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HOME MISSION BOARD RAISES
WESTERN LOAN FUNDS TO \$940,000

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--The Home Mission Board is providing \$940,000 for the special western church building loan project instead of \$500,000 as originally planned. The new figure was announced following a meeting of the Home Mission Board during Home Mission Week at Ridgecrest in August.

According to Dr. Courts Redford, assistant executive secretary of the Board, the money is to be obtained: (1) \$440,000 from the regular church building loan fund. Heretofore this money has been used for revolving and material loans. This money will be available only as it is repaid by churches that now have it borrowed. (2) \$500,000 to be borrowed by the Home Board from banks in September as authorized earlier this year.

This \$940,000 may be borrowed, as it is available, by western churches in amounts not to exceed \$15,000 each. The churches, of course, must meet loan requirements. Churches granted loans from this fund must be less than five years old and promise to repay within six years. Approximately 150 churches can be helped in the next six years.

Concerning the total western church building needs Dr. Redford says, "It is difficult to know the exact needs for church buildings in the West. According to 1951 reports there were 673 churches in the western states, 562 of these had church property leaving 111 that had no building of any kind. The best information that we can get indicates that at least 300 of these have need for better buildings or enlarged buildings. Thus there are at least 400 churches in the western states that either need new buildings or need to enlarge their present plants.

"The western states are constituting churches at the rate of about two a week. This means 100 new churches every year. This creates an additional annual demand."

At Ridgecrest the Board also voted to request permission from the Southern Baptist Convention to raise funds to increase its loan fund capital to \$10,000,000 in the next five years. This means additional funds of \$8,200,000 as the Board now has \$1,800,000, not counting the \$500,000 of borrowed money. This enlarged fund would serve churches in the East as well as in the West.

HISTORY CIRCUS
FOR RIDGECREST

RIDGECREST, N.C.--(BP)--A "history circus" will be one of the features for Ridgecrest next year. Jointly sponsored by the Southern Baptist Historical Society and the Historical Commission, it will consist of a great historical pageant to be presented in connection with the annual meetings of the two groups.

The announcement was made here at the 1952 annual meetings held in late August.

Other projects planned include (1) a union catalogue of all historical materials in the possession of Southern Baptist colleges and seminaries (2) and a fifteen year microfilming program that will bring together in one library page by page photographs of all the minutes of all the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. The cost will be about one cent per page.

Dr. Richard N. Owen, Nashville editor, Tennessee Baptist and Reflector was elected president of the Commission. He succeeds Dr. W. O. Carver who has served for sixteen years. Dr. L. R. Elliot, Fort Worth, Texas, was elected vice-president. Dr. H. I. Hester, Liberty, Missouri, was elected secretary and Dr. Norman W. Cox, Nashville, treasurer. Dr. Cox serves the Commission as full-time executive secretary.

Dr. Carver was re-elected head of the Historical Society and Dr. H. I. Hester, secretary-treasurer. The Society also voted to launch immediately a drive for new members.

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HEART ATTACK FATAL
TO J. FRANK NORRIS

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, Fla.--(BP)--A heart attack proved fatal to J. Frank Norris, 74 year old pastor of Fort Worth's First Baptist Church, on August 20. The scene of his death was a Fundamentalist Baptist youth camp at Keystone Heights, Florida.

Norris was a graduate of Baylor University and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was ordained to the ministry in 1899 and was pastor of churches in Mt. Calm, Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas. Since 1909 he had been pastor of the First Baptist Church in Fort Worth and since 1935 was also pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Detroit, serving these two churches simultaneously until 1951 when he resigned from the Detroit pastorate. He had served the Fort Worth church for 44 years.

He was a leader in the organization of the Fundamentalist Baptist Churches which established its world-wide headquarters in Chicago in 1937, with 3,000 churches affiliated.

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SOCIAL SERVICE COMMISSION
TO RELOCATE IN NASHVILLE, TENN.

RIDGECREST, N.C.--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Social Service Commission will move its national headquarters from Louisville, Kentucky, to Nashville, Tennessee, just as soon as space can be found in the Baptist Sunday School Board office buildings. The move was voted by the Commission in its annual meeting here in August. Final arrangements are expected to be completed before the end of the year.

The Commission also voted to set up a publication schedule for a new series of tracts and study pamphlets. The Commission magazine, Light, which now has a list of 13,000 will be put on a subscription basis and issued bi-monthly.

The move to Nashville involves only one family, that of Hugh A. Brimm, executive secretary of the Commission. Dr. Brimm has been with the Commission since 1947.

The Social Service Commission was made an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention by the action of that body in its annual meeting in St. Louis in 1913. The first full-time secretary of the Commission began his work January 1, 1948.

Its purpose has been defined as follows: The Social Service Commission shall seek to promote morality in social relations, including the problems of marriage and the family, crime and juvenile delinquency, industrial relations, race relations, the alcohol problem, and other matters of social morality which press upon our people for a solution.

Dr. J. B. Witherspoon, Louisville, Kentucky, is chairman of the Commission.

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KENTUCKY BAPTIST
TAKE OVER HOSPITAL

CORBIN, Kentucky--(BP)--The city of Corbin officially leased a new million dollar hospital to Southeastern Kentucky Baptists on August 22, according to a statement made by E. O. Edwards, pastor of Corbin's First Baptist Church and president of Southeastern Kentucky Baptists, Inc.

The building is rented and leased by the Baptists for 25 years with an option for an additional 25 years.

Dr. Edwards stated that Dr. Frank Tripp, superintendent of the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, and Dr. W. C. Boone, executive secretary of Kentucky Baptists, were invited to participate in the opening exercises.

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GEORGIA HOSPITAL
BORROWS \$1,400,00

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--The Georgia Baptist Hospital has made a mortgage loan of \$1,400,000 which finances the new building erected at a cost of almost \$5,000,000.

Approximately half of the loan is against unpaid pledges, many of which were made to be paid over a period of several years. The loan was in the name of the Georgia Baptist Convention's Executive Committee since it holds title to the hospital properties.

The loan, through the Life Insurance Company of Georgia, is to be repaid in monthly installments. The payments can be made at earlier dates than scheduled at a corresponding saving in interest.

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TWO NEW BUILDING PROJECTS

CARBONDALE, Ill.--(BP)--Illinois Baptists will promote a state mission offering this fall to be divided three-fourths for a new headquarter's building and one-fourth to establish a chair of Bible in the Champaign-Urbana area in connection with the University of Illinois.

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COLORADO SOUTHERN BAPTISTS PLAN LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE

DENVER, Colo.--(BP)--Plans for opening a liberal arts college to be located in the Denver area have been jointly announced by D. A. Bryant, pastor of Denver Temple Baptist Church and moderator of the Southern Baptist Association of Colorado, which also includes the state of Wyoming, and Rev. L. A. Watson, missions supervisor for the area. The college, however, is not a project of the Southern Baptist Convention or one of its state conventions.

Bryant said negotiations are being conducted to obtain property near Denver which has a population of 600,000 within a radius of fifteen miles from the heart of the city. Present plans call for opening of the college in September 1953. The institution will be promoted, owned and operated by the Southern Baptists of the two states.

Dr. Hale V. Davis, former president of Oklahoma Baptist University and former pastor of Exchange Avenue Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, who has been in religious educational work for the past twelve years in Colorado, has been elected president of the college.

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CALIFORNIA TO LAUNCH
BAPTIST FOUNDATION

FRESNO, Calif.--(BP)--California Baptists have made initial plans to organize a Baptist Foundation. Plans call for the raising of \$250,000 over a five year period to be invested in churches needing funds for building. Julian L. Stenstrom, state Brotherhood secretary, has been instructed to continue a study of legal questions involved. Next step in organization of the foundation is approval by the California state corporation commissioner and the state Baptist convention.

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DEATH CLAIMS
CALIFORNIA WORKER

SAN DIEGO, Calif.--(BP)--Mrs. Hollis A. Burge, wife of the pastor of Balboa Baptist Church, San Diego, passed away at the Paradise Valley Sanitarium, San Diego, August 5, following a long illness.

A brief funeral service was conducted in San Diego on Wednesday evening, August 6, after which her body was taken to Shawnee, Oklahoma, her childhood home, for burial. She had lived in California for eight years.

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SOUTHEASTERN EXPECTS
143 NEW STUDENTS

WAKE FOREST, N.C.--(BP)--One hundred and forty-three students representing forty colleges have indicated their intention of entering the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary as new students with the opening of school in September.

A series of addresses by visiting professors from Southern Baptist colleges will feature the opening week. They are Dr. Solon B. Cousins of the University of Richmond, Dr. O. LaFayette Walker of Stetson University, Dr. Harold T. McManus of Mercer University, and Dr. E. F. Haight of Furman University.

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STUDENTS GIVE \$400
FOR A PRAYER PLACE

GLORIETA, N. Mex.--(BP)--Three hundred staff members at Ridgecrest, Baptist assembly in North Carolina, most of them college young people, collected \$400 and sent it to the Glorieta Baptist Assembly for the construction of a special place of prayer. The check was delivered in person by Willard K. Weeks, business manager of the Ridgecrest assembly.

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FIRST WOMAN SPEAKER
AT STETSON COMMENCEMENT

DELAND, Fla.--(BP)--Miss Emily Lansdell, president, Woman's Missionary Union Training School, Louisville, Kentucky, delivered the commencement address to the summer graduation class of Stetson University, the first woman commencement speaker in the history of the school.

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CHICAGO MISSIONARY RESIGNS

CHICAGO, Ill.--(BP)--A. G. Rednour, pioneer Southern Baptist missionary in the Chicago area, has resigned. He is almost fully recovered from injuries received in a serious automobile accident last February which also claimed the life of his wife. During the past year he has led in the organization of four new churches. He expects to locate in Carbondale, Illinois.

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WEEKS IN SURGERY

RIDGECREST, N.C.--(BP)--Willard K. Weeks, business manager, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, underwent emergency surgery for appendicitis on the eve of the last week of the summer assembly. He improved rapidly and returned home before the week was over.

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TWO STATE WORKERS
TRANSFER TO NEW JOBS

ALEXANDRIA, La.--(BP)--Rev. L. Mark Roberts, for 15 years Louisiana's Sunday School secretary, has resigned effective September 15. Brother Roberts came to the Sunday school work in 1937 from the position of state Brotherhood secretary. He has accepted the post of minister of education of First Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Mrs. W. G. Rutledge, elementary Sunday school secretary for Louisiana Baptists since May, 1950, has resigned, effective September 1, to become teacher of elementary education at the New Orleans Seminary. Mrs. Rutledge came to Louisiana from Nashville, Tennessee, where she held a similar position, elementary secretary, with Tennessee Baptists.

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