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TOM CARTER APPOINTED  
HEAD OF HOSPITALS

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.--(BP)--Tom E. Carter, administrator of the Stillwater Municipal Hospital, was appointed superintendent of hospitals for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, T. B. Lackey, executive secretary, announced. Carter will also serve as business manager for the convention and manager of the Baptist building in Oklahoma City.

A member of the board of trustees of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, he has held pastorates in a number of Oklahoma cities.

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SIX STATES ADOPT  
SECURITY PLAN

DALLAS, Tex.--(BP)--Six states of the Southern Baptist Convention have adopted the new Ministers Security Plan as two-thirds of their active Ministers Retirement Plan members agreed to transfer into the Ministers Security Plan. Maryland, Washington, D.C., Arizona, Georgia, Arkansas, and Kentucky are the states that have adopted the plan thus far.

Before the plan can be adopted in any state two-thirds of the active members of the Ministers Retirement Plan must agree, with their churches, to enter the new plan. No pastor may enter the plan unless his church agrees to enter with him.

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SEMINARY LIBRARY WILL BE  
"T. L. HOLCOMB LIBRARY"

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The new library at American Baptist Theological Seminary will be named "The T. L. Holcomb Library." Action to this effect was taken at the recent annual meeting of the board of trustees. In making the announcement the trustees expressed deep appreciation for Dr. Holcomb's long-time interest in the school and his valuable help in securing funds for the erection of the building.

Dr. Holcomb, for the past eighteen years executive secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, has served as executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foundation since June, 1953.

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WELCOME, SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION  
BY: H. H. McGinty

Missouri Baptists in general and St. Louis Baptists in particular welcome messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, who will be meeting in their ninety-seventh session and one hundred and ninth year in St. Louis, June 2-5. This will be the fifth time that the Convention will have met in St. Louis.

St. Louis is peculiarly adapted for a meeting of this kind. Centrally located so far as the Convention territory is concerned, it has in Kiel Auditorium one of the best convention halls in America. The seating capacity with the Opera House, is about 15,000. In addition, almost every accommodation and convenience imaginable can be found within its walls. It also provides sufficient space for the book store and many exhibits. In addition there will be a nursery, first-aid room, post office, and eating facilities.

St. Louis churches and committees, under the general chairmanship of O. R. Shields, are working day and night trying to anticipate all of the needs of the 15,000 messengers which are expected. They are glad to do this because of their warmhearted interest in the work of our Convention.

St. Louis Baptists are great people. According to the "St. Louis Baptist," in 1940 there were fifty churches in the St. Louis Baptist Association with a total membership of 25,385. Their over-all gifts reported that year by the churches amounted to \$395,557.

In 1954 there are sixty-four churches in the Association with nearly 45,000 members. Over-all gifts of last year reached a total of \$2,403,855. The mission board has more than a quarter of a million dollars in trust funds.

The Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, will hold its annual meeting also at the Opera House at Kiel Auditorium, May 30-June 1. They are accorded the same warmhearted welcome as that extended to the messengers to the Convention which follows.

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NEW MEXICO ELECTS RAY  
SECRETARY OF EVANGELISM

ALBUQUERQUE, N. Mex.--(BP)--J. Melvin Ray, pastor, First Baptist Church, Carlsbad, N. Mex., and president of the state executive board, has been elected secretary of the Department of Evangelism, Baptist Convention of New Mexico. He will succeed Eual F. Lawson who accepted a similar position with the Missouri Baptist General Association. His answer as to whether he will accept the position or not is not known at this time.

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MEDEARIS WILL  
RESIGN IN JULY

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.--(BP)--T. W. Medearis, executive secretary of the Missouri Baptist General Association, who offered his resignation to the executive board of the Association in December, has asked that the date of his resignation become effective July 1, 1954.

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VOIGHT NEW HEAD  
VA. SUNDAY SCHOOL

RICHMOND, Va.--(BP)--Frank E. Voight, pastor, Grandin Court Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va., has been elected secretary of the Sunday School Department of the Virginia Baptist Association.

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PEOPLE AND THINGS!

....."The Baptist Hour," radio program produced by the Southern Baptist Radio Commission, will soon be recorded and distributed entirely on tape.

.....Eva Berry, executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of Missouri Baptist General Association, has resigned effective June 1.

.....W. A. Criswell, Dallas, Tex., will speak at the annual session of Conservative Baptists in Detroit, Mich., May 19-25.

.....Four Negroes were received on their profession of faith and by baptism and six by statement into the membership of Oak Grove Baptist Church, near Paragould, Ark.

.....First Southern Baptist Church, Bakersfield, Calif., had a record attendance of 1,100 in Sunday school recently, the first time in the history of Southern Baptists in California when a church entered the thousand bracket in Sunday school.

.....During Robert G. Lee's twenty-six year ministry at Bellevue Baptist Church 19,039 members have come into the fellowship of the church. Membership at the present time is 9,053.

.....Furman University received a \$100,000 contribution from the Pitts Fund of Camden, S.C., toward the million mark in the current \$10,000,000 campaign for the new campus.

.....The executive board of the Louisiana Baptist Convention voted to send Dr. and Mrs. Floyd B. Chaffin to the Baptist World Alliance in London, 1955.

.....Grady Sparkman has been named Public Relations man for the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

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BAPTIST PRESS CORRECTION

In the BAPTIST PRESS dated April 26, 1954, page 1, the article entitled "BSSB Executive Committee will Hold June Meeting," should be rewritten to read: "The full board of the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention will hold its semi-annual meeting, June 22-23, in Nashville, it was announced by James L. Sullivan, executive secretary.

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