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Nashville, Tennessee

SBC CONVENTION TO MEET
IN KIEL AUDITORIUM

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The 1954 Southern Baptist Convention will convene June 2-5, in Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, Mo., with approximately 14,000 messengers from thirty states attending.

Kiel Auditorium, a six million dollar structure, is one of the most modern and complete convention buildings in the world. Within its walls is a veritable city planned for both the large and small conventions. The three large assembly centers, the opera house, the convention hall, and exposition hall, reach almost from front to back of the entire building which is 493 feet over-all.

The main hall, with seating capacity for 11,500 people, stretches from the stage on the south side to the back of the building.

The lobby is 32 feet by 92 feet, with plenty of front space for registration booths for speedy and convenient registration.

The building is air-conditioned and the lighting system is up-to-the-minute with use of both direct and indirect systems.

Four large assembly rooms, each accommodating 800 people, with footlight d stages, motion picture equipment, projection rooms and screens, are provided for departmental meetings. On all floors are numerous committee rooms with a capacity for 35 to 300 people.

The book store and convention exhibits will be housed in the exposition hall located in the basement.

Available in the building is a regular combination restaurant and cafeteria, and other food service centers.

The Auditorium is only three blocks from Union Depot and within walking distance of some of St. Louis' best hotels. It can be conveniently reached by automobiles and bus lines, and there is ample parking facilities adjacent to it.

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ASSISTANT PROFESSOR NAMED

SHAWNEE, Okla.--(BP)--William E. Neptune, Lawton, Okla., was appointed assistant professor of chemistry, Oklahoma Baptist University, by the board of trustees rec ntly. Neptune, 1950 graduate of OBU, is doing graduate work at the University of Oklahoma.

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RESERVATION DEADLINE SET

ST. LOUIS, Mo.--(BP)--May 9, has been set as the deadline for making hotel reservations for the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in St. Louis, June 2-5.

There are a few single rooms, twin bedrooms, and double bedrooms available at reasonable rates.

There are twenty-five air-conditioned hotels in St. Louis, within walking distance of Kiel Auditorium. All hotels have ample parking space.

The average distance by taxi from the railroad stations to the hotels is twenty minutes; from the airport, forty-five minutes; and from the bus station twenty minutes.

Each hotel has some type of restaurant or cafe facility. Public stenographers valet service, laundry service, barber and beauty shop service, drugstores, and floral service are available at most hotels.

Reservations should be sent to Convention Publicity and Tourist Bureau, SBC Reservations, 911 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

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WMU WILL MEET IN ST. LOUIS

ST. LOUIS, Mo.--(BP)-- The Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, will hold its annual meeting in the Opera House of Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, Mo., May 30-June 1, 1954. The theme of the program will be "Come, Women Wide Proclaim," according to Mrs. George R. Martin, Norfolk, Va., president of the group.

The first session of the meeting will be on Sunday afternoon, May 30, and will close with the evening session Tuesday, June 1.

Among the speakers on program are J. W. Storer, Tulsa, Okla., president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Baker James Cauthen, Richmond, Va., executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board; Courts Redford, Atlanta, Ga., executive secretary of the Home Mission Board; Mrs. Leslie B. Arey, president of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society; Miss Juliette Mather, editorial secretary, Woman's Missionary Union; and C. Oscar Johnson, pastor, Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.

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REGISTRATION CARDS FOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
BY: Joe W. Burton, Secretary

Registration cards for messengers who will attend the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, June 2-5, are available from the office of the Baptist state secretary in your state.

It will greatly facilitate the enrolment of messengers in St. Louis if each messenger will bring his card to St. Louis properly prepared.

Pastors who have not received registration cards may secure them by writing directly to the Baptist state secretary.

The maximum number which any church may designate as messengers to the Convention is ten, as provided by the Convention bylaws. There is no provision for alternates.

The constitutional provision concerning messengers is as follows:

"Membership: The Convention shall consist of messengers who are members of missionary Baptist churches co-operating with the Convention as follows:

"1. One messenger for each regular Baptist church which is in friendly co-operation with this Convention and sympathetic with its purposes and work and has during the fiscal year preceding been a bona fide contributor to the Convention's work.

"2. One additional messenger from each such church for every 250 members; or for each \$250.00 paid to the work of the Convention during the fiscal year preceding the annual meeting.

"3. The messengers shall be appointed and certified by the churches to the Convention, but no church may appoint more than ten."

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BAPTIST BRIEFS

BAPTISTS WORKERS HONORED

SHAWNEE, Okla.--(BP)--Oklahoma Baptist University will honor three Southern Baptist workers with the D.D. and LL.D. degrees May 29, at commencement.

Courts Redford, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., and OBU graduate of the class of 1920, and E. F. Hallock, pastor, First Baptist Church, Norman, and president of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, will receive the D.D. degree. Ferman Phillips, executive secretary of the Oklahoma Education association, will receive the LL.D. degree.

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100th CHURCH ORGANIZED

CHICAGO, Ill.--(BP)--Southern Baptists in Illinois organized the one hundredth new church since 1945 recently, when a new church was organized in Tinley Park, a suburb of Chicago.

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MISSIONARY DIES

RIGHTON, Miss.--(BP)--James Garvin Chastain, 100, Southern Baptists' oldest missionary, died February 20, at the home of his son near Richton. He was retired twenty-four years ago, but since that time he had written four books, two in English and two in Spanish, and helped establish a church for Spanish-speaking people in New Orleans.

During his forty year career as active missionary, Chastain spent thirty years in Mexico, three in Cuba, and seven in a Spanish colony in Southern Florida.

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ALABAMAN IS CHAIRMAN
ASSEMBLY WORKERS

EDGEWATER PARK, Miss.--(BP)--Hobson Shirey, Talladega, Ala., was elected chairman of the Assembly Workers Conference at their first annual meeting held here recently. Fred Noe, Nashville, Tenn., was elected secretary of the group. Plans were made to meet in the fall at Talladega, Ala.

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GEORGIA CHURCH
LIQUIDATES DEBT

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--First Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga., liquidated the debt on its old building now used for commercial purposes. Rentals amounting to \$10,000 a year are used for the building of mission churches around the world. The church built a complete new million dollar building on a new site several years ago.

Dick H. Hall, Jr., pastor, said the last payment was made this month on the old \$75,000 mortgage.

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FIRST FILM

DALLAS, Tex.--(BP)--The Public Relations Department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Leonard Holloway, director, will film the convention's first dialogue color movie at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., in late February.

The film, "These Go Together," will be shown primarily in Texas Baptist churches during the denomination's evangelism-stewardship emphasis in the fall.

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BOOK STORE MANAGER NAMED

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Dorothy Elliott, Elizabeth City, N. C., was appointed manager of the new Baptist Book Store, Savannah, Ga. Miss Elliott received the B.A. degree from Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C.

She served as secretary and educational director in churches in North Carolina and served for two years with the Baptist Book Store in Charlotte, N. C.

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CONFERENCES HELD

JACKSON, Miss.--(BP)--A series of inter-racial conferences on stewardship and expansion will be conducted in six of the centers of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary for Negroes during the last week in February.

The conferences were sponsored by the Seminary and the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Directing the conferences was W. A. Keel, Jackson, secretary, Negro Work Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

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