

BELLEVUE CHURCH ALREADY
STUDIED "GOD'S HURRY"

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(BP)—Bellevue Baptist Church here, where Dr. Robert G. Lee, president of the Southern Baptist Convention is pastor, studied Dr. Duke K. McCall's new book, God's Hurry, before the first copies came from the press.

They used a mimeographed copy of the book sent to Dr. Lee by Dr. McCall early in the summer for review. The course was attended by Judge and Mrs. John W. McCall, parents of the author.

Dr. Lee reported that during the teaching of the book the nominating committee for the new officers and teachers was in session. So immediate and thorough was the response to the new book that the committee had almost no trouble in completing their job in record time.

General response to the book was so favorable that many people who heard the lectures taught from the mimeographed copy are buying copies to keep permanently for study and reference.

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BAPTIST FILMSTRIP IMPROVES
WITH USE, SAYS PHOTOGRAPHER

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—"The filmstrip, 'Southern Baptists, Advance!', is like a good piece of music which improves with use," according to Bryce Finch, widely known creator of Home Life covers and graduate of the New York Institute of Photography.

"It is not to be compared with a talk which would be old if repeated. It would take me at least three times to really get the full message of this filmstrip. Do not be afraid to repeat. Therein will lie its value," Finch said.

The filmstrip is a 68 frame, 35mm presentation of the advance program of Southern Baptists, written by Dr. Merrill D. Moore and produced by Jam Handy of Detroit, Mich. It can be ordered directly from the Executive Committee, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tennessee, complete with sound and manual for \$4.95.

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IDEA FOR EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE
CAME FROM GOD, SAYS MATTHEWS

DALLAS, Tex.--(BP)--The first person to suggest the western 1950 simultaneous evangelistic crusade was Dr. Thomas P. Haskins of Oklahoma City, according to Dr. Charles E. Matthews, superintendent of the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"I had in mind that we should try one throughout the entire South," Matthews said, "But it looked so big and overwhelming and problems were so great concerning preachers that I did not know what to do. Dr. Haskins called me long distance while Oklahoma was having an evangelistic conference, snowbound and icebound. I was in Little Rock in their evangelistic conference, also snowbound.

"About the time that he called me, it seemed that from every direction there came letters and telephone calls from men scattered over the South, asking for this crusade. I have never before experienced anything like it. I can truthfully say that, in my estimation, if anything in which I have ever had a part actually came from God, this did."

Date for the crusade is April 9-23, 1950.

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ASSOCIATION TO HAVE
BOOTH AT STATE FAIR

JACKSON, Miss.--(BP)--The Mississippi State Fair, October 10-17, will have a church booth maintained by Rankin County Baptists, according to Pastor Grady Smith, Paul Truitt Memorial Baptist Church. Rev. L. W. Stanger, associational missionary, is in charge of preparations.

The booth will contain a lighted map showing the location of every Baptist Church in Rankin County, a picture of each church and the name of the pastors of the churches.

Free pamphlets on religious subjects, Baptist doctrines, and evangelism will be on display. A large display of religious books will also be shown.

On Negro Day at the fair, the booth will be in charge of local Negro pastors.

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