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Maryland And Virginia  
Reach Conference Goals

MEMPHIS --(BP)--Maryland and Virginia are the first states to reach their attendance goals for the National Conference of Southern Baptist Men to be held in Oklahoma City, Sept. 18-20.

Maryland pre-registered its goal of 25 and Virginia was one above its goal of 80.

George Euting, Richmond, state Brotherhood secretary in Virginia, says he expects at least 100 men from Virginia to attend the conference.

One man in Richmond is chartering a bus at his own personal expense and furnishing free transportation to the Conference for Brotherhood members in his and neighboring churches.

"This is indicative of the interest and enthusiasm spreading among Brotherhood groups throughout the Southern Baptist Convention as the Conference date nears. Much credit for reaching the goals goes to Mr. Euting and Mr. Allen J. Beck, Brotherhood executive secretary of Maryland, for the hard work they have done in promoting the meeting," according to George W. Schroeder, Memphis, executive secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood Commission.

The Brotherhood Commission is sponsoring the Conference, expected to draw about 8000 men.

Other states are running considerably behind their quotas at present. Oklahoma is leading with 1,920 pre-registrations. Texas is second with 582 and Alabama is third with 226. Missouri has registered 205. Total pre-registration as of Aug. 26 was 3,882.

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Note to Editors of State Baptist Papers: The picture enclosed is that of Adiel J. Moncrief, Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mo. Moncrief has been elected chairman of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, succeeding Rep. Brooks Hays (D., Ark.).

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Paul McCasland Dies  
After Long Illness

PORTLAND, Ore.--(BP)--Paul A. McCasland, secretary of evangelism and Brotherhood work for the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington, died here Aug. 28. He was 55.

He had been ill in a Portland hospital for a number of weeks.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Faye McCasland, two sons, and a daughter.

Before joining the Oregon-Washington convention in 1951, McCasland was pastor of First Baptist Church in Herrin, Ill. He was born in Union Valley, Tex., and graduated from Howard Payne College and Southwestern Baptist Seminary.