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YEAR-OLD CHICAGO CHURCH
LAUNCHES OUT ON ITS OWN

CHICAGO, Ill. --(BP)-- The First Southern Baptist Church of Chicago, organized a year ago in September, voted recently to no longer use the subsidy from the state mission fund provided to help pay their pastor.

Besides taking the responsibility of Rev. Connie Salios' salary, the rapidly growing congregation is also raising funds to purchase a place of worship. A membership of more than fifty has grown from the eleven charter members.

The church's voluntary action in relinquishing their pastoral subsidy was commended by the board of directors of the Illinois Baptist State Association.

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BAPTIST EDUCATOR TERMS
U.M.T. BILL AS UNWISE

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. --(BP)-- "Morally, politically and financially unwise" was Dr. J. Ollie Edmunds' description of the Universal Military Training (UMT) bill -- upon which Congress must vote before February 20 -- when he spoke to the recent conference of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in St. Petersburg.

"The greatest danger is that the bill will pass before its viciousness has become known," Edmunds, president of Stetson University in DeLand, Florida, said.

Educators from all over the South heard Edmunds declare that:

(1) "UMT in peace-time is morally wrong, because it would take every eighteen-year-old boy away from normal influences of home and the local community, and place them under military men in peace-time. Parents are not reassured of the competence of military instructors," he continued, citing recent cases of neglect and disease spread among present trainees.

(2) It is financially unwise because it will add a two-billion-dollar item to the budget yearly and will require one person -- at a cost of \$500 per month -- for every two trainees.

(3) It is politically unwise because it abandons traditional policies of keeping the military under control of the civilian authorities -- a policy first announced by George Washington. "When UMT starts taking 800,000 young men every year in peace-time and assigns them after training for eight years of reserve service, this country will be under a permanent militaristic regime," he pointed out.

Edmunds urged that if educators, churchmen and political leaders neglect to curtail the UMT bill, they will be "faithless to their trusts."

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MERCER ENDOWMENT WILL DETERMINE
GRADUATE SCHOOL ACCREDITATION

ATLANTA, Ga. --(BP)-- Mercer University stands to lose graduate school accreditation if a \$600,000 endowment campaign being conducted by Georgia Baptists should fail, announced Dr. Spright Dowell, president of the university.

Although the Southern Association of Colleges is demanding staff and other increases if the graduate schools are to remain accredited, Dr. Dowell assures that "we will meet every requirement with the success of this campaign." The president explained the recent expansion of the School of Education without waiting for sufficient endowment.

The campaign was launched in October under the direction of Columbus Roberts, Jr., Columbus and Howard Collier of Griffin. Dr. Louie D. Newton, president of the Georgia Baptist Convention, is honorary chairman of the endowment drive.

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GERMAN EDUCATOR TOURING U.S.
RANKS SOUTHERN SEMINARY HIGH

LOUISVILLE, Ky. --(BP)-- The faculty of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville is "comparable to the best theological faculties in Europe," according to Gerhart Binder, a German educator on a three-month tour of the United States, who visited Southern Seminary and other Louisville schools recently.

The Louisville Courier-Journal quoted the educator as being well impressed with the Seminary.

Binder, a teacher of German literature at Eberhard-Ludwigs-Gymnasium in Stuttgart, Germany, is on a tour sponsored by the United States State Department. He is a former student of the school where he teaches. He is well-known as a writer and editor.

The Stuttgart school, more than 250 years old, is one of the few German schools where students study four languages -- nine years of Latin, six of English, and five each of French and Greek.

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DR. POLING ELECTED CHAIRMAN
OF CHRISTIAN HERALD BOARD

NEW YORK, N.Y. --(BP)-- Dr. Daniel A. Poling, for twenty-five years president of the Christian Herald Association, was recently elected chairman of the board of directors of the association. He continues as editor of the Christian Herald magazine.

Succeeding him as president of the association is Ford Stewart, publisher of the association's magazine and vice-president of the association since 1946.

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DECEMBER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
by Albert McClellan*

The usual hodge-podge of Nashville winter weather greeted the Executive Committee in its December session -- smoke, fog, rain, drizzle and a fast-falling snow. But nobody seemed to mind. The Executive Committee and other Baptist leaders were too busy (1) prayerfully shaping one of the most satisfactory ^{convention} budgets of history, (2) formulating a sweeping Cooperative Program promotional plan for 1953 and 1954 and (3) attending to the multitudinous miscellaneous ^{business} details.

It was Dr. Porter Routh's first committee as executive secretary. He came through with flying colors. The entire four-day session was marked for its smoothness and the seriousness of the men and women as they worked at their tasks. It was truly a prayerful, hopeful, dedicated meeting.

1953 Southern Baptist Convention Budget

The 1953 Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program budget will be \$10,000,000, if the convention meeting at Miami next May 14-18, approves the recommendation of the committee. The ten million will be divided three ways:

	1953	1952
(1) Current needs	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 4,500,000
(2) Captial needs	3,000,000	3,000,000
(3) Advance Program (All over \$8,000,000 going 75% to foreign missions and 25% to home missions)	2,000,000	2,500,000
TOTAL	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000

Here is how the increases will effect the agencies:

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Agency	Proposed 1953 Budget	An Increase of
Foreign Mission Board	\$2,500,000	\$250,000
Home Mission Board	700,000	40,000
Relief and Annuity Board	500,000	--
Southern Seminary	230,000	30,000
Southwestern Seminary	230,000	30,000
New Orleans Seminary	230,000	30,000
Golden Gate Seminary	110,000	10,000
Southeastern Seminary	161,250	61,250
W.M.U. Training School	50,000	10,000
American Seminary	56,750	11,750
Southern Baptist Hospital	40,000	--
Baptist Brotherhood	55,000	5,000
Radio Commission	125,000	35,000
Public Affairs Committee	12,000	500
TOTAL	\$5,000,000	\$513,500

The budget will be subject to the approval of the convention at Miami.

1953 Promotion Plans

Ways and means of promoting ~~the~~ Christian Stewardship Week, October 18-25, 195~~2~~³ were carefully considered by both the Executive Committee and the state secretaries and editors. A specific seven-point stewardship program was adopted consisting of (a) teach Bible stewardship, missions, and Cooperative Program, (b) plan church finances, (c) enlist tithers, (d) ask every member to give, (e) receive offerings weekly, (f) send mission offerings weekly, (g) increase percentage of the Cooperative Program each year.

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A plan of promoting the ~~Church~~ Stewardship Week of 1953 was adopted. (1) The state secretary or someone appointed by him will be the state leader. (2) Each association is to have a stewardship committee and chairman, elected or appointed by the association. (3) Leadership rallies will be held in each association in September 1953. (4) All church agencies will help in promoting the plan. (5) State papers are invited to help keep the plan before the people.

The Executive Committee also voted to ask all agencies and state papers to emphasize the doctrine of the Holy Spirit during the first half of 1953, as adopted by the convention last year.

An objective was set for 1954, a goal of 34 million dollars for state and Southern Convention Cooperative Program. It is expected that the slogan "Thirty Four in Fifty Four" will be widely used.

Miscellaneous Business

It is hard to imagine the complicated and far-reaching business detail of the Southern Baptist Convention until one has sat through an Executive Committee meeting. Among the many details considered and passed in the December meeting were:

(1) Formulation of a statement on the Foreign Mission Board reserves, giving as their opinion that in the light of the present world situation it would be unwise for the

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\$2,900,000 reserves now held by the Foreign Board to be spent on current operations. The committee also stated that for the Foreign Board to use either any of \$2,500,000 endowment and trust funds in hand or \$3,000,000 designated funds in hand for any purpose except those for which they were given would be a violation of trust.

(2) Voted to send a copy of J. M. Dawson's pamphlet on the Vatican appointment to every pastor in the convention with a plea that each pastor ask all the members of his church to write congressmen and senators at once objecting to the appointment.

(3) A proposed amendment to the Convention's Plan of Business and Finance that will restrict any agency or institution from borrowing money beyond what it can repay in three years out of its anticipated receipts.

(4) Reaffirmation of a section of the Convention's Plan of Business and Finance that states that all gifts received by agencies or institutions will apply toward their respective capital needs goals, which, when met will mean that the agency or institution will not further participate in the five-year capital needs plan of the Southern Baptist Convention. Gifts for endowment it was ruled do not count against the capital needs goals.

The Executive Committee also asked Dr. Porter Routh, the executive secretary, to remind the institutions and agencies that a quarterly financial report must be filed with the Executive Committee, in keeping with the Convention's Plan of Business and Finance. The agencies and institutions were requested to cooperate in reducing the number of pages in the annual of the Southern Baptist Convention.

It was voted to recommend to the Miami convention Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher that the 1954 convention be held in St. Louis, June 2-6.

Also in the future, only one general offering will be planned for each convention. It will be on Saturday night for joint use of the evangelistic and youth night committees. If enough is not received, a second offering will be taken the next day.

The Executive Committee also asked a "keener" conscience on the part of Baptists in the matter of enlisting non-resident members. States were asked to set up committees to consider the problem.

December Sidelights

The theme of the Miami Convention will be the church, according to the Committee on Order of Business. Major addresses on the church are planned for each session...The Sunday School Board reported gross sales of \$8,635,633, for the year ending October 31... There will be a "pioneer camp" at Glorieta for one week early in August...Audio-Visual Service is now Audio-Visual Department of the Sunday School Board with Earl Waldrup as secretary. He has a new assistant, W. Murray Severance of Louisville, Kentucky...Howard Colson has been promoted to the secretaryship of the Department of Sunday School Curriculum of the Sunday School Board.

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