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Virginia's 1960 Goal
of \$3,125,000 Proposed

RICHMOND, Va.--(BP)--The Virginia Baptist board of missions and education will propose a budget of \$3,125,000 when Baptists of the state hold their annual associational session here.

The budget will cover work of the Baptist General Association of Virginia for 1960. It is \$125,000 higher than the 1959 budget.

There won't be any "preferred items" in the 1960 budget, for which money will be deducted before allocating funds to other objectives.

The association, in approving the budget, will share the Cooperative Program receipts from Virginia budget on a 65-35 basis, with the state retaining 65 per cent and sending 35 per cent to the Southern Baptist Convention.

All receipts above \$3,125,000 will be placed into a construction fund for a new Baptist state office building in Richmond.

Two institutions of the general association secured board permission to proceed with building projects. Virginia Intermont College at Bristol will spend \$300,000 for a fine arts building to be ready Sept. 1, 1961.

Virginia Baptist Home for the Aged will erect a new wing and enlarge its dining room at a total cost of about \$183,500. The new wing will house 45 residents.

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Louisiana College
Staying In Pineville

PINEVILLE, La.--(BP)--Louisiana College, operated by Louisiana Baptist Convention, intends to remain in Pineville.

President G. Earl Guinn announced the decision after an educational consultant surveyed the college's future. The school had considered moving to another site because of the plan for a state junior college to be built about 15 miles from Pineville.

Doak S. Campbell, former Baptist educator and more lately president of Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla., conducted the survey.

He recommended that Louisiana College stay in Pineville, but think of expansion only in the area of liberal arts and sciences.

Trustees delayed the start of a \$600,000 fine arts building while the survey was under way. The construction has started since and contractors expect to finish the building by Jan. 1, 1961.

The new building will bear the name of H. M. Weathersby, dean emeritus of Louisiana College.

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State RA Secretary

ATLANTA--(BP)--James Gray, 24, of Rome, Ga., has been elected secretary of Royal Ambassador work for Georgia Baptist Convention here. Gray assumes his duties Nov. 1.

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William Jewell Honors
Graham And Associate

LIBERTY, Mo.--(BP)--Billy Graham, internationally-known evangelist, and his associate, Grady B. Wilson, will receive honorary doctorates at the 16th annual "Achievement Day" at William Jewell College here Nov. 3.

Graham, a member of First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., is on the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board. William Jewell College is operated by Missouri Southern Baptists.

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Tom Carter To Head
Hospital Association

TULSA, Okla.--(BP)--Tom E. Carter, Oklahoma City, will be installed as president of the Oklahoma Hospital Association at the organization's 40th annual convention in Tulsa Nov. 5-6.

Carter is director of hospitals and golden age homes for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma. He was elected to head the Oklahoma Hospital Association, an organization of hospital leaders in Oklahoma, at the group's annual meeting in Oklahoma City last year. Officers are elected a year before they take office.

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Folks & facts.....

.....Frank G. Voight, Richmond, secretary of Sunday school work for Virginia Baptists, has received a leave of absence from the middle of January through the middle of May to continue graduate study at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. While at Louisville, Voight will also serve as an instructor of a religious education group.

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.....Dr. Arthur Fox, 79, of Morristown, Tenn., died there Oct. 26. He was the father-in-law of H. Leo Eddleman, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Fox graduated from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1916, and had held pastorates in Kentucky and Tennessee before entering evangelistic work in 1933.

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As Well As To Play

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While the south Florida tourist resort may be better known for its horse tracks, it is also a city of churches.

Churches in Florida--particularly in the Miami area--may be a little more contemporary and varied in architecture and people who attend them may be a little more informal in dress. But there are just as many places to worship here as in the average cities around the nation and just as many folks, percentage-wise, attend.

The religious community here is doing its best to keep abreast of the floodtide of visitors and new residents. In Greater Miami alone, churches are building at a \$2 million a year clip.

Like most Southern states, Florida has more Baptists, Methodists, and Catholics than anything else. There are 450,000 members of 1,340 Southern Baptist churches in the state. Of those, 87 churches and 50,000 members are in the Miami area.

There are 221,000 Methodists in 522 churches across the state, of which there are 35,000 in 52 churches in the Miami District.

Catholics have 190 churches serving about 276,000 people throughout the state. thirty-five of those churches are used by nearly 100,000 Roman Catholics in Greater Miami.

Miami has the largest Jewish population in the South--about 100,000 persons--and has 40 synagogues for their worship.

And Lutherans are probably stronger in numbers here than anywhere in the South.

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In addition, Miami offers one of the nation's largest outdoor Easter pageants in the Orange Bowl, and a unique Biblical garden at St. James Lutheran Church in Coral Gables.

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That's slightly under the national average of 60 per cent of the population who are members of churches and synagogues.

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