation exercises of Baptist schools will be featured at both.

For the first time in American Convention history, students from two ABC-related schools will have their commencement exercises as a part of the annual session.

Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Kans., and Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., are holding their graduations during the program here.

No Southern Baptist Convention leaders are scheduled as special speakers. Mrs. Adele Norman Silke of Palo Alto, Calif., who was a soloist at the 1957 session of the SBC Woman's Missionary Union in Chicago, will be a soloist of the 1959 American Convention program.

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2 More Alcoholism Institutes Planned

By the Baptist Press

Two more summer institutes for study of alcoholism have been announced.

The National Committee for the Prevention of Alcoholism, sponsor, said they will be held in Washington, D. C., and Loma Linda, Calif.

The Washington institute is scheduled July 27-Aug. 7 and the Loma Linda institute July 13-24.

The committee said some tuition scholarships and fellowships are available. These may be applied for by writing the committee at 6840 Eastern Ave., N. W., Washington 12, D. C.

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St. Louis Hospital Buys 63-Acre Site

ST. LOUIS, Mo.--(BP)--Missouri Baptist Hospital here has bought a suburban site on the perimeter of the city, on which it plans to build a new, eight-story hospital.

The site covers 63 acres. It will be along heavily-traveled U. S. Highway 40, a major highway to the west. It will also be adjacent to the proposed belt superhighway to be built around St. Louis.

A director of fund-raising has been employed. Hospital officials said they are endeavoring to raise \$2 million in pledges payable over a three-year period. Approximately \$1 million in cash and securities is now available.

Ultimate construction will include 500 beds, but hospital officials expect the first project to provide for 200 to 250 beds.

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Until the new building is ready to be occupied, Missouri Baptist Hospital will continue to use its existing facilities here. Disposition of the present site will be decided at a later date.

The new hospital structure will include some new concepts in hospital care.

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Georgetown College
Elects Mills President

GEORGETOWN, Ky.--(BP)--Robert Lee Mills of Austin, Tex., has been elected president of Georgetown College here, the senior college of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

Mills is chairman of the department of educational administration at University of Texas. He accepted the presidency Mar. 17, but does not take office till June 1. He succeeds H. Leo Eddleman, who became president of New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary.

A native of Erlanger, Ky., Mills holds a doctor's degree in educational administration and financing from University of Kentucky at Lexington.

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Private Homes, Far
Off Motels Available

LOUISVILLE--(BP)--Those making last-minute decisions to attend the Southern Baptist Convention session here in May apparently have two principal choices for housing---motels 55 to 60 miles away, and private homes in Louisville.

All hotels and motels in the city, and accommodations in motels up to 53 miles away, have been reserved to capacity, the special Convention housing bureau reports.

In fact, about 300 requests for hotel and motel space that have come in most recently have been turned over to the housing bureau for possible placement in private homes.

Mrs. James C. Austin, wife of a Baptist leader here and housing bureau staff member, said that more homes of Baptists are expected to be made available to Convention messengers in the near future.

Between 400 and 500 persons have been placed in private homes already, she said. She estimates that a number of others have made arrangements directly with local friends for staying in their homes while in the city.

The Louisville and Nashville Railroad, which will transport the bulk of those arriving by train from the South and Southwest, said a "Pullman City" might be set up, similar to arrangements made at Kentucky Derby time. 18 or more reservations per car are required before setting off a car to be used as a "hotel on wheels."

A local Baptist church has set aside its gymnasium to accommodate a choir group coming to the Convention.

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School For Deaf Found
Missions Opportunity

FULTON, Mo.--(BP)--First Baptist Church, Fulton, Mo., has a mission field "white unto harvest" at its doorstep. The Missouri School for Deaf is located just six blocks away.

A special department in the Sunday school for silent people has enrolled 70 students and resident deaf members. Leonard Taylor and Mrs. Russel Dzurick serve as regular teachers and interpreters for the group.

Transportation to and from services for interested students is provided by men of the church Brotherhood. Paul Young, employee at School for deaf is Brotherhood president.

A week-end revival for the deaf department was led by A. Jackson Roddy, superintendent of deaf work, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. Services were

conducted in sign language. 19 students responded to the invitation to accept Christ and presented themselves as candidates for baptism on Sunday morning. Others transferred memberships from home churches.

Parents were notified of the decisions. After their letters of approval were received, the church authorized baptism.

A large number of parents witnessed the service on Sunday afternoon. Lewis Krause, pastor, administered the ordinance. Mrs. Dzurick served as interpreter for the occasion.

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Oklahoma Opens Its New Baptist Hospital

OKLAHOMA CITY--(BP)--The new \$4,600,000 Baptist Memorial Hospital here opened house for the public Easter Sunday.

The hospital, owned and operated by the Baptist General convention of Oklahoma expected to be ready to receive first patients by Apr. 6. It opened 83 beds for use to start with, but John Hendricks, administrator, said the hospital now has 200 beds and is equipped to use them all.

The ultra-modern, seven-story building is constructed of red brick, limestone veneer, black granite, and cream-colored precast concrete.

The hospital is constructed so that four stories can be added to the present building for expansion to a 400-bed institution. Ultimate plans call for erection of another building for expansion to 800 beds.

This is the tenth hospital to be operated by Oklahoma Baptists, and the only one of them in the capital city.

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ROY JENNINGS, night city editor, Memphis (Tenn.) Commercial-Appeal, has accepted position of editorial secretary, Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention at Memphis. This is a new office; Jennings assumes duties May 1. (BP)