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SEATS TO BE RESERVED
FOR SBC MESSENGERS

HOUSTON, Tex.--(BP)--Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention are being asked to register early and to wear their badges at all times so that ushers can assist in carrying out the directions of last year's Convention.

In Miami last year it was voted to find ways to "implement in any way necessary the action of the 1949 Convention regarding the seating of messengers."

In keeping with this action, the committee on Convention arrangements brought a recommendation which was approved by the Executive Committee in its June meeting, as follows: "We recommend that at the 1953 annual Convention, and at subsequent Conventions (a) an adequate number of seats in the Convention hall be held for messengers until the scheduled time for each session to open, beginning with the Wednesday evening session; (b) that admission to the section or sections reserved for messengers be upon presentation of Convention badge."

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WARREN F. JONES
NEW YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEADER

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Warren F. Jones, Jr., has been appointed director of Young People's work in the Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, effective April 1, 1953. He succeeds R. Maines Rawls, who is now manager of the Nashville Baptist Book Store.

A native of Kentucky, Jones received his early education in Campbellsville, Ky., and Jackson, Tenn. He received his B. A. degree from Union University, M. A. from George Peabody College for Teachers, and will finish his residence requirements for the Ph.D. degree from Vanderbilt University in June, 1953. He is president of the Vanderbilt-Peabody Psychology Club and is also a teaching assistant at Vanderbilt. He is the son of Dr. Warren F. Jones, president of Union University, Jackson, Tenn.

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SBC COOPERATIVE PROGRAM
 INCREASES 12.26 PER CENT

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Southern Baptists have put \$269,920 more into Convention-wide Cooperative Program missions so far in 1953 than in the same period for 1952, Porter Routh revealed today in making his monthly treasurer's report. He said that the gain reflected a 12.26 per cent increase from \$2,200,867 last year to \$2,470,787 this year.

Designated offerings are 85.07 per cent greater or \$1,610,435 ahead of last year's figure of \$1,893,108. The 1953 figure is \$3,503,543.

Total offerings including both Cooperative Program and designation are up 45.93 per cent or \$1,880,356 from \$4,093,975 for last year to \$5,974,331 for this year.

Following is a comparative report by states of the gifts:

	Cooperative Program 1953	Cooperative Program 1952	Designated 1953	Designated 1952
Specials	1,844.71	1,005.72	6,395.05	5,249.90
Alabama	146,579.21	122,892.93	142,472.73	125,269.34
Alaska	733.74	375.00	--	1,129.35
Arizona	7,780.57	3,841.93	12,981.83	5,716.46
Arkansas	105,905.01	92,721.40	92,171.92	74,324.41
California	5,232.10	6,931.03	19,804.48	12,072.99
Dist. of Columbia	9,291.11	6,935.85	9,185.08	6,333.78
Florida	151,868.18	122,356.25	115,163.71	94,072.71
Georgia	156,787.79	149,603.04	201,999.70	161,527.09
Illinois	42,380.41	33,423.77	30,827.40	25,278.22
Kansas	2,068.11	1,013.83	2,459.07	1,120.86
Kentucky	140,785.60	112,527.97	120,352.72	104,086.32
Louisiana	89,828.69	76,715.38	154,477.78	109,351.75
Maryland	21,578.09	19,053.10	643.18	200.00
Mississippi	112,868.72	111,460.46	134,197.39	120,622.20
Missouri	129,105.08	117,367.55	118,606.49	91,861.40
New Mexico	12,160.36	14,670.35	30,008.27	37,970.26
North Carolina	171,599.73	183,579.46	307,069.20	257,769.87
Oklahoma	166,911.13	121,172.82	149,074.97	128,217.05
Oregon-Washington	1,300.55	894.19	3,791.27	2,286.42
South Carolina	227,295.51	157,244.05	188,033.28	168,036.41
Tennessee	188,599.25	208,740.67	135,221.41	112,549.12
Texas	390,999.98	373,749.98	1,303,406.56	72,588.85
Virginia	187,284.08	162,590.28	225,200.46	175,473.67
Total	2,470,787.74	2,200,867.01	3,503,543.95	1,893,108.43

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ROUTH IN REVIVAL

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Porter Routh, executive secretary for the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, is speaking in a Brotherhood revival in the First Baptist Church, Tucumcari, N. Mex. Pastor of the church is W. D. Lawes.

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SOUTHERN BAPTISTS
ORGANIZE IN OHIO

DAYTON, Ohio--(BP)--Southern Baptists in Ohio will probably organize a state convention later this year, it was announced by the Ohio Baptist Messenger, state paper for the group. The executive board of the White Water Association (Southern Baptists in Ohio) voted to set the organization meeting the last week in November.

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DAS KELLY BARNETTE
ORDAINED EPISCOPAL DEACON

AUSTIN, Tex.--(BP)--Das Kelly Barnette, a controversial Southern Baptist figure of a few years ago and former teacher in one of the Convention's colleges, has been ordained a deacon in the Episcopal church. He is now serving as professor at the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Tex.

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BOARD TO OPEN
STORE IN DAYTON

DAYTON, Ohio--(BP)--According to Ray E. Roberts, the Baptist Sunday School Board will open a book store here. During a telephone conversation with Board officials in Nashville he was assured that the store would get into operation this spring.

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SIGHTSEEING AT HOUSTON
BY
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HOUSTON, TEXAS

Baptists attending the Convention in Houston are going to have more free time than any messengers have ever had during a Southern Baptist Convention meeting. This means that more messengers will take advantage of the superlative sightseeing opportunities in a superlative city, the South's largest, and in a superlative state, the nation's biggest. In other words, sightseeing opportunities are typically Texan.

If you are interested in spots of historical value, one of the very first places on your list will be the world-famous San Jacinto monument, which is 570 feet high, built to the tune of \$2,000,000. This monument commemorates the victory of General Sam Houston and his army of 910 Texans over the Mexican General Santa Anna and his men, numbering 1600. The monument also boasts of an excellent historical museum and an elevator to the top.

Nearby is the Ship Channel which enables Houston to be the second largest port in the United States, even though removed 50 miles inland from the Gulf. Near the monument rests the battle-scarred, but excellently preserved, Battleship Texas, which is also open to the public. However, a trip to the monument will not be complete unless you go through the Washburn Tunnel, thirty feet below the surface of the Ship Channel.

Or you may wish to travel the Hempstead Highway through the gentle, rolling hills northwest of Houston to the capitol of the first republic, Washington on the Brazos. After going this far, you will want to go on over to the historic old Independence Baptist Church of which many of the early political leaders of Texas were members.

But if you are interested in the sea, the ships of the sea, or the beach, you will enjoy visiting Galveston. Galveston is indeed a major tourist attraction. Its quaint, old-world architecture, its miles and miles of lovely beach, and its boats, ocean-going freighters, private yachts, excursion craft, and fishing vessels, with their shrimp trawls drying high in the air, draw the traveler with an irresistible tug.

However, if you really want to fish, come a few days early or stay a few days longer, and you will find many opportunities from Galveston to Port Aransas, for almost every city on the Gulf has its commercial fishing yachts for hire. Red fish,

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trout, and tarpon will be ready to tantalize all comers.

Of course, if you want to see mission work in action, Houston will offer many opportunities. Spanish-speaking congregations abound. Tours of these Spanish-speaking missions and churches can be arranged if you desire.

For the educational-minded messengers, the University of Houston with its thousands of students will afford an interesting contrast to Rice Institute with its limited enrollment. Baylor Medical School, in the heart of the Texas Medical Center, will also prove inviting to those who are interested.

Houston itself offers excellent opportunities for sightseeing. Its buildings, seaport, churches, parks, and stores will satisfy almost any appetite for sightseeing adventure.

For those who want this sightseeing in ready-made packages, regular tours of the city and of the San Jacinto Battleground leave Rice Hotel daily.

But let's all go to Houston for the Convention and work the sightseeing in as a side line and not reverse the order. After all, to be the messenger of a Baptist church is a responsibility as well as a privilege.

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HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Oahu, T.H.--(BP)--In the group of eighteen distinguished Air Force, Army, and civilian clergymen which arrived at Hickam Air Force Base recently en route to the Far East via Military Air Transport Service aircraft were (left to right) Dr. Duke McCall, President, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; Chaplain (Major General) Ivan Bennett, Chief of Army Chaplains; Chaplain (Major General) Charles I. Carpenter, Chief of Air Force Chaplains; and Dr. W. O. H. Garman, Vice President, The American Council of Christian Churches, Wilkinsburg, Penn. Members of the group were en route to the Far East where they will have an opportunity to study moral and spiritual problems of the Far East Command and to ascertain what the Armed Services are doing to meet these problems. The clergymen will be available to servicemen of their faiths for special services.

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