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BUDGET OF \$200,000  
SOUGHT BY COLORADO

DENVER, Colo.--(BP)--The proposed budget for the Colorado Baptist General Convention in 1957 is \$200,000, which is \$65,000 greater than the current budget.

The budget, to be voted on by the convention in annual session later this year, was a matter of business for the convention's executive board, which met here recently.

The board approved a change in meeting place for the annual convention Oct. 9-11. Instead of being held at Denver, it will meet at Colorado Springs with First Southern Baptist Church as host.

A five-year program adopted by the board calls for increasing the number of Southern Baptist churches to 265 by 1960. There are now 105 in the five-state area represented in the Colorado convention.

A movement to secure \$200,000 for the state Baptist foundation was launched. Dr. and Mrs. William Fleming, of Fort Worth, Tex., offered to contribute \$25,000 to the foundation as soon as the convention itself has raised \$50,000.

Leroy Smith, secretary of evangelism for the Baptist General Convention of Arizona, Phoenix, has accepted a call to serve as superintendent of stewardship and missions for the Colorado convention. He will also be assistant executive secretary, and take his new office Sept. 15.

Miss Ledema Ivie, former faculty member at Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, will serve in the office of Colorado Executive Secretary Willia J. Ray.

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KENTUCKY CHURCH LEFT  
\$75,000 THROUGH WILL

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky.--(BP)--First Baptist Church here has been left \$75,000 in the will of Mrs. Alma C. Butler, who died recently.

Mrs. Butler, 89, provided that the church be the main beneficiary of her estate. She stated that she wanted to "encourage and promote evangelism and the saving of souls."

She stipulated the money is not to be used outside of Christian County, for which Hopkinsville is county seat.

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ENCYCLOPEDIA RELEASE  
SET FOR OCTOBER, 1957

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Historical Commission has announced that the Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists is scheduled for publication Oct. 15, 1957.

Norman W. Cox, Nashville, Commission executive secretary, reported at the Commission's annual meeting here that the volumes will contain 1,200,000 words.

The Historical Commission also was told that a study of the joint operation of the Dargan-Carver Library in Nashville is being made. The library is located in the Baptist Sunday School Board building and is operated by that board and the Historical Commission.

Cox said that the Commission has on microfilm all recoverable minutes of Baptist associations of churches in South Carolina, Texas, and Illinois. Minutes of associations in three other states are expected to be microfilmed in the near future.

The Historical Commission adopted a resolution against becoming the judge in local controversies on matters of Baptist history.

It said that it will render all possible aid in uncovering historical facts, but that final adjudication of the controversy must be left to the parties involved rather than to the Commission.

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ROUTH TO STUDY NAVY  
CHARACTER GUIDANCE

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, has been invited to join 20 other national religious leaders in a study of character guidance materials used by the U. S. Navy.

Secretary of Navy Charles S. Thomas issued the invitation.

As a part of the study, the group will meet in Washington Sept. 5 and then go to Pensacola, Fla., to board the aircraft carrier the U. S. S. Saipan for a short cruise in the Gulf of Mexico.

They will confer there with Rear Adm. E. B. Harp, Jr., chief of chaplains for the Navy. They will return from the ship to Pensacola by helicopter for further conferences.

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**SECRETARIES CONFER ON  
PLANS FOR EVANGELISM**

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--State Baptist secretaries of evangelism met here recently to plan a three-year program of soul-winning within the Southern Baptist Convention.

Conferring with members of the evangelism department of the SBC Home Mission Board, they outlined programs for 1957, 1958, and 1959.

They fixed 1957 as the year of "Getting a Warm and Workable Program of Evangelism in Every Church." In 1958, the emphasis will be "Getting a Warm and Workable Program of Evangelism to Every Church Member." The 1959 theme is "Getting the Message of Evangelism to Every Lost Person."

Leonard Sanderson, Dallas, Tex., secretary of evangelism for the Home Mission Board, announced that the Baptist Sunday School Board, Brotherhood Commission, and Woman's Missionary Union, have offered their cooperation in the three-year programs.

The 1957 evangelistic effort will be to hold revivals in all churches, conduct church censuses, have in each church a functioning evangelism council and weekly visitation, plus participation in associational evangelism clinics.

Posters, tracts, booths and other promotional materials are being made for the 1957 program, according to Sanderson.

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**AGENCY STUDIES AREAS  
OF CHRISTIAN CONCERN**

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission has the responsibility for emphasizing the Christian's role in matters of public morals and social relationships.

This was reported by Executive Secretary A. C. Miller at the Commission's annual meeting held recently at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly.

Miller reported that the Commission conducts research and other work in many areas, among them labor and management, marriage and divorce, war and peace, Christian citizenship, alcohol education, and race relations.

These areas of responsibility were committed to the Christian Life Commission by the Southern Baptist Convention, he said.

The Commission said it will continue plans to aid in Christian life conferences conducted by state conventions or associations and by churches.

The Commission also reported it has accepted a \$15,000 grant from the Fund for the Republic to be used in the work of the Commission.

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COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN  
VOCATIONS MAKES PLANS

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--The Christian vocations committee of the Southern Baptist Convention plans a Dec. 10 meeting in Nashville, Tenn., to discuss its future work.

A partial meeting of the committee was held at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly recently.

Committee Chairman Allen W. Graves, Louisville, reported the committee is working in three areas: (1) preparation of materials to aid young people in life-time commitment to Christian service; (2) means of following through in counseling those interested in Christian vocations, and (3) meeting the "tremendous demands" for educational and church music workers in Southern Baptists' 30,377 churches.

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HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
RENAMES OWEN CHAIRMAN

RIDGECREST, N.C.--(BP)--Richard N. Owen, Nashville, Tenn., editor of the Baptist and Reflector, has been elected to a second term as chairman of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission.

In annual session at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, the Commission re-elected J. P. Edmunds, also of Nashville, vice-chairman. Edmunds is secretary of survey, statistics, and information for the Baptist Sunday School Board.

H. I. Hester, vice-president of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., was re-elected recording secretary. Norman W. Cox, Nashville, serves as executive secretary under indefinite appointment. He also is Historical Commission treasurer.

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CHRISTIAN LIFE BOARD  
RE-ELECTS BROOKS HAYS

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, holding its annual meeting here, re-elected Congressman Brooks Hays (D, Ark.) as its chairman.

Paul Sanders, of the law school faculty at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., will serve as vice-chairman for another year.

A. C. Miller serves as executive secretary under indefinite appointment, with offices in Nashville.

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.....Allen W. Graves will be inaugurated as dean of the school of religious education at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, on Sept. 18.

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HISTORICAL COMMISSION---All officers of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission were re-elected recently at the commission's annual meeting at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly. They are, from left, R. N. Owen, Nashville, chairman; J. P. Edmunds, Nashville, vice-chairman; H. I. Hester, Liberty, Mo., recording secretary, and Norman W. Cox, Nashville, executive secretary and treasurer.--Baptist Press Photo.

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CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION---Congressman Brooks Hays, of Little Rock, Ark., standing, was re-elected chairman of the Christian Life Commission at its annual meeting in Ridgecrest, N. C. Seated is A. C. Miller, Nashville, executive secretary of the commission. -- Baptist Press Photo.

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Hong Kong---Baptist World Alliance President Theodore F. Adams, here for an Asian Baptist youth conference, declared he was encouraged about the religious freedom evident in Europe and Middle East. Adams and Alliance Youth Secretary Robert S. Denny have been on a round-the-world visit with Baptists.

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Richmond, Virginia---When foreign missions week is held at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly in North Carolina next summer, those attending will be able to see the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in regular session. This will include the appointment of new foreign missionaries. About 2200 Baptists attended the 1956 foreign missions week at Ridgecrest.

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Little Rock, Arkansas---B. H. Duncan, editor of the Arkansas Baptist, described to Baptist readers recently how it feels "to have a killer in your blood." Duncan is suffering from leukemia, which is characterized by an excess of white corpuscles in the blood. There is no known cure and patients often die in a short time. Duncan, no stranger to death since he has been a Baptist minister 46 years, declares that "The same assurance of God's word which had met the needs of others is sufficient for me. The same Christ whom I had held up as Lord and Saviour to others in their trials is also my comforter and stay."

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Billings, Montana---Southern Baptists can and will become strong in the Northwest sector of the United States, one of their pastors there predicts. Glen Braswell, of Billings, is very hopeful about Southern Baptists' future in the states of Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming. Only in the last few years have Southern Baptist churches been organized in this area.

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Ridgecrest, North Carolina---Brooks Hays, one of Arkansas' representatives in the United States Congress, has been re-elected chairman of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. A. C. Miller continues to serve as executive secretary, with offices in Nashville, Tennessee.

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Ridgecrest, North Carolina---Members of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention have re-elected Richard N. Owen, Nashville, Tennessee, as Commission chairman. Owen edits the Baptist and Reflector, denominational weekly newspaper covering Tennessee. Norman W. Cox, Nashville, remains Commission executive secretary and treasurer.

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Nashville, Tennessee---W. Fred Kendall, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tennessee, will become executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention in November. Kendall succeeds Charles W. Pope, who retires. Kendall has served as a member of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and in other places of Baptist leadership.

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Longview, Texas---Baptist students from Longview and from the nation of Israel are engaged in "Operation Home Switch" for a year. Harold Lansford, the Texan, will go to Nazareth, Israel, to live with the family of Ghazi Sakran. Sakran will stay with Lansford's parents in Longview. The two students met in Texas.

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