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ENROLMENT UP 14 PER CENT
IN SBC SEMINARIES

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Enrolment in Southern Baptist seminaries was 14 per cent larger for 1953-54 than for the preceding year, according to R. Orin Cornett, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention's Education Commission, Nashville, Tenn. He also said that for the same period figures released by the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare revealed a 17 per cent drop in enrolment for theological seminaries in the United States.

Total ministerial students enrolled in Southern Baptist colleges, seminaries and schools reached an all-time high of 10,007.

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MISSISSIPPI ALUMNI WILL
FURNISH SEMINARY GARDEN

NEW ORLEANS, La.--(BP)--New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary alumni in Mississippi will furnish the formal garden in front of Gentilly campus in New Orleans. Action was taken at the annual meeting of the Seminary alumni.

The Mississippians will raise the money from individual givers and build the fountain, lay the concrete walks, plant the shrubbery and trees, and supply the iron furniture for the garden.

Russell McIntire, pastor, First Baptist Church, Clinton, Miss., is president of the Mississippi group.

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ARIZONA BAPTISTS TO
MEET IN WINSLOW

PHOENIX, Ariz.--(BP)--Arizona Baptists will meet in Winslow, Ariz., for their 1954 meeting. This decision was made by the executive board of the convention in session recently, according to James R. Staples, chairman. At the 1953 meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona, the Baptists voted to meet in 1954 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The board also approved the purchase of property and the establishing of a Baptist Student Center at Arizona State College, Tempe, Ariz.

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CONVENTION-GOERS INVITED
TO FOREIGN MISSION TEA

RICHMOND, Va.--(BP)--Messengers and visitors attending the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, Mo., June 2-5 are invited to a reception in the Gold Room of the Jefferson Hotel from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., on Thursday, June 3, as guests of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Board, in announcing this departure from the usual Foreign Mission Board breakfast at the annual meeting of the Convention, said the reception will give Southern Baptists an opportunity to become better acquainted with many of their missionaries. Missionaries on furlough, recent appointees, and members of the Board's headquarters staff will receive the messengers.

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BAPTIST BRIEFS

VISUAL AIDS WORKER

CHARLOTTE, N. C.--(BP)--Ben A. Rentz, Jr., Fort Worth, Tex., was named as visual aids worker for the Baptist Book Store, Charlotte, N. C. He will be in charge of sales promotion of audio-visual aids throughout the state, according to H. E. Ingraham, business manager, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

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ILL. BAPTISTS TO
PUBLISH HISTORY

CARBONDALE, Ill.--(BP)--The board of directors of the Illinois Baptist State Association recently voted to prepare and publish a history of Southern Baptists in Illinois, according to a statement by Noel M. Taylor, executive secretary.

Plans were made for the history to be off the press and ready for distribution in the spring of 1957. This will be in connection with the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Illinois Baptist State Association.

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INTERIM PROFESSOR

NEW ORLEANS, La.--(BP)--Pat H. Hill, Southern Baptist missionary on furlough from Nigeria, is serving as interim professor of missions for the second semester at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He will return to Nigeria in June.

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WORK STARTED ON
MEN'S DORMITORY

De LAND, Fla.--(BP)--Construction on the new \$600,000 men's dormitory project at Stetson University, De Land, Fla., was started recently.

The five dormitory units are designed to accommodate 250 men and are scheduled to be ready for occupancy in September.

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WIDOW OF UNIVERSITY
HEAD DIES IN CALIF.

SHAWNEE, Okla.--(BP)--Mrs. Jessie Pollard Jent, 76, widow of J. W. Jent, long time Oklahoma Baptist University executive, died recently in Belmont, Calif. She had lived there since September, 1953. Except for six years, Mrs. Jent had lived in Shawnee since 1915 when Dr. Jent first joined the OBU faculty.

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CHILDREN'S HOME
PUBLISHES PAPER

CARMI, Ill.--(BP)--Illinois Baptist Children's Home, Carmi, Ill., has started publishing a monthly paper. The first issue of the Baptist Children's Home came off the press in March, 1954. Wade B. East, superintendent of the home, is editor.

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