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127 Ninth Avenue, North Nashville, Tennessee

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING
SHOWS INCREASE OVER '52

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.--(BP)--The Lottie Moon Christmas offering for Foreign Missions totaled \$3,393,451 by March 23, 1954. This is \$223,000 more than for the same date last year, it was reported by Mrs. George R. Martin, president, Woman's Missionary Union auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Largest single state contribution was \$1,277,048 from Texas.

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CHAPEL BUILT
IN ONE DAY

WAVERLY, O.--(BP)--The Waverly Baptist Chapel was built in one day by sixty Baptist laymen and preachers from over the state of Ohio. All material for construction of the chapel was on the building site and work was started at 7:30 a.m. Before nightfall the lights were turned on and the building, except for a few finishing touches, was completed.

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AUDIO-VISUAL WORKSHOP
SCHEDULED FOR FORT WORTH

FORT WORTH, Tex.--(BP)--Audio-visual specialists from Nashville, Atlanta, Richmond, and other Southern cities will meet in Fort Worth, May 17-21, for the Fifth Annual Audio-Visual Workshop, sponsored jointly by Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

The conference and workshop periods are planned to meet specific needs local workers face as they use audio-visuals. Topics discussed will be the motion picture, slide and filmstrip, opaque, recorders, and nonprojected materials.

Among those on program are Earl Waldrup, Nashville, Tenn.; Joe Davis Heacock, Fort Worth, Tex.; L. O. Griffith, Atlanta, Ga.; Fbn Scofield, Richmond, Va.; and Charles Warnock, Nashville, Tenn.

All people interested in the latest findings of these leaders are invited to attend.

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MANAGERS, CONSULTANTS
HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Managers and library consultants of the forty-eight Southern Baptist book stores held their annual meeting here recently. The managers' meeting was under the direction of Harold E. Ingraham, business manager, Baptist Sunday School Board, and John H. Williams, director, Book Store Department of the Board.

Miss Florida Waite, secretary of the church library service of the Board, was director of the library consultants' meeting.

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BRIEF BRIEFS

.....The mother of R. Lofton Hudson, Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. Laura Vantrease Hudson, Nashville, Tenn., died March 21.

.....George Lovell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Statesboro, Ga., has resigned to accept a pastorate in Conway, S. C.

.....Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Barnette, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., left recently on a 60-day tour of Southern Baptist mission fields in Latin America in the interest of Bible teaching in the Sunday schools.

.....The Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn., has distributed 700,000 pieces of literature for use in the College Orientation Workshops to be held in Southern Baptist churches in April. Texas alone will use 107,500. The states produced additional items to bring the total to well over a million.

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OUTLINE FOR ENCLOSED MAT--CONVENTION OFFICERS--Officers making final plans for the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention to be held in St. Louis, Mo., June 2-5, are upper left: music director, Warren Angell, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee; first vice-president, E. H. Westmoreland, pastor, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.; second vice-president, R. C. Campbell, Shelby, N. C.; president, J. W. Storer, pastor, First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.; lower left: treasurer, Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee, Nashville, Tenn.; Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion of the Executive Committee, Nashville, Tenn.; secretary, Joe W. Burton, editor, Home Curriculum Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.; and press representative, Albert McClellan, director of publications of the Executive Committee, Nashville, Tenn.--BAPTIST PRESS

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PASTORS FAVOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

GAINESVILLE, Ga.--(BP)--The Gainesville, Ga., Ministerial Association, recognizing the efforts in some Georgia political circles to abandon the state's public school system in the event the Supreme Court strikes down segregation, has declared itself "mortally afraid of efforts to tamper" with the public schools.

The action was in a "declaration for the prayerful consideration of our people" adopted by the conference, composed of Protestant ministers of the city, as the Supreme Court nears a ruling on the segregation issue.

"We desire to affirm our faith in continued constitutional government and in the public school system as two of the great cornerstones on which our democracy rests," the declaration said. "We are mortally afraid of efforts to tamper with these two cornerstones."

The ministers went on to say: "We do not now foresee any predictable future developments that would justify the extreme and dangerous proposal of some to amend our Georgia Constitution to make available public tax funds for some possible private ownership or administration of our school system.

"We earnestly appeal to our people to think long, should leaders seek to lead them into any sort of extreme measure that might ultimately destroy our public schools or the control of them."

"We affirm our confidence in the leaders of our state educational system and their ability to make any necessary adjustments, should the Supreme Court rule that the present pattern of separate, but equal, schools is not in keeping with American ideals and the constitutional rights of all the people."

In the closing appeal, the declaration said:

"We petition our people to be calm and watchful, should leaders seek to hurry them into any action not in keeping with their profession as followers of Jesus Christ. We beg them to stand for the freedom of our public schools from political and sectarian involvement.

"We further petition those who offer themselves for public office to earnestly endeavor to keep all references to the above problem on the highest possible plane and with the fullest appreciation of the feelings of all our citizenry."

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CUTLINE FOR ENCLOSED MAT--CONVENTION SPEAKERS--Speakers on the Southern Baptist Convention and Pastors' Conference program to be held in St. Louis, Mo., May 31-June 5, include upper left: Ramsey Pollard, pastor, Broadway Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn., chairman of the Pastors' Conference; Allan Shivers, governor of the State of Texas; Slater A. Murphy, pastor, Highland Heights Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.; Mrs. George R. Martin, Norfolk, Va., president of the Woman's Missionary Union; lower left: Sam W. Scantlan, superintendent of rural and city missions, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Dale Moody, professor, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.; and Oliver R. Shields, pastor, Lafayette Park Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.--
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CORRECTION--In the BAPTIST PRESS dated March 22, 1954, there is one correction that should be made before publication. In the article entitled "Annuity Board Assets Gain," paragraph 1, line 2, the figure \$3,202,595 should be \$30,202,595.

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