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.....Mrs. Porter Routh has been invited by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention to accompany her husband to the Baptist World Alliance that meets in London next year.

.....Dan Coker, visual aids worker in the Louisville, Ky., book store, has been made manager of the Little Rock Baptist Book Store.

.....Gordon Psalmonds, former educational director of the First Baptist Church, Duncan, Okla., has joined the faculty of Grand Canyon College.

.....The Plans and Policies Committee of the Baptist Sunday School Board is scheduled to meet in Nashville, September 16.

.....Ohio's first state Sunday school convention will be held at North Dayton Baptist Church, Dayton, O., September 17-18.

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SEARCY S. GARRISON IS NEW  
SECRETARY OF GA. BAPTISTS

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Searcy S. Garrison, pastor of Bull Street Baptist Church, Savannah, and president of the Georgia Baptist Convention, is to succeed Dr. James W. Merritt as executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia on December 31.

Garrison was elected at the annual meeting of the Executive Committee. The election was the major item of business for the committee on a crowded program which included reports from the Education Commission, the budget committee, and the committee on the home for the aged.

The committee voted by secret ballot without nominations from the floor. Garrison was elected on the first ballot.

The nominating ballot without any nominations from the floor, under previous instructions from the Executive Committee listed alphabetically the five names who received the most votes. In addition to Garrison these were: John J. Hurt, editor of The Christian Index; Bernard D. King, secretary of the Brotherhood Department; Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., pastor of Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta; and Carey T. Vinzant, president of Bessie Tift College at Forsyth.

The Executive Committee authorized its chairman to appoint a special committee to nominate in November a secretary of evangelism to succeed H. C. Whitener.

The son of a Baptist minister, Garrison is a native Georgian and has spent his entire ministry in the state.

Garrison received the A.B. degree from Mercer University in 1934 and studied in the law school for a year. He attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1936-37 and did further study at the Candler School of Religion at Emory University during 1938 and 1939.

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GA. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
ADOPTS 1955 BUDGET OF \$1,804,200

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--The Georgia Baptist Convention's Executive Committee adopted a total budget for 1955 of \$1,804,200, an increase of \$191,000 over the current year at the recent annual meeting of the committee. Final approval of the budget goes to the state convention meeting in November.

Principal item in the budget changes the special allocations of \$20,000 for each of the colleges.

The budget for 1954 would continue the 50-50 division with the Southern Baptist Convention. It provides a total of \$767,500 for state causes, an increase of \$62,500 and the same amount for the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Executive Committee agreed to recommend to the state convention that both Truett-McConnell and Brewton-Parker junior colleges be moved to "a more favorable location." Brewton-Parker College is located at Mt. Vernon, and Truett-McConnell College at Cleveland.

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BAPTIST CHURCH LOAN AGENCY  
TO BE ASKED FOR IN DEC.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--C. Vaughan Rock, Phoenix, Ariz., announced to the Executive Committee that met here in early September, that he will offer a motion before the December Executive Committee that the Committee recommend to the Southern Baptist Convention the creation of a special agency of the Southern Baptist Convention to handling the church building loan funds of the Convention.

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SOUTHEASTERN HAS  
RECORD ENROLMENT

WAKE FOREST, N. C.--(BP)--Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., has reached a new enrolment record. At the close of the fall registration period 376 students had registered as against 348 for the same period last year.

More than ninety colleges and universities throughout the United States are represented in this year's enrolment.

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