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BBI Control Assumed
By Florida Convention

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.--(BP)--The Florida Baptist Convention took over control of Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla., by electing 15 trustees to direct its future course.

The institute, which has a branch campus at Lakeland, Fla., will continue to offer the same type of educational program it has offered in the past.

The trustees elected Nathan C. Brooks, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla., chairman. He appointed a nominating committee to select a president of the institute.

A. H. Stainback will continue to serve as president of the institute pending a report of the nominating committee.

Control of the Bible institute was transferred to the Florida Baptist Convention during a special convention session held here. The special session also appropriated \$6000 to be used for school operating expenses during the next three months.

The Florida Baptist Convention will hold its regular annual session in November at which time budgets for all state missionary and educational work for the next year will be voted upon.

The convention also elected a permanent advisory council which will advise the trustees on any matter referred to them. The advisory council has no authoritative power over the school's operation however.

The 26-member advisory council includes three past presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention--R. G. Lee, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis; Louie D. Newton, pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, and C. C. Warren, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.

Other members of the council include Courts Redford, Atlanta, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board; A. H. Reid, Montgomery, executive secretary, Alabama Baptist Convention; Searcy Garrison, Atlanta, executive secretary, Georgia Baptist Convention; Homer G. Lindsay, pastor, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., and chairman of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

Lee Gallman, Jackson, Miss., director of the seminary extension department of the Southern Baptist Convention; Ed Solomon, retired editor of the Florida Baptist

Witness; Maxey Jarman, Nashville, Tenn., shoe manufacturer and Baptist layman, and G. W. Morrow, a Methodist businessman living in Graceville who has been a supporter of the institute since it moved to Graceville several years ago.

Other members of the advisory council are Baptist ministers living in Florida, Alabama, and Georgia near the institute.

Until its transfer to convention control and support, the institute had been largely financed by funds from individual churches and individual persons.

The former board of trustees offered control of Baptist Bible Institute to the Florida convention after the Southern Baptist Convention declined to make Bible institutes a part of its educational system.

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Extension Educators
Elect Davis Woolley

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The new Southern Baptist Extension Education Association met recently in Nashville to adopt a constitution, elect officers, and discuss education matters presented by members.

The Association elected Davis C. Woolley, director of extension for Howard College, Birmingham, as president. Clarence Watson, extension director for Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., is vice-president and Brownlow Hastings, extension director at Baylor University, Waco, Tex., is secretary-treasurer.

The Association reported that, according to incomplete estimates, there are 12,500 persons now enrolled in about 200 extension centers operated by Southern Baptist-related educational institutions.

The Association said it will strive to guide existing extension programs and to foster adult education and in-service training at Baptist schools.

The extension educators plan to hold their meetings yearly at the same time that the Southern Baptist Education Commission and the Southern Association of Baptist Colleges and Schools hold their annual meetings in Nashville.

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Nurses' Fund Gets \$100
After Chain Of Events

LOUISVILLE--(BP)--The nurses' training fund at Kentucky Baptist Hospital here is \$100 richer because of an unusual chain of events.

Dr. John T. Bate, Louisville surgeon, gave the money to the nurses' fund. He had received it from a man whose appendix he removed in an operation about 25 years ago.

Roger Laufer, of Jackson, Tenn., sent the \$100 to Dr. Bate who removed his appendix in the early 1930's. Laufer was short on finances then; he had just graduated from college and the country was in a depression.

Normally the bill would have been higher. Laufer, now production manager for a Jackson, Tenn., firm, said he realized he had been "grossly undercharged" because of his financial situation at the time.

His \$100 was in answer to criticism of doctors' fees after one doctor in New York submitted a \$1500 bill to parents of a boy rescued from a well in a dramatic episode. Laufer said he knew many doctors deliberately undercharged patients when the patients found it hard to pay.

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.....W. S. Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pass Christian, Miss., for 30 years, was honored recently at a testimonial dinner given by citizens of the community. Pass Christian residents acclaimed Allen for his Christian service to all members of the community regardless of their faith.

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EDUCATORS' OFFICERS---Past and present officers of the Southern Baptist Education Commission chat following the annual election in Nashville recently. Left to right, they're Evan A. Reiff, president of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., immediate past chairman; George J. Thornton, Kosciusko, Miss., attorney, elected recording secretary, and W. Forbes Yarborough, professor of religious education at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, the new chairman of the Commission.

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