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DR. E. D. HEAD RESIGNS
SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY

FORT WORTH, Tex.--(BP)--Dr. E. D. Head has resigned as president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, effective August 1, of this year. He submitted the resignation to the board of trustees in session here for the spring meeting, stating that ill health was the reason and that by resigning he hoped to regain his strength. He suffered a heart attack last year soon after a preaching mission to Japan.

Dr. Head became president of Southwestern Seminary in 1942, succeeding the late Dr. L. R. Scarborough. Before that he was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., 1932-1942 and associate professor of Bible in Baylor University, 1920-1932.

The record of Southwestern Seminary under Dr. Head's leadership has been marked with great gains in every phase of its life. Enrolment increased from 636 in 1942 to 2,160 for the current academic year, a gain of 240 per cent. Property value increased from \$1,732,080 in 1942 to \$4,177,000 for last year. The biggest single project is the great multi-purpose Memorial Building, built at a cost of two million dollars and dedicated in 1950. Receipts for the operation of the seminary increased from \$160,434 in 1942 to \$574,799 for 1951.

A committee has been appointed by the board to find a successor for Dr. Head.

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ONE AND ONE QUARTER MILLION
TO LOTTIE MOON FROM TEXAS

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--For the second year Texas Baptists have raised more than a million dollars for foreign missions through their Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

Receipts from the offering, sponsored annually by the Woman's Missionary Union, this year reached \$1,250,105.98.

Total gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering from all the states had reached \$3,107,160.66 the second week in March.

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BUILDS \$1,100,000
EDUCATIONAL PLANT

TULSA, Okla.--(BP)--The First Baptist Church here recently dedicated a \$1,100,000 improvement to their educational properties including a new six floor building and renovation of the old educational building. The new plant provides for thirty-seven departments. The roof is equipped as an outdoor recreation area with tile flooring, stage with dressing rooms and barbecue pit. An air-conditioned office suite includes reception center, pastor's study, administrative offices and separate offices for the secretarial staff. Dr. J. W. Storer, prominent Southern Baptist leader, is pastor.

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Registration Cards for Southern Baptist Convention
by
Joe W. Burton, Secretary

Registration cards for messengers who will attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, May 6-10, are available from the office of the Baptist state secretary in your state.

It will greatly facilitate the enrolment of messengers in Houston if each messenger will bring his card to Houston properly prepared.

Pastors who have not received registration cards may secure them by writing directly to the Baptist state secretary.

The maximum number which any church may designate as messengers to the Convention is ten, provided by the Convention by-laws. There is no provision for alternates.

The constitutional provision concerning messengers is as follows: "Membership: The Convention shall consist of messengers who are members of missionary Baptist churches co-operating with the Convention as follows:

1. One messenger for each regular Baptist church which is in friendly co-operation with this Convention and sympathetic with its purposes and work and has during the fiscal year preceding been a bona fide contributor to the Convention's work.
2. One additional messenger from each such church for every 250 members; or for each \$250 paid to the work of the Convention during the fiscal year preceding the annual meeting.
3. The messengers shall be appointed and certified by the churches to the Convention, but no church may appoint more than ten (10)." --Baptist Press

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RECOMMENDS SEMINARIES
CHANGE FINANCIAL YEAR

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention is recommending that the Convention meeting in Houston, May 6-10, change the fiscal year for the seminaries so that it will be for the twelve month period ending July 31. It is now for the twelve month period ending Dec. 31. The change is in order to make the fiscal year of the seminaries in agreement with the school year. No other Southern Baptist Convention agency or institution will be affected. The recommendation action means that the By-laws of the Convention will have to be amended in two places and the Business and Financial Plan in three places.

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ENTERTAINMENT KIT
FOR HOUSTON VISITORS

HOUSTON, Tex.--(BP)--The Entertainment Committee for the Southern Baptist Convention is preparing an attractive advance kit for the convenience of all who are planning to attend the Convention. It will be ready for distribution April 1, and will contain a marked Houston city map, an automobile courtesy sticker, a Convention Program, letters of welcome from Governor Allan Shivers, Mayor Roy Hofheinz, and Rev. Carroll Ray of the Pastor's Conference, and literature on places of interest in and around Houston. Also included will be a card which may be mailed to a touring service for information about side trips and routes to Mexico.

This kit may be had without cost at the Sam Houston Coliseum in Houston, or by writing directly to the Entertainment Committee, 2420 Milam, Houston 6, Tex., giving your name and address, where you expect to stay while in Houston, and your method of travel.

Announcement of the kit was made by John J. Curtis, Houston.

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RADIO COMMISSION SEEKS
CONTINUANCE OF OFFERING PLAN

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Radio Commission is recommending to the Southern Baptist Convention that meets in Houston, Tex., May 6-10, that the Commission "be authorized to continue to seek to finance the cost of the Baptist Hour by soliciting contributions from individuals in keeping with the business and financial plan of the Convention."

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HOSPITAL COMMISSION
SEEKS CHARTER CHANGES

NEW ORLEANS, La.--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Hospital Commission is seeking approval of the Southern Baptist Convention that meets in Houston, Tex., May 6-10, for permission to change two articles of its charter. These changes are necessary because of the relationship of the Commission to the new hospital authorized by the Convention for Jacksonville, Fla., last year.

Article VII will provide for a board consisting of not less than fifteen nor more than forty members. Nine of them will live in or near the city of New Orleans and nine will live in or near the city of Jacksonville, Fla. Article IX will provide for an executive committee for the Commission consisting of not less than five and not more than nine members. Three of these members shall live in or near the city of New Orleans and shall be members of the administrative committee of the New Orleans hospital, three shall live in or near Jacksonville and shall be members of the Jacksonville hospital and the remaining three will be from Alabama, Georgia, or Mississippi.

Full text of the proposed two Articles is as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS
OF
SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOSPITAL
1952

APPROVAL FOR CHANGE IN CONSTITUTION REQUESTED

At the meeting held January 27, 1953, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to request the Convention's approval of the following changes in the hospital's charter:

Article VII to be amended to read as follows:

The affairs of this corporation shall be controlled and managed by a board consisting of not less than fifteen nor more than forty members of this corporation, nine of whom shall live in or near the city of New Orleans, La., and nine of whom shall live in or near the city of Jacksonville, Fla., which said board is hereby designated as the Board of Directors of this corporation. They shall be elected annually by the Southern Baptist Convention at the elections to be had at the annual meeting of the said Southern Baptist Convention. Vacancies occurring in the membership of the board during the interim between annual sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention may be filled by the remaining members of the board, who for that purpose but no other, may nominate and elect additional members of this corporation; such members thus elected to serve until the next succeeding meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. Should the Southern Baptist Convention fail for any reason to elect such members of said board at their annual meetings, then the members of the board then in office shall continue in office until their successors are duly elected, qualified and installed.

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2...Hospital Commission

Article IX to be amended to read as follows:

The Board of Directors shall meet the last Thursday in January and shall elect from among their number a president, a vice president, and a recording secretary. These officers shall hold office during the term of the Board of Directors or until their successors are elected, qualified and installed. The Board of Directors is authorized also to elect an executive committee to consist of not less than five nor more than nine members of said board. Three members of the executive committee shall live in or near the city of New Orleans and shall be members of the administrative committee of the Southern Baptist Hospital. Three members of the said committee shall live in or near the city of Jacksonville and shall be members of the administrative committee of the Baptist Memorial Hospital of Jacksonville, Fla. The remaining three members of the Board of Directors from Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi. The executive committee shall be vested with the authority to control and manage the affairs of the corporation in the interim between the meetings of the Board and may be vested with such other power as the Board may deem proper to confer upon them. Service of legal process may be made upon the president of the corporation; or in his absence upon the vice president, or in the absence of both upon the secretary.

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MEETING PLACES
FOR HOUSTON

HOUSTON, Tex.--(BP)--According to information received from Dr. E. H. Westmoreland, chairman of the Convention arrangements committee in Houston, meeting places have been arranged as follows:

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION will meet in the Music Hall Sunday ^{afternoon and} ~~Sunday~~ night, Monday morning, and Monday afternoon. They will move to the Coliseum Monday night continuing in session there until the close of their convention on Tuesday night.

THE PASTOR'S CONFERENCE will meet in the Music Hall for all four sessions beginning Monday night.

THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION will meet in the Coliseum for all sessions Wednesday morning through Sunday night.

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AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS COMMITTEE
SEEKS CONTINUANCE IN 1953

WASHINGTON, D. C.--(BP)--According to the report of the Southern Baptist Convention Committee on Audio-Visual Aids received here by George B. Fraser, senior secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, the committee has recommended that it be continued next year. The recommendation will be considered by the Convention that meets in Houston, May 6-10.

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BAPTIST BRIEFS

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--A Waynesboro, Ga., layman becomes the largest donor to the Georgia Baptist Children's Home through an endowment gift of \$225,000 through the Georgia Baptist Foundation. Gary Vinson had previously given \$25,000 to the Home toward the erection of a cottage for boys....Homer G. Lindsay in a revival with the Allapattah church, Miami, Fla., John Haldeman, pastor, with 105 additions, 88 for baptism....James P. Wesley, Atlanta, Ga., has been picked to head a three man commission created by the Georgia legislature to study the obscene literature problem in the state....Kermit J. Schmidt, business manager for Bacone College the past six years, is the new minister's assistant, First church, Tulsa, J. W. Storer, pastor....James W. Hollums, 74, wealthy Oklahoma Baptist minister died February 22. He made a \$65,000 gift to the Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma in 1950.

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CORRECTION

In the Baptist Press for March 2, 1953, an article by Dr. R. Paul Caudill entitled RELIEF FOR HOLLAND AND KOREA carried a statement that packages sent to Dr. Abernathy should be sent APO. This is not the case. They should be sent Post Office Box ~~Special~~ No. 1, Pusan, Korea, as regular mail.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR

Proposed 1954 Calendar

Your Committee on Denominational Calendar met in Nashville, Tennessee, December 17, 1952, with thirteen members present.

In preparing the 1954 Calendar of Denominational Activities, two special emphases were added: Jewish Fellowship Week (a home mission emphasis) in April and Nurse Recruitment Week in June.

The chairman appointed special committees to plan the programs for the missionary days in the Sunday School as follows:

For State Mission Day in the Sunday School, October, 1954 (to meet not later than September, 1953): Harry P. Stagg, chairman; Charles F. Sims, A. V. Washburn, Mrs. Robert Melton, Courts Redford.

For Home and Foreign Missions Day in the Sunday School, March, 1955 (to meet not later than December, 1953): Frank K. Means, Chairman; John Caylor, James M. Sapp, Alma Hunt, Howard P. Colson.

The committee, after careful consideration and agreement, submits the 1954 Calendar of Denominational Activities, as given below, for the approval of the Southern Baptist Convention.

January

Cooperative Program Emphasis
Church Schools of Missions Emphasis
Volunteer Student Service Week
Special Bible Study Week, January 4-8
W. M. S. Focus Week, January 17-22

February

The Theological Seminaries
W. M. U. Training School
Dedicated Vocations Week - Life Commitment Day
Baptist World Alliance Sunday, February 7
Y. W. A. Focus Week, February 14-20

March

Home Missions
W. M. U. Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Offering,
March 1-5*
Training Union Study Courses (avoiding Week of Prayer)
Home and Foreign Missions Day in the Sunday School and Offering, March 28*

April

Doctrinal Emphasis
Christian Education
Christian Literature and Church Libraries
Youth Week in the Churches, sponsored by the Training Union, April 4-11
Jewish Fellowship Week, April 19-25

May

Hospital Ministry
Christian Home Week, May 2-9
G. A. Focus Week, May 9-15

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June

Relief and Annuity Board (and Offering for the Relief of Aged Ministers*)
W. M. U. Annual Meeting, May 30 to June 1
Southern Baptist Convention, June 2-6
Vacation Bible Schools
Ridgecrest, Glorieta, State Assemblies, and Camps
Nurse Recruitment Week, June 7-13

July

Ridgecrest and Glorieta
State Assemblies and Camps

August

Ridgecrest and Glorieta
State Assemblies and Camps
Sunbeam Focus Week, August 8-14
Off-to-College Day in the Home Churches

September

Church Music
Foundations: Southern Baptist and State
Associational Sunday School Planning Meetings
Training Union Planning Meetings (or in October or November)
Student Join-the-Church Day (Sunday following college opening)
W. M. U. Season of Prayer for State Missions and Offering (as promoted
by the state W. M. U.)
Transfer Church Membership Week, September 12-19

October

Sunday School Training Courses
Church Sunday School Planning Meetings
Student Evangelistic Week (in college centers)
Layman's Day, October 10
State Mission Day in the Sunday School and Offering, October 24 (as
promoted by the states)

November

State Papers and Missionary Magazines
Christian Stewardship Week, October 31 to November 7
Enlistment Day and Every-Member Canvass, November 7 (or nearest
convenient Sunday)
R. A. Focus Week, November 7-13
Orphanage Day and Offering (as promoted by the states)

December

Foreign Missions
Every-Member Canvass (completed)
W. M. U. Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas
Offering, November 29 to December 3*
Southwide Simultaneous Associational Training Union Meetings, December 6
Student Night at Christmas, December 26

* These offerings have been approved by the Southern Baptist Convention.

NOTE - At some time during the year, emphasize the service to all types of Southern Baptist work, at home and abroad, which the American Bible Society renders by supplying the Scriptures, without profit and usually below cost, and explain its need for contributions from the churches.

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