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J. E. DILLARD DIES
IN NASHVILLE

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Dr. J. E. Dillard, 74, director of promotion for the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1936 to 1947, died here Thursday, July 9, following a heart attack.

Services were held at Immanuel Baptist Church in Nashville with Dr. Gaye L. McGlothlen officiating. The body was transferred immediately to Danville, Va., his birthplace, for burial.

When he retired as director of promotion in 1947, Dr. Dillard was made director of promotion-emeritus.

Dr. Dillard served as president of Clarksburg College and pastor at Macon, St. Louis, and St. Joseph in Missouri before going to the Southside Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., in 1918. He served there eighteen years before coming to Nashville with the Executive Committee in 1936.

He served as vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1932-33 and as president of the Alabama Baptist Convention in 1936.

His promotion of the "Every-Member Canvass" and the "100-Thousand Club" made possible the payment of a long-time debt on the denomination in 1943. "Debt free in '43--J. E. D." became a slogan with Southern Baptists.

He promoted the effort to enlist a million tithers in Southern Baptist churches, and the success of his work was shown in the increase of total gifts in Southern Baptist churches from twenty-nine million dollars in 1936 to one hundred thirty two million in 1947, with the increase in mission gifts climbing from six million dollars in 1936 to twenty eight million in 1947.

Dr. Dillard's books on Bible stewardship and Building a Stewardship Church are used by many denominations.

After retiring as director of promotion, Dr. Dillard directed a survey of theological education for the Convention which resulted in locating new Southern Baptist seminaries at Wake Forest, N. C., and Berkeley, Calif.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lillian Madison Dillard of Nashville; a daughter, Mrs. Wheeler Tracy, Chicago, Ill.; and a son, James Edgar, Colquitt, Ga.

In keeping with Dr. Dillard's love for books, friends who desired to send flowers were asked to send donations to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for a Dillard Book Memorial Fund. (MAT ENCLOSED)

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS MEET 1953
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GOAL

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Southern Baptists met a Cooperative Program operating goal of \$5,192,000 for 1953 this week. The operating budget is \$500,000 more than the 1952 operating goal and was reached earlier than last year.

The next \$3,000,000 received will be distributed to apply on the capital needs goals of the various agencies for 1953.

All additional Cooperative Program funds above the \$8,000,000 and the Convention Operating Budget will be given to the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board Advance fund. The Home Mission Board will receive 25 per cent and the Foreign Mission Board 75 per cent.

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SADLER NAMED TO BAPTIST
FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

RICHMOND, Va.--(BP)--Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe and the Near East, was named interim executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in a meeting called to consider future work of the Board.

Dr. M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary, died June 27.

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BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD ELECT
ASSOCIATE SECRETARY

MEMPHIS, Tenn.--(BP)--David T. Washburn, Augusta, Ga., will assume his new duties as associate secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood Commission on August 1, James M. Sapp, associate secretary, announced.

A native of North Carolina, he graduated from Mars Hill College. He served as educational director of churches in Tennessee, Florida, and North Carolina, and comes to the Brotherhood Commission from the First Baptist Church in Augusta where he has been educational director since 1949.

He has been a frequent writer for Baptist periodicals and has served as a script writer for the Baptist Sunday School Board filmstrips and motion pictures.

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CONVENTION MUSIC DIRECTOR--Warren Angell, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla., will direct the music for the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in St. Louis, Mo., next June.--BAPTIST PRESS

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FEEZOR ELECTED SECRETARY
OF TEXAS BAPTISTS

DALLAS, Tex.--(BP)--Forrest Feezor, pastor of First Baptist Church, Waco, Tex., since 1947, was elected executive secretary of Texas Baptists.

Dr. Feezor's decision is not known at this time.

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