

127 Ninth Avenue, North — Nashville, Tennessee

August 3, 1954

WRITERS' CONFERENCE SET
FOR GLORIETA, AUGUST 26

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Writing nonfiction, writing fiction, and a roundtable discussion are some of the main subjects up for discussion at the annual Writers' Conference to be held at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, N. Mex., August 26-31.

Floyd Baskette, professor of the Department of Journalism, University of Colorado, will discuss writing nonfiction, and Wilfred McCormick, author of short stories and lecturer on creative writing, University of New Mexico, will use as his subject "Writing Fiction."

Clifton J. Allen, editorial secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; Albert McClellan, director of publications of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville ; Floyd Baskette, and Wilfred McCormick will lead a roundtable discussion on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Monday evenings. Points for discussion are "Opportunities in Christian Journalism," "Points and Viewpoints for Successful Writers," and "Religion in the Newspaper."

The Conference is open each year to all people interested in religious journalism throughout the Convention.

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SBC'S FIRST DRAMATIC FILM
TO BE RELEASED IN SEPT.

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--"This My Son," Southern Baptists' first dramatic film prepared for use on television, will be released for premier showings shortly after its completion in September, it was announced by the Radio Commission.

The drama is termed by religious movie-making professionals as "the outstanding religious television film of the past three years." The film will first be seen in Southern Baptist churches and released by Baptist book stores.

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BAPTIST YOUTH
TOURING EUROPE

STOCKHOLM--(BP)--Ten Baptist students from the American Baptist Convention are touring Europe this summer. The group will visit Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, France, and Great Britain making contacts with Baptist youth work. Some work projects will be included in the trip and opportunities for witnessing will be provided. Arrangements for the trip were made through the Baptist World Alliance Youth office.

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DEADLINE SET FOR
RADIO COMMISSION PROPOSALS

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--September 17, 1954 has been set as deadline for receiving written proposals from cities desiring the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention located within or near them. This announcement was made by Dr. Malcolm Knight, Commission chairman. Proposals should be sent to Dr. Knight, Southside Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., or Paul Stevens, Baptist Radio Center, Atlanta.

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4.7% SBC CHURCHES
HAVE MUSIC DIRECTORS

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--According to a survey recently completed by the Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, 4.7 per cent of churches reporting employ full-time music directors, and 22 per cent have organized music departments of which 70 per cent are in city churches. Ninety-four per cent of the city churches and 80 per cent of the rural churches reported using hymnals published by the Broadman Press. Nine per cent of the city churches have at least six graded choirs, and 54 per cent have three or more.

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SBC LITERATURE SHOWS
INCREASE OVER '53 PERIOD

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Southern Baptist churches ordered 1,294,985 more pieces of literature for the second quarter of 1954 than for the same period in 1953. Adult Sunday School quarterlies led with 2,054,662. Adult Training Union quarterlies were second with 799,873. Home Life reached a circulation of 661,838 in June.

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.....Joseph Clapp, formerly with William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., is now director of public relations for New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

....."Frontiers of Faith," weekly religious television program sponsored by the National Broadcasting Company, will feature Southern Baptists in a modified church service, Sunday, August 29.

.....The largest attendance for the second week of Falls Creek Assembly, Oklahoma, in the three-year history of the divided program is expected this year. The dates are August 4-11.

.....Joseph McClain, Orville Yeager and Mrs. Yeager, former Oklahomans, have been named to the faculty of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Ark.

.....Duke K. McCall, president, Southern Seminary, Louisville, has been made a Kentucky Colonel, a great honor bestowed only on a very few people and traditional in the state as a high and signal decoration of merit.

.....Lewis Moore, Nashville, Tennessee postmaster and Baptist layman, has been elected chairman of the Executive Committee of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

.....Brooks Ramsey, pastor, First Baptist Church, Maryville, Tenn., will become pastor of the Curtis Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga., September 1. He succeeds E. C. Sheridan who is retiring because of ill health.

.....James A. Ivey, Jr., minister of education of First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., has been re-elected president of the Southeastern Baptist Religious Education Association at a meeting at Ridgecrest.

.....Charles Ed Howell, educational director, First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., will become educational director at Citadel Square Baptist Church, Charleston, S. C.