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CONVENTION AGENCIES RECEIVE
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET FUNDS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- Cooperative Program receipts have passed the \$4,500,000 mark, thus enabling the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention to distribute to Convention agencies the total current operating budgets for the year, according to Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Committee.

Another \$2,500,000 will be distributed to the agencies for capital needs in 1951 as instructed by the Convention, Dr. McCall said. When receipts reach the \$7,000,000 mark, all other Cooperative Program funds will be allocated to the Foreign Mission Board for the Advance Program as instructed by the Convention.

Dr. McCall pointed out that a considerable increase in Cooperative Program contributions this year made possible the distribution of the full operating budget funds at such an early date despite a half-million-dollar increase in the 1951 operating budget as compared to 1950. Receipts at the end of July totaled \$4,586,973.93.

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MISSOURI BAPTIST CHURCH SIGNS
IMPRESS CONVENTION TRAVELERS

RALEIGH, N.C. -- (BP)-- Missouri Baptists must believe that it pays to advertise. And their efforts didn't go unnoticed when messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in San Francisco began their homeward journeys.

M.O. Owens, Jr., Lenoir, North Carolina, writes the editor of his state Baptist paper, the Biblical Recorder, that Baptists in other states might take a lesson from Missourians. "All the way from San Francisco to the Missouri River we looked for churches and saw very few of any kind," he said, "...almost no Baptist churches,"

But in Missouri it was different. As they entered every town, large and small, a well-located, attractive sign directed to the Baptist church and "even in the open country we saw several."

Owens' letter expresses pride that Missouri Baptists think their churches worth advertising. "It certainly impressed us and I believe would impress anybody of any denomination traveling through the state of Missouri," he said.

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BAPTISTS URGED TO ENCOURAGE
PROTECTION CLAUSE IN NSTC LAW

WASHINGTON, D.C. --(BP)-- Baptists are encouraged to urge their congressional representatives to demand the incorporation of a protection clause in the foreseen program for military training now being drawn up by the National Security Training Commission, according to Dr. Joseph M. Dawson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, in Washington recently.

According to the law setting up the Commission, the report is due by the last of October, but Dawson points out that suggestions have been made for closing the hearings, which are executive, by the last of August. This would make Congressional action possible some time in September.

Among the instructions to the Commission were that their recommendations shall include "measures for the personal safety, health, welfare and morals of members of the National Security Training Corps." Most of the corpsmen will be eighteen-year-olds.

Dawson's recommendation is that a pre-requisite to the approval of the training program be the inclusion of the following 1947 statement of the President's Advisory Commission on Universal Training, which recommends the following: "limitation of the opportunities for the purchase of trainees of any alcoholic beverages, including beer, through (a) prohibiting the sale thereof to them on any military, naval, or other camp reservation, or in any post exchange, ship's store, or canteen, (b) declaring 'off-limits' to trainees all taverns, taprooms, and similar facilities whose principal business is selling alcoholic beverages, and ... (d) making it a federal crime knowingly to sell such beverages to any person in training."

"Congress has reserved to itself the right to take another look at this program, and amend it or reject it," Dr. Dawson reports.

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BAPTIST COLLEGES EXPECT
SLIGHT ENROLMENT DECREASE

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- Enrolment in Southern Baptist colleges and universities this fall is expected to be but a small per cent less than 1950 numbers, according to Dr. R. Orin Cornett, executive secretary of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Figures of the United States Office of Education have risen from an anticipated decrease of 30 per cent last spring to about 13 per cent loss in the latest report received by Dr. Cornett. Decrease in Baptist schools is expected to be less than the national average, he said.

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EDUCATION COMMISSION SERVICE
LISTS BAPTIST COLLEGE VACANCIES

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- More than seventy-five vacancies in the faculties of Southern Baptist colleges and universities are now listed with the Placement Service of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, announces Dr. R. Orin Cornett, executive secretary of the Commission.

The vacancies represent fifty-three institutions in Southern Baptist work and include both administrative and teaching positions. No vacancies are listed in the Convention's five seminaries.

Teaching positions include art, band, biology, business, chemistry, education, English, home economics, mathematics, piano, physical education, Spanish, sociology, speech and others.

Nearly seventy-five registrations are now in the Service's files, according to Dr. Cornett. Eight definite placements through the recommendations of the office have been reported and an approximate ten more are expected soon. Registration forms for the Service, which is free -- but open only to Baptists--, will be provided upon request.

Success of the Service since vacancy listings began coming to the office in mid-summer has been, Dr. Cornett says, because "college presidents are co-operating well. They are interested in getting people who are qualified both academically and spiritually."

The Service anticipates building a list of registrants to properly supply the vacancy listings of all Southern Baptist schools.

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HOME MISSION BOARD RELEASES
NEW DOCTRINAL FILM STRIP

ATLANTA, Ga. --(BP)-- "Baptist Beliefs," a thirty-eight minute film strip with sound recording, is the newest release of the Visual Education Department of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The film strip gives a presentation of denominational doctrines through a young people's forum. Convention leaders are members of the forum panel.

Sound recording for the film strip was done in the studios of the Baptist Radio Commission in Atlanta.

The production is part of the Home Mission Board's five-year-program of advancement in evangelism, church extension and effective witnessing

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ATLANTA PASTOR TO SPEAK
ON CHURCH OF THE AIR

ATLANTA, Ga. --(BP)-- Dr. Monroe F. Swilley, pastor of the Second Ponce De Leon Baptist Church of Atlanta, will be the August 19 speaker on the CBS Church of the Air. His subject will be "Transacting the World's Greatest Business."

The program will originate in the Baptist Radio Center studios in Atlanta. The choir of the Second Ponce De Leon Church, directed by Mrs. Charles Chalmers, will provide the music.

Dr. Swilley is one of several Southern Baptist leaders to appear on the nationwide Sunday broadcast. He is at present a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and is on the Executive Committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention.

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NATIONAL DIRECTOR TO SPEAK
AT RIDGECREST EDUCATION MEET

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- John Dale Russell, director of the Division of Higher Education, United States Office of Education, Washington, will be the principal speaker for the meeting of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, August 22.

The Education Commission program is co-ordinated with meetings of the College Association of Baptist Teachers of Religion, Tuesday, August 21, and the Southern Association of Baptist Colleges and Schools, Thursday, August 23.

The Ridgecrest conference will be the first official meeting of the Commission since the opening of the executive offices in Nashville in February and the election of Dr. R. Orin Cornett as executive secretary. Dr. Cornett is scheduled to appear on the programs of all three conferences.

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OFFERING EMPHASIZES
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

JACKSON, Miss. --(BP)-- The results of a statewide special offering for Christian education is \$29,140 to supplement the regular operating budgets of Baptist colleges in Mississippi. Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, chairman of the committee sponsoring the drive, says that other offerings are still being reported. Director of the effort was Dr. Harry L. Spencer, Jackson, secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation.

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NEW MEXICO STATE LEADER
OF STUDENT WORK RESIGNS

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. --(BP)-- The resignation of Dr. C. R. Barrick, state Baptist Student Union secretary and teacher in the Baptist Bible Chair at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, was announced recently.

A long-time teacher at New Mexico Military Institute at Portales, Barrick was instrumental in the founding of the state's first Baptist Bible Chair there. He is also a former president of Montezuma College, at one time a Baptist school in New Mexico. He has been in the state student leadership post since 1947.

Dr. Barrick is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth; and Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville. He has served as pastor in Santa Fe and Tucumcari, New Mexico.

On an extended vacation now, the Barricks have not announced future plans. Mrs. Barrick has served as assistant in the local student work in Albuquerque the past year.

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DR. AND MRS. PRINCE LEAVE
FOR NEW ZEALAND PASTORATE

EFFINGHAM, Ill. --(BP)-- Dr. and Mrs. A.E. Prince left from St. Louis, Missouri, recently for Auckland, New Zealand, where he will serve as interim pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle for six months or more.

Dr. Prince, former president of Hannibal-LeGrange College, Hannibal, Missouri, and recently interim pastor at Effingham, was selected by the church after the request for recommendations for an interim pastor was made to Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, in April. Rev. T.F. Lanyon, secretary of the Baptist Union of New Zealand, wrote Dr. McCall that Auckland members wanted a Southern Baptist preacher who was a seminary graduate. Dr. McCall published the request through the Baptist Press, Convention news service.

The largest Baptist church in New Zealand, Auckland Baptist Tabernacle is a replica of Spurgeon's Tabernacle in London. A unique feature is the Sunday school, which meets in the afternoon. A prayer service precedes the morning worship hour.

Dr. and Mrs. Prince flew to Auckland by way of San Francisco and Hawaii.

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BAPTIST BRIEFS --

LOUISIANA HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

ALEXANDRIA, La. --(BP)-- Rev. Harold L. Hawkins, formerly of Spring Hope, North Carolina, began his duties as chaplain of the Baptist Hospital in Alexandria recently. A graduate of Wake Forest College, North Carolina, and the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Hawkins served fifteen months as a navy chaplain during World War II. He has had special training in hospital chaplaincy also.

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FIRST TEXAS MUSIC MEET

DALLAS, Texas --(BP)-- Texas Baptists have scheduled their first statewide music convention for November 21 in Waco. A contest-festival will be sponsored in connection with the convention and representatives of all phases of church music life are expected to enter, according to J.D. Riddle, Music Department secretary. The music programs of Baptist colleges in Texas will be represented also.

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BLOOMINGTON CHURCH ORGANIZED

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. --(BP)-- Bloomington is the location of the latest Southern Baptist church organized in Illinois. Twenty-seven charter members met in mid-August with Rev. W.F. Hedges, Farmer City, who led in the organization.

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HOLLYWOOD SINGERS FOR REVIVAL

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. --(BP)-- A 1,000-voice choir has already been organized for the Billy Graham revival campaign in Hollywood in September, according to a Religious News Service report. Represented are eighty-two churches in Hollywood and the surrounding San Fernando Valley area. The Graham meetings will alternate between the Hollywood Bowl and the Hollywood American Legion Stadium, the report says. Governor Earl Warren of California recently told 500 leaders at a promotional dinner for the campaign that faith in God is "the one thing that can make for a better world."

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NO NEW ORLEANS RELIEF CENTER

NEW ORLEANS, La. --(BP)-- "Please don't send relief supplies to the Southern Baptist Relief Center at New Orleans," Charles R. Gage, former director of the Center announces. "The Center was closed more than a year ago." Gage reports that recent requests for Korean relief have resulted in packages sent to the Center. He advises all material relief goods be sent to American Relief to Korea, Long Island, New York, and all cash gifts to the Southern Baptist Relief Committee, Box 5148, Richmond, Virginia. The New Orleans office is now the Baptist Displaced Persons Office.

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