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COOPERATIVE PROGRAM RECEIPTS  
HIT ALL-TIME HIGH IN JANUARY

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program receipts for January 1950 hit an all-time high with \$641,755.32, according to Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Convention's Executive Committee. This is \$120,144 more than January 1949 and \$43,168 higher than April 1949, the previous record month.

Designations, with \$597,038 for this January, took a \$91,987 tumble from last January. This made total receipts up only \$28,168.

The money was received as follows:

<u>States</u>	<u>Cooperative Program</u>	<u>Designated</u>
Specials	1,105.79	300.00
Alabama	28,870.97	53,471.60
Arizona	426.21	638.08
Arkansas	24,357.23	36,516.60
California	1,314.01	4,390.25
Dist. of Columbia	3,550.96	2,541.39
Florida	29,696.66	22,014.33
Georgia	39,364.68	73,833.35
Illinois	8,905.77	4,843.85
Kansas	188.39	—
Kentucky	42,120.24	27,643.14
Louisiana	18,175.50	37,241.71
Maryland	4,906.99	—
Mississippi	25,918.74	27,941.27
Missouri	29,969.12	25,707.64
New Mexico	3,347.66	8,116.04
North Carolina	66,026.26	82,996.83
Oklahoma	38,299.18	51,404.96
Oregon	248.01	—
South Carolina	47,900.78	5,881.53
Tennessee	50,795.07	14,402.26
Texas	83,933.33	117,154.04
Virginia	92,933.77	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>641,755.32</b>	<b>597,038.87</b>

Southwide agencies shared as follows:

S. B. C. Budget Fund	32,087.76	
Bapt. Bro. of South	6,096.66	200.36
Radio Commission	11,583.69	1,110.07
Foreign Mission Board	304,833.81	584,952.09
Home Mission Board	100,595.15	7,597.05
Relief & Annuity Board	76,208.48	928.84
Southern Baptist Hospital	609.66	10.03
Sou. Bapt. Theol. Sem.	30,483.36	1,003.75
So. Western " "	30,483.36	118.47
New Orleans " "	30,483.36	441.30
W.M.U. (Tr. Sch. & Desig.)	6,096.66	460.10
American Bapt. Theo. Sem.	12,193.37	13.22
Miscellaneous		203.59
<b>Total</b>	<b>641,755.32</b>	<b>597,038.87</b>

**BED-RIDDEN PATIENT  
DELIVERS DEVOTIONAL**

ABILENE, Tex.—(BP)—Sunday morning devotional in an adult Sunday school department seldom makes news.

But a recent Sunday morning devotional by Maurine Seale at the University Baptist Church was different — different because she was at home several blocks from the church.

Miss Seale, who has been bed-ridden for four years as a result of an automobile accident, is unable to attend services at her church. But that doesn't keep her from bringing the devotionals occasionally at the church.

Maurine, who has a most inspiring disposition, gave the devotional via telephone. She has a telephone at her bedside. Simply by dialing the church number in the pastor's office, she can speak to any group in the building.

The phone in Pastor Sterling Price's office is attached to a Tel-Aid, and that instrument is connected with a public address system, which makes it possible for the speech to be directed to any part of the church.

"I am thine and all that I have," was the text of Maurine's recent devotional. She chose I Kings 20:1-4 as her Scripture reference. "Absolute surrender to God's will is the only key to happiness," Maurine told the listening group as she propped herself up in bed to read from her Bible.

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**CHAIRMAN RELIEF COMMITTEE URGES  
CAUTION IN RESPONDING TO PLEAS**

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(BP)—American Baptists must be careful when answering "begging" letters from European Baptists. Most of those now sending pleas for help are unworthy. This is the announcement of Dr. R. Paul Caudill, chairman of the Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee.

Dr. Caudill cited as an example a recent letter sent to First Baptist Church, Laurel, Miss., by a Paul Flagemann of Germany. The writer pleaded most unfortunate circumstances and claimed to be a member of a Baptist church in Schwerin. He said he was an invalid and could not work.

Actually, according to an investigation by Otto Nallinger, European representative of the Committee, Flagemann was employed and quite prosperous. He had obtained by fraud a certificate of membership in the Baptist church. He tries to earn extra money by preying on the good-heartedness of Christian people.

Dr. Caudill also suggested that there are thousands of needy folk in Europe and that the best way to help them is through a relief offering to the Baptist World Alliance.

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COMMITTEE ON BOARDS  
MEETS IN NASHVILLE

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—The Southern Baptist Convention Committee on Boards met here last week to make their usual nominations to be voted on by the Chicago convention.

On request of the Committee on Theological Education, J. W. Storer, Chairman, the Committee on Boards made tentative nominations for the boards of the two proposed new seminaries. The western seminary board will have thirty members, ten from California, the rest from other states.

The eastern seminary will have thirty members, ten from the state in which the seminary is to be located (these were not named, but it was understood that the Seminary Committee was considering sites in North Carolina and Georgia), the rest from other states.

The Committee on Boards also recognized Alabama and Kentucky as having passed the 500,000 mark in church membership which entitles them to one additional representative on general boards.

Members attending the meeting of the committee were Georgia, John L. Waldrop, chairman; Arkansas, R. A. Butler; District of Columbia, Frank B. Burrell; Kansas, R. H. Mautsby; Illinois, Theron H. King; Kentucky, Thomas R. Brown; Louisiana, C. Lee Bullard; Maryland, Harry P. Clause; Mississippi, J. H. Street; Missouri, John W. Dowdy; New Mexico, L. M. Walker; Oklahoma, R. H. Nicholson; South Carolina, O. K. Webb; Virginia, L. L. Jessup; Alabama, Grady Ketchum; Arizona, Frank Sutton; California, Hollis Burge; Florida, Lee Nichols. Members not attending the meeting were Tennessee, Floyd Starke; Texas, Earl C. Hankamer; North Carolina, Broadus Jones.

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S.B.C. HAS CHOICE OF  
1951 CONVENTION DATE

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Southern Baptists will have a choice between two dates for the 1951 San Francisco convention, according to Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Two periods are being held in reserve by the San Francisco Convention and Tourist Bureaus, May 13-20 and June 18-24. The reservations are in keeping with an action of the recent Executive Committee meeting requesting that both dates be held open. On motion of Henry W. Tiffany, Virginia, the June 18-24 date was indicated as preferred.

The Executive Committee had to take action on the matter because of an oversight of the 1949 Oklahoma City convention in failing to designate a date.

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SOUTHERN BAPTISTS ASKED TO  
RE-INTERPRET MISSION CALL

BERKELEY, Calif.—(BP)—One-fourth of Golden Gate Seminary's 160 students are foreign mission volunteers. Twenty of these surrendered in a recent service conducted by Samuel E. Maddox, S.B.C. foreign mission personnel secretary.

Declaring the imperative need for hundreds of our best young people to answer the world-mission call, Mr. Maddox said, "Out of the 27,000 ministers in the Southern Baptist Convention, only 231 are preachers in mission areas outside the United States."

The personnel secretary for the Foreign Mission Board urged Southern Baptists "to re-interpret their conceptions of a missionary call, and send hundreds of preachers to foreign lands while there is still time in this Atomic Age."

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BABY SITTERS MAY BE  
EMPLOYED AT CHICAGO

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—There will be no nursery for the Southern Baptist Convention in Chicago. A better plan has been worked out, according to Dr. Noel Taylor, secretary of Illinois Baptists. Baby sitters may be employed by parents to stay with their children in their hotel rooms.

Taylor also announced that already 8,000 people have been assigned rooms in Chicago hotels.

A leading air line has decided to sell tickets to those attending the Southern Baptist Convention at a 33 per cent discount.

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TEXAS BAPTISTS  
OWN FM STATION

DALLAS, Tex.—(BP)—Texas has the first convention-owned FM station in the South. It is KYBS, "Your Baptist Station," broadcasting 16 hours daily with power of 90,000 watts. The director is Dr. R. Alton Reed, also director of public relations for Texas Baptists. The station has been in operation since last October.

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