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Nashville, Tennessee

NAME CHANGED FOR  
WMU TRAINING SCHOOL

LOUISVILLE, Ky.--(BP)--The name of the Woman's Missionary Union Training School has been changed to Carver School of Missions and Social Work. The change was made by the board of directors in line with instructions from the Woman's Missionary Union that met in Miami last May. Announcement of the change was made by Miss Emily Lansdell, president of the school. The new name, which will become effective next summer, was chosen in tribute to Dr. W. O. Carver, well known Southern Baptist mission leader. Dr. Carver has been connected with the school since its beginning. He is regarded as the first professor of the school, having established a class for girls in 1903 which merged with the Training School in 1907. He served as faculty member from 1907 to 1943 and now is a member of the advisory board for the school.

The board of directors also announced that two degrees will be offered for general Christian workers, a bachelor of religious education for one year's work and a master of religious education for two year's work. For a third year of specialized work, candidates will receive either a master of science or a master of arts degree. Transfer students will be accepted from other institutions. The school is open to both men and women.

A new faculty member was employed. She is Miss Grace Chen, who receives her Ph. D. from the University of Virginia this spring. She has taught in schools both in China and America. She will specialize in methods for teaching English to foreigners and the teaching of adults to read.

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MEXICAN BAPTISTS GIVE  
TO LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Mexican Baptists of Texas have contributed \$1,783 to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions. The check was received here in the office of Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee, from Convention Bautista Mexicana de Texas with headquarters in San Antonio, Tex. It was signed by Eulogio L. Goza, treasurer of the convention.

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COOPERATIVE PROGRAM  
INCREASE 13 PER CENT

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--At the end of the first two months of 1953 gifts to the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program stand \$198,791 or 13 per cent ahead for the same two months of last year. The 1953 figure is \$1,724,057 as compared with \$1,525,266 for last year. Designated gifts for the same period this year were \$418,317 more than last year, an increase of 26.84 per cent. This year's total was \$1,977,053 as compared with \$1,558,735 in 1952.

Adding Cooperative Program gifts and designations together the total comes to \$3,701,111 for 1953 and \$3,084,001 for last year, an over all increase of \$617,109 or 20 per cent.

The report was released by Porter Routh, executive secretary, Executive Committee, and treasurer for the Convention.

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RACIAL CONFERENCE SET  
FOR NASHVILLE SCHOOL

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Ministerial students from white and Negro seminaries will face their problems together in the Eighth Annual Conference of Baptist Theological Students to be held here, March 25-26, according to Joe M. Conley, Louisville, Ky., executive secretary of the organization. The conference will meet on the campus of the American Baptist Theological Seminary. According to Mr. Conley the purpose of the conference is "promotion of Christian fellowship, the study of mutual problems." Included on the program this year are Dr. Melvin Watson, Morehouse College; S. E. Grinstead, Negro Baptist youth leader in Tennessee; Rogers Smith, state B. S. U. secretary for Tennessee; Robert Denny, director of the Youth Committee for the Baptist World Alliance, and other prominent Baptist leaders.

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NO HOUSTON  
NURSERY

HOUSTON, Tex.--(BP)--No nursery facilities will be provided at the Coliseum or the Music Hall during the Southern Baptist Convention. An approved list of baby sitters will be provided by the Child Care Committees of the Woman's Missionary Union Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. If at all possible, it is suggested that parents refrain from bringing children to the Convention. Nurseries will be maintained in most of the churches for local Baptists and their guests who could not otherwise attend the Convention sessions.

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YOU'LL NEED A RAINCOAT  
IN HOUSTON, MAY 6 - 10

HOUSTON, Tex.--(BP)--"To attempt to forecast the kind of weather we will have in Houston during the Convention is something that no person in his right mind would try to do," said William R. Estep, chairman of the publicity committee for the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Houston, May 6-10. "Texans always identify a weather prophet with a newcomer or an imbecile, depending upon his appearance. Maybe this is the reason I could get no long range forecast from the local U. S. Weather Bureau. However, the Bureau did indicate that we have averaged in the past, eighty-four maximum and sixty-six minimum temperatures, nine clear days and seven rainy days for the whole month of May."

"But at the risk of my reputation, judging from the last two years during the month of May, you can expect very warm days and somewhat cooler nights," Estep said. "The air conditioned Music Hall will be mighty comfortable and the Coliseum a little on the warm side. Dress as you would if you were going back to Miami. Summer clothes will be the order of the day. Remember, bring along a raincoat. It has been known to rain in Houston during May."

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CALL FOR BREAKFAST!

HOUSTON, Tex.--(BP)--Dr. Joseph Stiles, chairman of the Committee of Institutional Luncheons and Breakfasts for the Southern Baptist Convention, May 6-10, asks that all institutions planning to hold alumni breakfasts or luncheons please clear reservations with him immediately. In this way needless conflicts can be avoided. Dr. Joseph Stiles may be reached at Park Place Baptist Church, 4101 Broadway, Houston 17, Texas.

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HOUSTON A HOSPITABLE HOST

by  
J. D. Grey, President  
Southern Baptist Convention

Brethren, Houston is ready for us! Yes, when we arrive for the W.M.U. Convention, the Pastors' Conference, and the Southern Baptist Convention the first week in May, we will find Houston Baptists have provided adequate housing for all who attend. They are opening up their homes to all of us who cannot be accommodated in the hotels, motels, and other housing units.

Hospitality will be offered in the lovely homes of Houston at a very nominal rate of \$2.00 per person per night. Brethren desiring such accommodations should write immediately to the Homes Committee, Southern Baptist Convention, 2420 Milam Street, Houston 6, Tex., enclosing a reservation fee of only \$2.00. The request should state clearly the number of persons in the party, their sex, whether they are adults or children, as well as the anticipated time of arrival and departure. If this is done immediately, the request will be answered with specific instructions as to the location of the home and directions as to how it is to be reached.

De. E. Hermond Westmoreland, general chairman of arrangements, says young children will be cared for. The churches will have their nurseries open before, during, and after all Convention sessions. The local church of each host having messengers in his home will have its nurseries open to care for the children of messengers staying in that home. Messengers staying in hotels and motels will be able to secure "sitters" at a nominal fee from a list of young women who have been investigated and certified. This contact will be made with the local committee after arrival. The children will be cared for, so bring them along.

Adjourning the morning sessions of the Convention at 1:00 p.m. will prove to be a great blessing and will be very popular. The Coliseum seating 18,000 is located only five blocks from the heart of the city. Following the sessions we can enjoy our meal in the variety of delightful eating places without having to "bolt" our food and rush back to an afternoon session. Then, too, by the time we arrive for lunch the local people will have finished theirs and ours can be enjoyed leisurely. The afternoons will then be free for rest, recreation, fellowship, sight-seeing, or conferences.

The beloved pastors and people in the more than 100 Baptist churches of Houston are keenly anticipating our visit. I recently spent a delightful week with the South Main Baptist Church in a revival. While there I had the pleasure of speaking to the Baptist pastors. They are wholeheartedly co-operating to provide for our comfort and convenience during the Convention. Their churches, their homes, their hearts are open to us. All of

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the citizens, including the city officials, newspaper, radio, television, hotel, and restaurant people, will extend the same hospitality.

Our churches are urged to make it possible for their pastors to attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston. If possible, their wives should also go to attend the W.M.U. Convention while the pastors attend their conference preceding the Convention proper which opens on Wednesday. It will be a wise kingdom investment for any church to make. If provision has not already been made for it, I would strongly urge the deacons and other leaders in our churches to take steps right away to send at least the pastor to Houston. Thousands of splendid lay people, both men and women, should also plan to attend the Convention. Houston is ready for us and will give us a wonderful welcome!

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## HOUSTON HOUSING

HOUSTON, Tex.--(BP)--There will be free housing for home and foreign missionaries only, during the Southern Baptist Convention that meets here May 6-10. This does not include associational and district missionaries. Those qualifying should write Mrs. Presley E. Hand, 1247 Overhill Drive, Houston, Tex.

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