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CONSIDER NEED FOR NEW
CAPITAL AID PROGRAMS

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention is conducting a study to see if there is a need for a new five-year capital needs program for Convention agencies.

The new program would begin in 1959 and would be a part of the Convention's financial plan, known as the Cooperative Program. The present capital needs program expires in 1958.

Southern Baptists, through the capital needs section of the Cooperative Program, have supported building and other expansion projects at their five seminaries. They also have supported construction of hospitals and schools on foreign mission fields and church extension within the United States in this manner.

Before 1946, when the first capital needs program originated, these needs were met outside the Cooperative Program.

In its new study, the Executive Committee will give priority to Convention-wide needs rather than to a percentage distribution to all agencies. In other words, the Committee will look at the total needs of the Convention to determine where the capital needs are among the various agencies.

Present capital needs projects include construction on a new campus at Golden Gate Baptist Seminary north of San Francisco, Calif., and purchase of Wake Forest College property by Southeastern Baptist Seminary, at Wake Forest, N. C.

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INTERIM DIRECTOR

LOUISVILLE--(BP)--J. Edward Cunningham, pastor of Campton, Ky., Baptist Church, has been appointed interim director of the Kentucky Baptist mountain mission program. He succeeds M. Wendell Belew, who joined the staff of the SBC Home Mission Board.

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HISTORICAL COMMISSION
APPOINTS LYNN E. MAY

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Attn: State editors of Miss., Ala., La., Tenn.

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Lynn E. May, Jr., recent Th. D. graduate of New Orleans Baptist Seminary, has been employed as research director of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission here.

His appointment was announced by Norman W. Cox, Nashville, executive secretary of the Commission. May has already assumed his new position.

A native of Winnsboro, La., May graduated from Louisiana College, Baptist college operated by the Louisiana Baptist Convention, before entering the New Orleans seminary.

While studying at the seminary, May pastored Spring Hill Baptist Church, Hazelhurst, Miss.

He specialized in church history during his study for the doctor's degree and his dissertation presented the life and work of the late Claybrook Cottingham, president of Louisiana College from 1910 to 1941, and a former president of the Louisiana convention.

His new position will include research into fields where information is needed that is not now available, according to Cox. It will help the Historical Commission answer many questions it receives from throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

May is married to the former Alta Green, of Mobile, Ala. They have a daughter, Deborah Virginia, 3.

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NEW DEAN CHOSEN AT
WAKE FOREST COLLEGE

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.--(BP)--William C. Archie, now associate dean of Trinity College at Duke University, Durham, has been appointed associate dean of Wake Forest College here.

He will become dean in July, 1957, upon the retirement of Dean D. B. Bryan, according to Harold W. Tribble, president of Wake Forest College.

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EVAN A. REIFF HEADS
EDUCATION COMMISSION

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Evan A. Reiff, president of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., has been elected chairman of the Southern Baptist Education Commission. He succeeds Warren Jones, president of Union University, Jackson, Tenn.

Other Commission officers elected at the recent meeting here are W. Forbes Yarborough, professor of religious education at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, vice-chairman, and C. Sylvester Green, vice-president of Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, N. C., recording secretary.

R. Orin Cornett, executive secretary of the Commission with offices in Nashville, continues in that position under an indefinite appointment.

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BAPTISTS TO PUBLISH
CAREER GUIDANCE PAPER

NASHVILLE--(BP)--A vocational guidance publication for Southern Baptist teen-agers, known as "Southern Baptist Career News," will be launched in October by the Southern Baptist Education Commission.

R. Orin Cornett, executive secretary of the commission, announced the new publication following the commission's annual meeting here recently.

The eight-page publication will be issued monthly from October through May and bi-monthly the rest of the year, for a total of 10 issues annually.

Cornett reported the career guidance newspaper will aid young people between 13 and 18 years old in Baptist churches in choosing careers of Christian service and influence. This will include both careers in religious and secular fields.

There are over 900,000 Southern Baptists in this age group and they are faced with a choice among 22,000 possible vocations in this age of specialization.

"Southern Baptist Career News" will feature stories on personality development, getting ready for college, how Christians may witness through their vocations, and other subjects.

The articles will be written by outstanding men and women in business and industry, vocational counseling, religious work, and similar fields. Each issue of the publication will contain information in detail about at least four vocations, according to Cornett.

Cornett said that church Brotherhoods, Woman's Missionary Unions, Training Unions, Sunday schools, and other organizations, as well as parents themselves are being asked to provide subscriptions for their teen-agers at \$1 a year.

Further information about the publication may be secured from Cornett at 127 N. Ninth Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

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BAPTIST FEATURES

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ENGLISH-SPEAKING CHURCH ORGANIZED IN VENEZUELA

DALLAS, Tex.--(BP)--Southern Baptists' first South American church specifically for English-speaking peoples has now been organized in Maracaibo, Venezuela.

Named the Faith Baptist Church, it already has 20 charter members, 40 Sunday School members and soon plans to call its first English-speaking pastor.

The congregation is composed largely of Southern Baptist members who were formerly members of Baptist churches in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Virginia.

They are among the 35,000 American citizens now working and living in Venezuela. Of that number, approximately 15,000 are Southern Baptists.

Until a few weeks ago, the Southern Baptists had no English-speaking church where they could worship. Language barriers in Spanish-speaking churches of Venezuela hindered their worship there.

The new church was started with Sunday afternoon preaching services and Sunday school classes in a private home. The new members rented a residence for services early this year, bought a piano and other equipment and then began planning the church's organization.

Because of his personal knowledge of the missionary work in Venezuela, Homer B. Reynolds, pastor of Ross Avenue Church, was consulted when the new church members began thinking of organization. The Dallas church permitted Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds to fly to Maracaibo and work with the new group there for three weeks.

"The importance of the new work," said Reynolds, "may be visualized by one fact alone: If all of the 15,000 Southern Baptists now in Venezuela were to tithe, they could possibly contribute \$1 million per month to Southern Baptist work over the world."

Any Southern Baptist who has relatives now living in Venezuela or who knows of other Baptists living there may give their names to Reynolds. His address is 5201 Ross Avenue, Dallas 6, Texas.

WELCOME, EDITOR!---H. H. McGinty, editor of the Missouri Baptist paper, Word and Way, and president of the Southern Baptist Press Association, left, welcomes newest Southern Baptist editor, W. C. Fields, editor of Mississippi paper, Baptist Record. Fields was appointed June 1 to succeed the late A. L. Goodrich. The Press Association includes the editors of Southern Baptists' more than 20 state newspapers. --Baptist Press.

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SEMINARY PLEA---Missouri Baptist leaders attended a recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention committee on theological education to speak on behalf of Kansas City for the sixth Southern Baptist seminary. Paul M. Lambert, on the staff of the Kansas City Baptist Association, points to location of Kansas City while Earl Harding, Missouri Baptist executive secretary, watches. Committee on theological education is considering possible seminary sites and means of financing it.--Baptist Press.

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