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.....The 191-member executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas in the December meeting in Dallas appropriated \$1,049,926 for state missions and elected Perry F. Webb, pastor, First Baptist Church, San Antonio, chairman of the board.

.....There are twice as many Southern Baptist churches in Oregon-Washington as there were four years ago. They now number 94 with 10,216 members. Sunday school enrolment is 15,383.

.....First Baptist Church, New Orleans, La., will dedicate its new \$1,500,000 building December 26-30. J. D. Grey is pastor.

.....H. H. Rowley, professor, University of Manchester, England, and Robert J. McCracken, pastor of Riverside Baptist Church, New York, N. Y., will be special lecturers at the Spring Conference at Southern Seminary, March 8-12, 1955.

.....Southern Baptists will be represented on CBS Radio Network's "Church of the Air" by A. Warren Huyck, pastor, First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Fla., Sunday, January 2.

.....Bacone College, Muskogee, Okla., the only college for American Indians, opened its doors for its 75th year with students from fifty-six tribes, three countries and more than half the forty-eight states. The school is supported by the American Baptist Convention.

.....A Bible book-of-the-month club is sponsored by the First Baptist Church, Spartanburg, S. C. The pastor selects a certain book of the Bible for the congregation to read and during one evening service of the month, he preaches on that book.

.....The Baptist Men's Movement of Great Britain has accepted the responsibility for meeting all delegates to the BWA Jubilee Congress arriving at air and rail terminals during June and July, 1955.

.....First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Tex., over-subscribed their \$300,000 budget by \$32,232. In addition \$140,000 was pledged to the building fund for the year, making a total of \$473,000 pledged for 1955.

.....A. D. Muse, 65, native and former pastor of Mississippi died in Louisville, Ky., recently where he had lived for the past ten years and operated the Heart's Harbor Tabernacle, which he built.

.....R. W. Willis, head of the Bible Center and pastor of the University Center Baptist Church, Seattle, Washington, has resigned and accepted a position on the faculty of Baylor University.

.....Three Southern Illinois University students spent one afternoon taking individual pictures of children in the Baptist Children's Home, Carmi, Ill. The pictures will be placed in a folder for the children to give as Christmas gifts.

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SBC LEADERS  
NAME COMMITTEES

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)- Committee and committee members named at the recent annual December meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee in Nashville are as follows:

HOME MISSION BOARD BUILDING LOAN: A committee to confer with committee of three from the Home Mission Board on the ways and means of enlarging Home Mission Board loan funds for churches to \$11,000,000. Members are: A. Barnum Hawkes, pastor, First Baptist Church, Waycross, Ga.; Charles C. Bowles, pastor, Hunter Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.; and M. H. Mabry, Tampa, Fla.

CHURCH LOAN AGENCY, committee to study advisability of establishing a loan fund for churches to be administered as a separate Southern Baptist agency. Committeemen are: Herschel H. Hobbs, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Carr P. Collins, Dallas, Tex.; C. Vaughan Rock, First Baptist Church, Phoenix, Ariz.; Thomas P. Pruitt, Hickory, N. C.; Kendall Berry, Blytheville, Ark.; James W. Merritt, Atlanta, Ga.; Homer H. Waldrop, chairman, Jackson, Tenn.

SPECIAL FUND-RAISING SERVICES COMMITTEE, to study a proposed service for churches to help raise building funds in organized drives. A service similar to the professional fund-raising agencies. Members: Elwyn N. Wilkinson, Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.; G. Allen West, Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.; and J. Norris Palmer, chairman, First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La.

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SEMINARY ACCREDITED BY  
THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS ASSOC.

WAKE FOREST, N. C.--(BP) -Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., has been received as associate member of the American Association of Theological Schools, according to an announcement by President Sydnor L. Stealey.

The American Association of Theological Schools, recognized accrediting agency for American theological schools, is an association of institutions devoted to education for the Christian ministry.

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PASTORAL CARE INSTITUTE  
SET FOR WINSTON-SALEM

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.--(BP)--An Institute on Pastoral Care has been set for North Carolina pastors at the North Carolina Baptist Hospital and Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston Salem, N. C., January 17-19, 1955.

Among those participating on program are R. Lofton Hudson, pastor, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.; Wayne E. Oates, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; Russell L. Dicks, Duke Divinity School, Durham, N. C.; John M. Price, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La.; and Stewart A. Newman, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

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MISSIONARY COUNCIL TO  
MEET IN LOUISVILLE

LOUISVILLE, Ky.--(BP)--The tenth annual session of the Missionary Education Council has been scheduled for Louisville, Ky., January 3-5, 1955.

Representatives of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood and seminaries will participate in the conferences.

Organized ten years ago, the Missionary Education Council is a co-operative advisory body which makes recommendations to its constituent boards for the promotion of missionary education. The Council studies plans for graded mission study, and also considers the best means of promoting missionary education through visual aids, periodicals, and background books.

William J. Fallis, book editor, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, is president.

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NOTE TO THE EDITORS: In the Baptist Press dated December 16, 1954, the second paragraph of the release entitled "Radio Commission to Move to Fort Worth," should be changed to read: "The Executive Committee of the Convention in its annual December meeting voted to grant permission for the Commission's move after hearing a recommendation of the Radio Commission by Malcolm Knight, Jacksonville, Fla."

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EXPERTS SAID AMATEURS COULDN'T DO IT; THEY DID!  
UNIVERSITY CHURCH, CARBONDALE, EXCEEDS \$75,000 FUND RAISING GOAL

BY: B. J. Murrie

Despite the fact that the experts said that the amateurs could not do it, it was done anyway. This is the story of the efforts of Pastor Robert J. Hastings and the University Baptist Church here in Carbondale in their \$75,000 fund raising campaign.

A few months ago a representative of a well-known fund raising organization visited the church and pastor in view of leading in a money raising campaign. He told the group that the church could not conduct the campaign with the local help and if the pastor led in the campaign it would split the church wide open and he would not be able to continue as pastor any length of time.

The prediction made by the representative, who was interested in securing a minimum fee for his organization of \$3,500, proved utterly false. The church concluded recently a five-week program in which a \$75,000 goal was over-subscribed by almost \$6,000. As members rejoice in the goal reached, all were unanimous that the spirit and fellowship of the church was never better or finer.

More people took part in the campaign than ever have been active in any other capacity. The dedication service was climaxed when a young man came forward and told of his definite decision for full-time Christian work which grew out of visitation and the experiences during the final week of soliciting funds.

The highest Sunday school attendance was recorded during the eleven weeks preceding Sunday, December 5, which was the fifth anniversary of the church. Persons who had attended Sunday school ten times out of the eleven Sundays were given a plate with the picture of the completed church on it and a short history inscribed on the reverse side.

Approximately 95 per cent of the resident membership made definite commitments or pledges, for definite amounts or to tithe their income. A number of families began tithing for the first time as a result of the campaign.

During the campaign, a weekly bulletin giving details and progress reports was issued. A brochure with a picture history of the church was supplied to the membership.

The total pledged on a three year basis was \$80,656. Plans are being drawn for the completion of the entire building and it is hoped that construction will start in early spring.

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Carbondale, Ill.