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August 25, 1956

BOARD MEETING TO BE FEATURED AT 1957 FOREIGN MISSIONS CONFERENCE

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--Ninety-six young people attending the Foreign Missions Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly offered their lives for foreign mission service. Twenty-nine others responded to an invitation to do whatever the Lord wants them to do.

Most of the decisions were made upon the invitation of Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, immediately after he preached for the morning worship hour on Aug. 19. It was the first public decision opportunity given at the conference, which began August 16 and closed August 22.

An unusual feature of the 1957 Foreign Missions Conference at Ridgecrest, which will be held June 20-26, will be a meeting of the Foreign Mission Board. Dr. Cauthen said the meeting of the full Board at Ridgecrest is to be one of the special parts of the World Missions Year (beginning in October, 1956, and continuing through December, 1957). Says Dr. Cauthen, "the high peak of a Board meeting comes in the appointment of new missionaries." Therefore all those attending the Conference will be able to see the Foreign Mission Board in operation and to hear the testimonies of the new missionaries.

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FOREIGN SITUATION ENCOURAGING--ADAMS

HONG KONG--(BP)--In Hong Kong to preside over the Asian Baptist Youth Conference, Theodore Adams was encouraged about the religious freedom evident throughout Europe and the Middle East.

Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance, and Robert S. Denny, associate secretary for youth for the Alliance, are touring several foreign countries. According to Adams, Baptist work is "increasing everywhere," even in the countries where churches are closed.

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**CHRISTMAS COMES
TO RIDGECREST**

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--Christmas on July 25? Strange but true, for at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly that day is set aside for Christmas celebration.

On the night of July 24 staffers from the assembly wend their way over mountain trails, singing to the retired missionaries and ministers on the way.

There is no Santa Claus who appears at Ridgecrest, and there are no presents and no stockings "hung by the chimney with care." There is no frenzied hunting for that last-minute gift. Rather the spirit is one of "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men" -- the true Christmas spirit.

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**TENNESSEE BAPTISTS
ELECT DR. KENDALL**

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--W. Fred Kendall, pastor of First Baptist Church in Jackson, Tenn., was elected state executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention in a special meeting on August 24. He succeeds C. W. Pope who retires Nov. 1.

Dr. Kendall has been pastor of the church in Jackson since 1945. He was president of the State convention in 1955, and has served on the executive board several years. He has been a member of the Sunday School Board for six years and the Foreign Mission Board for four years, as well as the Committee on Committees three years, the Theological Education Commission to establish new seminaries, and the board of the Southern Baptist Foundation.

Born in Guston, Ky., Dr. Kendall received his A. B. degree from William Jewell College, and Th.M. and Ph.D. degrees at Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He was ordained June 26, 1927.

The Kendall family includes Mrs. Kendall, the former Edyth Allen of Kansas City, Mo., and two sons, Fred, Jr., an ordained minister now attending Southern Baptist Seminary, and John Allen, a student at Union U. in Jackson, Tenn.

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.....William A. Carleton, professor of church history and administrative assistant at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, has been named dean of the seminary. Jack W. Manning, registrar and associate professor of evangelism, will be director of field work and Isma Johnson, assistant registrar, will take the position of registrar.

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.....Richard Hoiland of Philadelphia was named executive secretary of the American Baptist Assembly at Green Lake, Wisconsin. He succeeds Luther Wesley Smith.

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..... J. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, has moved to Richmond, Virginia, to establish his office at the Board headquarters there. Until recently his headquarters have been in the Orient.

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.....The Southern Baptist Convention Annual for 1956 will be released during the last of September and the first weeks of October.

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.....Funeral services were held on August 23 for L. M. Walker of New Mexico, former member of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee

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