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SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATES  
\$350,000 TO DEVELOP GLORIETA

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The Sunday School Board increased its appropriation for the development of the Glorieta Baptist Assembly to \$350,000 at the annual meeting held here recently and expressed the hope that the amount would be matched by a similar amount in individual gifts.

Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of the Board, reported that \$70,000 of the original \$100,000 appropriated had already been spent for additional land and initial improvements. The Board now owns 1300 acres of land as the deed of the original site given by New Mexico Baptists was transferred from the Executive Committee to the Board.

An additional \$150,000 was made available to be spent this year, with \$100,000 appropriated to be spent during the first part of 1951.

"When we think of what Ridgecrest has meant to Southern Baptist churches, and of the hundreds of young men and women who have given their life for definite Christian service there," Dr. Holcomb said, "we are assured anew that the development of this new assembly at Glorieta will mean much to the cause of Christ in the years ahead."

The Sunday School Board also voted to join the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board in making a contract with the Relief and Annuity Board to provide a pension for Board workers. The new contract, to become effective July 1, will include all employees of Baptist book stores and will double the number of those employed by the Board who are covered by a pension plan.

Dr. W. F. Powell was re-elected president of the Sunday School Board and Dr. T. L. Holcomb was re-elected for his sixteenth year as executive secretary.

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SEMINARIES ESTABLISH  
ENROLMENT REGULATIONS

FORT WORTH, Texas--(BP)--Three Southern Baptist seminaries are cooperating in an effort to screen all applicants for admission to their student bodies. They have agreed that all applications for entrance into any of the seminaries must be in hands of the registrar at least 30 days before semester registration. New Orleans Seminary, Southern Seminary, and Southwestern Seminary arranged for the plan through their Inter-Seminary Council. The reference is in force for the fall semester of life.

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MEDICAL DOCTOR ANSWERS  
CALL TO FOREIGN DUTY

SHREVEPORT, La.--(BP)--Because of his belief that a physician, like a missionary should answer a plea for help anywhere, Dr. Charles L. Black recently took a three-week "busman's holiday" in Africa.

The young Shreveport surgeon and physician, taking time out from his own practice, flew to Ogbomosho, Nigeria, in May, and during his brief stay performed more than forty operations.

And all at his own expense! Dr. Black first received the inspiration to make the trip, after hearing a talk by a nurse stationed in Nigeria, at the Highland Baptist Church a year ago. The nurse, Miss Edith Chaney, who was here to visit her family in Vivian, told of the great need for doctors among the vast population of the small British colony.

Dr. Black, who is the teacher of the Young Men's Bible class at church, asked Chaney if he could visit Nigeria for a month and give assistance. It was arranged with hospital officials in the colony and when the Shreveport doctor arrived he was stationed at the Baptist Hospital in Ogbomosho.

During his stay Dr. Black performed an average of two or three operations a day and worked from ten to twelve hours daily. Most of the cases were very serious.

The only respite that the local surgeon got from his toils was a week-end visit he made to a smaller community 160 miles to see the Rev. and Mrs. Archie Dunaway, missionaries sponsored by the Shreveport Highland Baptist Church.

He also visited the Ogbomosho leper colony which has more than 600 patients. There he witnessed what is considered a medical rarity: two lepers just recovering from smallpox.

Some comments on his visit are:

1. The Natives--"They are medium height, with eyes wide apart, and very similar to the American Negro. The principal tribe is the Yorubas, from which it is believed Booker T. Washington descended."

2. Poverty--"There is plenty, but there is plenty to eat, and shelter is not hard to provide.

3. Religion--"The Moslem faith is predominant, but the natives steadily are being won to Christianity. There is no religious strife."

4. British-Native Relations--"Good. The British are working to raise the standards of the country, and vast steps have been made in education the past few years."

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5. Clothing--"Under the influence of our missionaries, the natives wear much more than the traditional breechcloth."

6. Health--Not too good. Infant and maternal mortality rates are especially high."

7. Climate--"Hot and Humid. The rainy season had just begun and it rained every day."

Dr. Black returned on June 3, by way of Paris. Dr. Black said that if it is at all possible, some day he will be going back.

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CHURCH LETTERS ARE CHURCH PROPERTY, SAYS ONE PASTOR

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--From now on, Belmont Heights Baptist Church, second largest in city, will issue letters only to churches of like faith and order. The action was voted in a recent conference. Dr. James L. Sullivan, pastor, said that the move was to discourage the old practice among some individuals (1) of using Baptist church letters to unite with churches of other denominations, and (2) of putting letters away in trunks, chest drawers, and other private places. "Church letters," Sullivan said, "Are church property, not personal property."

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SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY BOARD NAMES COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE PRESIDENT

WAKE FOREST, N. C.--(BP)--The new Southeastern Seminary, one of two established this year by Southern Baptists, held its first board of trustee meeting on June 20. According to John W. Kincheloe, Jr., Raleigh, new secretary of the board, the meeting was "characterized by prayer, enthusiasm, and earnest discussion." Officers elected are C. C. Warren, Charlotte, chairman; Leo Green, Gainesville, Florida, vice-chairman; and William L. Wyatt, Raleigh, treasurer.

A committee was appointed to bring nominations for president. It included W. Perry Crouch, Ashville, chairman; Fred F. Brown, Knoxville, Tenn.; Claud B. Bowen, Greensboro; W. Marshall Craig, Dallas, Texas; and Harold W. Seever, Mobile, Alabama.

An executive committee was authorized to proceed with drafting of the articles of incorporation and to report at next meeting. Members of this committee are John W. Kincheloe, Jr., Raleigh, N. C.; William L. Wyatt, Raleigh, N. C.; Emery B. Denny, Raleigh, N. C.; A. E. Tibbs, Greenville, S. C.; Harold J. Purdy, Bowling Green, Ky.; Robert S. Scales, Seminole, Okla.; Ralph A. Herring, Winstonsalem, N. C.; George T. Tunstall, Petersburg, Virginia.

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