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To Review Convention's
Annual Program Policy

NASHVILLE--(BP)--On motion of the Southern Baptist Convention's first vice-president, the Convention's Executive Committee will study a proposal to give members of the Committee on Order of Business staggered terms of office.

W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., and a member of the Executive Committee, made the motion. He said there would "probably be great wisdom in having terms of office of members of the Committee on Order of Business extend more than just one year."

The Committee on Order of Business must draft the program followed by the Convention during its annual session each spring. As now provided for the membership of the committee is completely changed each year.

Hudgins said that a continuing committee would "offer something in the way of experience."

He proposed that the Committee on Order of Business have nine members, with three members rotating off the committee annually.

His proposal will be studied between now and the next semi-annual meeting of the Executive Committee here in December.

A motion by Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, carried to study also establishing a permanent policy on the Convention's having morning, afternoon, and evening sessions when it meets each year.

There were no afternoon sessions during the 1957 Convention at Chicago because of the distance between downtown hotels and the Convention's meeting hall.

Hobbs said the "Convention just does not have time to transact its business in three morning sessions and three or four evening sessions when a major part of the program is given over to inspirational services."

C. Vaughan Rock, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Phoenix, Ariz. moved-- and it was carried--that the Executive Committee also determine what the Convention can do to make a spiritual impact and contribution to the cities in which it meets.

The proposals of Hobbs and Vaughan will be under study between now and December, too, when a report will be made.

Executive Committee
Elects Homer Lindsay

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Executive Committee has elected Homer G. Lindsay, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., as its chairman for the coming year.

Lindsay succeeds Federal Judge Frank A. Hooper of Atlanta.

A former vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention and a former president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Lindsay has been pastor of the Jacksonville church since 1940. He moved from Chattanooga, Tenn., to Jacksonville.

Elected to serve with him are T. K. Rucker, pastor of First Baptist Church, Forrest City, Ark., vice-chairman, and Elwyn Wilkinson, pastor of Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., recording secretary.

The Executive Committee re-elected its three administrative officers--Porter Routh, executive secretary; Albert McClellan, associate secretary and director of publications, and Merrill Moore, associate secretary and director of promotion. All live in Nashville where Executive Committee has offices.

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Canadian Tells Plans
For Baptist Work There

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.--(BP)--A Canadian Baptist leader participating in a clinic here told of the plans for increased evangelism and stewardship promotion being made by his convention.

Harry A. Renfree, director of stewardship for the Maritime Baptist United Convention, was a guest of Alabama Southern Baptists. He was attending a clinic describing use of the new Forward Program of Church Finance of Southern Baptists.

Renfree, who joined the convention staff in Saint John, New Brunswick, Feb. 1 as its first director of stewardship, used the program a year ago while pastor of a church in Sussex, New Brunswick.

He said that it "doubled our budget." As a result the program was used in eight other churches in the Maritime area which includes also Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland.

Renfree reported the Maritime Convention is one of three Canadian Baptist groups participating in the Baptist Federation of Canada. The Maritime Convention, covering one of Canada's less densely populated areas, has 600 co-operating churches with 70,000 members.

"We are conducting a Maritime 'Crusade for Christ' this year," he said. "We hope to hold a crusade in each of the 25 districts into which our churches are grouped."

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He said that the Maritime Convention also hopes to stimulate increased giving through its missionary and extension fund (which he said compares with Southern Baptist Cooperative Program).

"Baptists," according to Renfree, "are the largest denomination in New Brunswick and the second largest denomination in the Maritime provinces."

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Executive Committee
Group Appointments

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Chairman Homer G. Lindsay of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee has appointed the various members of the Committee to the four major sub-groups of the organization.

These are the committees on administration, finance, promotion, and arrangements for the annual Convention session.

The listing, together with chairmen, is as follows:

Promotion---R. Archie Ellis, Columbia, S. C., chairman; Horace G. Adams, Charleston, S. C.; J. Carroll Chadwick, Center, Tex.; Harold W. Seever, Mobile, Ala.; Purser Hewitt, Jackson, Miss.; John A. Jones, Macon, Ga.; Mrs. Gordon Maddrey, Ahsokie, N. C.; Mrs. R.L. Mathis, Waco, Tex.; Frank F. Norfleet, Paducah, Ky.; Charles L. McClain, Long Beach, Calif.; C. Vaughan Rock, Phoenix, Ariz.; W. J. Purdue, E. St. Louis, Ill.; Philip Wilson, Glasgow, Ky.; Lewis Smith, Birmingham, Ala.; Brooks Hays, Little Rock, Ark.

Convention arrangements--B. J. Martin, Pasadena, Tex., chairman; W. A. Buckner, Desloge, Mo.; James W. Merritt, Gainesville, Ga.; J. Melvin Ray, Carlsbad, N.M.; A. J. Burrell, Columbus, Ga.; John W. Wood, Portsmouth, Va.

Finance---Kendall Berry, Blytheville, Ark., chairman; W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, Miss.; Carr P. Collins, Dallas, Tex.; W. Curtis English, Altavista, Va.; Carl G. McCraw, Charlotte, N. C.; Haskell McClain, Oklahoma City; Charles C. Bowles, Birmingham, Ala.; Sterling L. Price, Abilene, Tex.; Herschel H. Hobbs, Oklahoma City; T. K. Rucker, Forrest City, Ark.; Douglas M. Branch, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Administration---Ramsey Pollard, Knoxville, Tenn., chairman; J. D. Grey, New Orleans; Clare C. Clark, Shreveport, La.; A. B. Hawkes, Waycross, Ga.; M. H. Mabry, Tampa, Fla.; Judge Frank A. Hooper, Atlanta; Edward H. Pruden, Washington, D. C.; Thomas P. Pruitt, Hickory, N. C.; Homer H. Waldrop, Jackson, Tenn.; G. Allen West, Nashville; J. Ralph Grant, Lubbock, Tex.; Elwyn N. Wilkinson, Louisville; Charles E. Curry, Kansas City, Mo.

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NASHVILLE--(BP)--Rep. Brooks Hays (D., Ark.), the new president of the Southern Baptist Convention, pledged himself to renewed devotion to time-honored Baptist principles--the emphasis on the Bible, religious liberty, and evangelism.

In a talk to members of the Convention's Executive Committee here, Rep. Hays also addressed himself especially to ministers on the Committee. Hays, the first layman president in 12 years, said "I know I can't do this job without you (preachers)."

"I'm going to study my Bible more than I ever have before because the Bible is our chart," he declared. He said the time has come to measure Southern Baptists' progress not only in numbers and church extension but also "in the depth of life of the people."

He said this "depth of life" must include Bible reading, prayer life, and daily Christian living.

Hays said Baptists have always believed that they need "no ecclesiastical authority projecting himself between the reader of Scripture and God, the source of inspiration."

The first "plank" in his platform as Convention president, he emphasized, will be "devotion to democracy. I will be a democratic president," he added. "I will also try to support you in your emphasis on evangelism."

A member of the foreign affairs committee of the House of Representatives, Hays said he would strive to aid the cause of religious liberty in countries abroad. In an interview after his address, he mentioned Spain and Colombia.

As president of the largest Baptist convention in the world, Hays said he would not force his own viewpoint on the denomination.

On another matter of continuing interest to Baptists, Hays said he "hopes Congress (this session) will pass a law to ban serving of beverage alcohol on flights." Such a measure has been proposed in a previous session of Congress.

Hays said he believed that while distinguished governors had served as president of the Convention, he believed he was the first member of Congress to be president.

While in Nashville for about 12 hours, Hays also was busy being photographed for a cover picture in Home Life Magazine, answering questions of the daily press, and consulting with the two Convention vice-presidents about speaking engagements during the various state convention sessions next October and November.

In Chicago after his election, Hays stressed that he would have to rely heavily on these vice-presidents to help him carry on the duties of office, which customarily include numbers of speaking engagements. He reiterated that in his remarks to the Executive Committee.

Miss Lansdell Resigns
Carver School Position

LOUISVILLE--(BP)--Miss Emily K. Lansdell, president of Carver School of Missions and Social Work here, offered her resignation to the newly-constituted board of trustees here recently.

The trustees, first group elected after control of the school shifted to the Southern Baptist Convention proper, said they would accept Miss Lansdell's resignation "effective when and if a suitable person can be secured to fill this position."

Miss Lansdell has been president of Carver School since 1951. She will continue as president while the trustees seek a successor.

Until last month the school was operated by the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary of the Southern Baptist Convention. Both the WMU and the Convention in their annual sessions at Chicago the last week in May approved transfer of the school to the Convention proper.

New trustees were chosen when the transfer took place, but half of them are nominated by the WMU.

The trustees adopted resolutions of appreciation for the work of Miss Lansdell as president of the school and elected John Sandidge, Louisville attorney, their chairman.

Miss Lansdell is a former foreign missionary educator, with three years as teacher in the University of Shanghai, China.

"Dr. Lansdell," the trustees said in their resolution, "has given to Carver School of Missions and Social Work the full measure of her love and constructive ability, untiringly, generously. She has dreamed great dreams; she has thought great thoughts for us. And now. . .we determine . . . to strive to attain that ideal which she has in here heart for Carver School of Missions and Social Work."