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MISSOURI'S 2629 LEADS STATES AT CONVENTION

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Missouri, which served as host state to the 1956 session of the Southern Baptist Convention, led other states in number of messengers registered at Kansas City.

Of the total 12,254 messengers, 2629 were from Missouri, according to Joe W. Burton, Nashville, Convention secretary. In all, 31 states were represented.

Texas, the state which has more Southern Baptists than any other, was second in number of messengers. Churches in Texas sent 1509 to the Convention.

North Carolina sent the third largest number -- 827. Oklahoma followed in fourth with 822. Others over 500 included South Carolina, 681; Kentucky, 632; Georgia, 607; Tennessee, 564; Alabama, 557, and Arkansas, 504.

Other states:

Arizona -- 66.	Nebraska -- 3.
California -- 216.	New Mexico -- 136.
Colorado -- 78.	New York -- 1.
District of Columbia -- 54.	North Dakota -- 1.
Florida -- 331.	Ohio -- 50.
Illinois -- 233.	Oregon-Washington -- 23.
Kansas -- 288.	South Dakota -- 4.
Louisiana -- 455.	Utah -- 2.
Maryland -- 74.	Virginia -- 361.
Mississippi -- 494.	Wyoming -- 13.
Montana -- 4.	Miscellaneous (unclassified) -- 35.

COLLEGE HEAD ELECTED BY AMERICAN BAPTISTS

SEATTLE, Wash.--(BP)--The American Baptist Convention, which ended its 1956 session here recently, elected Harry L. Dillin, college educator, president, succeeding Racine, Wis., manufacturer Frank A. Nelson.

Dillin is president of Linfield College, McMinnville, Ore.

The Convention chose Philadelphia as its 1957 meeting site and picked Cincinnati for 1958.

ARIZONA ON VERGE OF
BUYING NEW BUILDING

PHOENIX, Ariz.--(BP)--Arizona's Southern Baptists are on the verge of buying a building for their state offices.

Plans for its purchase have been approved by the executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona.

The board, for over a year, has been in favor of moving state Baptist offices from their present site into a better building. Negotiations for a building are being made.

The executive board, in other business transacted, postponed a decision on a successor to Willis J. Ray, who resigned earlier this year as state executive secretary.

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OKLAHOMA BOYS RANCH
TOWN WILLED \$80,000

OKLAHOMA CITY--(BP)--Boys Ranch Town, operated here by Oklahoma Baptists, received \$80,000 in the will of Mrs. Lucia E. Gensman, of Lawton, Oklahoma.

The bequest will be used both for endowment and for the construction of a building to house 20 boys.

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FOREIGN MISSIONARIES
SENT BY SBC NOW 1067

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--Southern Baptists now have 1067 foreign missionaries in 35 countries and expect to appoint 125 new missionaries during this year.

Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, said in a special interview at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly that mission work by the Southern Baptist Convention was increasing. "Last year we appointed 104 new missionaries but this year we expect to appoint 125," he said.

Cauthen said that the largest number of Southern Baptist missionaries and the greatest amount of money for missions was used in Brazil, Japan, and Nigeria.

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