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Odle Made Editor
Of Baptist Record

JACKSON, Miss.--(BP)--The Mississippi Baptist Convention board has set up a record \$2½ million Cooperative Program budget for 1959-60 and elected Joe T. Odle as editor of the Baptist Record.

The new mission budget is an increase of \$225,000 over the current budget of \$2,275,000 and will be presented to the Mississippi Baptist Convention in November for final approval, according to Chester L. Quarles, convention executive secretary-treasurer.

Odle, the new editor of the Baptist Record, weekly convention newspaper, has served since July 15 as interim editor and has accepted the new post, beginning immediately.

He has served for over three years as convention associate executive secretary. As editor, he succeeds W. C. Fields, who resigned to become public relations secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville. The paper has a circulation of 91,000 and is the largest weekly in Mississippi.

In other significant action the board adopted the recommendation of the Convention's education commission, which calls for a new formula for allocating Mississippi Baptist Convention Christian education support funds.

This formula calls for three types of allocation as follows:

An administrative allocation to underwrite the basic institutional expenses; a special allocation fund should be provided for initially, anticipating special emphases and providing state education commission expenses and a contingent reserve, and an instructional allocation based on a formula devised from the weighted enrollments of the several institutions.

The five institutions to be included are Mississippi College, Clinton; Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain; William Carey College, Hattiesburg; Clarke College, Newton, and Mississippi Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, Jackson.

Editor Odle is a native of West Frankfort, Ill., the son of a Baptist preacher. He is a graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and attended Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Mississippi College conferred the honorary doctor of divinity degree in 1949.

He has been in Mississippi since 1943 when he became pastor of the First Baptist Church of Crystal Springs. Prior to this he had served churches in Illinois, Tennessee, and Kentucky.

The new editor became pastor of First Baptist Church in Gulfport in 1947, where he served until chosen as Mississippi Baptist associate executive secretary in 1956.

Odle is the author of "Church Member's Handbook," of which nearly 900,000 copies have been published, including translations into Portuguese, Chinese, and Arabic.

Mrs. Odle is the former Mabel Riley of Kentucky. They have one daughter, Sarah, a senior at Mississippi College.

Joe Thomas, a son, died in 1955 while a ministerial student at Mississippi College.

In the proposed budget, Southern Baptist Convention causes will receive \$850,000, an increase of \$70,000 over the \$780,000 allocated for the current year.

Knoxville Musician
Gets Convention Nod

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The president of the Southern Baptist Convention has asked the minister of music at his church here to direct music at the 1960 session of the Convention.

President Ramsey Pollard, pastor of Knoxville's Broadway Baptist Church, designated Broadway's music leader, Elmer Bailey, to handle Convention music.

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6 Christian Family
Ideals Proposed

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Six ideals for Christian family life, embracing courtship, marriage, and parenthood, were proposed by Olin T. Binkley at the Southern Baptist Conference on Counseling and Guidance here.

Speaking to a section of the conference on marriage and family counseling, Binkley said, "The quality of family living can be improved by wisdom in courtship, adjustments in marriage, responsible parenthood, organization of community resources, and sincere religious faith."

Professor of Christian sociology and ethics at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., Binkley listed these six ideals for Christian living in the home:

1. Christian behaviour in courtship, with respect for the individual and reverence for Christ.

"Churches have opportunity to influence courtship," Binkley added, "by interpreting successful marriage and cultivating acquaintance between the sexes, particularly the lonely, timid, and neglected."

2. Christian marriage as a lifelong union of a Christian man and a Christian woman, in which each is faithful, loving, and loyal.

3. Christian parenthood as a vocation in which parents recognize the abilities of each child and maintain a spiritual atmosphere in the home.

4. Family life enriched by creative communication. In this ideal home, channels of love and understanding are kept open.

5. Constructive attitudes toward problems of family life, undergirded by faith in God and willingness to accept help.

6. Participation in improvement of the community through science, education, government, and religion.

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'Faithful Stewards'
1960 Convention Theme

NEWPORT NEWS, Va.--(BP)--The Committee on Order of Business for the Southern Baptist Convention has announced theme for the 1960 session next May in Miami Beach.

"Required of Stewards . . . Found Faithful" will be the theme, according to Bruce H. Price, pastor of First Baptist Church here, and committee chairman. The accompanying scripture reference is 1 Corinthians 4:2.

Price said the theme was selected in keeping with the 1961 emphasis during the Baptist Jubilee Advance. The '61 emphasis is on stewardship and enlistment.

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The committee tentatively is seeking to plan an order of business (agenda) leaving both Wednesday and Friday afternoons free of sessions. The Convention will open on Tuesday night and close on Friday night.

Further details on the order of business will be announced about Jan. 1.

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Carolina Pastor Heads Counseling Conference

NASHVILLE--(BP)--A pastor whose ministry has been distinguished by an interest in spiritual counseling has been elected president of the Southern Baptist Conference on Counseling and Guidance here.

He is D. Swan Haworth, pastor, First Baptist Church, Lumberton, N. C. This marks the first year that the conference has elected a slate of officers.

A. E. (Gus) Verdery, chaplain, Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta, is vice-president, and Joe Fred Luck, chaplain, Baptist Memorial Hospital, Houston, is secretary.

During the past summer, Haworth was associated at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, with Wayne E. Oates, professor of psychology of religion, in teaching summer school courses.

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Lyn Elder Chairman Of Pastoral Group

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Association for Clinical Pastoral Education meeting here elected J. Lyn Elder of Mill Valley, Calif., as chairman. Elder is professor of pastoral care at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

The association's secretary is Edward Thornton, Houston, professor of pastoral care at Institute of Religion, Texas Medical Center. Fred Bell, Nashville, chaplain at Mid-State Baptist Hospital, is treasurer.

There is no vice-chairman.

The association's primary concern is that ministers and other denominational workers be properly trained for counseling under widely varying situations--marriage, sickness, domestic trouble, etc.

It helps Southern Baptist pastoral training centers work toward accreditation from national associations in clinical pastoral education.

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West Virginia Sets Associational Goals

CHARLESTON, W. Va.--(BP)--Pioneer Baptist Association, the only Southern Baptist Association having all its churches in West Virginia, met recently at Witcher Baptist Church, Belle, W. Va., for its first annual meeting.

Pioneer Association was constituted with five churches on Oct. 31, 1958. Seven new churches were received at the 1959 meeting, bringing the total to 12.

Three of the new churches had been in Greenup Baptist Association of Ashland, Ky., and were located in the area of Huntington, W. Va. The three Huntington area churches coming into pioneer Association will still be recognized by the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky as co-operating churches.

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Thus Pioneer Association, in addition to being composed of churches affiliated with the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, now also includes churches affiliated with the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. All are working on an associational level in a mission program in West Virginia. This is possible because state conventions are not composed of associations, but of messengers from churches.

W. S. Holton, pastor of Westmoreland Baptist Church, Huntington, was elected moderator of Pioneer Association. Other action committed the association to a full program for the coming year.

Churches will be asked to give a definite percentage of their regular offerings to world missions through the Cooperative Program and 2 per cent to associational missions. The association adopted a goal of 12 new missions and six new churches for the year ahead.

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Alaska Missionary,
Wife Suffer Injury

ANCHORAGE, Alaska--(BP)--The missions secretary of Alaska Baptist Convention here and his wife have been injured in an automobile collision.

Secretary Ben N. Hill received minor injuries but Mrs. Hill suffered what were described as serious injuries. She has been hospitalized. Their car was a total loss.

A third party in the Hills's car, whose name was not available, also was injured.

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