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RIDGECREST STUDENT RETREAT
REPORTS BIGGEST ATTENDANCE

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- Over 2900 college and university students were registered for the annual Student Week retreat at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly June 4-11, according to Dr. G. Kearnie Keegan, secretary of the Student Department of the Sunday School Board here.

Dr. Keegan described this year's retreat as the first "truly cosmopolitan" meeting, with twenty-two nations represented on the campus. He reported several conversions among the ones attending through the special effort to bring students of other nationalities to the retreat, among them a Chinese boy, a Chilean boy, a Cuban girl and a Russian boy.

The students gave a special mission offering of nearly \$2,000 to be used to undergird a special student project in Germany and to help send representatives to the Baptist World Youth Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, next summer, from nations that would otherwise be unable to send representatives.

Among the speakers on the week's program were Dr. Godfrey Robinson, youth secretary of the Baptist Missionary Society of Great Britain; Dr. Culbert H. Rutenber, professor at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia; Joel Sorenson, Stockholm, Sweden, youth secretary of the Baptist World Alliance; Dr. J. D. Grey, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Howard Butt, young Texas business executive and lay preacher.

Dr. Keegan reported a notable increase in attendance by students from distant states, especially from campuses in the West.

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LAYMAN LEADS AMERICAN
BAPTISTS NEXT YEAR

CHICAGO, Ill. --(BP)-- A Chicago layman, John A. Dawson, is the new president of the American Baptist Convention which met here recently. Mr. Dawson, an investment broker, succeeds Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette, professor of missions and Oriental history at Yale University.

The American Baptists adopted a convention budget of \$6,800,000 for the 1952-53 fiscal year.

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CHARLES MCKAY COMES
TO SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- Dr. Charles L. McKay, pastor of the First Baptist church of Pascagoula, Mississippi, has accepted a position as associate secretary of the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board, in charge of enlargement and evangelism.

He will begin his duties with the Board June 22 and will participate in the Sunday school assemblies at Ridgecrest June 23 to July 9. Dr. McKay's record of enlistment and mission projects in the Pascagoula church is well known throughout Southern Baptist territory. He has been with the church three years.

A graduate of Mississippi College, Dr. McKay held pastorates in Leesburg, Van Winkle in Jackson, Ruston, Louisiana, and Mobile, Alabama. He has the Th.D. degree from New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

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MERCER UNIVERSITY CHARTERS
LAW CENTER FOUNDATION

MACON, Ga. --(BP)-- A charter has been issued for the Southeastern Law Center Foundation, a proposed \$2,000,000 project, to be established at Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law, according to President Spright Dowell of Mercer.

The Law Center, serving the southeast, would be the third of its kind in the United States. Others are at New York University and Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

Charlton Ogburn, a Mercer alumnus from New York City, will lead the fund-raising effort to provide a \$700,000 law center building on the Mercer campus.

Dr. Dowell, listed as an incorporator by the charter, along with Ogburn and Senator Walter F. George, said that Mercer would give what "help and encouragement" it could to the venture.

Principal functions of the Center will be advance study, research and institutes designed for practicing members of the bar.

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DALLAS YOUNG PEOPLE HEAR
ACTRESS, GOVERNOR AT REVIVAL

DALLAS, Texas --(BP)-- A Dallas out-door youth revival sponsored by more than 150 churches in the Dallas Baptist Association in June was host to movie actress Colleen Townsend and Texas' Governor Allan Shivers as two of the special speakers.

The revival was led by the popular young Texas business executive and lay preacher, Howard Butt of Corpus Christi. Facilities in Dallas' huge Samuell Park were arranged to seat 10,000, according to Tom Norfleet, general chairman.

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