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HOSPITALS SAY HOW
GRANTS MAY BE USED

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The 33 Southern Baptist hospitals eligible for Ford Foundation gifts must use the funds for expansion of services and most of them already have in mind ways in which to use the money.

Four of the six hospitals eligible for more than \$200,000 have announced tentative plans for using the Ford Foundation grants.

Baylor University Hospital, Dallas, Tex., plans at present to use its \$250,000 "grant to build new maternity and pediatric facilities," according to Hospital Administrator Boone Powell.

Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., also is eligible for \$250,000, the most of any of the hospitals. Frank S. Groner, administrator, reports "Our preliminary plans are to use this in remodeling obstetrical services, purchasing scientific equipment, remodeling patient areas, installing additional elevators and modernizing antiquated ones, and securing diagnostic and therapeutic equipment."

Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, La., and Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta, await action of their governing boards on use of the Ford Foundation grants. Southern Baptist Hospital is eligible for \$246,700 and the Georgia hospital, \$228,100.

The board of managers of Missouri Baptist Hospital, St. Louis, met shortly after the Ford Foundation announced its grants. The board unanimously voted to apply this money on construction of a new student nurses' home. The hospital may receive \$208,900.

While the final decision rests with the board of Memorial Hospital, Houston, Tex. --eligible for \$207,500--Administrator John G. Dudley reports that "We will probably give full consideration to improving our school of nursing and establishing a physio-therapy department. Quite possibly we may set up a cobalt unit."

R. S. Bazzell, administrator of Perry Memorial Hospital, Perry, Okla., says this hospital plans to use its \$10,000 grant "to complete the installation of a central oxygen system to the remaining half of the hospital. We also hope to add several needed pieces of equipment in the surgery and dietary departments in order to serve our patients better." The Perry hospital's grant was the smallest of any Southern Baptist hospital on the Ford Foundation list.

Here is what other hospitals have reported on their plans, shown with the amount for which they are eligible:

Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Jackson---\$157,000. "We are in an enlargement and expansion program in which this grant will play a very important part," Administrator Paul J. Pryor declares. Final decision up to trustees.

Beauregard Memorial Baptist Hospital, DeRidder, La.--\$12,000. "The money will be used in a fund to enlarge our present facilities, and enlarged facilities are very badly needed," according to Talton L. Francis, Administrator.

Stillwater Municipal Hospital, Stillwater, Okla.--\$32,400. No major single items of improvement but various things to be included, reports Administrator David C. Foster.

Arkansas Baptist Hospital, Little Rock--\$168,800. "For construction purposes."--J. A. Gilbreath, administrator.

North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem--\$162,200. "We plan to improve our old plant and add to the X-ray department," announces Reid T. Holmes, administrator.

Southwest Baptist Hospital, Mangum, Okla.--\$13,300. General improvements, according to Administrator George L. Hart.

Baptist Hospital of Southeast Texas, Beaumont--\$73,600. Decision not stated.

Valley Baptist Hospital, Harlingen, Tex.--\$65,900. No report.

Baton Rouge General Hospital, Baton Rouge, La.--\$132,100. "It is presently anticipated we will use the money to complete our expansion and improvement program. We are adding 100 beds, bringing our capacity to 350 beds, and we are air-conditioning the entire patient area," says Administrator Robert Guy.

Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah, Ky.--\$33,200. No report.

East Tennessee Baptist Hospital, Knoxville--\$142,100. W. L. Simon, administrator, states "We have many, many places to use it." Exact use depends on board of trustee action.

Oklahoma Baptist Hospital, Muskogee--\$37,600. Plans to add some much-needed equipment, according to Administrator J. F. Murrell.

Enid General Hospital, Enid, Okla.--\$51,600. In process of planning over-all renovation program, refurnishing and re-equipping patient rooms, opening new surgical department at total cost of half a million dollars. Also planning to build nurses' dormitory.--Administrator Joe R. Baker.

Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, Ky.--\$32,900. "We anticipate using this money for new equipment--Chest X-ray unit, operating room equipment, improving facilities for neuro-psychiatric patients," according to Homer D. Coggins, administrator.

Hendrick Memorial Hospital, Abilene, Tex.--\$97,100. Just before Ford Foundation announced its grants, the hospital opened bids for construction of a new service wing. Bids were about \$100,000 higher than expected. Ford grant makes it possible to go ahead with building plans, Administrator E. M. Collier reports.

Baptist Hospital, Alexandria, La.--\$93,400. Has a very acute heating and laundry problem that Ford funds can remedy. Will also be able to build a chapel and to secure some laboratory equipment.--Administrator Freeman E. May.

Virginia Baptist Hospital, Lynchburg--\$56,800. "For modernizing one of our patient buildings which has 60 beds. If money remains after this work, we will most likely complete some unfinished rooms in a student nurse building," according to Administrator C. S. Elliott.

Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville--\$193,000. Definite decision not made. May be used for administrative offices, new central supply room, and physical therapy department.--H. L. Dobbs, administrator.

South Carolina Baptist Hospital, Columbia--\$134,500. No report.

Baptist Memorial Hospital, San Antonio, Tex.--\$152,400. "Will be used as part of a 300-bed expansion program," announces Administrator F. R. Higginbotham.

Baptist Hospital, Nashville, Tenn.--\$138,500. Probably will be used in long range building program which had been announced prior to Ford Foundation grants, according to Administrator Gene Kidd.

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FURMAN MAKES CONTRACT FOR \$1,081,428 LIBRARY

GREENVILLE, S. C.--(BP)--A contract for construction of a 250,000-volume main library on Furman University's new campus here has been let to Daniel Construction Co., of Greenville, for \$1,081,428, according to Julian H. Scarborough, administrative director of the university.

Preliminary construction is already underway on the new library, which will be the fourth major building on the new campus. It will be about a year before the library is completed.

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**MEMPHIS HOSPITAL OPENS
\$8,250,000 BUILDING**

MEMPHIS, Tenn.--(BP)--With the opening of a new, \$8,250,000 building recently, Baptist Memorial Hospital here becomes the largest Baptist hospital in the world, Hospital Administrator F. S. Groner declared.

The hospital, he added, also is the largest non-governmental one in the South. Its total plant is estimated to be worth \$14,150,000.

The new Madison East Building which has just been opened will about double the size of the hospital, according to Groner.

The hospital management also announced a reduction in hospital rates. The administrator reported that the cost of a room will be 54 cents a day less, due to the efficiency of the new building.

The formal opening will be the week of Feb. 12 during which the public may tour the new Madison East Building.

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CONTRIBUTION TO STETSON

DELAND, Fla.--(BP)--Mrs. Alfred I. duPont, of Jacksonville, Fla., has given Stetson University here \$23,000 to be used for faculty salary increases, President J. Ollie Edmunds announced. Mrs. duPont is a member of the board of trustees of the Baptist college.

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**COLLEGE BREAKS TRADITION,
HAS WOMAN VICE-PRESIDENT**

BELTON, Tex.--(BP)--For the first time in its 110 years, Mary Hardin-Baylor College will have a woman in a top administrative position.

Trustees of the Baptist school for women have elected Miss Fair Brown vice-president. Miss Brown has served at the school as publicity director and assistant professor of journalism since the fall of 1954.

She has a B. A. degree from Mary Hardin-Baylor, 1936 and a master's in journalism from Northwestern University, 1940.

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BLUE MOUNTAIN DONATION

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss.--(BP)--The Gulf, Mobile and Ohio Railroad has given \$10,000 to Blue Mountain College for capital needs. Blue Mountain community is located on the GM&O line.

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**CHURCH SOLVES PARKING
PROBLEM; WIDENS STREET**

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ill.--(BP)--First Baptist Church of Lawrenceville is launching a street-widening project to provide more parking space in the vicinity of its place of worship.

For years, church members have watched their building fund grow, hoping someday to move into a larger, more conveniently located church. They also have been concerned about the fact that streets adjoining the church property are so narrow cars can be parked only on one side of the streets, parallel fashion.

While their building fund is growing, the church has decided to remedy their parking problem at the present site. They took their plan to the Lawrenceville City Council.

The Council willingly gave the church permission to widen two streets. City Attorney Maurice Gosnell, to forestall any future complications, even gave his legal opinion in advance. Since the Council could vote to widen streets itself, he ruled, it could give that permission to the church.

When the widening is finished, cars may be parked in diagonal fashion, making it possible for more cars to park in the same area.

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**WAKE FOREST ADOPTS
REVISED CURRICULUM**

WAKE FOREST, N. C.--(BP)--Wake Forest College, which plans to have a new college home in Winston-Salem, N. C., for the start of the next school year, also will have a revised curriculum for the new year.

Faculty members of the Baptist school, presently located here, have approved changes requiring more hours of classroom work before graduation and making certain subjects mandatory for students.

Edwin G. Wilson, secretary of the curriculum committee, described the revised curriculum as one which "means a little tighter control over the student during his first two years and gives him a more flexible framework within which to work during the last two."

Students, under the new provisions, must have 128 hours to graduate rather than the present 124. Students will be required to take courses in political science, sociology, and philosophy, which are not required now.

The overall study of courses which resulted in the changes is the first such study since the turn of the century, college officials said.

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**BAPTISTS STUDY MEANS
FOR MISSION EDUCATION**

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--More than 50 representatives of Southern Baptist Convention agencies met here to discuss this question recently: What can we do to create more interest in world missions?

Representatives of each agency taking part in the Missionary Education Council reported on missionary education projects carried on during 1955 and turned their attention later to making plans for the future.

Eugene Hill, secretary in charge of education and promotion of the Foreign Mission Board, reported on the Board's plans to sponsor mission tours in South America and the Orient.

Since Southern Baptists will be in a period of world missions, or evangelism, emphasis at that time, Hill suggested that the Foreign Mission Board's education study theme for 1959 should be "World Evangelization--Our Mission."

The Foreign Mission Board and Baptist Sunday School Board co-operate in producing missionary education literature about foreign missions. The Foreign Mission Board supplies the manuscripts and the Sunday School Board publishes them.

Clifton J. Allen, editorial secretary of the Sunday School Board, said more than 266,000 copies of a foreign mission study series produced under this co-operative plan were sold last year. A series of five books presented a picture of the Moslem world.

Demand For Re-Prints

The Home Mission Board, which produces its own publications, also reported great interest in mission literature. John Caylor, Board editorial secretary, said the Board is re-printing several of the books because of sales demand.

Miss Margaret Bruce, young people's secretary for the Woman's Missionary Union, told the Council about WMU studies of mission fields in Africa, the Orient, the Near East, and Latin America, as well as within the United States. The fields of mission work received attention in WMU magazines.

The addition of three associates in the youth department of the WMU office "has been one of the significant achievements of the WMU in the last year," she declared.

Tours to Old Mexico by about 150 Southern Baptist laymen are being planned, according to David Mashburn, associate secretary of the Brotherhood Commission. The laymen will pay their own expenses to visit Southern Baptist mission work.

Mashburn said the Brotherhood Commission, through its literature and other means, keeps Baptist mission needs and opportunities before men in the Convention.

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Merrill D. Moore, associate secretary of the Executive Committee, told of plans to implement the Convention's action on world evangelization, which it took in 1955 at Miami. He said the plans include a co-operative soul-winning effort by four or more Baptist groups in the United States, including the Southern Baptist Convention.

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CONVENTION GIVEN RECORD
\$18 MILLION DURING 1955

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Members of about 30,000 Southern Baptist Convention churches gave \$18,240,455 during 1955 to support missionary, educational, and benevolent work of the Southern Convention, Porter Routh, Convention treasurer, announced here.

This record-making sum for Convention work is \$1½ million greater than the amount contributed in 1954, Routh continued. These figures do not include contributions for activities of local Baptist churches and state Baptist groups.

Were the local and state contributions figured in also, total contributions would very probably exceed \$300 million, according to Routh. The exact amount of all contributions will be tabulated later.

Fifty-six per cent of the money given last year to support the Southern Baptist Convention (both Cooperative Program and designated gifts are included) went into its world missionary program through the Foreign Mission Board, Routh declared. This agency received \$10,377,575.

Another 17 per cent went to the Home Mission Board which carries on missionary work in the United States, Alaska, Cuba, and the Canal Zone. Its receipts were \$3,172,714.

Seminary Contributions

Members of the Convention gave \$2,943,226 to support its five seminaries which train ministers and full-time religious workers.

Routh reported that each of the 25 states in the Convention contributed more to the work of the Convention in 1955 than it did the year before.

One of the newest states in the Convention, Ohio, contributed 207½ per cent more in 1955 than in 1954--\$12,794 compared with \$6,240. Texas, largest state within the Convention, has the greatest monetary increase from 1954 to 1955 according to Routh, jumping from \$3,769,989 to \$4,173,745.

More than 10 per cent of the Foreign Mission Board funds and more than a fifth of those for the Home Mission Board came in after October 1, when the Convention entered the Advance portion of its annual budget.

During the Advance--which the Convention enters after meeting its regular budget obligations for the year--money received in non-designated, or Cooperative Program, gifts goes only to the two missionary boards.

Advance funds for 1955, a record, provided the Foreign Mission Board with \$1,836,630, and the Home Mission Board with \$612,210.

Secretaries of the two boards said "We are encouraged because Southern Baptists are strengthening a world ministry. Support of the Cooperative Program is vital to sustained advance."

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BAPTIST GROUP SUBMITS IMMIGRATION STATEMENT

WASHINGTON--(BP)--United States immigration policies should not be written on the basis of religious or party interests, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs said here.

The Committee filed a statement with the U. S. Senate subcommittee on immigration and naturalization, which is receiving testimony to determine public opinion in this field.

Religious groups submitted statements upon invitation of the committee. The statement of the Baptist organization, approved by its executive committee, and by the relief agency of the Baptist World Alliance, said further:

1. There is apparently a need to revise the immigration quota system to give Oriental countries equal status with the western family of nations;

2. "We do not view adjustments in the United States immigration policy as being the solution to the population pressures that now exist in some parts of the world;"

3. "We do not favor unrestricted immigration, but we do favor active assistance to foreign governments in programs of technical assistance, education, loans, and welfare;"

4. The Committee hopes that future immigration legislation can establish a pattern for aid to persons victimized by disaster, oppression, or war. "Special legislation seems to be an unsatisfactory manner of handling emergency needs."

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.....Ed. J. Packwood has resigned as business manager of Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, Ariz., because of ill health.

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.....J. Kelly Simmons, pastor of North Waco Baptist Church, Waco, Tex., has been elected general missionary for Southern Baptists in Idaho. He will work under the superintendent of missions of the Arizona convention.

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.....Jackson Creek Baptist Church, Columbia, S. C., has called John E. Dent as pastor. Dent comes to the Columbia church from pastorate of Northside Baptist Church, Andalusia, Ala.

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.....Dr. Eugene E. Gardner, professor of modern languages and chairman of the faculty of Furman University, died Dec. 17. He had been a member of the university faculty since 1921.

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.....The first Texas Baptist Royal Ambassador Congress attracted 950 boys and sponsors for two days of missions study at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., recently.

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.....Trustees of Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Tex., recently adopted a million-dollar campaign to construct four new buildings--a library, student center, hospital, and dormitory--and make general repairs and improvements.

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.....T. T. Crabtree, for the past four years pastor of Leawood Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., has accepted a call to Immanuel Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.

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BAPTIST FEATURES

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third in a series of articles from the Baptist Press on the Crusade for Christian Morality.

THE \$64,000 QUESTION

By Porter Routh

Executive Secretary, SBC Executive Committee

There are many people who are in a position every day to obtain \$64,000 just by giving an answer to a very simple (?) question:

To steal or not to steal?

To lie or not to lie?

To be honest or dishonest?

The answer may deal with the change received at the grocery store, or the amount spent for lunch money at school.

The answer might involve a house allowance.

The answer might become involved in the arithmetic of an expense account, or a daily sales report.

The answer might involve a figure on a tax return.

Recently, the treasurer of a small church in an eastern city shared with me his disturbed mind over the fact that some of those who indicated they planned to tithe were lying when they marked their card. He felt, with some reason, that the decision to lie was much worse than the decision not to tithe would have been --especially, since it did not seem to be in good faith.

The white lie has seemingly become so much a part of daily living that it has gotten dirty, and has almost turned black.

The decision to be honest, to be truthful on every occasion is a significant decision. It will bring far greater riches than any \$64,000.

The Bible has a great deal to say about letting the words of our mouth be acceptable in God's sight. "Thou shalt not bear false witness," is one of the 10 Commandments. Jesus certainly believed and taught honesty and truthfulness.

This Crusade for Christian Morality should give all of us an opportunity to re-examine our dedication to truth.