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PROMOTION CONFERENCE TO
MEET IN NASHVILLE IN JUNE

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Edward D. Grant, Baton Rouge, La., will be one of the principal speakers when the Promotion Joint Conference meets in Nashville, June 22-23. Grant, commissioner of the Department of Institutions of the State of Louisiana, former stewardship leader, publishing house executive and foreign mission executive of the Presbyterian Church in U.S., will speak on "Communicating the Stewardship Message to the Last Member" and "What a Layman Expects of his Denomination."

Other speakers scheduled for the meeting are W. W. Barnes, author of The Southern Baptist Convention, The History of a Denomination, 1845-1953, and George Schroeder, Memphis, Tenn., executive secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood.

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EARL HARDING TO HEAD
MISSOURI BAPTISTS

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.--(BP)--Earl Harding, 41, pastor of First Baptist Church, Joplin, Mo., has accepted the position of General Superintendent of the Missouri Baptist General Association. He will assume his duties July 1, succeeding T. W. Medearis, who is retiring June 30 after serving for twelve years in this office.

A native of Missouri, Harding has lived and served all his life here. For seventeen years he was pastor of churches in Johnson County, in which he was born. He received the B.A. and B.S. degrees from Central State College, Warrensburg, and the Th.M. and Th.D. degrees from Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Kans.

He served for six years as a member of the Executive Board of the Missouri Baptist General Association and for eight years as recording and statistical secretary for the board.

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CALIFORNIA BAPTIST COLLEGE
GIVEN CAMPUS SITE

LOS ANGELES, Calif.--(BP)--California Baptist College will have a new campus site, thanks to two California realtors, Arthur A. Desser and Harold D. Garfield, who gave a 100-acre tract of land to the Convention.

The land, valued at \$4,000 per acre is at Tarzana, about seventeen miles north-west of the heart of Los Angeles. It is part of an area of 2,750 acres assembled for development by the realtors.

In accepting the gift, President P. Boyd Smith of the college and Byron F. Todd, chairman of the board of directors, said it is hoped construction of buildings can be started early in the fall.

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TEXAS PASTOR NAMED
EDITOR OF BAPTIST STANDARD

DALLAS, Tex.--(BP)--E. S. James, pastor of First Baptist Church, Vernon, Tex., for the past seventeen years has been elected editor of the Baptist Standard, denominational paper of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. He succeeds David M. Gardner who will retire in November.

After graduating from Southwestern Oklahoma College, James taught for six years in Oklahoma. He was honored by Howard Payne College in 1936 with the D.D. degree.

Past president of the executive board of the Texas convention, James has also served as trustee of Decatur Baptist College and Howard Payne College.

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BAPTIST STUDENTS VOICE
APPROVAL OF COURT RULING

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--More than 1,500 Baptist students voiced approval of the recent Supreme Court decision regarding segregation in a resolution at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly recently.

The resolution said "it is evident to us that segregation is foreign to the spirit of Christ.

"We express hope that Southern Baptists will lead in accomplishing the Christian principle of equality in every sphere with the fullest use of Christian love, wisdom, and brotherhood," the resolution continued.

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KENTUCKY BAPTISTS NAME
EDUCATION SECRETARY

LOUISVILLE, Ky.--(BP)--Erwin L. McDonald, director of public relations, Furman University, Greenville, S. C., is the new executive secretary of the Department of Education of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, according to W. C. Boone, executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Board. He will assume his duties July 1.

A native of Arkansas, McDonald is a former newspaper man. He is a graduate of Arkansas Polytechnic College, received the B.A. degree from Ouachita College and the B. D. degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. A Baptist minister, McDonald has held pastorates in Arkansas and Kentucky. Prior to going to Furman he was director of public relations at Southern Seminary.

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BIBLE DISTRIBUTION
GOAL MET

NEW YORK, N. Y.--(BP)--The goal of a five-year program adopted in 1948 to double the distribution of Scriptures in American homes was met and exceeded by 40 per cent as the total reached an all-time record high, it was revealed at the annual meeting of the American Bible Society in May.

Domestic distribution in eighty-one languages rose to 9,726,391 volumes during 1953, an increase of 22 per cent over the previous year, and compared with only 4,047,915 in 1948. Of the total number of volumes 509,298 were whole Bibles; 815,732, Testaments; and 8,401,361, portions of the Bible.

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NEW STEWARDSHIP BOOK
TO APPEAR SEPT. 13

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.--(BP)--September 13 has been set as publication date for W. E. Grindstaff's new book, Developing a Giving Church. The one hundred and ninety-two page book is divided into three parts: part one "How to Win More Tithers," part two, "How to Make and Subscribe a Better Budget," and part three "How to Get More Money for All Causes."

Grindstaff is assistant executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

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SEMINARY ADDS
NEW BUILDING

BERKELEY, Calif.--(BP)--Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Berkeley, Calif., recently leased a large two-story building across the street from the Administration Building. This building, which is to be known as the Seminary Annex, will increase the floor space of the seminary's present facilities by about 5,100 square feet.

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NINETY-TWO YEAR OLD CHURCH
AFFILIATES WITH SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

WINTERS, Calif.--(BP)--The ninety-two year old First Baptist Church of Winters, Calif., voted recently to change its constitution so as to affiliate with Southern Baptists.

In its early life the church co-operated with another Baptist group, but according to one of its oldest members who was born in 1859, the congregation became independent some time in the eighties because of doctrinal differences.

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BAPTIST FOLKS AND FACTS!

.....Nora Padgett, Salisbury, N.C., has been elected director of beginner work in the Training Union department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

.....Governor Herman Talmadge of Georgia delivered the welcoming address to a four-day Rural Church Conference of the Southern Baptist Convention held in Decatur, Ga., recently.

.....The Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas approved a record missions budget of eight and one-half million dollars for 1954-55.

.....Dr. William O. Carver willed his \$45,000 estate to members of his family with the request that his heirs give at least a 10th of their shares to religious causes.

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