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NEW MEXICO BAPTISTS PLAN
ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN

TUCUMCARI, N. Mex.--(BP)--At the annual meeting of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico plans were made by the convention to have 225 Baptist churches by 1954 and 250 by 1955. The convention now has 197. Plans were also made to increase church membership, Brotherhood, Training Union, W.M.U., and Sunday school enrolment.

Goals were set for 1954 including the Cooperative Program of \$300,000 and the over-all budget of \$542,892.

L. M. Walker, Albuquerque, N. Mex., was re-elected president. Next year's convention will meet in Roswell, N. Mex., October 26-28. Registration for this year reached 800.

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L. E. COLEMAN GOES TO
KENTUCKY BROTHERHOOD

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.--(BP)--L. E. Coleman, Sr., assistant executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention since March 1, 1949, was elected secretary of the Brotherhood Department of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, and will assume his duties December 1.

He was a successful lawyer in Arkansas before entering the ministry in the latter part of 1947. He practiced law in Arkansas twenty-one years, during which time he served two terms in the Arkansas State Senate, and was, at one time, secretary to the speaker of the House of Representatives.

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S.B.C. SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES SHOW
ENROLMENT GAIN OF 3.4 PER CENT

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Net enrolments in Southern Baptist educational institutions, as of October 1, 1953, were as follows: seminaries, 4,310, up 9 per cent from last year; senior colleges, 23,114, up 2.5 per cent; junior colleges, 5,739, up 5.5 per cent; academies and Bible schools, 2,273, down 1 per cent; bringing the total to 35,436 or an increase of 3.4 per cent over last year, according to R. Orin Cornett, executive secretary of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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KENTUCKY PASTOR BEGINS
27th YEAR WITH CHURCH

OWENSBORO, Ky.--(BP)--On October 18, Robert E. Humphreys began his twenty-seventh year as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky. Humphreys came to the church from Brearden, Tenn., October 16, 1927.

Under his leadership the church has grown consistently in all its departments and activities.

During the past twenty-six years the church received 4,174 members, 1,812 of these coming by baptism, and 2,362 by letter. During that period a total of \$1,684,411 has been contributed by the church to all causes. Two missions were started by the church with one resulting in the establishment of a church.

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OREGON-WASHINGTON VOTE
\$60,382 MISSION GOAL

SEATTLE--(BP)--A 1954 Cooperative Program goal of \$60,382 was voted by the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington in session here. The state will receive 75 per cent of this goal and 25 per cent will go to Southern Baptist causes.

The convention voted to issue \$20,000 in bonds for the purchase and maintenance of the Mount Baker Baptist assembly ground.

The Pacific Coast Baptist, official paper of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington, was increased to a semi-monthly publication.

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BOARD'S 46th BOOK STORE
TO OPEN SOON IN ROANOKE

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Formal opening of the Baptist Sunday School Board's forty-sixth Baptist Book Store will be held November 17-19, in Roanoke, Va., according to H. E. Ingraham, business manager of the Board, and John H. Williams, director, Book Store Department of the Board.

Mrs. Kittie Sullivan, state church library consultant, Baptist Book Store, Raleigh, N. C., will serve as manager of the store.

The Richmond store will continue as the official state store for Virginia and the Roanoke outlet will supply the immediate surrounding territory.

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ILLINOIS SETS
1954 GOALS

SALEM, Ill.--(BP)--Illinois Baptists in convention here adopted a \$491,422 budget for 1954 to be divided 58 per cent to state causes and 42 per cent to Southern Baptist causes.

A special committee to plan celebration of the 50th anniversary of the State Association in 1957 was appointed, and plans to extend invitation to the Southern Baptist Convention to meet in Chicago in 1957 as part of the celebration were made.

Plans were also made for the state to co-operate in Stewardship campaign, October 31 to November 6, 1954, and the nation-wide revival scheduled April 10-24, 1955.

James M. Baldwin, pastor, First Baptist Church, Salem, was re-elected president. Next year's convention will meet in Mt. Vernon, October 27-29.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD
PLANS DECEMBER MEETING

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Plans for the enlargement and improvement of Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist assemblies will be made when the Baptist Sunday School Board meets in Nashville, December 15-16.

A report of progress on the campaign "A Million More in '54" will be given at the meeting and also conference dates for the 1955 season will be set. Appropriations for promotional work through the Southern Baptist states for 1954 will be determined when the Board meets.

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FRED H. PORTER RESIGNS

FRESNO, Calif.--(BP)--Fred H. Porter, secretary of the Sunday School Department of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, resigned, effective October 31. He accepted the call to be pastor of Texas Avenue Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.

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MISSOURI BAPTISTS VOTE
TWO BUILDING PROJECTS

SEDALIA, Mo.--(EP)--Missouri Baptists will build a new nurse's home at Missouri Baptist Hospital and a new auditorium and classrooms at Hollister Hill Assembly. Final action was taken at the annual state convention here.

A Cooperative Program goal of \$1,400,000 was set for 1954.

Each church was asked to plan a week of study concerning alcoholism, marriage and family life, industrial relations, race relations, and narcotics.

T. W. Croxton, pastor, First Baptist Church, Sedalia, was elected to serve as moderator next year. The 1954 convention will meet in Kansas City, October 26-28.