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Ambassador Leader
Publication Planned

MEMPHIS--(BP)--Leaders of Royal Ambassadors will soon have available a new magazine designed especially for them, according to George W. Schroeder, Memphis, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Convention Brotherhood Commission.

The magazine, to be named "Ambassador Leader," will be a 32-page quarterly for Royal Ambassador counselors and committee members, pastors, educational directors, associational workers, and other interested church leaders.

Scheduled to make its initial appearance Feb. 1, "it will be filled with ideas and suggestions for adequate and effective programs and activities for Royal Ambassadors," Schroeder said.

The Royal Ambassadors is an organization for Baptist boys nine to 16 years of age, and is sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission with chapters in Southern Baptist churches throughout the United States.

"Ambassador Leader" will be published in the spring, summer, fall, and winter and will contain helps for each week's programs in RA chapters. It will also have general materials on such subjects as "knightly deeds," mission projects, camping and recreation, characteristics and interests of boys, hobbies and handicrafts, denominational information, enlistment ideas, reading suggestions, and information about supplies and materials.

"Ambassador Leader" will be a companion magazine to the present "Ambassador Life." "Ambassador Life" is published monthly as a magazine for RA boys. With the appearance of the new leadership magazine, it will be restricted to materials of special interest to boys.

At present, "Ambassador Life" attempts to carry not only materials for boys but also advice and helps for RA counselors.

"Members of the Brotherhood Commission staff have felt for some time the need of providing Royal Ambassador leaders with more helps and suggestions for their task," Schroeder said. "This new magazine is expected to make their work easier and more fruitful as they attempt to lead boys to become Christian men with a world outlook."

For the present, "Ambassador Leader" will be prepared and edited by the same staff responsible for "Ambassador Life." Edward Hurt Jr., Memphis, associate secretary of the Brotherhood Commission in charge of Royal Ambassador work, will serve as editor. Mrs. Mildred Dunn, Memphis, will be associate editor and Frank Black, Memphis, contributing editor.

It will sell for \$1 a year.

Florida Baptist Board
Recommends New Budget

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.--(BP)--The board of missions of Florida Baptist Convention has voted here to recommend approval of a 1958-59 budget of \$2,050,000 for administration and operations.

Subject to approval of the convention in session in November, it will be shared on a 50-50 basis by state Baptist work and work of the Southern Baptist Convention. The proposed new budget compares with \$1,800,000 for the current fiscal year ending Sept. 30.

All receipts above \$2,050,000 will go into a special capital funds budget. These funds, generally received during the last two months of the budget year, would be divided with state activities receiving 75 per cent and Southern Baptist Convention activities 25 per cent.

At its meeting, the Florida board accepted the resignation of Clifford Walker, Jacksonville, as secretary of the co-operative missions department. The department was abolished and field secretaries formerly a part of it were transferred to the administrative section directly under the executive secretary of the convention. Their duties are unchanged.

The board voted a direct grant of \$30,000 to First Baptist Church, DeLand, Fla., to aid it in buying a new site adjacent to Stetson University, the Florida Baptist college. The grant was made, the board said, because of the heavy student load the church has.

The proposed new budget includes \$50,000 for the new state Baptist office building, which the convention plans to construct soon. It also allocated \$51,240 to Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla., which recently came under convention control. This was more than double the convention's allocation a year ago.

The board will recommend that the convention establish a revolving loan fund to aid already-existing churches needing financial aid. The convention already has a revolving loan fund for starting new churches. \$10,000 will be set aside from the new budget for the loan fund with it also to receive a per centage of capital funds.

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Increases Reported
In Program Receipts

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The financial statement for August on Cooperative Program and designated receipts at the Southern Baptist Convention treasurer's office here shows increases over July, 1958, and August, 1957.

Treasurer Porter Routh said that \$1,600,313 was received. This included \$1,449,700 through the Cooperative Program---not designated---and \$150,612 in designations. This total was more than \$100,000 greater than the total for last July and for August a year ago.

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Southern Baptist Convention total receipts for the first eight months of 1958 are \$19,070,658. This is 8.81 per cent ahead of the eight-month, 1957 total. Cooperative Program receipts to date are \$10,362,587, running 9.48 per cent over a year ago. Designations are up 8.02 per cent and to date this year are \$8,708,070.

August disbursements included \$632,359 in Cooperative Program and \$117,985 in designated offerings to the Foreign Mission Board of the Convention. It brought the foreign missions total for the year so far to \$11,409,839.

The Home Mission Board's disbursements to date in 1958 are \$3,341,566 including \$218,179 in Cooperative Program and \$28,516 in designated gifts forwarded during August.

Receipts reported include only amounts forwarded to the Convention treasurer from co-operating state conventions and do not include money retained by states and churches for their own local programs.

During August, receipts from _____ were \$ _____ including \$ _____ through the Cooperative Program and \$ _____ through designations. The state rated _____ in total receipts.

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CORRECTION: The Baptist Press inadvertently omitted the name of J. D. Grey, pastor, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, when listing Southern Baptists attending a Baptist World Alliance executive committee meeting in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, recently. Grey has been a member of the Alliance's executive committee since 1950 and has attended every annual meeting.

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NEW MAGAZINE---Edward Hurt Jr., Memphis, associate secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Brotherhood Commission, and Mrs. Mildred Dunn, an associate editor with the Commission, check a poster advertising the new Brotherhood Commission periodical, "Ambassador Leader." The quarterly magazine's first issue is due about Feb. 1. Its name indicates to whom it's directed. Royal Ambassadors, an organization for nine to 16-year-old Baptist boys, is under direction of the Commission.