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KING JAMES VERSION USED
BY SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--"The Baptist Sunday School Board plans to continue use of the King James Version as the basic text in all its publications," according to a joint statement released by Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board, and Dr. Clifton J. Allen, editorial secretary for the Board. "The blessing of God has been upon this Version, so that it has brought light and life, faith and consolation, direction and inspiration and strength, to countless millions of people."

The men also said that the Baptist Sunday School Board is always anxious to answer questions about its literature and various publications.

"The Scriptures, inspired by the Holy Spirit, were first written in Hebrew and Greek by holy men of God in the long ago. The King James Version is a translation of God's Word. Had the Scriptures not been translated, most of us would not be able to read them. It is surely God's will that his Word be translated into all languages and that it be translated into the common language of succeeding generations.

"Baptists believe in the Bible, and they stand for its widest possible distribution. God grant this blessing to America!"

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AUTO ACCIDENT
CLAIMS GODBOLD

ALEXANDRIA, La.--(BP)--Edgar Godbold, seventy-two, prominent Louisiana Baptist leader, died as a result of injuries received in an automobile wreck. The accident happened only a little while before he was to preside at the opening of the Louisiana Baptist Convention. He was elected president last year.

Dr. Godbold served for many years as president of Louisiana College. Before that he was general superintendent for Missouri Baptists. He was born in Mississippi. Following his education, he taught school and led in laymen's activities. From 1919-23 he was president of Howard Payne College in Texas. In 1929 he moved to Missouri to become general superintendent.

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EDWIN McNEELY APPOINTED
MUSIC DIRECTOR FOR SBC

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Dr. Edwin McNeely, professor of voice and music in evangelism at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, has been named director of music for the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston next May 6-10.

McNeely's appointment was announced by Dr. J. D. Grey, New Orleans, president of the SBC.

McNeely has taught at Southwestern Seminary since 1921. Long recognized as one of the outstanding congregational song leaders among Southern Baptists and well known for his work and experience as a choir director in a number of churches and as a teacher of voice and conductor of choral work at the seminary, McNeely is well fitted for the place as Convention music director, Dr. Grey said.

McNeely studied at Chicago Musical College, Texas Christian University and Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. He took special training under Herbert Witherspoon, Charles Farwell Edson and Horatio Connell, and holds the bachelor of music degree from Southwestern Seminary and the doctorate of music from Boguslawski College of Music, Chicago.

As Convention music director, he will schedule the appearance of all choral groups and special music on the five-day program. Any requests concerning this should be addressed to McNeely at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

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ARKANSAS BEGINS
BUILDING PROGRAMS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.--(BP)--Arkansas Baptists have a total Cooperative Program goal for next year of \$1,071,566 to be divided three ways: (a) \$88,000 for operating expenses, (b) \$828,566 to go 40 per cent to Southern Convention causes and 60 per cent to state causes, and (c) \$155,000 for state capital needs. The budget was completed and adopted at the annual convention in session here.

The convention also voted to authorize the state hospital board to borrow up to \$750,000, completion of the loan contingent on the success of a drive in Little Rock to raise \$500,000. The money, if secured, will be used to enlarge the Little Rock hospital.

The Bottoms Baptist Orphanage was authorized to undertake construction of new cottages. Ouachita College at Arkadelphia was granted permission to negotiate with leading companies to build housing units. Present Ouachita property will not be mortgaged.

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ENROLMENT LOSS FOR
BAPTIST SCHOOLS

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Total regular campus enrolment of Baptist seminaries and colleges is now 36,021, or a loss of 220 since last year when the total had reached 36,241. Included in the report released by Dr. R. Orin Cornett are seventy institutions, seven seminaries including the W.M.U. Training School, twenty-nine senior colleges, twenty-three junior colleges, three Bible schools, and eight academies. Grand enrolment including Saturday students, correspondence and extension students for this year is 45,586. Gains and losses on regular students are shown as follows:

	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	
Seminaries (7)	3,747	3,959	212 gain
Senior Colleges (29)	23,007	22,562	445 loss
Junior Colleges (23)	7,383	7,211	172 loss
Academies and Bible Schools (11)	2,104	2,289	185 gain
	<u>36,241</u>	<u>36,021</u>	

A total of 8,818 students were graduated last year: seminaries, 964; senior colleges, 5,226; junior colleges, 2,271; and Bible schools and academies, 357.

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FAMOUS DRY LEADER
DIES IN CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES, Calif.--(BP)--One of the nation's most persistent dries is dead. William David Upshaw, eighty-six, former Georgia congressman and one-time presidential candidate on the Prohibition ticket passed away in Glendale, California, Friday, November 21. He had been under treatment for an illness following his return from a European speaking tour.

Upshaw, a Baptist, was an old-style orator. For many years he made annual appearances before the Southern Baptist Convention. A colorful personality, he was easily distinguished by his crutches.

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YOUNGEST PRESIDENT
ELECTED IN GEORGIA

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Possibly the youngest president ever to serve the Georgia Baptist Convention is Dr. Searcy S. Garrison, pastor of the Bull Street Baptist Church in Savannah.

Dr. Garrison, who will not be 40 until late in November, was elected to succeed Dr. Louie D. Newton. He is the youngest man to hold the office in this century and possibly in the 131 years of the Georgia Convention.

The convention adopted a Cooperative Program budget of \$1,513,550 for next year, larger by \$224,750 than the current budget. It continued the 50-50 division between state and Convention-wide causes after deduction of administration and promotional expenses.

The Georgia Baptist Hospital was authorized to borrow \$1,400,000 for erection of a professional building to be occupied by doctors, which advocates said would be self-liquidating. It will adjoin the hospital which was enlarged last year by an addition costing \$4,500,000.

Next year's sessions will be held at First Baptist Church in Macon, November 17-20. The sermon will be preached by Dr. Howard P. Giddens, pastor of First church at Athens. This year's preacher was Dr. George F. Brown, retired minister of Marietta.

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BAPTIST ROUNDUP

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Louisiana Baptists adopted a \$1,024,000 Cooperative Program goal to be divided 57½ per cent to state causes and 42½ per cent to Southern Convention causes after operating expense deductions. Total enrolment at the Louisiana Convention was 1,230...The famous Riverside Church in New York City, for years nominally known as a Baptist church, has declared itself Congregational. Its pastor, Robert J. McCracken, a Scotch Baptist minister has been accepted into the Congregational ministry...Dr. John C. Slemph, a former Southern Baptist editor, is succeeding Dr. William B. Lippard as editor of the Missions Magazine, American Baptist publication...Danish Baptists have been given official governmental recognition for the first time in history. With 7,000 adult members in thirty-nine congregations, the Baptists now are the largest free church in Denmark...Judson Memorial Church, a Baptist congregation in New York City, has applied for membership in the Congregational Church Association.

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SPECIAL RELEASE

HOUSTON HOTEL INFORMATION

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No more hotel rooms are available in Houston for the Southern Baptist Convention, all available ones having been reserved. Those holding reservations are requested by the Housing Committee to send \$10 in confirmation of their reservation, this amount to be applied on their account. If this deposit is not sent by December 15, the reservation will be automatically cancelled even though already confirmed by the hotel.

Three hundred units are available in motels. Please address all further correspondence about hotels or motels to Union Baptist Association, 2420 Milam, Houston 6, Texas. Each application for a reservation must be accompanied by a check for \$10 payable to Union Baptist Association, this amount to be paid to the motel where reservation is secured. Please state time and day of arrival and departure.

Some rooms are available at the Shamrock Hotel for May 4-8 (only) which would necessitate checking out on May 8. This would fit into the plans of some ministers who desire to return to their pulpits for Mother's Day.

For those desiring to stay in homes, please write the Homes Committee, 2420 Milam, Houston 6, Texas, sending deposit of \$2.00 for the first night, also stating time and day of arrival and departure and mode of transportation. Reservations will be consummated in January and you will be notified in order that you may correspond directly thereafter.