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EDUCATION GROUPS MEET  
TO PLAN 1957 PROGRAMS

NASHVILLE-- (BP)--Administrators of Southern Baptist colleges and schools and members of the Southern Baptist Education Commission will meet here to discuss future educational programs for the denomination.

R. Orin Cornett, Nashville, executive secretary of the Education Commission, said the principal speaker at the meetings, scheduled June 18-21, is John Dale Russell, nationally-known authority on college finance.

Russell, who is from Santa Fe, N. M., is chancellor of board of educational finance of the state of New Mexico and was formerly with the United States Office of Education and the University of Chicago.

Three groups will hold meetings during the week--the College Business Management Workshop; the Southern Association of Baptist Colleges and Schools, and the Education Commission.

The annual election of officers of the association and Commission will be held at this time. These two groups also will work out arrangements for the 1957 April emphasis on Christian education in the Southern Baptist Convention.

This is the first year for a workshop on business management. The purpose of this workshop, according to Cornett, is to bring together business officers and presidents of Southern Baptist colleges and universities to study financing problems of their schools and the application of the best management methods and procedures to these problems.

Attendance at the three meetings is expected to be from 100 to 150.

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CLINIC TO SEE GUIDE  
ON CHURCH FINANCE

NASHVILLE--(BP)--"A Guidebook of Fund Raising and Church Budget Promotion" will be presented to denominational leaders here for a church finance clinic.

Merrill D. Moore, Nashville, director of promotion for the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, said the guidebook has been prepared since a church finance workshop was held here last December.

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The new guidebook contains ideas and methods brought out at this workshop. It was prepared under direction of the Convention's promotion committee, which followed the counsel of those taking part in the workshop.

The Southern Baptist Convention authorized the program of church finance when it met in Miami, Fla., in May, 1955. The present guidebook is one of the latest steps in putting the program into operation.

Any necessary revisions will be made in the guidebook at the clinic, according to Moore. In the fall, test church finance programs will be held in churches in Phoenix, Ariz., and Jackson, Miss., under leadership of the Executive Committee staff. State leaders will conduct similar programs elsewhere.

A number of other printed materials will also be presented during the clinic. Attending will be several dozen Baptist leaders--state executive secretaries, department secretaries, and assistants; Baptist editors, heads of Convention agencies and their associates, and members of the promotion committee of the Executive Committee.

The clinic precedes the regular June meeting of the Executive Committee.

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HUDGINS CHAIRMAN OF  
SEMINARY COMMITTEE

KANSAS CITY, Mo.--(BP)--W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of Jackson, Miss., First Baptist Church, will be chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention committee on theological education during the coming year.

He succeeds J. W. Storer, pastor, First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., who remains as a member of the committee.

Other members of the 1955 committee will continue to serve with exception of E. V. Peyton, of Topping, Va., who resigned. J. B. Leavell, pastor, First Baptist Church, San Angelo, Tex., succeeds him on the committee.

An additional member of the committee was named--Mrs. R. L. Mathis, of Waco, Tex., the newly-elected president of the Woman's Missionary Union.

The committee will study possible sites for a sixth seminary for the Convention and a means of financing it. It will also assist in transferring control and operation of Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, Ky., from the WMU to the Convention proper.

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MOORE TO VISIT WITH  
BAPTISTS IN ALASKA

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion for the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, will visit Alaskan Baptists July 1-10 in stewardship promotion work.

Moore, of Nashville, will conduct stewardship courses at Anchorage and Fairbanks. He will preach at Ketchikan and visit with Baptist missions at Kotzebue and Kobuk.

The Alaskan trip is the result of an invitation from the Alaskan Baptist Convention, and is in cooperation with the Convention's Home Mission Board, which sponsors denominational work in the territory.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
SLATES JUNE MEETING

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The regular June meeting of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee is scheduled here June 20-21 with election of officers a main item of business.

The Executive Committee's chairman, Federal Judge Frank A. Hooper, of Atlanta, is eligible for re-election under the Committee's election procedure.

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PADUCAH HOSPITAL GETS  
COMMISSION ACCREDITING

PADUCAH, Ky.--(BP)--The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals has given Western Baptist Hospital of Paducah "full accreditation."

The Joint Commission surveys hospitals in the United States and Canada to see if they are properly administered and if the medical practices meet Commission standards.

Western Baptist Hospital requested a Joint Commission survey in January, 1955, after being in operation for a year. The survey was not conducted until May 1, 1956.

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CORRECTION

In June 9 release headlined "BSSB Name Change Committee Selected," names of committee members, contained in third paragraph, are garbled. Please substitute the following paragraph for paragraph 3 in the original article:

The Convention referred the proposal to a seven-member committee. Others serving on the committee are H. Leo Eddleman, president, Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., Oliver Shields, pastor, Lafayette Park Baptist Church, St. Louis; James H. Landes, pastor, First Baptist Church, Wichita Fall, Tex., J. Winston Pearce, pastor, Seventh Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md.; Earl B. Edington, pastor, First Baptist Church, St. Petersburg, Fla., and C. Vaughan Rock, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Phoenix, Ariz.

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HOOPER DILLDAY NEW  
TEXAS BTU DIRECTOR

DALLAS--(BP)--Hooper Dilday, associate secretary, Texas Baptist Sunday school department here, has been elected director of the convention's Baptist Training Union department.

When he takes the new office Dec. 1, he will succeed T. C. Gardner, head of training union work for 40 years. There are 15,485 Baptist Training Union organizations in Texas churches, with 424,854 members.

Dilday is a native of Model, Tenn.

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\$10 MILLION BUDGET  
FOR TEXAS BAPTISTS

DALLAS--(BP)--The executive board, Baptist General Convention of Texas, has approved a \$10 million budget in the state for 1957.

The recommendations, presented by W. A. Criswell, Dallas pastor and finance committee chairman, will be forwarded to the convention itself in Corpus Christi this Fall.

The budget is the highest in Texas Baptist history. It surpasses last year's budget by \$1 million. Broken down, the budget anticipates \$7½ million in undesignated receipts through the Cooperative Program and the rest through special designations.

The first \$7 million in undesignated receipts will be divided between two groups--\$2,520,000 for worldwide Baptist activity and \$4,480,000 for missions within Texas. The remaining \$500,000 undesignated will be shared by Southern Baptist Convention and Texas Baptist institutions, each getting 45 per cent, and by state missions which gets the remainder.

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