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First State History Conference Called

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.--(BP)--The Alabama Baptist History Writers Conference and workshop held here recently was the first of its kind in the Southern Baptist Convention.

It brought together at Howard College about 75 Alabamans interested in writing histories of their Baptist churches, associations of churches, and institutions.

The one-day, six-hour conference and workshop was, on a state level, what a summer conference at Ridgecrest, N. C., will be for the entire Southern Baptist Convention.

Conference participants discussed the essentials of how to write histories.

The committee sponsoring this meeting was composed of Davis C. Woolley, F. Wilbur Helmbold, and James Chapman, all of Howard College. Chapman is chairman of the Alabama Baptist Historical Society.

A. H. Reid, Montgomery, executive secretary, Alabama Baptist State Convention, urged that "every item concerning our past" as Baptists in the state should be found and preserved.

Norman W. Cox, Nashville, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Historical Commission, was among workshop leaders.

In Howard College's new location here, the library has a fireproof vault to store all historical documents pertaining to Baptists. This is done under title of "Alabama Baptist Historical Collection."

Baptist work in Alabama dates to 1800. First organized church was the Flint River Baptist Church in Madison County in 1808. The state convention was organized in 1823.

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Maryland Kills Bills On Bus Transportation

ANNAPOLIS, Md.--(BP)--Two pieces of proposed legislation that would have benefited parochial schools in Maryland at taxpayers' expense were killed before the state house of delegates adjourned here earlier this month.

One was designed to permit non-public school children to ride public school buses from a point on the highway nearest the pupils' homes to a point on the highway nearest the parochial schools. This one affected Garrett County in Western Maryland.

The other was intended to amend the existing law for Anne Arundel County, just south of Baltimore, to permit public school buses to change their routes and take non-public school children directly to parochial schools. This county already has a law permitting parochial school children to ride the buses.

The Maryland Baptist, Baltimore, in a front page editorial, attacked the two legislative moves as steps one and two in a pattern of encroachment. The newspaper is publication of Maryland Baptist Union Association.

After a ground-swell of citizens' opposition developed, legislative delegations from the two counties acted to kill the two bills that previously had been introduced in the house of delegates.

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Girls and A Story to TELL

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Do you enjoy girls nine through fifteen?

Are you young in spirit with girls?

Do you have a sense of humour with an Intermediate girl?

Are you shocked or disconcerted when you come across some of the ideas girls express?

Are you patient with girls; can you listen?

Do you love them?

If you love them then you are interested in doing something for them. And, Girls' Auxiliary Focus Week, May 10-16 gives opportunity in your church to recognize in many special ways this girls' organization.

Girls' Auxiliary is a very vital part of Woman's Missionary Union. The purpose is to provide missionary education for all Southern Baptist girls ages nine through fifteen; divided into Junior and Intermediate Auxiliaries.

The world in which we live and in which our girls are growing up is a complex world. Girls have many problems; girls are growing into independence and self direction; girls chafe at controls; girls need guidance. Girls need to build self-reliance through more responsibility. Girls need to start thinking about life after sixteen.

Girls' Auxiliary meets many needs. Girls like to belong to some kind of group--they like to be out-of-doors--girls are interested in finding something good--girls like service.

The Girls' Auxiliary Counselor gives guidance in helping girls to plan their lives more wisely, in the full light of all the facts that can be mustered about themselves and about the world in which they live.

Motivation is a word much used among young people today. Increased motivation is requisite if large numbers of girls are to make the maximum use of their talents. Guidance and motivation are intimately interrelated. The Girls' Auxiliary Counselor provides a high service for the Baptist girls, opening new vistas in Christian living, in personal development and in contribution to the task of world-wide missions.

Girls' Auxiliary is a must for your girls.

Girls' Auxiliary Focus Week is a must for your church.