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SBC COLLEGE ENROLMENT UP OVER NATION ENROLMENT

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--College enrolments for the current school year throughout the nation will reach a total about 3.5 per cent above those of last year, it was estimated by the United States office of Education in October.

Meanwhile, fall enrolments of regular students in the fifty Southern Baptist colleges totaling 31,702 are 10.2 per cent above those of October, 1953, according to R. Orin Cornett, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Education Commission. This is an increase of 12.7 per cent in the twenty-one junior colleges and 9.6 per cent in the twenty-nine senior colleges. Enrolments in Southern Baptist seminaries increased 4.0 per cent, while those of the academies and Bible schools combined decreased 4.5 per cent.

"It is safe to say that one factor in this increase of enrolments (in Southern Baptist colleges) of almost three times the estimated national average was the first annual Convention-wide emphasis on Christian education, April, 1954," Cornett said.

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B. C. LAND DIES IN ARKANSAS

FORT SMITH, Ark.--(BP)--B. C. Land, Jackson, Miss., suffered a fatal heart attack in Fort Smith, Ark., in late October. Land, noted Southern Baptist Stewardship evangelist, had been conducting a stewardship revival for the First Baptist Church, VanBuren, Ark.

Author of several stewardship books, Land had served as stewardship director for the Alabama and Florida Baptist boards and was former executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation.

Funeral services were conducted in Jackson, Miss.

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ILL. BAPTISTS ADOPT
RECORD-BREAKING BUDGET

MT. VERNON, Ill.--(BP)--Illinois Baptists adopted a Cooperative Program goal of \$450,000, largest in the Association's history, at the recent 48th annual convention of the Association. The meeting was held at Mt. Vernon, Ill., with more than 1,500 messengers present.

James M. Baldwin, Salem, was re-elected president for 1955 and Theron King, West Frankfort, vice-president.

Other action taken by the Baptists included:

Voted the president to appoint a committee to make a study of various ways and means of financing churches in their building efforts.

Voted to join in the efforts of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission in publishing a Southern Baptist Encyclopedia.

Set goals for the next five years covering five items: (1) The expansion of work at Champaign-Urbana, and the completion of building and equipment for a Chair of Bible; (2) adding \$200,000 to the church building and loan fund from allocations out of the budget during the next five years; (3) The completion of a building at Southern Illinois School of Bible after completion of the Urbana project; (4) Hope for a definite decision concerning the permanent location of a camp at Lake Sallateeska; and (5) Erection of another cottage at the Carmi Baptist Children's Home.

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O. BAPTISTS TO BUY
STATE ASSEMBLY SITE

DAYTON, O.--(BP)--Ohio Baptists voted to buy 153 acre plot of land and house for a state assembly grounds in the first annual session of the group. The land, located on Lake Seneca in Eastern Ohio, will cost \$15,000.

The Baptists adopted a total Cooperative Program goal of \$110,025 with 20 per cent or \$13,000 going to Southern Baptist causes and 80 per cent or \$97,025 going to state causes.

The 471 messengers present for the convention elected John Kurtz, pastor of Westwood Baptist Church, Dayton, to serve as next year's president.

First Baptist Church, Reading, O., was selected as next year's meeting place, November 3-4.

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TEX. BAPTISTS GO OVER TOP IN
'53-54 MISSION GIFT RECEIPTS

DALLAS, Tex.--(BP)--Texas Baptists closed their 1953-54 convention year October 31 with a record-breaking Cooperative Program total of \$7,994,260.

R. A. Springer, Dallas, Baptist General Convention of Texas treasurer, reported that the 1953-54 figure tops last year's record by \$470,928 and is almost one million dollars above the 1953-54 budget goal of \$7,000,000.

Fifty per cent of the amount received through Treasurer Springer's office during the year was sent to the Southern Baptist Convention headquarters in Nashville for world missions. The other 50 per cent was designated for state causes.

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RADIO COMMISSION NAMES
ASSISTANT PUBLICITY MAN

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--William A. Stewart, former news editor of the CBS Television Pacific Network, has been named assistant director of publicity-promotion for the Radio and Television Commission, Atlanta, Ga.

A native of Toronto, Canada, Stewart served as a correspondent with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces in Europe prior to coming to the United States in 1945. He studied journalism at Northwestern University and the University of Miami, Fla.

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CALIF. BAPTISTS
ADOPT 1955 BUDGET

SACRAMENTO, Calif.--(BP)--California Baptists in annual session here recently adopted a \$385,000 Cooperative Program goal for 1955. The budget will go 29 per cent to Southern Baptist causes and 61 per cent to state causes.

A drive to raise \$100,000 for California Southern Baptist College was launched by the group.

Byron F. Todd, pastor, El Monte, Calif., was elected president for 1955.

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