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Historical Conference To Meet Writers' Needs

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Historical conference week at the Southern Baptist Convention assembly next summer in Ridgecrest, N. C., will be planned to meet the needs of people assigned to write histories of their churches, associations, or denominational institutions.

"At the present time there are several hundred people who have these assignments," Norman W. Cox of Nashville, executive secretary of the Convention's Historical Commission, announced. The commission sponsors the conference.

"These writers need help. The churches and associations would be wise to make it possible for these writers to attend the conference. It would enable them to have the benefit of the best instruction to prepare for their assignment," Cox said.

The historical conference will be held during the same dates as the annual Writers' Conference at the assembly. Thus the historians will have the help of their own resource personnel as well as those on the Writers' Conference staff.

Robert A. Baker, head of the department of church history, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, will be director of the historical conference. He will be assisted by Lynn E. May Jr. of Nashville, on the staff of the Historical Commission.

Writers' and historical conferences will meet at Ridgecrest June 18-24. Historians wishing further information may contact Cox at 127 Ninth Ave. No., Nashville.

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Southwestern Seminary Enrols 1928 Students

FORT WORTH--(BP)--Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here enrolled 1928 students for the fall semester, Miss Katie Reed, registrar, announced.

Of that total, 549 are new students.

The school of theology has 1235 students; the school of religious education, 630, and the school of church music, 145.

Men outnumber women 1582 to 346.

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Please add the following paragraph to Oct. 2 articles on family counseling:

Co-sponsors with the Sunday School Board were four other Southern Baptist Convention agencies---the Home Mission Board, the Foreign Mission Board, the Christian Life Commission, and the Education Commission.

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Cooperative Program
Gifts Show Increase

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Gifts through the Cooperative Program to work of the Southern Baptist Convention at large continued in September to show a great percentage increase in 1958 than they did in 1957.

Treasurer Porter Routh said Cooperative Program receipts for the past month were \$1,154,960 compared with \$1,061,449 in 1957. This brought the present nine-month total to \$11,517,547, a 9.41 increase over the previous year.

At this same time a year ago, Cooperative Program receipts were up only 6.84 per cent over 1956.

Designated gifts for September, 1958, were \$118,406 compared with \$116,455 during the corresponding month in 1957. Total for this year to date is \$8,826,477, up \$648,736 over the January-September, 1957, designations.

However, the increase in designations from 1957 to 1958---7.93 per cent---has not been as great as the increase in gifts in this category from 1956 to 1957---11.3 per cent.

Total gifts last month, adding Cooperative Program and designations, amounted to \$1,273,366, which is nearly \$96,000 greater than for the previous September.

For 1958 to date total gifts are \$20,344,025 compared with \$18,704,468 a year ago---an 8.77 per cent gain.

Gifts reported do not include funds kept by local churches for their own activities nor those used by Baptist state conventions or district associations of churches to carry on their work.

So far this year the Foreign Mission Board of the Convention has received \$12,010,571 including more than \$600,000 in September. The Home Mission Board with \$192,000 received during September has gotten \$3,534,373 this year.

The only other agency to have received more than \$1 million this year so far is Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Berkeley, Calif., which is building a new campus. The \$136,000 it received in September brought its total for the year to date to \$1,357,995.

During September, 1958,	forwarded \$
in Cooperative Program gifts and \$	in designations making a total
of \$. This placed the state	in the SBC for the month.

For the year to date, in only five state conventions has there been a decline either in Cooperative Program or designated gifts. They are Arkansas, District of Columbia, Illinois, Maryland, and Missouri. However, in none of these has there been a decrease in both categories.

Total gifts have declined in but one state---Maryland---to date. There total gifts are running about \$1500 below 1957.