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SOUTHERN BAPTIST ORPHANAGE
CAPACITY INCREASED IN 1952

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--In 1952 Southern Baptists increased the capacity of their twenty orphanages from 4,255 to 4,310, J. P. Edmunds, secretary of Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., announced.

Total property value of the land exclusive of buildings is \$2,212,471. Including buildings it is \$16,847,211.

Baptist orphanages are located in the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

Three thousand six hundred and seventy nine children are cared for by the orphanages; Texas cared for 846 children, which is more than any other state.

Southern Baptists spent \$4,445,121 last year for improvements. This figure includes twenty-three new buildings that were erected, making a total of 495 buildings on the property owned by the orphanages.

The orphanages are located on 1,064 acres of main campus and they farm 11,583 acres of land.

Total endowment for the orphanages is \$6,889,673.

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD
ENROLMENT INCREASED IN 1952

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The 1952 enrolment in Southern Baptist Brotherhood increased 28,899 over 1951, J. P. Edmunds, secretary of Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., reported. This is a gain of 15.6 per cent. Total enrolment for 1952 was 214,486.

Mr. Edmunds said that Brotherhood enrolment in rural churches increased from 23,375 to 28,051 in 1952, a gain of 20 per cent.

In villages with population from 100 to 500 the enrolment increased 12 per cent or from 12,943 in 1951 to 15,618 in 1952.

Total Brotherhood enrolment in towns of less than 2,500 was 31,458, an increase of 3,109 or 11.0 per cent gain over 1951.

The 1952 enrolment in the city churches over the Southern Baptist Convention was 135,779, Mr. Edmunds said. This is an increase of 19,534 or a 16.8 per cent gain.

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BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE GROUP
MEETS AT GREEN LAKE

GREEN LAKE, Wis.--(BP)--At a recent meeting held here of the Baptist World Alliance Executive, J. Howard Williams, president-elect of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., was elected a member of the committee, according to Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Alliance. He succeeds E. D. Head who had resigned as a member of the committee.

Plans were made at the meeting for the Baptist World Congress to be held in London, England, July 16-22, 1955.

The manuscripts of Dr. Ernest Payne, London, England, The Life of Dr. J. H. Rushbrook, and Dr. F. Townley Lord, London, England, A History of the Baptist World Alliance, were approved. It is expected that the books will soon be published.

The Baptist Union of French Cameroons numbering 11,000 members was admitted to fellowship in the Alliance.

Representatives from England, Denmark, Sweden, Germany, Canada, Nigeria, Australia, Burma, and America attended the meeting.

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OIL PAINTING...During the recent Executive Committee meeting at Nashville, Tenn., an oil painting of Dr. Austin Crouch, first executive secretary of the committee, was unveiled. Dr. J. W. Storer, president of the Convention, presided. Dr. Crouch was present to acknowledge the painting. Mrs. Ruth Nelson, accountant of the Executive Committee, also took part in the ceremony. Dr. Crouch was executive secretary from 1927 to 1946 and is credited with much of the financial success of the denomination during those difficult depression and war years.--BAPTIST PRESS