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MISSOURI WMU PROMOTES
ONLY PROGRAM OF WMU

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.--(BP)--What do Missouri Baptist women do about recurring overtures from the World Council of Churches concerning co-operation in World Day of Prayer? Eva Berry, state WMU secretary has answered this question clearly in an article that appeared in the Word and Way, state paper for Missouri Baptists.

"Always the answer is that the position of Missouri Woman's Missionary Union regarding such matters must of necessity be that of the Missouri Baptist General Association," she said. "As an auxiliary to that body dedicated to the task of helping in the promotion of the missionary program of Missouri and Southern Baptists Woman's Missionary Union could follow no other course than that pursued by the General Association. It is a well known fact that the latter body is not affiliated with the Council of Churches.

"Apart from the quite sufficient reason given above the Missouri Woman's Missionary Union promotes only the program of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention which includes seasons of prayer with offerings for home, foreign, and state missions. We believe our women can most effectively contribute toward the progress of world missions by supporting their denominational causes.

"In some instances Baptist women feel they can make a contribution to missions by participating in the observance of the World Day of Prayer. Certainly we recognize and staunchly adhere to the fundamental Baptist principle of freedom of the individual to choose in matters of belief and action. However, it seems to have been the experience of most WMU members that the reading of prayers and ritualistic services which, as a rule, characterize the World Day of Prayer programs do not provide sufficient stimuli to justify the encouragement of participation in these services. Furthermore there are objects included in the offerings ingathered at the time of these observances for the support of teachings and practices by certain groups which Baptists cannot conscientiously endorse.

"Our blessings are upon any groups who are dedicated to the cause of making Christ known as Lord and Saviour, but we sincerely believe we as Baptists can best get across the message we think the world needs and should have by giving our time, money, and influence to the support of causes by our own denomination."

N.C. COLLEGES FEATURED
IN SPECIAL EDITION

RALEIGH, N.C.--(BP)--North Carolina's seven Baptist colleges were given widespread publicity during the recent denominational emphasis on Christian education through a well-planned series of feature articles in Charity and Children, weekly publication of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville.

For seven consecutive issues, the publication which has a circulation of 46,000, devoted a full page to each college under the heading, "Know Your Baptist Colleges." Editor J. Marse Grant conceived the idea which was enthusiastically approved by the college presidents. He visited each campus, taking pictures and getting first hand information and impression for the series. In addition to the page layout of pictures and written material, an editorial was run on each institution.

With the seven pages as a basis, a special eight page Christian education edition was printed and distributed in the state's 3,100 Baptist churches on Sunday, April 25. Every church received at least twenty copies. Many churches requested extra copies for prospective college students.

By using its new high speed rotary press, the orphanage print shop was able to print 85,000 copies of the special issue for a fraction less than a penny per copy. "This is one of the finest promotional jobs ever done for our colleges," Executive Secretary Claude F. Gaddy of the Council on Christian Education said in praising the orphanage for its co-operation in the project.

The eight-page edition contained more than fifty pictures and other illustrations. It was printed on the six-column newspaper style format which Charity and Children regularly uses. A similar issue is printed each year for the Baptist Hospital prior to its Mother's Day appeal.

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THIRTEEN LUNCHEONS
SET FOR SAINT LOUIS

ST. LOUIS, Mo.--(BP)--Thirteen breakfasts and luncheons have been scheduled during the Southern Baptist Convention May 30-June 5. They are as follows:

State Secretaries, Tuesday, June 1, 8:00 a.m.
Home Mission Board, Tuesday, June 1, 1:00 p.m.
Southern Baptist Press Association, Tuesday, June 1, 6:30 p.m.
Press Conference, Tuesday, June 1, 8:15 p.m.
Southwestern Seminary, Wednesday, June 2, 8:00 a.m.
Southeastern Seminary, Wednesday, June 2.
Southern Seminary, Thursday, June 3, 8:00 a.m.
Foreign Mission Reception, Thursday, June 3, 3:00 p.m.

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Thirteen Luncheons -- cont.

Central Seminary, Thursday, June 3, 1:00 p.m.
Carson-Newman College, Thursday, June 3, 6:00 p.m.
Golden Gate Seminary, Thursday, June 3, 1:00 p.m.
Public Relations Association, Thursday, June 3, 1:15 p.m.
New Orleans Seminary, Friday, June 4, 8:00 a.m.

All meetings thus far announced will meet in the Jefferson Hotel.

Reservations for breakfast, luncheon, or dinner meetings should be made now. Address Dr. David Jones, 9305 Midland, Overland 14, Mo.

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BAPTIST BRIEFS

HANDBOOK REVEALS LOW
SBC PASTOR'S SALARY

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The average pastor's salary of Southern Baptist churches last year, by size of membership, was as follows: 1 to 400 members, \$1,458; 400 to 750 members, \$3,949; 750 to 1,000, \$4,833; 1,000 to 1,500, \$5,383; 1,500 to 2,000, \$6,004; 2,000 to 3,000, \$6,978; 3,000 and above \$8,894. Almost 11,000 pastors were paid less than \$1,000, and 16,223, less than \$2,000, while only 295 were paid more than \$7,000. A complete study of pastors' salaries is carried in the 1954 Southern Baptist Handbook, available the last of May.

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KANSAS PAPER'S
NAME CHANGED

WICHITA, Kans.--(BP)--The Kansas Baptist state paper was changed from Kansas Southern Baptist Beams to Baptist Digest at a recent meeting of the executive board of the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists.

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HOWARD COLLEGE TO
SUPPORT MISSIONARY

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.--(BP)--Howard College's student body, Birmingham, Ala., has arranged with the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to underwrite the support of Missionary James D. Hollis, to the extent of \$1,000. Hollis, a '44 graduate of Howard, is serving in Macao.

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Baptist Briefs--cont.

SBC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO
MEET IN NASHVILLE IN JUNE

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention will hold its semi-annual meeting June 23-24, 1954, in Nashville, Porter Routh, executive secretary, announced.

The Promotion Committee will meet June 22, Routh said.

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A REMINDER

ST. LOUIS, Mo.--(BP)--Have you made your hotel reservation for the Southern Baptist Convention meeting here May 30-June 5? Better do so as the deadline is May 9. Address your reservations to Convention Publicity and Tourist Bureau, SBC Reservations, 911 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

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PEOPLE AND THINGS!

.....William J. Brown, Jacksonville, Fla., was named manager of the Baptist Book Store in Jacksonville.

.....Campbell College's new \$200,000 girls' dormitory will be ready for occupancy by the opening of the fall semester.

.....A new assistant of church loan funds has been elected by the Home Mission Board: Barnes F. Wilson, a Decatur, Ga., farm association official.

.....Golden Gate Seminary has two new professors: J. Lyn Elder, New Orleans pastor to teach psychology, and James W. McClendon, also from Louisiana, to teach theology.

.....R. Lofton Hudson's third book, Taproots for Tall Souls, will be released by Broadman Press, May 1.

.....Forrest Feezor, Dallas, Tex., was re-elected president of the board of trustees of Southern Seminary.

.....E. N. Patterson, homiletics professor, New Orleans Seminary, will study in Oxford University, England this summer and under Andrew W. Blackwood at Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa., next fall and winter.

.....Large walk-in organ chambers to make possible group instruction in organ construction fields feature the three-manual Moller organ to be installed in New Orleans Seminary by August 15.

.....Maryland is the first state to adopt the new Minister's Security Plan.

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