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CALIFORNIA SECRETARY
OKAYS BROADWAY PLAN

GLORIETA, N. Mex.--(BP)--"One dollar will do the work of four, if invested in Broadway Plan of Church Finance Bonds for building churches in California," S. G. Posey, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of California told the members of the Home Mission Board at its mid-year meeting in Glorieta, N. Mex. In making the statement he pointed out that in the last three years 112 California Southern Baptist churches had issued a total of \$2,741,000 in Broadway Plan bonds for church buildings and that during the same period the Home Mission Board had loaned \$491,210 to forty-seven churches in the golden state. Posey said that most churches were able to sell 75 per cent of their bonds to their own members but an outside market was needed for approximately 25 per cent of the average issue.

In stressing the need for more and better church buildings in the West, Posey urged the Home Mission Board to consider investing a minimum of \$15,000 per month (the maximum of one church extension loan) in Broadway Plan bonds which would be guaranteed by the state convention. He said that for every dollar the Home Mission Board invested in a new church building, California Southern Baptists would invest three more, and that bonds maturing within five years could be purchased thereby enabling the Board to turn its money over twice in ten years instead of once.

In stressing the soundness of the Broadway Plan of Church Finance, Posey stated that every church using the plan is required to set aside two dollars per week per thousand for retirement of the bonds and that the state convention through its board of directors had agreed to guarantee the payment of any bond which might default by replacing it from another from a church whose financial condition is solvent. He went on to state that the investment in Broadway Plan bonds was not only a safe investment but it would greatly aid the churches in growth and development, thereby increasing gifts to missions. He showed that California Southern Baptists gave \$99,000 through the Cooperative Program in 1950 and that three years later the convention's budget was based upon a \$325,000 Cooperative Program objective.

TALENT RECOGNITION SERVICE
HIGHLIGHTS WRITERS' CONFERENCE

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--The 1954 Writers' Conference closed here recently with a recognition service for outstanding writing talent.

Manuscripts in adult fiction, juvenile fiction, poetry, feature, and essay articles were rated by a board of judges from the conference faculty.

Judson Allen, Nashville, Tenn., won first place recognition in the adult fiction writing with Loye Snelling, Rogers, Ark., taking second place. Miss Josephine Pile, also of Nashville, was awarded third place.

Mrs. Nettie Martin Kitchens, LaGrange, Ga., won second place rating in the juvenile fiction category.

In the feature articles Mrs. J. E. Lambdin, Nashville won first place. Professor Ira L. Baker, Furman University, Greenville, S.C., took second honors.

Miss Annie Ward Byrd, Nashville, won first place for her essay article, and Miss Johnni Johnson, Richmond, Va., won second place.

First place honors in the poetry division went to Judson Allen and Mrs. J. E. Lambdin, both of Nashville, received second place recognition.

The contest was sponsored by the Division of Editorial Service, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

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CERTIFICATES OF MERIT GIVEN
FOUR-STAR CHURCHES IN N. C.

DURHAM, N. C.--(BP)--All "four-star churches in the Yates Baptist Association will be given "Certificates of Merit" at the annual meeting in the fall, according to Hubert S. Mumford, superintendent of missions. A series of "conditions" have been established by a committee of the association.

A blue ribbon will be awarded to the church meeting fourteen of the seventeen "conditions" including all four organizations--Sunday school, Training Union, WMU, and Brotherhood--and a red ribbon to the church meeting ten of the seventeen "conditions" including at least three of the four organizations.

Other "conditions" include giving to the Cooperative Program, associational missions, reporting a Vacation Bible School, cradle roll department, extension department, nursery, Biblical Recorder club (state paper), church library, having a church budget, owning a duplicator, filmstrip and motion picture projector, a pastor's home, and having a pastor in the Minister's Retirement.

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KENTUCKIAN TO LEAD
MUSIC AT MIAMI SBC

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Forrest Herren, dean of the School of Sacred Music, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, will lead the music at the 1955 Southern Baptist Convention to be held in Miami, Fla., May 18-21, according to J. W. Storer, president.

Prior to going to Southern, Herren was professor at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth.

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BAPTIST PRESS CORRECTION

In the Baptist Press dated July 23, 1954, there are six corrections that should be made.

In the article entitled "Baptist Work in German," paragraph 1, line 3, "Ruschliten" should be corrected to spell "Ruschlikon" and the same correction should be made in line 5. In paragraph 1, line 8 "Nordenbougs" should be "Nordenhaug" and the same should be corrected in line 9.

On page 2 of the same article paragraph 2, line 5, "Berchtesqeden" should be corrected to "Berchtesgaden," also the same in line 8.

BAPTIST PRESS STAFF

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.....Duke K. McCall, president, Southern Seminary, will join American ministers in an August inspection tour of American Air Force chaplain's program in Europe and North Africa. He will return to this country in early September.

.....Denton R. Coker, Louisville, Ky., has been elected to the faculty of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary as assistant professor of religious education.

.....Norris Gilliam, executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation, has accepted the position of Contracts and Investments Counselor to the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

.....The Southern Baptist Convention's Committee on Order of Business will meet in Nashville, August 24, John Slaughter, Spartanburg, S. C., chairman.

.....B. J. Murrie, editor of the Illinois Baptist, will represent his paper at the Baptist World Congress, next July 16-22.

.....Kansas Cooperative Program receipts are up 44 per cent over last year.

.....Honorary D.D. degrees were granted David M. Gardner, editor, Baptist Standard, and John M. Wright, pastor, Port Arthur, Tex., by Baylor University at summer commencement.

.....The University of Corpus Christi, a Texas Baptist seaside college, has bought a 41 foot boat to be used in entertaining campus visitors.