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MISSION GIFT RECEIPTS
TOTAL \$900,254 IN APRIL

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Mission gifts for the month of April reached \$900,254, bringing the total for the first four months of 1954 in the Southern Baptist Convention's portion of the Cooperative Program receipts to \$3,656,549, according to Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee. This is an increase of \$408,016 or 12.56 per cent over last year's figure of \$3,248,533 for the same period.

Southern Baptists gave \$552,902 in designated gifts to Convention-wide causes in April bringing the year's total to \$4,329,487. This is an increase of \$298,491 or 7.40 per cent during the first four months of 1953.

Cooperative Program and designated receipts together totaled \$1,453,156, bringing the year's total thus far to \$7,986,036, an increase of \$706,507, or 9.71 per cent.

Texas led the states in Cooperative Program receipts for the month with a total of \$125,000, Tennessee was second with \$77,375, North Carolina third with \$75,165, South Carolina fourth with \$74,260, and Oklahoma fifth with \$69,012.

Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, District of Columbia, New Mexico, and Virginia are the states not showing an increase in gifts when compared with the same period last year.

Florida has given \$28,238 more to the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program this year than last. Other states showing increases are Georgia with \$57,124 more, Kentucky \$15,795, Louisiana \$29,771, Mississippi \$39,527, Missouri \$45,209, Tennessee \$49,609, and Texas \$65,592.

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ORPHANS HOME
HEAD RESIGNS

DALLAS, Tex.--(BP)--Robert Cooke Buckner, vice-president, assistant general manager, and superintendent of Buckner Orphans Home, Dallas, Tex., has resigned. Prior to coming to Texas, Buckner served as superintendent of the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home, Monroe, La.

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VIRGINIA SECRETARY
ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION

RICHMOND, Va.--(BP)--James R. Bryant, executive secretary of Virginia Baptists for seventeen and one-half years, plans to resign at the end of this year, it was announced at the regular spring meeting of the Virginia Baptist Board of Missions and Education.

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WMU CONVENTION
BY: Mrs. George R. Martin, President
Woman's Missionary Union

Woman's Missionary Union will meet in St. Louis, Mo., May 30-June 1, for many reasons. We believe that the world's crucial situation needs Christian women; we believe there is a word of God for our time and that together we can discover his power and his will. We will go seeking the ways in which Woman's Missionary Union can render its most signal service. We will go seeking a new dimension of thinking in some areas we care most about. We will go to St. Louis to quicken our faith, to find new directives and to gain fresh hope. We will gather strength for new thrusts in life as women and as an organization. Many of our members will be denied the privilege of attending this meeting. Surely they will remember to pray fervently for those who do attend. The united prayers of all our women will be needed as we seek to find God's will and way!

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LOUISVILLE BAPTIST CHURCHES
SPONSOR BASEBALL BROADCASTS

LOUISVILLE, Ky.--(BP)--Broadcasts of big league professional baseball games are being heard in Louisville this season under the sponsorship of a Baptist group instead of a brewery as in former years.

The Long Run Association of Baptists composed of 120 churches and missions in the Louisville area, contracted to underwrite the radio station's costs for carrying the Mutual Broadcasting System's "Game of the Day" program.

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ARKANSAS BAPTIST CHURCH
OFFERS MEMBERSHIP TO NEGROES

PARAGOULD, Ark.--(BP)--Oak Grove Baptist Church, a congregation of forty members, has become what is believed to be the first interracial Baptist church in Arkansas by admitting ten Negroes for membership.

Amos Greer, missionary for the Greene County Baptist Association and a member of the church, said that the church's new Negro members will be used for the formation of a Negro mission in Paragould and that an interracial committee has been formed to determine the possibility of obtaining a Negro minister to serve it.

A. C. Rudloff is pastor of the Oak Grove church.

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GREY INVITED TO AID
GRAHAM IN LONDON

LONDON--(BP)--Billy Graham has invited J. D. Grey, pastor, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, La., to spend the closing week in London during the current crusade here. Graham is scheduled to conduct a crusade in New Orleans, La., in October of this year. Grey, general chairman of the New Orleans committee, will be in London ten days in May.

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PEOPLE AND THINGS!

.....Walter R. Alexander, executive secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board, is at home after a serious illness in Baylor hospital and very soon will be back at work.

.....East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Tex., will honor Baker James Cauthen, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, with the Doctor of Humanities degree at their commencement exercises in June.

.....J. H. Street, pastor of the Second Avenue Baptist Church, Laurel, Miss., has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Conway, Ark.

.....A. J. Armstrong, professor at Baylor University since 1908 and famous for his collection of the works of Browning, died recently in Waco.

.....John W. Raley, president of Oklahoma Baptist University for twenty years, has presided at half of the school's forty commencements.

.....Three Louisiana cities have offered hospitals to Louisiana Baptists.

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People and Things- cont.

.....Billy Graham, evangelist, spoke to 40,000 people at one single service in Hyde Park. Since his three-month London crusade began on March 1, Graham has spoken before 714,000 people.

.....George Hart, Stillwater, Okla., was appointed administrator of Southwest Baptist Hospital, Mangum, Okla.

.....Three hundred forty-nine Louisiana Baptist churches gave \$15,483.46 to the Louisiana College endowment during the first three months of 1954, bringing the total endowment to \$1,275,000.

.....Georgia has reached its minimum quota for enactment of the liberalized Ministers' Security Plan of the Relief and Annuity Board but will continue to work toward 100 per cent participation.

.....E. C. Dargan's A History of Preaching will be reissued in a one-volume edition. Dargan was professor of preaching at Southern Seminary from 1892 to 1907.