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RA's Bound For Texas
For Congress In 1958

(with accompanying photograph)

FORT WORTH--(BP)--Texas-style entertainment is planned for more than 8,000 Royal Ambassadors expected to attend the second Southern Baptist Convention RA Congress in Fort Worth's Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum, Aug. 12-14, 1958.

Texas Baptists from Fort Worth and Dallas met recently with representatives of the SBC Brotherhood Commission to plan a rodeo demonstration and other program features for the youngsters, most of them 9 to 12 years old.

T. Gordon Ryan, Fort Worth businessman in charge of local arrangements, said the program will include a rodeo demonstration featuring a western movie star, dramatic demonstrations, panel discussions, and inspirational messages.

George Schroeder, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, said Roy Rogers and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover have been invited to attend.

Theme for the congress will be, "Christ In Me...the Hope of the World."

Eddie Hurt, Jr., associate secretary in charge of RA work from Memphis, Tenn., said the purpose of the congress "is to magnify Christ in the lives of the boys who attend and to magnify the work of the denomination."

Attendance goal was set at 8,858, with Texas asked to send 16 per cent of its 18,000 chapter membership. Other states in the Convention will be urged to send at least five per cent of their RA members.

More than 135,000 boys are members of the 16,000 RA chapters in the United States and 28 foreign countries.

Schroeder said the Congress will culminate the observance of the 50th anniversary of RA work. The group was organized in 1908 and is now sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission.

Working with Ryan as co-chairman of local arrangements will be Tommy Knott, Tarrant (Fort Worth) Baptist Association's RA leader.

Heading the state steering committee will be T. A. Springer, treasurer of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and L. H. Tapscott, BGCT Brotherhood secretary, from Dallas.

Nearly 5,000 youngsters attended the first convention-wide congress in Atlanta, Ga., in 1953.

Texas Accepts Two More
Hospitals; May Survey

Dallas--(BP)--Two hospitals valued at nearly \$3 1/2 million dollars were accepted recently by the executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

They are the Memorials Hospital of San Angelo and the Baptist Hospital of Southeast Texas, Beaumont. The San Angelo hospital was accepted as a gift from its founder, Mrs. Louis Gayer. Baptists of the Texas convention's third district previously owned the Beaumont hospital.

Acceptance of a third hospital, located at Texarkana, was delayed for further study. Its \$3,600,000 plant will be completed next year.

In other action the board:

Authorized a million-dollar fund-raising campaign for Mary Hardin-Baylor College at Belton, which will help construct new buildings;

Permitted Valley Baptist Hospital of Harlingen to establish a school of practical nursing;

Asked Booz, Allen, and Hamilton consultants of Chicago to draft a proposal for surveying the entire state Baptist program.

In accepting the San Angelo hospital, the convention began a new phase of benevolent work. The 106-bed hospital will be called "Baptist Memorials Geriatrics Hospital." The convention agreed to continue to minister to aged patients regardless of denomination.

Trustees of Bishop College (Negro) at Marshall successfully asked to borrow \$65,000 to pay current debts. The Texas convention has been supporting Bishop College for several years by direct appropriation, which this year is \$20,000.

Booz, Allen, and Hamilton has previously done management surveys for the Baptist Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, and Southern Baptist Seminary. It is presently winding up a survey of the total Southern Baptist Convention program.

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Kentucky Employs Man
For Church Finance

MIDDLETOWN, Ky.--(BP)--Thomas B. Chaney, Jackson, Miss., has been elected director of the Forward Program of Church Finance for the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. He joins the staff Oct. 1.

Chaney, a layman, is now serving as superintendent of missions of Hinds County Baptist Association (Jackson area), Miss. He is a former Louisvillian having served as educational director of Walnut St. Baptist Church there in 1948-51.

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