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Gardner-Webb College
Celebrates Anniversary

BOILING SPRINGS, N. C.--(BP)--Gardner-Webb College will mark 50 years as an educational institution in a celebration here Oct. 24-25.

Up to 4,000 people are expected to visit the Baptist college during the two-day event.

First day of the festivities consists of a meeting of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association in the college's new physical education building.

On the second day Kings Mountain and Sandy Run Baptist Associations will meet jointly. These associations from Cleveland and Rutherford Counties in North Carolina, founded the college, and supported it until it became an agent of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in 1948.

The presidents of each of North Carolina's seven Baptist colleges will appear on Friday's program. These are Leslie Campbell of Campbell College, Bruce E. Whitaker of Chowan College, P. L. Elliott of Gardner-Webb, Hoyt Blackwell of Mars Hill College, Carlyle Campbell of Meredith College, Harold W. Tribble of Wake Forest College, and Budd E. Smith of Wingate College.

Gardner-Webb first opened its doors to students in October, 1907, as Boiling Springs High School. It became a junior college in 1928, and was re-named Gardner-Webb College in 1942.

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Color Film Produced By
Relief, Annuity Board

DALLAS--(BP)--"The Years Ahead", a new color film produced for the Southern Baptist Relief and Annuity Board has been released. It is available for use at annual state conventions.

The 16-minute film tells the story of a young Southern Baptist pastor, Ray Jenkins, and his family. Through a retired minister, who is a member of his congregation, Pastor Jenkins learns about security and protection for a minister and his family.

A minister's widow, a disabled preacher, a friend, and others who depend on annuity checks from the Relief and Annuity Board tell Ray about benefits

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offered by the board's retirement plans.

With the help of his friend, Ray learns how the Relief and Annuity Board administers retirement plans and safeguards the funds belonging to more than 19,000 Southern Baptists who are members of the plans.

"This picture is a source of information to those already in a retirement plan with the board, as well as to the thousands who have never taken advantage of their denominational protection program," according to R. Alton Reed, board executive secretary.

Each of the board's field representatives will have films to be used in their promotion work within states of the Convention.

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Radio, TV Commission
Revises Staff Set Up

FORT WORTH--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here has announced a reorganized staff set up and plans for enlarging its field of service.

Director Paul M. Stevens said the staff reorganization follows the pattern which other Southern Baptist Convention agencies have used in reorganizing their staffs in recent years.

The executive committee of the Commission has approved the reorganization and much of it has already been accomplished, according to Stevens.

Still to be filled is the position of television consultant, who will be one of four staff officers in the revised staff arrangement. Other staff officers are Clarence Duncan, associate director of the Commission who is in charge of promotion and publicity; Radio Consultant Ted Lott, and a new member of the Commission staff in charge of personnel, Carlyle Hayes.

The new organizational pattern includes nine departments. Heads of these departments will be responsible directly to Stevens, the Commission reported. The four staff officers will work with department heads only in advisory roles.

Hayes joined the staff of the Commission July 15. In addition to his staff office, he heads the department of accounting and control. Before coming to the Commission, Hayes was in the auditing department of a national grocery chain in Jacksonville, Fla.

The heads of the eight other departments: promotion and publicity, Duncan; publications (including being editor of the Beam, Commission magazine), Alvin Shackelford; shop and work expediting, Bill Dooley; radio and television

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distribution, Jerry Pillow; agency and radio-TV station relations, James Johns; radio production, Lott; letter answering service, Miss Gaye Holcomb; and TV production, unfilled.

The head of the department of TV production will be the same person who serves in the staff office as TV consultant, Stevens said.

Shop and work expediting includes mailing material produced by the Commission. Station relations includes contacts with radio and TV stations across the country about using programs the Commission produces.

The letter answering service replies to about 1,000 letters a week the Commission receives, according to Stevens. Much of the mail is in response to an offer to supply copies of sermons delivered on the Baptist Hour, the Commission's radio production.

Staff reorganization, Stevens continued, will enable the Commission to expand its services. He said the Commission will expand its format service to churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The format service provides program directions for local ministers and churches to follow in planning their own 15- and 30-minute radio and television programs.

The Commission also expects to supply more radio and TV stations with Scripture readings and devotional thoughts to be used when the station goes on the air each morning and when it goes off the air each night.

Also, Stevens said, the Commission is planning materials to be used in connection with the Baptist Jubilee Advance which has its peak years from 1959 to 1964.

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Over 2,000 Churches
Use Forward Program

NASHVILLE--(BP)--More than 2,000 churches have ordered materials this year to present the Forward Program of Church Finance of Southern Baptists.

The churches are using these materials in their campaigns to pledge church budgets for 1958.

Included in the Forward Program of Church Finance are materials which have been tested successfully over a period of years by various churches, and which have been compiled into one program to aid Southern Baptist churches.

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Convention Enters 1957
Advance Budget Period

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Cooperative Program funds sent to the treasurer's office of the Southern Baptist Convention reached \$11 million on Oct. 9 and the Convention entered the Advance portion of its 1957 budget.

Treasurer Porter Routh said that \$11 million was the amount required to distribute complete funds for the year to Convention seminaries, hospitals, boards, and commissions for operating needs and capital expansion.

The \$11 million was the amount approved by the Southern Baptist Convention last year.

The Advance portion of the Cooperative Program budget is in effect a bonus to the Convention's Home and Foreign Mission Boards. They will share whatever Cooperative Program funds come in from Oct. 9 through Dec. 31, according to Routh.

The Foreign Mission Board will receive three-fourths of all funds during this period and the Home Mission Board the remaining one-fourth.

The \$11 million figure represented the basic amount of money needed by the nearly 20 agencies and institutions of the Convention for the year. The amount was \$1 million greater than the amount required in 1956.

The 1956 Advance portion of the budget also went into effect during early October, Routh continued. The Cooperative Program, a financial plan used by the Convention to share funds on a percentage basis to its various fields of work, has entered the Advance stage for several years.

"Southern Baptists should thank God for the blessings that have enabled them once more to reach the Advance portion of their Cooperative Program in early October," Routh said. "But we should also realize the great opportunity presented during the next 2-1/2 months to increase our home and foreign missionary work. It is not an occasion to relax our support of the Lord's work but to advance it even more."