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Miami Holds Sunday School Campaign

MIAMI, Fla.--(BP)--The biggest Sunday school training and expansion program in Florida history was held for one week under the direction of 52 of the nation's top religious education workers from 10 states.

Only program of its kind to be held in the nation during 1959, the Sunday school clinic opened at Central Baptist Church and then spread to more than 60 cooperating churches of the Miami Baptist Association on Sunday.

A. V. Washburn, Sunday school department secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, headed the team leading classes and workshops on the purpose of Sunday schools, laws of school growth, provision of space, adopting a program of work, visitation, and training programs.

Canvassers undertook the most extensive religious census ever conducted in this area. They had a goal of reaching 400,000 homes. Special cards in Spanish were used among residents with Puerto Rican and Cuban backgrounds.

Two missionaries from Cuba---Herbert Caudill and Jose M. Sanchez---worked with the nine Baptist Spanish missions in the enlargement campaign.

About 2000 Sunday school teachers attended daily classes in Central Baptist Church here, under direction of 300 pastors and educational workers here for the clinic.

Workers from Key Largo, Marathon, and Key West were "airlifted" to and from Miami in planes provided by Kendall Flying School. These communities are located in the Florida keys, a chain of islands stretching for about 100 miles into the ocean southwest of Miami. Key West, at the western end, is 160 miles from Miami and is the southernmost city in the United States.

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Western Bi-Lingual Missions Men Confer

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.--(BP)--A conference on a co-ordinated program of bi-lingual missions was held in the Baptist Building here. Those in the conference were state directors of Baptist language group missions from states west of the Mississippi River.

L. D. Wood, Dallas, co-ordinator of language missions, Baptist General Convention of Texas, directed the conference.

Among those participating were Gerald B. Palmer, Albuquerque, director of Spanish and Indian missions, Baptist Convention of New Mexico; Irvin Dawson, Phoenix, Ariz., director of language groups missions, Baptist General of Arizona.

Edmond Walker, assistant executive secretary, and E. J. Combs, director of foreign language missions, Southern Baptist General Convention of California, Fresno, and a special speaker, Stanley Newman, professor of anthropology at University of New Mexico, Albuquerque.

Arthur B. Rutledge and Loyd Corder from the staff of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, also participated.

Harry P. Stagg, Albuquerque, executive secretary of New Mexico convention, addressed the group on the topic "Current Trends in Southern Baptist Life."

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Frank Merriro Masters,
Baptist Leader, Dies

MAYFIELD, Ky.--(BP)--Dr. Frank Merriro Masters, former president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla., and Baptist leader in several other states, died here Apr. 3. He was 88 years old.

A native Texan, Dr. Masters was born in Franklin County July 28, 1870.

He was a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., in 1897. He held pastorates in Louisville and in San Angelo, Tex., prior to 1900.

He was also pastor in Oklahoma and served as administrator at two other educational institutions. He was president of Oklahoma Baptist University, 1914-19; president of Bethel Boys' College in Kentucky, 1931-33, and adviser of administration at Georgetown (Ky.) College, 1934.

He was field secretary for the Baptist convention in Arkansas, 1919-22, and corresponding secretary for the Arkansas state mission board, 1922-28.

Dr. Masters had been a member of the executive board, Baptist General Convention of Texas; a member of the Foreign Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention; president of the Baptist Pastors' Conference in Oklahoma, and a member of the Kentucky board of missions.

"The History of Baptists in Kentucky," which he had written, was published in 1949. He had been living in western Kentucky in recent years and served as professor of Bible at Western Kentucky Baptist Bible Institute in Mayfield.

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Secretary Nomination
Overshadows Survey

RALEIGH, N. C.--(BP)--The nomination of a general secretary may overshadow a far-reaching survey committee report when messengers to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina meet in special session here next month.

An attendance exceeding that at regular sessions of the convention, held each November, is expected since the future of North Carolina Baptist work through the next decade or two will probably be charted.

Dr. M. A. Huggins of Raleigh announced his retirement from the general secretary post, top convention administrator, which he has held since 1932. The state convention offices are located here.

The special session May 5-6 will hear reports of two committees. An 11-member committee, headed by Clyde E. Baucom, Wilson, N. C., minister, has the responsibility of nominating Huggins' successor.

The committee has not announced its nomination, but said that it will present only one name. However, it appeared that one or two other men might be nominated from the floor by messengers.

The second committee, called a "committee of 25" since it has 25 members, has been surveying convention work and has published recommendations for future convention organization, operation, and programs.

The survey committee has recommended an educational plan affecting the convention-operated junior and senior colleges and Bible institute, a Baptist printing arrangement for publishing the denomination's weekly newspaper and other printed materials, a reduction in the size of the convention's general board, and establishment of a council on Christian social services.

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Ohio Employs First
Associational Worker

COLUMBUS, O.--(BP)--Ohio Southern Baptists are employing their first associational missions superintendent. He will work with an association of churches in the cities of Middletown and Hamilton, O., and adjacent areas.

The executive board of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, meeting here, approved appointment of Doyle Deney, Columbus, Ind., minister. He will be supported equally by the association, the state convention, and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Ray E. Roberts, Columbus, convention executive secretary, announced record receipts for any three-month period were contributed during the first quarter of 1959. The total was \$72,908.

That sum includes funds forwarded to the state convention from churches through the Cooperative Program and designated gifts, as well as allocations to joint work from Southern Baptist Convention boards.

Harvey English, a native Mississippian who has been teaching school in West Virginia, was employed by the board to direct mountain missions extension work at Bolair, W. Va. He will be supported co-operatively by Ohio and the Home Mission Board.

English will be pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Bolair, and help establish missions and churches in the surrounding area.

The board approved plans for two "work week" encampments at the Baptist assembly grounds, Seneca Lake Assembly at Senecaville, O. Laymen of the state will be invited to attend. The program will include worship and recreation, in addition to clearing up and redecorating the assembly grounds for its summer season.