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Mississippi Baptists
Propose Record Budget

JACKSON, Miss.--(BP)--Mississippi Baptists' first \$2 million Cooperative Program budget will be recommended to the state convention in November as a result of action taken by the Mississippi Baptist Convention executive board.

The board adopted a budget of \$2,025,000 for 1957-58 as compared to the current year's objective of \$1,900,000.

The board also will ask the State Convention that no less than \$200,000 and no more than \$225,000 of all Cooperative Program receipts each year shall be for capital needs in Christian education. This they recommend, should be continued until at least \$1½ million is available.

Blue Mountain College was authorized to invest \$142,000 in a combination dining hall and student center. Clarke College was authorized to build eight classrooms to the activities building.

Mississippi College received permission to complete the fine arts building and library and to defer erection of a dormitory for girls and another for boys.

The board recommended that the convention allow Mississippi College to borrow \$600,000 (instead of \$400,000 previously requested) from the FHA provided certain restrictions are followed. The funds would be used to construct a student center building.

The Cooperative Program 1958 budget will be divided, as in prior years, into three divisions.

If approved, the Mississippi Baptist Convention, for operating expenses, will receive \$907,125; Southern Baptist Convention causes will get \$766,768, and Mississippi causes, for capital needs, will receive \$351,105.

All funds given above the objective would be divided 50 per cent to state missions and 50 per cent to Southern Baptist Convention causes.

Record 333 Students
Enrol At Golden Gate

BERKELEY, Calif.--(BP)--A record 333 students have enroled for the fall semester at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

This is a 9 per cent increase over the highest previous record. 119 are attending the seminary for the first time.

Analysis of the seminary's enrolment shows that there are 243 ministerial students, 74 in religious education, 10 in sacred music, and 3 unclassified.

California, with 65 students, tops the list of states. 59 Texans make up the second largest group, while Oklahoma and Arkansas have 39 and 21 students respectively. Approximately 79 per cent of the students are married.

A total of 93 colleges and universities are represented in the above enrolment. For the fifth consecutive year, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, with 41 former students enroled, leads.

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Haldeman To Take Part
In Air Force Mission

WASHINGTON--(BP)--A Southern Baptist minister will be one of several ministers of various faiths taking part in a Protestant Preaching Mission to U. S. Air Force bases in Europe and North Africa, the Air Force chaplains office announced.

The five-day mission will be held the last part of October and first of November.

The Southern Baptist minister is John Haldeman, pastor of Allapattah Baptist Church, Miami, Fla., a former vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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W. E. Tisdale Chosen
To Manage Newspaper

GREENVILLE, S. C.--(BP)--William E. Tisdale, pastor of Draytonville Baptist Church, Gaffney, S. C., has been elected business-circulation manager of the Baptist Courier, weekly Baptist newspaper in South Carolina.

He took his new position on Oct. 1. He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, where he studied business administration, and has a master of theology degree from Southern Baptist Seminary.

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Kansas City Seminary
Seeking Library Books

KANSAS CITY, Mo.--(BP)--Southern Baptists' newest seminary, to be opened in September, 1958, is looking for library books.

L. R. Elliott, former librarian at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, has been employed to assemble a library by opening date for Midwestern Baptist Seminary here.

Elliott wants books in a large number of fields of study but asks that no books be sent until you contact him. He may be addressed at Box 6500, Fort Worth, 15, Tex.

The fields in which he is seeking books are Bible, theology, church history, preaching, pastoral ministry, evangelism, missions, Biblical introduction including archaeology, Hebrew, Greek, religious education, and hymnology. Both uniform sets and single volumes are wanted.

Also needed are dictionaries and encyclopedias of the Bible and religion. Names of donors will be written on artistic bookplates placed in all books received, according to Elliott. If the books are donated in memory of a friend or relative, this name also would appear on the bookplate.

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Anderson College Names
John Rouse President

ANDERSON, S. C.--(BP)--The pastor of Laurens, S. C., Baptist Church for the past 10 years, John Edward Rouse, has been elected president of Anderson College here.

Anderson, a junior college, is supported by South Carolina Baptists. Rouse succeeds E. F. Haight who resigned during the summer to accept a position with Louisiana College.

Rouse has been a member of Anderson College's board of trustees for a number of years, first from 1940 to 1946, then from 1955 to date. He will assume the presidency effective Oct. 15.

He is a graduate of Furman University and Andover Newton Theological Seminary. He also has done graduate work at Southern Baptist Seminary and Boston University.

Cort Flint, pastor of First Baptist Church, Anderson, will continue to serve as interim president until Oct. 15.

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Agency Asks Permission
To Enlarge Its Service

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The executive committee of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission said here that it believes the work of the Commission ought to be enlarged to give increased service to Southern Baptists.

The Commission has voted to seek funds for 1959 from the Southern Baptist Convention to employ an associate secretary who would further develop the Commission's work in the six major areas assigned to it.

The associate would devote his time to research into important moral issues and would help conduct conferences on these issues among states and associations of churches when requested.

The Commission said that an associate secretary would enable the Commission to make more probing studies of such issues as the Liquor traffic, divorce, labor-management questions, crime, juvenile delinquency, etc.

Increasing the staff would allow the Commission to make more material available to writers and speakers among Southern Baptists who need factual information about moral issues, the Commission added.

"This is nothing new," Executive Secretary A. C. Miller said. "The Southern Baptist Convention asked the Christian Life Commission to work in these areas and the Commission feels that the expansion will enable it to render increased service to the denomination."

The executive committee of the Commission, Miller added, is following through on a matter which was explored at the annual meeting of the full Commission several weeks ago at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, N. C.

The Commission has approved Miller's accepting a vice-presidency on the new Churchmen's Commission for Decent Publications. Several Southern Baptists are active in the organization. The Churchmen's Commission includes churchmen of many denominations. Its aim is to rid America's newsstands of magazines which flout Christian morality.

Miller will tell the Churchmen's Commission what Southern Baptists are doing in an effort to drive out obscene literature and then tell Southern Baptists what the churchmen are doing through their organization.

The executive committee of the Christian Life Commission commended the churchmen for their objectives.