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SEVERANCE IS NEW ASSOCIATE  
IN AUDIO-VISUAL DEPARTMENT

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- Murray Severance has recently arrived in Nashville to begin his work as associate secretary in the Department of Audio-Visual Aids of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Mr. Severance, who comes to the Board from Gastonia, North Carolina, and Louisville, Kentucky, will supervise work in script writing, directing and general production, according to Earl Waldrup, secretary of the department.

He is a graduate of Wake Forest College, North Carolina, and has done all work except a thesis toward a Master of Arts degree from the same school. He holds the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville and has done some work toward the Master of Theology.

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HASWELL NAMED PRESIDENT  
OF ARKANSAS BAPTIST SCHOOL

ARKADELPHIA, Ark. --(BP)-- New president of Ouachita College is Dr. Harold A. Haswell who has been administrative dean since the resignation of Dr. S.W. Eubanks, former president, last summer.

Dr. Haswell was named president by the board of trustees January 15, exactly two years after he became dean of the college.

Among the latest of Ouachita's forward steps is the establishing of extension work in Little Rock.

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## FILM PRODUCTION GROWS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- The Audio-Visual Service of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville reports the production of five motion pictures and four filmstrips since beginning the responsibility of production for all Southern Baptist Convention agencies in 1950, according to Earl Waldrup, secretary of the service.

Ten other filmstrips are now in the process of development and work has been started on several other motion pictures, Mr. Waldrup says.

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SOUTHERN BAPTISTS RANK LOW  
IN 1950 PER CAPITA GIVING

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- Southern Baptists are ranked thirty-eighth among forty-seven leading denominations in per capita total gifts, according to a statistical report from the Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council of Churches in New York. The denomination is listed thirty-second in per capita gifts for foreign missions and thirty-fifth for congregational expenses and fortieth in total benevolence.

Southern Baptists -- six and one-half million strong -- gave \$30.34 per capita to all denominational causes in 1950. Only \$.83 of it was for foreign missions. Total benevolent causes (including foreign missions) received \$5.14 and the remaining \$25.20 went for local congregational expenses.

The Methodist Church, largest denomination in the United States, recorded per capita total giving of \$27.39, less than Southern Baptists, but gave \$1.05 to missions.

American Baptists rank thirty-third in total giving (\$37.59) and Protestant Episcopalians thirty-second (\$37.65). They are both above Southern Baptists in mission giving also, the Baptists with \$1.13 per capita and the Episcopalians with \$1.23. On the other hand, both groups out-spend Southern Baptists in local congregational expenses.

At the top of the total giving list is the Free Methodist Church with a membership of 42,000. They gave \$163.76 per capita but only \$12.06 to foreign missions.

Highest in foreign mission per capita giving was the Seventh-day Adventist group whose more than 250,000 members gave \$30.05 per capita to missions -- almost as much as a Southern Baptist gave for all causes.

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SOUTHERN EDUCATOR DIES

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- Dr. Harry Henderson Clark, well-known Southern educator and Baptist layman, died recently of a heart attack. He had been an invalid for nearly five years.

At one time Dr. Clark was president of Judson College, Marion, Alabama. He had served as lecturer and professor at the University of South Carolina, Durham; Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina; Middle Tennessee State College, Murfreesboro; and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He was city school superintendent at Knoxville for several years.

Dr. Clark was an active Baptist layman during his many years of service as an educator.

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LUTHERANS LAUNCH PROGRAM  
TO PRODUCE TELEVISION FILMS

ST. LOUIS, Mo. --(BP)-- The Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, is authorizing a \$750,000 television film production project to be launched immediately.

A series of twenty-six programs titled "This Is The Life" will be started soon by Lutheran Television Productions, a church agency. The initial series of thirty-minute films will be produced and filmed in Hollywood.

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ALEXANDER SERVES  
PRESBYTERIAN GROUP

DALLAS, Tex. --(BP)-- Dr. Walter R. Alexander, executive secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, has been named a member of the Board of Corporators of the Presbyterian Minister's Fund, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Offices of the Relief and Annuity Board are in the Baptist Building in Dallas.

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NEW TRACT GIVES LIST  
FOR DOCTRINAL READING

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- In line with 1952's denominational emphasis on New Testament doctrine, a new tract titled "Suggested Reading on Baptist Beliefs" is being published by the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville. The tract lists for the convenience of pastors and others all tracts, Broadman Press publications and study course books bearing on doctrinal issues, according to Dr. Donald F. Ackland, tract editor.

The tract is available without charge from the Executive Secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board, 161 Eighth Avenue North, Nashville 3, Tennessee.

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MARYLAND BAPTISTS MOVE  
TO NEW OFFICE BUILDING

BALTIMORE, Md. --(BP)-- The recently purchased \$60,000 Baptist Building in Baltimore will soon be the home of all Maryland Southern Baptist offices, according to Dr. C.C. Thomas, general secretary of the Maryland Baptist Union Association.

The State Mission Board is already at work in the new quarters and other offices are expected to move soon. The Baptist Building is located at St. Paul and 23rd Streets, Baltimore, 18, Maryland.

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JANUARY GIFTS TO SBC CAUSES  
SOAR ABOVE \$1,500,000 MARK

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- Southern Baptists gave \$1,518,176 to Convention agencies and causes in January this year through Cooperative Program and designated gifts, according to figures from the office of Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee in Nashville.

An increase of 7.1 per cent over last January's gifts, the total was more than \$100,000 above that received in the office for January 1951.

Cooperative Program or undesignated receipts for the first month of the new year were \$729,161, or \$132,049 more than was given in January 1951. The increase was 22.11 per cent. The largest state contribution for the month was \$96,452 from Virginia.

Designated gifts for January totaled \$789,015, most of the amount going to the Foreign Mission Board as receipts from the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Virginia Baptists also gave the largest designated offering, totaling \$167,534.

Of the total gifts, \$1,116,051 went to the Foreign Mission Board, \$346,351 through the Cooperative Program and the balance in designated gifts. The remaining receipts through the Cooperative Program were disbursed to Southern Baptist agencies and causes according to percentages adopted by the Convention.