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SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOSPITAL
TREATS 37,076 PATIENTS

NEW ORLEANS, La.--(BP)--Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, La., set a new record in 1953 by admitting a total of 37,076 patients. Of this number 19,329 were in-patients, 13,960 out-patients, and 3,787 new born infants, Frank Tripp, superintendent of the hospital, told the hospital's board of directors in session here recently. A total of 148,357 patient days of service was rendered.

In the first year of the hospital's operation, the institution's laboratory made 5,000 tests and in 1953 a total of 406,325 tests was made, according to Tripp.

Tripp pointed out that work now in progress, including enlarging and modernizing of the surgical department, installation of air conditioning equipment, and complete renovation of old buildings, when completed will cost approximately \$425,000. He further stated that there had been a net increase in value of hospital assets during the past seven years of \$960,000.

Officers of the board re-elected are as follows: Earl P. Paris, New Orleans, La., president; Carl Giers, pastor, First Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., vice-president; and B. B. Jones, New Orleans, La., recording secretary.

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FOUNDATION DIRECTORS
MEET IN NASHVILLE

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The annual meeting of the board of directors of the Southern Baptist Foundation was held in Nashville, February 1. The auditor's report reflected growth in volume and earnings of above four per cent for the year.

Officers elected were: Stirton Oman, president, Jack C. Massey, vice-president, Raymond L. Rogers, recording secretary, and Porter Routh, treasurer, all of Nashville, Tenn.

Five experienced Baptist businessmen constitute the Finance Committee, they are, Mr. Massey, chairman, Mr. Rogers, William Gupton, Russell W. Brothers, and Mr. Oman, all of Nashville, Tenn. T. L. Holcomb was re-elected as executive secretary.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY
NAMED FOR OKLAHOMA WMU

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.--(BP)--Miss Nicy Murphy, Mangum, Okla., was named assistant executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, recently.

Miss Murphy, a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, received the M.A. degree from the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla., and the M.R.E. degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

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1953 SOUTHERN BAPTIST STATISTICS

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>Gain</u>	<u>% Gain</u>
Associations	1,017	1,001	16	1.6
Churches	29,496	28,865	631	2.2
Open Country	14,688	14,502	186	1.3
Village	4,906	4,934	-28	-0.6
Town	3,959	3,806	153	4.0
City	5,943	5,323	620	11.6
City Suburban	--	300	--	--
No Services	32	39	-7	-17.9
Quarter-Time	2,304	2,718	-414	-15.2
Half-time	7,573	7,964	-391	-4.9
Three-Quarter-Time	292	342	-50	-14.6
Full-Time	19,295	17,802	1,493	8.4
Baptisms	361,835	354,384	7,451	2.1
Ratio to Membership	1 to 21.8	1 to 21.5	0.3	1.4
Additions by Letter	472,300			
Membership	7,886,016	7,634,493	251,523	3.3
Number of Sunday Schools	28,779	28,040	739	2.6
Sunday School Enrolment	5,759,128	5,491,056	268,072	4.9
V.B.S. Enrolment	2,108,370	1,919,053	189,317	9.9
Number Training Unions	19,015	17,781	1,234	6.9
Training Union Enrolment	1,849,544	1,677,293	172,251	10.3
WMU Enrolment	1,188,080	1,143,993	44,087	3.9
Brotherhood Enrolment	242,918	214,486	28,432	13.3
Church Property	\$ 1,020,504,214	\$890,697,339	\$129,806,875	14.6
Mission Gifts	\$48,427,760	\$45,822,830	\$2,604,930	5.7
Per Capita	\$6.14	\$6.00	\$0.14	2.3
Total Gifts	\$278,851,129	\$248,004,289	\$30,846,840	12.4
Per Capita	\$35.36	\$32.48	\$2.88	8.9
Pastors Salary	\$56,927,831	\$50,193,051	\$6,734,780	13.4