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**DR. T. L. HOLCOMB TO HEAD  
SOUTHERN BAPTIST FOUNDATION**

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, has been elected executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foundation to succeed Dr. C. H. Bolton, who resigned January 1, to accept a Florida pastorate.

Dr. Holcomb will retire in June as secretary of the Sunday School Board after serving eighteen years and will assume his new duties with the Convention investment agency at that time.

L. L. Gellerstedt, Atlanta, president of the Foundation, announced the election at the annual meeting held Tuesday in Nashville.

"With world conditions as they are and in these formative days of the Foundation, we drafted Dr. Holcomb because of his wide experience in denominational affairs and his long interest in this work," Gellerstedt said.

Jack Massey, Nashville, chairman of the investment committee, reported assets of \$721,386.35 with the hope that the amount would reach \$1 million by the time the Southern Baptist Convention meets in May. He reported a return of a record high, 4.6 per cent, on funds invested by the Foundation in 1952.

Officers elected at the annual meeting in addition to the executive secretary are L. L. Gellerstedt, president; Jack C. Massey, vice president; Raymond L. Rogers, secretary; and Porter Routh, treasurer.

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**NEW MEXICO BAPTIST LEADER  
ELECTED ROTARIAN GOVERNOR**

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.--(BP)--Dr. Harry P. Stagg, executive secretary for New Mexico Baptists, has been elected governor of Rotary, District 170, which covers all of New Mexico and a portion of Texas. Dr. Stagg has been a Rotarian for twenty-seven years and has served Rotarians of his district in many capacities, having been president of his local club twice. His duties will take him to Paris to the International Rotary Convention, and to New York City to the National Conference. The Baptist state board has granted leave for necessary time to fill Rotary obligations.

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SECRETARY COMMENDS  
PRESIDENT EISENHOWER

WASHINGTON, D. C.--(BP)--George B. Fraser, senior secretary, Southern Baptist Convention, has commended President Eisenhower for the reverence with which he has approached his task as president of the United States. Mr. Fraser, who is also an attorney in Washington, wrote the president, "I desire to express my appreciation that on your first Sunday in the White House you observed it in a manner in keeping with the Christian sabbath day, devoid of all political and other conferences."

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TEXAS COMMISSION COMMENDS  
A. C. MILLER'S LEADERSHIP

DALLAS, Tex.--(BP)--Dr. A. C. Miller, new head of the Social Service Commission for Southern Baptists, has been commended by the Christian Life Commission of Texas. Dr. Miller was connected with the Texas group for several years. He was cited for "giving far-sighted leadership," "extensive writing," and his wonderful co-operation with all groups with whom he worked. The resolution also said, "He is a man of experience and understanding in human relationships, a trustworthy and capable leader in seeking to bring Christian principles to bear in these areas, and a man to whom we can look with confidence for Christ-honoring leadership in this important area."

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PLAN CONVENTION-WIDE  
AUDIO-VISUAL WORKSHOP

FORT WORTH, Tex.--(BP)--The Fourth Annual Convention-Wide Audio-Visual Workshop will be held on the campus of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., May 18-22, 1953, according to a joint announcement made by Earl Waldrup, secretary, Department of Audio-Visual Aids for the Baptist Sunday School Board and Joe Davis Heacock, professor in the School of Religious Education, Southwestern Seminary. The week of May 18-22 has been selected because it comes between the regular session and summer school, thus providing adequate dormitory and conference rooms. For further information regarding this conference, write Mr. Earl Waldrup, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn.

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FRONT LINE SOLDIER  
WITNESSES FOR CHRIST

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Where there are Baptists there are missionaries. They do not need to be employed by any mission board. They need only to have compassion in their hearts. A letter received here recently proves the truth of these statements. A private in Uncle Sam's army serving in Korea writes one of the prize mission stories of the year. He is James C. Burchyett and here is what he said:

"I am a Southern Baptist soldiering for Christ as well as in the army in Korea. I have been able to receive Korean New Testaments from my chaplain but he does not have any tracts written in the Korean language. If you have any I would be very glad to distribute them among these people as it is a very good way to witness for our blessed Saviour since my Korean speech is very limited.

"I know we have Southern Baptist missionaries over here but I am unable to see any since I am only six miles from the front lines, and I have a great opportunity in witnessing to all these Korean soldiers and people."

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SBC COOPERATIVE PROGRAM  
SHOWS 17.84 PER CENT GAIN

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--At the close of the first month in 1953 the Southern Convention Cooperative Program receipts showed a 17.84 per cent increase over the first month of 1952, with a total \$859,269, or \$130,108 ahead of the \$729,161 received in January of last year. The information was released by Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer, Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention.

Designated offerings received for the month totaled \$903,253, a gain of \$114,238 or 14.48 per cent over \$789,015 received for the same period last year.

Included in the designated funds for January was \$789,824 marked for the Lottie Moon foreign mission offering. A total of \$661,073 was received during the same period for the same cause last year. Most of the Lottie Moon funds usually arrive in Nashville in February and early March.

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ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENT  
SBC HOUSTON COMMITTEES

HOUSTON, Tex.--(BP)--Dr. E. H. Westmoreland, chairman of the Local Committee on Preparation for the Southern Baptist Convention, announced last week the following men as chairmen of other committees which are to be formed:

Committee on Child Care. . . . . Joe C. Sullivan, 5921 Petty Street  
Committee in Charge of Check Room. . . . . Jack Pierce, 7938 Mendez  
Committee in Charge of Information Booth. . . . R. F. Halbert, 2030 Alta Vista  
Committee in Charge of Mass Meetings. . . . . R. G. Commander, 4501 Walker  
Committee in Charge of Lost and Found Articles  
D. E. Sloan, 9109 Airline Drive  
Committee in Charge of Post Office. . . . Lewis B. Quarles, 245 Lena Drive  
Committee to plan and direct Tours and Excursions  
L. D. Morgan, Box 1068, Pasadena, Texas  
Committee on Pastors Conference. . . . . James T. Draper, 6911 Avenue H.  
Committee on Entertainment changed to. . . . . A. B. Penny, 3104 Amherst

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PRIVATE HOMES AVAILABLE  
FOR SBC HOUSTON CONVENTION

HOUSTON, Tex.--(BP)--Do you want a room in a private home during the Southern Baptist Convention? If you do, here is how to go about it:

Write as soon as you know definitely that you will be coming to the Convention. State how many in your party, for with children it is much more difficult to find suitable accommodations. Enclose with your request a two dollar deposit for each room. The charge is two dollars for a room in a private home per night. Address your request to Rev. Carroll Ray, Homes Committee, 2420 Milam Street, Houston, Tex.

This does not apply if you are a missionary. In this case write directly to Mrs. Presley Hand, 1247 Overhill Drive, Houston 18, Tex.

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST BRIEFS

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--William P. Phillips, who is retiring after twenty-eight years with the Baptist Sunday School Board, is leaving February 15 for an eleven week's tour of ten countries in South America....First Church, Denham Springs, La., was honored with a sixteen page supplement in the local paper, commemorating them for their new \$127,000 building addition....The father of Allen and Harold Graves died in Tulsa, Okla., late in January. He was buried in Herrin, Ill.,....Dr. Spright Dowell, president of Mercer University in Georgia for twenty-five years, is retiring August 31 to become president emeritus

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