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\$3,125,000 Virginia  
Budget Recommended

RICHMOND, Va.--(BP)--The Virginia Baptist Board of Missions and Education has approved a 1960 budget of \$3,125,000 which it will recommend to the fall meeting of the Baptist General Association of Virginia.

The funds will be used to support state and Southern Baptist missions, educational work, and benevolences. It compares with the current year's budget of \$3 million.

The budget will be divided 65-35. That is, 65 per cent of the 1960 offering receipts for Cooperative Program work will remain in Virginia and 35 per cent will support Southern Baptist Convention objectives.

There are no preferred items, for which support is deducted prior to applying the 65-35 per centage scale.

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Crusade In Georgia  
Reports Top Results

ATLANTA--(BP)--Georgia Baptist churches had received more persons on professions of faith during the 1959 Baptist simultaneous evangelistic crusade, as of Apr. 30, than in any previous simultaneous effort in state history.

R. T. Russell, Atlanta, Georgia Baptist Convention secretary of evangelism, said 10,085 baptisms were reported from 1,438 churches in 74 district associations. 22 associations were yet to report.

Those 1,438 churches also reported 4,189 additions by letter or statement, for total additions of 14,274.

The previous high for a simultaneous crusade in Georgia was in 1955 when 9,825 baptisms were reported.

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Georgetown Announces  
4 Honorary Degrees

GEORGETOWN, Ky.--(BP)--Georgetown College, Baptist institution here, has announced it will confer four honorary degrees this month.

Recipients are V. V. Cooke, Prospect, Ky., automobile dealer and leader in financial campaign for new Louisville Baptist college, doctor of humane letters; L. LeRoy Highbaugh, Sr., Louisville attorney and member of Georgetown trustees, doctor of laws; John M. Ridgway, Lexington, Ky., superintendent, Lexington Independent School System, doctor of letters, and Clarence David Strother, pastor, Culbertson Ave. Baptist Church, New Albany, Ind., doctor of divinity.

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University Conference  
Issues Bid to Mercer

MACON, Ga.--(BP)--Mercer University here has been invited to join the Southern University Conference, an organization of top-ranking Southern liberal arts institutions.

This recognition by the conference is one of the highest honors to come to Mercer in its 126-year history, college officials said.

46 other institutions in 13 Southern states are members of the conference.

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Only five other Baptist institutions in these 13 states are members. They are Stetson University, DeLand, Fla; Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Baylor University, Waco, Tex.; Furman University, Greenville, S. C., and the University of Richmond, Richmond, Va.

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Missouri Would Raise  
1960 Budget \$200,000

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.--(BP)--A \$200,000 increase in the Cooperative Program annual budget for Missouri Baptist Convention was proposed here by the convention's executive board.

It would set the 1960 budget at \$2,800,000 compared with the present year's \$2,600,000 budget. The increase must be approved by the convention in annual session in the fall.

Cooperative Program receipts would be shared on a 65-35 basis with state missions, education, and benevolent objectives getting the larger amount. The remainder would go to Southern Baptist Convention activities. No deductions are proposed before applying the distribution scale.

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.....Sydnor L. Stealey, president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., and Brooks Hays, outgoing president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be speakers for commencement at Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Ark., May 24-25.

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