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Michigan Convention
Organized In Detroit

DETROIT--(BP)--The Baptist State Convention of Michigan came into existence here recently with 53 affiliated churches having a membership of 9,450.

The convention, which will co-operate with the Southern Baptist Convention, elected Fred Hubbs as executive secretary, designated a state newspaper to be published monthly, and announced plans and goals for the future.

The new executive secretary will have his offices at 20511 Grand River, Detroit. Hubbs was superintendent of missions of Motor Cities Association of Southern Baptist churches before formation of the new convention.

Motor Cities Association, made up of Southern Baptist churches in Michigan, was affiliated with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. The association was formed in 1951 by six churches. Hubbs came as superintendent of missions the following year.

The Michigan convention is the 25th independent state Baptist convention to co-operate with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Michigan Baptist Messenger, previously an associational newspaper, will be the official monthly state Baptist newspaper. It will be edited by Truett Smith, pastor, West Road Baptist Church, Trenton, Mich.

H. T. Starkey, pastor, Merriman Rd. Baptist Church, Garden City, is the first president of the Michigan convention. Kenneth Day, former area missionary at Lansing, succeeds Hubbs as superintendent of missions. He will move to Detroit.

The convention voted to establish departments of religious education and Woman's Missionary Union work but has not elected department heads yet. It adopted a total 1958 budget of \$115,000 of which 20 per cent will be sent to support missionary and education work of the Southern Baptist Convention through the Cooperative Program.

Four goals have been set by the new convention--2,000 converts to Christ and 40 new mission churches in 1958; gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions this year of \$3,000, and gifts to the Annie Armstrong

Offering for home missions next spring of \$2,000.

Dates for the 1958 convention were tentatively set for Nov. 3-5. Fairview Baptist Church, Detroit, where the organizational meeting was held this year, will again be host church.

28 of the 53 churches in the new convention are located in the Detroit metropolitan area.

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California Will Seek 50,000 Converts In '58

RIVERSIDE, Calif.--(BP)--California Southern Baptists will seek to win 50,000 converts to Christ during 1958. The goal was adopted during their annual convention here recently.

The Southern Baptist General Convention of California voted to issue \$50,000 worth of bonds to finance an auditorium and other improvements for the convention's summer assembly, Jenness Park in the high Sierra Mountains near Sonora.

Messengers adopted a total budget of \$864,120 for 1958, of which \$725,000 is for activities supported through the Cooperative Program. Of the \$725,000 for Cooperative Program work, \$150,075 will be sent to the Southern Baptist Convention to support its missionary and educational enterprises.

The convention re-elected Arlie L. McDaniel, pastor, First Baptist Church, Barstow, Calif., as president. Its 1958 session, scheduled the first week in November, will meet in Santa Rosa.

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Church Architect Killed

HOUSTON--(BP)--J. W. Denhart, architect supervising construction of a new building at First Baptist Church here, was killed in an accident at the construction project. Witnesses said Denhart apparently missed his footing as he attempted to step onto a construction elevator and fell five stories down the shaft to his death.

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Relief And Annuity
Board Elects Noe

DALLAS--(BP)--Fred W. Noe, treasurer of the Southern Baptist Relief and Annuity Board, has been named director of the investment department to succeed R. S. Jones who is retiring. Noe will assume the new duties Jan. 1.

Noe has served as treasurer of the Board since June 1, 1954, and will continue in this capacity along with his new position.

Noe, a native of Morristown, Tenn., was business manager of Tennessee Baptist Convention for five years before coming to the Relief and Annuity Board.

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.....Furman University, Greenville, S. C., has received \$30,000 from the Woodside Mills to be used in the university's expansion program. This is the second major gift to be received by the college from the textile firm, the first being a gift of \$20,000 two years ago.

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Mission Boards Receive
\$636,122 Advance Gifts

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Southern Baptist home and foreign missions received a combined total of \$636,122 during October after the Convention entered the Advance phase of its annual Cooperative Program budget.

Treasurer Porter Routh reported that Southern Convention Cooperative Program gifts forwarded by co-operating state conventions were \$11,636,122 as of Oct. 31.

\$11 million was the basic budget required to meet operating and capital needs of about 20 boards, commissions, and institutions of the Convention. These boards carry on missionary, education, and benevolent work.

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After the basic budget was met all Cooperative Program receipts were set aside solely for home and foreign missions, with foreign missions getting 75 per cent and home missions 25 per cent. This is known as the Advance phase and it will continue through Dec. 31.

On Oct. 31, 1956, the Convention's Cooperative Program receipts amounted to \$10,888,632, or about \$747,489 less than in 1957. However, the basic budget of the Convention was only \$10 million in 1956 meaning that the Advance phase of the budget a year ago was \$888,632, or \$252,500 more than at present.

Designated gifts for 1957 (through October) totalled \$8,364,458 compared with \$7,478,861 a year ago. This is an increase of 11.84 per cent. Total gifts (adding Cooperative Program to designated) reached \$20,000,581, up 8.89 per cent over the first 10 months of 1956.

Five conventions--California, District of Columbia, New Mexico, North Carolina, and Oklahoma--have given less through the Cooperative Program to the SBC this year to date than they did last year. All conventions' designated gifts are up.

Total gifts to date, as compared with last year's figures, are down in New Mexico, North Carolina, and Oklahoma.

During October, 1957, _____ convention gave a total of \$ _____ . This placed the state _____ among those in the SBC. Of the total, \$ _____ was through the Cooperative Program and \$ _____ was designated.