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SOUTHERN BAPTISTS PASS '52
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM TOTAL

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--December 7, 1953, or Pearl Harbor Day was a day of victory for Southern Baptists. On that day the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program gifts passed the 1952 total. At the end of the day's business the receipts stood at \$9,179,552 which was more than the \$9,076,047 that had been received at the end of the corresponding day a year ago.

Announcement of the gain was made by Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee.

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AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY
MAKES ANNUAL REPORT

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Twenty-five million copies of the Scriptures will be published or circulated throughout the world next year, though the need is twice that ~~number~~, the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society learned at its thirty-fifth annual meeting in New York City.

Southern Baptists were represented at the Advisory Council by James L. Sullivan and Albert McClellan, Nashville; Miss Ellen Oliver, Richmond, Va.; and Mrs. Lester L. Knight, Portsmouth, Va. Dr. Sullivan served as chairman of the Findings Committee of the Advisory Council.

The treasurer of the Society, Gilbert Darlington, who is also head of the publications department, told the Advisory Council that the figure, twenty-five million, represents a combined program of the twenty-four national Bible agencies associated with the united Bible societies.

Since the organization of the first of these societies 150 years ago, over 1,200,000,000 copies of the Scriptures in 900 languages and dialects have been donated or sold below cost. About 15 per cent were Bibles, 19 per cent were New Testaments and 66 per cent were separate Gospels or books of the Bible. Darlington reported that the American Bible Society's production for 1954 calls for publication of 365,000 Bibles, 4,500 Testaments, 13,227,000 Gospel portions, 30,000 volumes for the blind, or a total of 14,096,500.

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American Bible Society (cont.)

During 1953 the people of the United States donated 1.157 cents per capita to the work of the Bible Society as compared to the donation in Canada of 3.38 cents per capita. New Zealand donated 4.633 cents and Australia 1.775 cents.

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BAPTIST BRIEFS

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Harold E. Lindsey, pastor, First Baptist Church, Shawnee, Okla., resigned to accept the call of First Baptist Church, Waco, Tex. He succeeds Forrest Feezor.

Horace Lee Janes, pastor, First Baptist Church, Elk City, Okla., was elected secretary of the Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma. Janes is first vice-president of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary was accredited by the American Association of Theological Schools. The A.A.T.S. is the highest accrediting agency for theological schools in America.

Eugene M. Bartlett, minister of music, Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, was elected Baptist student union and church music secretary for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

Receipts from the annual Mary Hill Davis offering for state missions, taken in September in Texas Baptist churches, reached \$165,941.14 through November.

Robert L. Lee, seriously injured in an automobile accident recently, is much improved. However, his bone injuries will require months of hospitalization. Lee is assistant executive secretary of Louisiana Baptists.

Lester L. Morris, pastor, Mt. Pleasant, Tex., was elected president of the Texas Baptist Training Union Convention for 1953-54.

Hamilton C. Davis, Baltimore business man and president of the Maryland Baptist Children's Aid Society died at his home November 10.

On January 1, the Canadian Baptist will celebrate its one hundredth birthday of publication with a Centennial edition. Harold U. Trinier is editor.

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RADIO COMMISSION TO
RELEASE FIRST TV FILM

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Forty stations in twenty-two states have scheduled "The Coming of Christ," first film produced for the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Paul M. Stevens, director of the Commission announced.

This initial film is one of a series of eight, fifteen-minute films on "The Life of Christ." Each of the films is to be entirely scriptural, based on the King James version of the Bible.

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NEW CITIZENS

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--"Five years is a long time--but it is worth waiting for," was the sentiment voiced by three Britishers, Rev. and Mrs. Donald F. Ackland and daughter, Mrs. Paul Robert Eggers, who received their U. S. Citizenship papers recently.

Ackland is connected with the Baptist Sunday School Board in the Editorial Division as editor of Open Windows.

The Acklands came to the United States from London in April, 1948. Prior to moving to Nashville they lived in Texas.

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CALIFORNIA BAPTIST HISTORY

FRESNO, Calif.--(BP)--California Southern Baptists in the few short years of their activity have been active enough to merit a history of their work. So one is being prepared under the auspices of the Board of Directors of their convention. The History of California Southern Baptists, by Floyd Looney, editor of the state paper, will appear February 15, 1954.

Pre-publication price of the volume is \$3.50. Orders should be addressed to the Historical Secretary, Southern Baptist General Convention of California, 1405 Broadway, Fresno, Calif.

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ARIZONA'S 100TH CHURCH

PHOENIX, Ariz.--(BP)--Arizona now has its one hundredth Southern Baptist church, located between Phoenix and Glendale. Constituted in a tent, with twenty-nine charter members, it expects to purchase a site for a permanent home in an area where 7,500 homes are to be built. Joseph De Franco is pastor.

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