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MERGER RECOMMENDED FOR STATE PAPER COMMITTEES

CARBONDALE, Ill.--(BP)--Merger of two Southern Baptist Convention committees--both having to do with Baptist newspapers--has been proposed.

The Convention at its annual session in Kansas City, Mo., May 30-June 2 will be asked to approve the merging of the committees.

B. J. Murrie, Carbondale, chairman of the committee on Baptist state papers, says a merger of that committee with the committee on Baptist papers circulation campaign will reduce duplication.

The single committee on Baptist newspapers would give continued emphasis to obtaining new subscribers but would reduce duplication and time on the Convention's annual program and in the Convention's Annual, its yearbook.

The committees report separately to the Convention and the two separate reports are carried in the Annual.

The aid of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee is asked in preparing tracts, posters, and other promotional material for increasing circulation of the papers, published in each of the state conventions affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The state conventions, in the recommendations of Murrie's committee, are being asked to provide more financial support to their newspapers.

Churches are requested to buy the state paper for every family in the membership.

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF BAPTIST STATE PAPERS COMMITTEE, B. J. Murrie, Chairman

In view of the historic contribution the state papers have rendered in the phenomenal growth of the convention since special emphasis has been given through the Circulation Committee in 1940; second, the expanding benefits derived from an increased circulation to the churches, agencies, and denomination as a whole; third, and the increased cost to meet the present need and the expanding growth and demands on the state paper; we recommend the following that:

1. We ask the pastors and deacons of the churches to use their influence in leading the membership to include the state paper in the church budget or purchase it for the entire church families as they have been purchasing the Sunday School literature. 2. We ask the various departments, boards, agencies, and institutions of the states and Convention to take notice of the circulation of the state papers and include a word suggesting the budget or "Every Family Plan" of the State Papers in their various publications

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and promotional materials.

3. We ask the various state conventions to make a fair study of their budget appropriations in order to give more financial support to state papers so they can meet the growing demands and cost.

4. In order to give continued emphasis to the circulation campaign and reduce duplication and time on the program of the Southern Baptist Convention and cost in producing the Annual, we ask the Southern Baptist Convention to combine the committee on Baptist Papers Circulation Campaign and the committee on Baptist State Papers and provide proportionate time on the program in relation to other agencies which serve the denomination.

5. We ask the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention to consider and work out with this new committee suggested above promotional material, such as tracts, and posters, on increasing the circulation of the state papers.

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FILM COMMITTEE SEEKS YEAR FOR SCRIPT STUDY

ATLANTA--(BP)--The Baptist film committee wants to be continued another year to study the production of a film on religious liberty.

Continuation of the committee will be asked at the Southern Baptist Convention annual session this year by Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church, and committee chairman.

"Our committee has asked a subcommittee to make a study of preliminary script for a film on religious liberty," Newton said.

"This subcommittee," he continued, "will report to our full committee in a meeting in Kansas City on Tuesday afternoon, May 29," the afternoon before the start of the Convention.

Action at the May 29 meeting "may justify an amendment to this report for the Convention," according to Newton.

At the same time, the film committee reports it is awaiting action which other Baptist groups in the world may take toward producing the film cooperatively.

"Thus far, no word has come to us of actual action by any of these bodies, though we have continued evidence of interest," Newton said.

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FORMALLY-ATTIRED VISITOR
SOCIAL FLOP: REMONSTRATES

ST. LOUIS--(BP)--With all the social propriety it could muster, and attired in formal black and white, a visitor waited till after supper to make its uninvited entree at a Friday night church social here.

But with all that, the visitor registered a social flop. The invited guests--about 100 persons from a Sunday school group at Jewel Baptist Church--fled at once.

The commotion in the church kitchen, where the visitor appeared while after-dinner coffee was being prepared, naturally disturbed the socially sensitive party-crasher.

It showed its distaste in customary fashion, leaving an unpleasant, strongly-flavored calling card.

Pastor Harold J. Fuggian called the Humane Society to take the visitor into custody. Men of the church formed a work detail next day so that, skunk or no skunk, Sunday services could be held as usual.

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STUDENT NIGHT MUSIC
ARRANGEMENTS LISTED

NASHVILLE--(BP)--G. Kearnie Keegan, Nashville, student department secretary for the Baptist Sunday School Board, has announced the musical program for the youth night service at the Southern Baptist Convention.

Howard Butt, Corpus Christi, Tex., grocer and layman evangelist, is the featured speaker. Student night is Friday, June 1, at Kansas City, Mo.

Dick Baker, minister of music, Birchman Ave. Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex., will lead singing. The Bisonettes, girls' trio from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and Mercer Shaw, student at OBU and a baritone soloist, will provide music.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kong, of First Baptist Church, Ada, Okla., and George Tharel, manager of J. C. Penney Store, Fayetteville, Ark., will give testimonies of their Christian experiences.

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ELECT YOUTH SECRETARY

FRESNO, Calif.--(BP)--Directors of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California have elected Miss Dorris Stringer Woman's Missionary Union youth secretary. Miss Stringer, former assistant librarian at Golden Gate Baptist Seminary, assumed her duties Mar. 15.

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CENTRAL SEMINARY CHANGES
DAY FOR CONVENTION VISIT

KANSAS CITY, Kans.--(BP)--Central Baptist Seminary here has announced a change of dates for its open house during the Southern Baptist Convention.

The seminary first announced its open house for Thursday, May 31. Due to conflicts in schedule, the seminary has changed the date of the open house to Wednesday, May 30.

The seminary will have open house during the afternoon for Convention-goers who wish to tour the campus, at the corner of Minnesota Ave. and 31st. St.

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.....Mrs. John I. Alford, of Covington, Ga., has been re-elected to her fifth term as president of the Georgia Woman's Missionary Union.

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.....Wallace E. Morton resigned pastorate of Wynnton Baptist Church, Columbus, Ga., to become pastor of Fifth Ave. Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn.

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"Beyond the war-clouds and the reddened ways,
I see the promise of the Coming Days!"

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION
AUXILIARY TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
MEETING IN OUR SIXTY-EIGHTH YEAR
IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
MAY 27-29, 1956

THEME: "HIS BANNER EXALTED.!"

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 27, 3 O'CLOCK

Call to Worship	
Hymn	
Scripture and Prayer	Dr. Carrie U. Littlejohn
Special Music	
Words of Welcome	Mrs. A. J. Hause
Address "Thou Shalt Worship"	Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge
Hymn	
Address "His Banner Exalted"	Mrs. J. M. Dawson
Closing Prayer	

"The kingdom is coming
O tell ye the story
God's banner exalted shall be!"

"Christ lives! Christ loves! Christ rules!
No more shall Might,
Though leagued with all the forces of the Night
Ride over Right."

SUNDAY EVENING..... 7:30 O'CLOCK

Call to Worship	
Hymn	
Prayer	
Youth Uplifting the Banner	Kansas City Young People
Royal Ambassadors	Mr. Edward Hurt, Jr.
Special Music	
"The Contemporary World and the Christian Witness"	Mr. Paul Geren
Closing Prayer	

"The earth shall be full of His knowledge and glory
As waters that cover the sea."

"No more shall Wrong
The world's gross agonies prolong."

MONDAY MORNING, MAY 28.....9:30 O'CLOCK

Call to Worship	
Hymn	
Organization	
Moments of Meditation	Miss Elizabeth Hale
Report of Executive Board	Miss Alma Hunt
Report of Treasurer	Miss LaVenia Neal
Hymn	
Exalting His Banner Through	
Our Fundamentals	Mrs. William McMurry
Our Youth Department	Miss Margaret Bruce
Royal Service	Miss Juliette Mather
Hymn	
Business	
North American Baptist Women	Mrs. Hodge
Closing Prayer	

"From all the dark places,
Of earth's heathen races,
O see how the thick shadows fly!"

"Who waits His time shall surely see
The triumph of His constancy"

MONDAY AFTERNOON.....2:00 O'CLOCK

Call to Worship	
Hymn	
Prayer	
Reading of Minutes	Mrs. Wilfred Tyler
Business	
Witnessing in Utah	Mrs. Ira Marks
Hymn	
America Must Exalt His Banner	Miss Irene Chambers
Hymn	
Southern Baptist Answer to World Need	Dr. Albert McClellan
Closing Prayer	

"The sunlight is glancing
O'er armies advancing
To conquer the kingdoms of sin."

"The coming of His perfect Day
Shall sweep the powers of Night away"-

MONDAY EVENING.....7:30 O'CLOCK

Call to Worship	
Hymn	
Prayer	Dr. Courts Redford
Carver School	Dr. Emily Lansdell
Our Women Home Missionaries	Dr. Loyd Corder
Special Music	Mr. Victor Kaneubbe
Hymn	
"His Banner Exalted in Our Homes"	Mrs. J. M. Dawson
Hymn	
Betrayed by Beverage Alcohol	Dr. Duke K. McCall
Closing Prayer	

"Our Lord shall possess them
His presence shall bless them
His beauty shall enter them in."

"And Faith replumed for noble flight,
And hope aglow with radiance bright,"

TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 29.....9:30 O'CLOCK

Call to Worship	
Hymn	
Prayer	
Reading of Minutes	Mrs. Tyler
Moments of Meditation	Miss Hale
Hymn	
His Banner Exalted	
In Brazil	Miss Martha Hairston
In Colombia	Mr. and Mrs. Donald Orr
Hymn	
Lifting His Banner	
In Rhodesia	Mr. and Mrs. David Lockard
In Gaza	Dr. and Mrs. J. T. McRae
Closing Prayer	

"With shouting and singing
And jubilant ringing
Their arms of rebellion lay down."

"A hymn of glory let us sing;
New hymns throughout the world shall ring."

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.....2:00 O'CLOCK

Call to Worship
Hymn
Prayer
In Memoriam Mrs. Clem Hardy
Business
Reports of Committees
Election of Officers
Hymn
Reading of Minutes Mrs. Tyler
The Kingdom is Coming
 In Korea Mrs. David Ahn
 In Japan Miss Hannah Barlow
 In Paraguay Dr. and Mrs. Franklin Fowler
Closing Prayer

"At last every nation
The Lord of salvation
Their King and Redeemer shall crown!"

"By a new way none ever trod
Christ mounteth to the throne of God."

TUESDAY EVENING 7:30 O'CLOCK

Call to Worship
Hymn
Prayer
Ready to Go Mr. Elmer S. West, Jr.
Prayer of Dedication Dr. Baker James Cauthen
Handmaidens of the Lord Mrs. Edgar Bates
Hymn
Address Dr. Monroe Swilley
Closing Prayer

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God's banner exalted shall be!"