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An Interpretive Report

Calm deliberations, high inspiration characterize convention

The convention auditorium in Greensboro could well be described by the phrase Brooks Hayes used as the title of a book he wrote a few years ago—"Hotbed of Tranquility." The reference, of course, is to the 140th session of the Baptist State Convention Nov. 9-11 in Greensboro's War Memorial Auditorium.

Registration

Messengers	2,417
Visitors	307
Total	2,724

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sion (Wednesday morning) was given in its entirety to business transactions. Some part of every other session was set aside for business, too; and several vital matters came before the messengers. When disagreement was expressed, it was characterized by a spirit of Christian restraint and consideration. This is the way Christians should do business!

Inspirational Highlights

Inspirational highlights included the annual convention sermon by Douglas Aldrich of Gastonia; "Diamonds and Deeds," a dramatic presentation of the beginning of Kennedy Memorial Home for children in Kinston; and "The Gospel of Encounter," a visual presentation of the many and varied ministries of

North Carolina Baptists.

Most of the debate centered around several controversial resolutions and one of several changes in the constitution and by-laws. In these instances, interest was keen and debate was lively; but temperaments were under admirable restraint.

Much credit for the manner in which controversial affairs were debated and acted upon must go to President John Lawrence and other convention officers for their openness and fairness in presiding; the skillful, letter-of-the-law guidance of Parliamentarian James E. Bulman; and the unifying message by Mr. Aldrich.

Early in the convention Mr. Aldrich, pastor of First Baptist Church of Gastonia, delivered the

message titled "Christ, the Uniting Center."

He declared: "Non-biblical explanations and descriptions of how the Bible was inspired and angry conventions that seek to dictate what we can and cannot believe about the Bible leave us cold and barren and lifeless. I only know that through the Bible's witness I have found Jesus Christ in a living, warm, personal encounter." This message set the tone for the rest of the convention.

Dramatic Presentation

The Baptist State Convention's Social Service Division, which was edged out of a spot on the program at last year's meeting because time ran out, received 50 minutes this year. Messengers heard brief reports from Baptist Hospital and

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THE Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Incorporated is a multiple social service agency providing a variety of services for more than 1,200 deserving boys and girls annually.

Children live in group homes as follows: Mills Home, Thomasville; Kennedy Home, Kinston; Odum Home, Pembroke; Greer Home, Chapel Hill; Wall Home, Wallburg and Broyhill Home, Waynesville-Clyde. A Home for Unwed Mothers is operated in Asheville. Approximately 150 children are served annually in foster homes and a number of others receive assistance through family services. Casework supervision is provided students in college and other types of higher education. Consultation is provided churches through a demonstration program of preschool education, including day care, kindergarten and nursery school.

Children in the Homes attend the public schools and are encouraged to participate in all school activities. Opportunities for spiritual growth and Christian commitment are given on the campuses, in the cottages and through the churches.

Inquiries about the admission of children in need of care are made by relatives, pastors, interested friends and social service agencies. When applications are submitted, professionally trained caseworkers make a thorough study of each situation to determine

the extent of need and the best possible plan for the child and his family.

The Social Service Department of the Children's Homes provides casework services throughout North Carolina. Pastors, families, individuals and churches are entitled to this help upon request.

Support for the ministry of child care as maintained by North Carolina Baptists comes from the following sources: Cooperative Program—30.22 percent, Thanksgiving Offering—22.30 percent, Designations and Once-A-Month Offering—10.84 percent, Endowment, designated support of children, and Special Gifts—36.64 percent.

North Carolina Baptists have been caring for homeless and dependent children since 1885. More than 10,000 children have in this way been afforded many of life's best opportunities. The need for such services increases with the development of industry, increase in population, growth of cities and the mounting tensions which accrue to families in an urbanized society.

W. R. Wagoner
President

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

Your generous gift at Thanksgiving time will assure a Christian home and way of life for scores of boys and girls who need our help.

Convention report

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the Homes for the Aging, both in Winston-Salem; and the remainder of the time was given for a dramatic presentation of the beginning of Kennedy Home. The drama had been presented outdoors at the children's home in Kinston Oct. 9, 10, and 11. An abbreviated version was presented at the convention and was applauded with a standing ovation.

At the Tuesday evening session a color film took viewers on location to witness prison ministries, resort ministries, and a long list of other activities and work of North Carolina Baptists.

Record Budget

In business sessions, messengers adopted a record 7.35-million-dollar budget. They also approved 8.5 million dollars in loans for Baptist Hospital, two million dollars for Bowman Gray School of Medicine, and 1.9 million dollars for Campbell College.

When officers were elected, John Lawrence of Raleigh was re-elected by acclamation for a second term as president. Ballot vote was needed to elect the two vice-presidents. A group of more conservative messengers presented the name of Jack Wilder from Greensboro to oppose Tom Freeman of Dunn for the office of first vice-president and Robert Tenery of Elkin to oppose Carlos Young of Shelby for second vice-

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by Clarence Bobbitt
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president. Mr. Freeman received the office by a vote of 620 to 414, and Mr. Young was re-elected 899 to 178.

Constitutional Changes

Several changes (mostly editorial) were made in the constitution and by-laws. The one recommendation that was debated was a change in the manner of removing a trustee in case such action ever became necessary. (So far, there has been no occasion for it.) Stricken from the body of the constitution was a rather vaguely worded method of removal. A new article was inserted into the

ton, a Wake Forest University student, introduced a resolution asking for convention financial assistance to pastors who are dismissed from their churches "because of his attempts to preach the gospel of Christ as revealed to him." The youthful messenger later explained that the purpose of such a fund, although not stated in the resolution, would be for benefit of pastors feeling a threat from their congregations when time comes to take a stand regarding issues of race. His resolution, being more than mildly controversial, was referred to the convention's Council on Christian Life and Public Affairs. The council will report on its deliberations at next year's convention.

Penny Smallwood, a student at Appalachian State and president of the state Baptist Student Union, introduced a resolution asking for a joint session next year of the white and Negro Baptist bodies. This resolution was referred to the General Board for their consideration. Messengers did not get to express their preferences either in debate or by vote since the resolution was referred without debate and never came back to the floor.

David Waugh moved to hold future meetings of the Baptist State Convention on week ends so there could be more participation by laymen. Because his motion would involve a constitutional change it was ruled out of order by President John Lawrence and accepted as a resolution. It was then referred to the General Board for further study.

Student Panel

During the last session on Wednesday afternoon a student panel discussed the ministry and mission of the church under the heading, "This Is How It Is." Views expressed by the students ranged all the way from the young man who quoted Shakespeare's lines about life being

Four new trustees for Children's Homes

Four new trustees were elected at the Baptist State Convention in Greensboro to serve on the board of the Baptist Children's Homes. All were elected for a term expiring in 1974.

New trustees are Olin T. Binkley, Wake Forest; Ted Chandler, Hickory; Daniel E. Kirk, Salisbury; and John McDowell, Winston-Salem.

Rotating off the board are James W. Clontz, High Point; Mrs. George H. McNeill, Morehead City; Dr. John T. Stegall, Statesville; and Carroll C. Wall Jr., Lexington.

New trustees will take office in January.

"full of sound and fury, signifying nothing" and leveling the charge, "This is your church now!" to the one who admitted, "I do not claim to have all the answers; as a matter of fact I am only beginning to learn to ask the right questions."

Another item of business which brought about differences of opinion was a resolution by Claud L. Asbury, pastor of Gibson Avenue Baptist Church in Wilmington. The resolution, which was worded in terms of "voluntary" prayer in public schools but which in reality sanctioned "organized" prayer in the schools, was passed after an hour-long debate.

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Me Thy son,
And now, "It's not my will, but Thine
Be done."

I thank Thee, that Jesus died on the
Cross for me;
For I was bound by sin, but now am
Set free.

Thanksgiving to me, is not just what
I wear and eat;
But for One who watches over me, my
Soul to keep.

I thank Thee, dear Lord, for precious
Children so dear;
When giving our offerings, they seem
So very near!

My gifts help to feed and clothe, and
To educate them.
For to me they're like radiant stones
Polished like a gem.

I thank Thee, dear Lord, for every
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Which reminds, that all blessings
Come from Thee today!

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Young People Active

College young people actively participated in the convention's proceedings. David Waugh of Burling-

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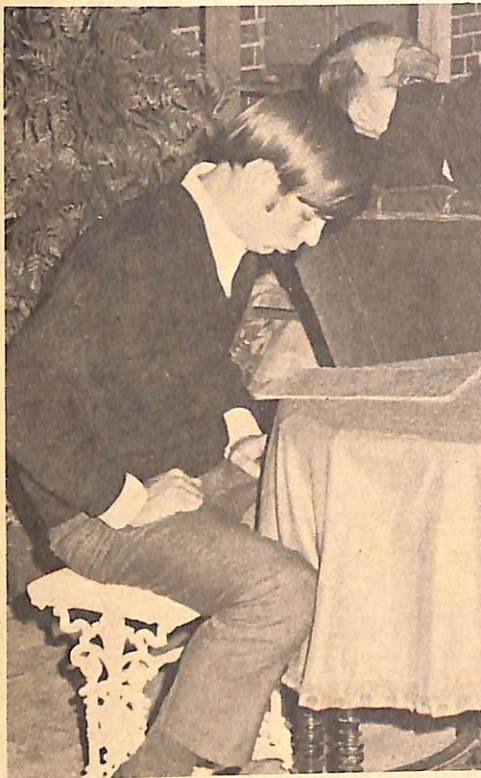
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OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION occupy a table near the speaker's stand in the big auditorium at Greensboro. They are (from left) James M. Bulman, parliamentarian; Lamar J. Brooks, recording secretary; and Ted W. Williams, assistant recording secretary.

CHARITY AND CHILDREN



BACKSTAGE Derwood Gallop, one of the actors in "Diamonds and Deeds," bones up on his lines for the drama presented on Tuesday afternoon of the annual convention.



Nutshell News . . .

Four couples, including one couple assigned to work in the nation's largest city were appointed as missionaries of the Home Mission Board recently. Named to serve in New York City were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Merritt. Other new missionaries appointed were Mr. and Mrs. James Kinney, appointed to Enid, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Otwell, to Jacksonville, Fla.; and Mr. Mrs. Wayne Willcoxon, to Chico, Calif.

Texas Baptists attending the 85th annual Baptists General Convention of Texas, after a low-key debate, voted to appoint a committee to help the University of Corpus Christi work out problems surrounding damage suffered by Hurricane Celia which devastated the school just 30 days prior to its opening date in September. In the aftermath of the hurricane, the school accepted a \$500,000 small business administration loan. While expressing sympathy and concern for the school's situation, the convention reminded school officials that acceptance of the loan violates convention policy and instructed that money be borrowed from some agency other than the federal government.

The 33rd state convention affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention was constituted recently during the fourth annual session of the Baptist General Association of West Virginia. The new convention will be known as the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists. Headquarters offices are located in St. Albans, W. Va.



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Library conference theme

"The Church Library. . . Center for Evangelism Media" will be the theme of the 1971 Church Library Conferences June 24-30 at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly and July 29-Aug. 4 at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Assembly.

The theme will relate to the 1971-72 Southern Baptist denominational emphasis, "Living the Spirit of Christ in Expectancy and Creativity." Portions of the emphasis relating to evangelism include leading church members into new dimensions of friendship and conversation with non-Christian friends, leading church members to discover and use more creative methods of personal witness, and leading them to become effective Christian witnesses.

Registration and reservation information may be obtained by writing: Reservations, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C. 28770 or Mark Short, Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, N.M. 87535.

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A LAST MINUTE MEETING before their panel presentation of "This Is How It Is" is held backstage by Patsy Johnson (Miss North Carolina of 1970), Meredith College; Thurman Roundtree, Shaw University; Penny Smallwood, Appalachian State; and David Waugh, Wake Forest University.

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Signed, RED

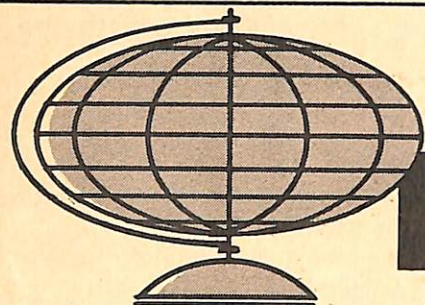
Dear Red:

It looks like you have run up on that old "bad apple" theory. While it is true that one bad apple may spoil a whole box of good ones, it is also true that people are not apples. Many a good girl has come from a "bad" home, and many a bad girl has come from a "good" home. I am a strong one to hold out for the individual who proves himself no matter what his background has been.

At the same time, please respect your parent's concern for you. They love you and do not want to see you make a wrong choice of friends. Ask them to let the other girl visit with you some more and maybe the "good" influence of your home can overcome the "bad" influence of hers.

***Send questions to: Rev. Roger Williams; Rt. 2, Box 48; Kinston, N. C. 28501.

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ALUMNI NEWS

by Franklin Bailey

Rt. 7, Box 245, Lexington, N. C. 27292

Brantley "Red" Wall worked for the Mills Home on the farm from 1945 through 1955. During that time he made many friends among the students living on campus. Red now works for Davidson County school system driving one of their supply trucks. He visited our home recently and told us he ran into one of our former students while working a car sale in High Point. Paul Smith Berrier (1933-1949) was a long time student at Mills Home, spending most of his life there until navy service in 1949. His stay ranged from "Miz Bannister" at Miles Durham Nursery to Dr. Zeno Wall. Paul now owns Wilson Chevrolet Co. in Wilson, N. C., is married and has three children; girls 13 and seven years of age, and a boy 11 years old. He and

Red had a ball reliving days gone by and comparing notes on their mutual acquaintances.

Many of you remember Alex Tysinger and Marjorie Shaver, two of our students getting married in the early forties, about the time Alex entered the Army. Well he retired from the Army last year on about 28 years service. He and Marjorie now live in Florida. A letter from Alex last week informed us to get his address straight. We had him living in Ohio and Marjorie in Florida. We apologize and note they live together at this address: Glenn A. Tysinger, 151 North Orlando Ave., Apt. 122, Winter Park, Fla. 32789.

Alex noted that reading his Charity and Children a few weeks ago he saw the address of a classmate and called her up, to find she only lived five miles away. He and Marjorie got together with Eddie and Connie Sparks (Connie Mae Duncan) for a big reunion dinner and on the following Sunday attended church together. Now Connie-Mrs. E. E.

neighborhood just moved down the road to a new box number. Carolyn said her sister, Ruth, has moved back to N. C. from California after the return of her husband from Viet Nam. Jack, is a career man with the Army and they now live at this address: Mr. and Mrs. Jack C. Davis, 10 Hamilton Street, Ft. Bragg, N. C.

Carolyn said she and a group attended the drama at Kennedy Home and were pleased to see some friends from Mills Home while there. She expressed the feeling of many former students in the recent loss of Mr. W. C. Reed and Mr. R. E. Muth—"both had such an influence in our lives. I know there are hundreds of others who feel the same devotion."

Mrs. Louise Sisk (Clodfelter) has been sending us address changes as a result of letters sent out from the Mills Home office. One returned letter stated the death of Ransom Averitt. Mr. Averitt was the first child born on Mills Home campus, May 9, 1901. His parents worked at the orphanage and he spent his early years on our campus. He was city and county attorney and former judge of Juvenile Court in Winston-Salem. He graduated from Wake Forest *cum laude* in 1922 and finished Wake's law school in 1924. He was with the State Highway Commission of Georgia and North Carolina before practicing law in Winston-Salem. July 10, 1970 will remain a day of sorrow to those of us that remember Ransom Averitt, for on this day he departed this world to collect his reward.

Don't let it stop

During the four weeks of November leading up to Thanksgiving, every church in the state has received a complementary bundle of 10 copies of Charity and Children. Those churches which do not subscribe to this weekly paper have received a bundle each week for the past four weeks for distribution among their members. Those already subscribing have received an extra bundle of 10 during these weeks.

This is the last issue which your church will receive if it is not a subscriber or if a subscription is not entered immediately.

The editorial staff of Charity and Children, the administration of the Baptist Children's Homes, and the trustees of the agency hope these few issues have created in those who have not been receiving the paper regularly a thirst for continued visits from "The Voice of Child Care Since 1887."

Individual subscription rates are \$2 plus tax per year. Bulk subscriptions, mailed in bundles to your church, are \$1.50 plus tax per year.

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COOPERATIVE
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Pray for these Young People

by R. Tom Greene

"(We have) young people who are afraid to be baptized because of what might happen to them," said Missionary Elizabeth Hale of Malaysia.

These young people are won to Christ through your work in the "House of Happiness," which is a youth Gospel Center.

"A Chinese girl. . .has been found to work (here), but we could ask her only for the remainder of this year. Somehow, I believe gifts are going to increase through the Cooperative Program so this girl, who was graduated from our Seminary, can continue to help us.

"Now please, do not. . .send an extra gift for her. NO! But I wish that. . .you will. . .do what you can. . .through the Cooperative Program.

"Your gifts are taking care of this Gospel Center. . .through the Cooperative Program. Hope all goes well with you and yours and with the Cooperative Program work."

he saw the address of a classmate and called her up, to find she only lived five miles away. He and Margorie got together with Eddie and Connie Sparks (Connie Mae Duncan) for a big reunion dinner and on the following Sunday attended church together. Now Connie—Mrs. E. E. Sparks, 1555 Hilltop Road, Casselberry, Fla. 32703—and Alex wants any former students or employees interested in forming an alumni chapter in Florida to get in touch with either of them for a meeting. We urge you in Florida to get in touch with these interested former students, and thank you Alex for your interest!

Tyson Kirk, Chairman of the Alumni Project Committee, wrote us that we are only \$367.49 short of the \$1,500 we need before the first of the year in order to collect \$1,500 offered by a friend as a matching gift to the fund. Tyson has been surprised by the response of our folk on this project, but credit must be given where due. His interest and hard work is the key to the success of this undertaking. We urge that you send your gift to the Alumni Building Fund, Mills Home, Thomasville, N. C. 27360 before you let it slip your mind in the seasons rush.

Harold and Carolyn Tharrington have moved into their new home on Route 4, Box 90, Smithfield, N. C. 27577. Note this address change in your address booklet for Carolyn McCarson. She lives in the same

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Happenings...

... around Mills Home

by Carolyn J. Frady

Nancy Philyaw and her husband Darrell visited Mills Home campus Oct. 28. Nancy is social service secretary for Kennedy Home, and her husband Darrell is technical assistant at Lenoir Community College, Kinston. Nancy and Darrell said, "The campus is just beautiful with the autumn trees and the well-kept grounds."

Kings Creek Baptist youth group and pastor, Forrest Stout, visited the campus Nov. 1. They attended the worship service and had lunch on campus.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Cook of Clark's Chapel Baptist Church, Lenoir, visited the campus Nov. 1, bringing with them canned foods and jelly for Fleming and Miles-Durham Cottages.

Mrs. Vivian Burge, former secretary at Mills Home, and her husband Wallace announced the birth of a son, David Scott Oct. 15.

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The Mills Home family expresses its sorrow to Mrs. Van (Willie Mae) Richardson in the recent death of her sister. Mrs. Richardson works in the sewing room. Her sister, Mrs. Ruth Myers Beck of Huntington, W. Va., died after a six-month period of declining health. Mrs. Beck was the widow of R. Lloyd Beck.

Mrs. Beck was born in Davidson County, N. C. and was a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She had lived in Huntington for the past 36 years.

Meredith gets Sears grant

Meredith College, Raleigh, has received a \$1,000 unrestricted grant from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation, one of 41 grants totaling more than \$43,000 that are being distributed to privately supported North Carolina colleges and universities.

W. H. Hessee, Raleigh manager of Sears, presented the \$1,000 unrestricted grant to Meredith President E. Bruce Heilman. The grant can be used by the college as it deems necessary.

Silence is one of the hardest arguments to refute. —Billings

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