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Nashville, Tennessee

## OUTLINE:

NEW OFFICERS of the Executive Committee elected at the June meeting in Nashville are shown above. Standing are Porter Routh, left, executive secretary, Nashville, and Casper C. Warren, Charlotte, North Carolina, vice-president. Seated at the left is O. R. Shields, St. Louis, Missouri, recording secretary, and on the right, J. W. Storer, Tulsa, Oklahoma, president. Routh and Shields were re-elected. Also re-elected to their present positions were Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion, and Albert McClellan, director of publications. --(Baptist Press) --

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVES REQUEST  
FOR MEETING WESTERN BUILDING EMERGENCY

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- The way was opened for the Home Mission Board to borrow \$500,000 for meeting emergency needs in their Church Building and Loan fund when the Executive Committee in its recent meeting in Nashville approved the request of the Home Mission Board representatives in line with a Convention resolution passed at Miami.

The representatives presented plans for borrowing the money to be loaned in small sums not to exceed \$15,000 for the construction of small churches in needy fields, primarily in the west. The action will not become final until passed by the Home Mission Board in its annual meeting in August.

The funds, to be borrowed from Atlanta banks, will be repaid at the rate of \$100,000 per year out of Advance Program and Capital Needs receipts accruing to the Board.

Following the approval of this request, the Committee asked the new president, Dr. Storer of Oklahoma, to appoint a committee to study the over-all problem of future financing of church buildings, with special study directed toward the problems of growth in the west. Dr. C. C. Warren, Charlotte, North Carolina, vice-president of the Executive Committee, was named chairman of the special committee.

## HEAR TEXAS PLAN

A group of Texas Baptist leaders led by William F. Fleming, Fort Worth oilman, presented a plan for creating a \$10,000,000 reservoir of funds available for the

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building of western churches. Fleming challenged the committee to "build your plans with an eye on souls not just on dollars." The appointed committee will study the Texas plan.

Others on the committee, due to bring its report to the December meeting, are Frank A. Hooper, Atlanta, Georgia; Carl E. Bates, Amarillo, Texas; Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, Georgia, and H. C. Chiles, Murray, Kentucky.

On report of a special committee on Home Mission Board annuities, the Executive Committee adopted a resolution, pending further Convention action, giving approval "to the writing of annuity contracts by the Home Mission Board for the benefit of its Church Building and Loan fund, at the same rates used by the Relief and Annuity Board and by the Southern Baptist Foundation, with an obligation to trustee the same with the last named agencies."

A finance committee recommendation approved the requests of Southwestern Seminary and the Radio Commission that they be allowed to use current 1952 capital needs receipts to restore operating reserves which were used with the approval of the Convention for capital needs.

#### SPRING PROMOTION CONFERENCE

The March 18-19, 1953, promotion conference will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, according to the report of the promotion committee.

The promotion committee also reported hearing the proposed program of Dr. J. N. Barnette and the Sunday School Board for enrolling one million additional people in Bible study in the year October 1953 to October 1954, climaxing the effort with a simultaneous enlargement campaign September 19-26, 1954. The committee pledged its full cooperation and voted to keep the dates clear for the effort.

In accordance with a request from the Convention in Miami, the committee on convention arrangements brought the recommendation that "at the 1953 convention (1) an adequate number of seats in the Convention hall be held for messengers until the scheduled time for each session to open beginning with the Wednesday evening session; and, (2) that admission to the section or sections reserved for messengers be upon presentation of Convention badge."

The committee also approved the Rice Hotel in Houston as headquarters hotel for the 1953 meeting. The Convention sessions will be held in the Coliseum and Music Hall, May 4-10.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LISTS NEW  
COMMITTEES IN JUNE MEETING

NASHVILLE, Tenn. -- The new title of associate secretary and director of publications was given to Albert McClellan by the Executive Committee in its June meeting here. Mr. McClellan also serves as press representative for the Convention.

Dr. Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion for the Executive Committee, is also an associate secretary.

Standing committees of the Executive Committee appointed by the president were:

ADMINISTRATIVE - Frank A. Hooper, Georgia, chairman; Ralph P. Baylor, Maryland; H. C. Chiles, Kentucky; Edward H. Pruden, D.C.; Walter B. Feagins, Florida; A. J. Moncrief, Jr., Missouri; Paul A. Meigs, California; Howard M. Reaves, Alabama; C. C. Warren, North Carolina; T. K. Rucker, Arkansas.

FINANCE - Louie D. Newton, Georgia, chairman; W. Boyd Hunt, Texas; J. Winston Pearce, North Carolina; Herschel H. Hobbs, Oklahoma; W. Douglas Hudgins, Mississippi.

PROMOTION - J. Norris Palmer, Louisiana, chairman; G. Allen West, Tennessee; I. E. Lee, Illinois; Mrs. George R. Martin, Virginia; Leon M. Latimer, South Carolina; Homer G. Lindsay, Florida; O. R. Shields, Missouri; Paul Wheeler, South Carolina; J. D. Grey, Louisiana; D. C. Martin, Arizona.

CONVENTION ARRANGEMENTS - R. Lofton Hudson, Missouri, chairman; Carl E. Bates, Texas; George B. Fraser, D. C.; John W. Wood, Virginia; L. M. Walker, New Mexico.

A special committee was appointed to bring to the December meeting a resolution relating to Dr. W. T. Conner, long-time Baptist leader who died recently. The committee includes Homer G. Lindsay, Florida, chairman; Howard M. Reaves, Alabama, and W. Boyd Hunt, Texas.

Dr. J. Norris Palmer of Louisiana was named chairman of a special committee to consider the enlargement of the Executive Committee. His committee includes J. Winston Pearce, North Carolina; M. A. Huggins, North Carolina; B. H. Duncan, Arkansas, and S. L. Stealey, North Carolina.

Continuing as the committee on charters of agencies are Frank A. Hooper, Georgia, chairman; Walter B. Feagins, Florida, and C. C. Warren, North Carolina.