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Cooperative Program
Hits Record In 1959

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Cooperative Program receipts to support work of the Southern Baptist Convention reached a record \$17,101,216 during 1959, Convention Treasurer Porter Routh announced here.

The previous high was the 1958 total of \$15,598,909.

The Cooperative Program is used to support the Convention's foreign and home mission program, its seminaries and hospitals, and its various other agencies.

The figure however does not represent total contributions to the 31,500 Southern Baptist churches. Funds used by local churches and by state Baptist conventions are not a part of the \$17 million.

Total gifts to all Southern Baptist Convention agencies, including the non-designated Cooperative Program gifts and the gifts for which donors spell out the exact way it shall be spent, amounted to \$27,475,124 during 1959. This also is a record amount, according to Routh.

The Convention's Cooperative Program budget for 1959 was \$15 million. After this amount was reached in November, all funds above it were divided only between home and foreign missions. They shared \$2,101,216, of which foreign missions got three-fourths and home missions one-fourth.

Here's a breakdown showing several of the agencies and the amount they received during 1959:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Cooperative Program</u>	<u>Total (incl. Designations)</u>
Foreign Mission Board	7,465,912.51	15,464,441.44
Home Mission Board	2,655,304.15	4,974,325.62
six seminaries (total)	5,330,000.00	5,354,872.67

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Fewer Orphans But
Child Care Urgent

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OKLAHOMA CITY--(BP)--There aren't as many orphans in the United States today as there were a quarter of a century ago but the need for child welfare work is just as great today due to the increase in broken homes.

That's the statement of H. Truman Maxey, Oklahoma City, who Jan. 1 observes his 25th anniversary in Baptist child care work. Maxey is executive director of the child care department of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, which owns and operates Boys Ranch Town, near Oklahoma City, and Baptist Children's Home in Oklahoma City.

"We changed the name from Baptist Orphans' Home to Baptist Children's Home a few years ago because there are really very few outright orphans in the home today," Maxey said.

Due to advances in medicine very few children are left completely orphaned today, Maxey said. "There was a time when a child placed in an orphans' home could expect to spend his or her entire childhood there. Today, most children placed in a childrens' home stay there only a few years or less," he added.

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"The trend in child welfare work throughout the nation is away from institutionalized and toward personalized care," Maxey said. "Many of the children who come to us have serious emotional problems. We try to help them with their problems and when possible to return them to live with their parent or parents or with relatives later.

"Our children live in small groups in home-like cottages, rather than dormitories and in a family-like atmosphere with house parents," Maxey added.

Many of the youngsters at Baptist Children's Home come from broken homes.

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.....Southern Baptists have 30 senior colleges and 21 junior colleges, and only three senior and three junior colleges are yet to attain full accreditation by their regional accrediting agencies.

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16% Cooperative Program
Gain In Missouri

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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.--(BP)--When the 1959 books were closed here, the Missouri Baptist Convention had received \$2,453,000 in Cooperative Program gifts for World Missions. This is an increase of 16%, a gain of \$339,000, over 1958 Cooperative Program gifts.

The gain also represents about 1.6% of the total gifts of the 1765 churches in the Convention. Convention officials pointed out that the objective of at least an annual gain of 2% of total gifts for the Cooperative Program is coming closer to reality for Missouri Baptists.

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