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Cooperative Program
Gifts Show Increase

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Even as early as January the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program receipts have shown a decided increase over those of 1956.

January Cooperative Program gifts were \$1,312,664, as against \$1,082,933 during January, 1956. Of this money, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has received \$542,917, and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board \$184,954.

Total giving for this year so far amounts to \$2,772,083. This includes money contributed through the Cooperative Program and that which is given in designated gifts by donors who specified exactly how they wanted the money used. Money given through the Cooperative Program is shared by Convention agencies on a percentage basis approved annually by the Convention session.

The operating and capital needs section of this year's budget is \$11 million and the recommended budget goal for 1958 -- including both operating, capital needs, and the Advance portion -- is \$16½ million.

contributed \$ during January, 1957, to the Cooperative Program and \$ for designated purposes. This was a total of \$. It placed the state among states affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

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W. R. Cullom Honored
On His 90th Birthday

WAKE FOREST, N. C.--(BP)--W. R. Cullom, who was head of the Bible department of Wake Forest College for 40 years, was honored on his 90th birthday with special "W. R. Cullom Day" services at Rolesville Baptist Church near here.

Attended by friends and previous students from all over the state, the day was an occasion for the taking of a special offering for the W. R. Cullom Student Aid Loan Fund, given in appreciation of Cullom.

The founder of the Bible department of Wake Forest College, the first in the South, Cullom is known throughout the Convention.

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\$10,000 Contributed
To Baptist Loan Fund

PORTLAND, Ore.--(BP)--William Fleming, who in recent years has been generous to many Southern Baptist activities, has offered to contribute \$10,000 to the loan fund of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington.

Fleming stipulated that the Oregon-Washington convention must match his gift with a like amount in order to receive the donation.

R. E. Milam, executive secretary of the convention, reported that Baptists in the two states will launch a campaign to raise the \$10,000 to match Fleming's offer. Deadline for raising the funds is Apr. 1.

The loan fund probably would be handled by the new Northwest Baptist Foundation, an agency of the Oregon-Washington convention.

Fleming's gifts have aided growth of Southern Baptist work in several Western states. They have also been donated to several agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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BP folks & facts

.....John Edmund Haggai has resigned as pastor of Ninth and O Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., to become a fulltime evangelist.

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.....Headquarters Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., has announced the appointment of Duke K. McCall, president, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., as member of the Board of Visitors to the Air University.

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