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MARYLAND VOTES \$15,000 INCREASE  
IN 1950 COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GOAL

BALTIMORE, Md.—(BP)—The Maryland Baptist Union Association voted a \$140,000 Cooperative Program goal for next year at its annual meeting at the University Baptist Church here, October 19-21. This is a \$15,000 increase over this year's goal.

Three new churches were received into the fellowship of the State Association. Resolutions voted by the body call for a pastor's institute to be arranged by the general secretary in the near future, and the appointment of a committee on publicity to cover the program, work, and accomplishments of the denomination within the state.

Tradition was upset as the 702 messengers voted to assemble at the Allen Memorial Church, of Salisbury, next year. It has been the custom for many years to meet in annual session in Baltimore. Dr. Vernon B. Richardson, host pastor this year, will preach the annual sermon.

Newly elected officers are: Rev. E. E. Garland, Crisfield, president; Dr. S. Arthur Eppley, Baltimore, first vice-president; Mr. Arthur G. Martin, Hagerstown, second vice-president; Rev. Laurence A. Free, Baltimore, recording secretary; Rev. A. Howard Beard, Baltimore, assistant recording secretary; and Rev. Clifton C. Thomas, Baltimore, secretary (corporate).

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GOLDEN GATE SEMINARY  
HAS ENROLMENT OF 167

OAKLAND, Calif.—(BP)—Enrolment in Golden Gate Baptist Seminary here has reached 167, according to announcement made by Dr. Benjamin O. Herring, president. Of this number, 142 are matriculated students and 25 are special students. Twenty states and three foreign countries are represented.

States leading in number of students at the seminary are Texas with 48, California with 27, and Oklahoma with 14. Approximately 80 per cent of the students are college graduates. The others have had work either in junior or senior colleges but were not graduated.

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GOLDEN RULE CITED AS PERFECT  
PLATFORM FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(BP)—"Emphasis on the absolute truth in the business world is necessary at all time," Averell Broughton, New York, president, Public Relation Society of America, told delegates to the Mid-South Institute of Public Relations meeting here. "A quality of moral integrity must be associated with public relations if public relations is going to have stature and weight. The thing that distresses me today is to run into business men who are tricky, grasping and shifty. They are our country's true enemies, giving aid to not just the socialists, but to the communists also."

Two other speakers also emphasized the importance of absolute honesty in business. J. Handly Wright, St. Louis, chairman of the board, Public Relations Society of America cited the golden rule from Jesus as the perfect platform for public relations. Paul O. Ridings, Ft. Worth, director of publications, Texas Christian University, said that no public relations program could be successful except in proportion to the moral strength of its sponsors.

The Mid-South Institute of Public Relations was sponsored by the University of Mississippi and attended by 150 leading Southern business men, educators and church leaders.

Merrill D. Moore and Albert McClellan attended from the S.B.C. Executive Committee and Harold Ingraham from the Baptist Sunday School Board.

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TWO STATES COMPLETE REPORTS  
ON ASSOCIATIONAL PROGRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Virginia and New Mexico this week became the first two states to complete reports from every association for the Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information tabulation on Southern Baptist statistics, Porter Routh, secretary of the department, has announced.

More than 700 of the 961 associations in the Southern Baptist Convention have already sent in reports, Routh reported. Mr. Routh hopes that a complete report can be obtained by December 1 when the final totals will be tabulated.

During the past week an IBM tabulator has been installed in the department to give Southern Baptists the most modern statistical equipment. Cards are now punched on each individual church so a larger number of studies may be made showing the needs and progress of Southern Baptist churches.

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POWER OF CHURCHES WHEN UNITED FOR CIVIC GOOD  
SEEN IN OKLAHOMA DRY VICTORY, SAYS OFFICIAL

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Oklahoma's recent dry victory is still hailed as a cooperative victory. Roy S. Hollomon, Baptist pastor, who resigned his large Oklahoma City Exchange Avenue Church to become full-time secretary for the United Drys, said in a letter to the Baptist Press:

"There was but one dry organization — the United Dry Association of Oklahoma — in the field, and all the forces cooperated with it. The various denominations moved as one in this matter, showing the power of the churches when they are united for civic or moral good.

There was the feeling that more than prohibition in Oklahoma was at stake. The word had come from many states that they were watching the results with deep interest and with the hope that they too might be delivered from the power of liquor forces. The mail of the Association following the victory has justified this.

"The final official results were 323,270 dry votes and 267,870 wet votes, which gave the drys a majority of 55,400 votes. The wets had claimed a majority of 55,000 for themselves before the election."

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"I LIKE IT," SAYS MISSIONARY  
AFTER 28 YEARS IN NIGERIA

FORT WORTH, Tex.—(BP)—"I like teaching the natives of Africa, and I feel that's where God wants me to be," says Miss May Perry, small, soft-spoken Southern Baptist missionary to Africa for 28 years, now in this country on her sixth furlough. She teaches in a school for girls and is now at Southwestern Baptist Seminary here brushing up on her teaching technique.

A native of Georgia, Miss Perry's African community is a tiny settlement of mud houses and thatched roofs called Abeokuta, 65 miles from civilization, in Nigeria. About the size of Texas and Oklahoma, Nigeria has a population of about 22,000,000 Negroes and 5,000 whites.

Miss Perry looks forward to winter. "Even winter in Georgia will feel cold — and wonderful," she says. "Everybody should have winter at least every few years. It's nice. It re-invigorates you. It gives you a new hold on things."

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