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ALASKAN BAPTISTS HOLD CONVENTION

ANCHORAGE, Alaska--(BP)--Two hundred messengers and visitors from four churches and three missions attended the third annual session of the Baptist Convention of Alaska here.

Membership of these cooperating churches is 356, and they reported 54 baptisms during the year.

The Convention made plans for a monthly publication, The Alaska Baptist Messenger, with B. I. Carpenter as editor, and named a committee to work with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention toward formation of a cooperative mission program in the Alaskan territory.

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HE SAW THE NEED

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--A five-dollar bill has come to the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee in testimony to a sailor's observation on the need of Christian missions.

The envelope which the mail man brought to the Convention offices contained only two items: the money, and a note "To be used for missionary work at home and abroad."

Outside the envelope was the return address of Ensign Micheal Childress, USN, U.S.S. Kenstin, Fleet Post Office, San Francisco.

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S. C. LAYMEN SET EVANGELISM RECORD

GREENVILLE, S. C.--(BP)--Laymen of the Dunean Baptist Church here have witnessed 147 conversions in a six months period to set an evangelistic record among Brotherhoods of the Southern Baptist Convention.

John A. Farmer, state secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood movement, said that a check with national offices of the movement in Memphis reveals that the record has apparently not been equalled elsewhere.

The evangelistic report covers the first six months of 1948, according to a report from J. E. Bishop of the Dunean church. There were 37 "reclamations" in addition to the 157 professions of faith, he said. Contacts for the soul-winning efforts were made in homes, hospitals, penitentiary, and other institutions of the city and county.

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FOREIGN MISSION BOARD ADOPTS
1949 BUDGET OF \$3,000,000

RICHMOND, Va.--(BP)--The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in session at its headquarters here adopted a 1949 budget of \$2,973,617, which was \$18,000 more than the budget recommended by the executive staff.

Of this amount, \$2,625,877 is for mission work overseas, and \$285,290 for the home office. According to this budget \$409,036 will be used in direct evangelistic activity in 25 geographical areas abroad, \$260,026 for schools, \$59,750 for medical work, \$101,511 for literature, and \$1,135,700 for personnel.

E. P. Buxton, treasurer, reported receipts for the first nine months of 1948 totaling \$4,500,000, of which \$2,941,614 were provided by the denomination's South-wide Cooperative Program. This sum exceeds last year's budget receipts for the same period by \$361,152. The Board's invested funds total \$5,430,928.

The Board authorized the purchase of the three-story residence adjacent to the main building to provide a chapel for the Board and temporary living quarters for missionaries and other guests of the organization. The purchase was possible by a gift from a Baptist couple in Arkansas sufficient to purchase the property and make necessary alterations.

Dr. George W. Sadler, reporting for the relief committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, stated that \$50,000 has been appropriated for displaced persons in Europe. "It is estimated that 18,000 of these unfortunate people are Baptists, and we believe it is our responsibility to help them take advantage of the opportunity to resettle in the United States, under the provisions our Government has made," Dr. Sadler asserted.

He reported that \$25,000 has been sent to the committee's European representative, Dr. J. D. Franks in Geneva, for general relief work on the continent, and \$15,000 for a feeding center and hostel for 10,000 to 20,000 Romanians who have escaped to Paris. The relief committee stated that funds on hand have been reduced to \$72,243, and must be replenished if appeals from Baptists in Europe and Asia are to be met.

From rehabilitation funds the Board authorized \$2,320 for the Baptist seminary at Oslo, Norway; \$10,000 for the Baptist seminary at Hamburg, Germany; \$35,000 for a new seminary building for the Baptist seminary at Budapest destroyed by American bombers in 1945; and \$10,000 for the Baptist publishing house at Bremen, Germany.

In cooperation with the Frontier Mission of the China Baptist Convention, the Board authorized \$20,000 for the purchase of property on Formosa. Appropriations at this semiannual session of the Foreign Board totaled \$3,000,000.