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Some Homes Available
For Houston Messengers

HOUSTON--(BP)--To help relieve the housing problem, some private homes will be opened to messengers attending the 1958 Southern Baptist Convention here, local Baptist leaders declared.

E. H. Westmoreland, local minister who is chairman of the Houston planning committee, said hotels no longer can offer reservations for the Convention period in May.

He said there are about 150 motels in the Houston metropolitan area. (A number of these motels are listed in this issue of the paper or have been published previously.)

A \$10 deposit is required on all motel reservations, but the deposit will be applied to the motel bill.

Those making reservations for motels or for private homes should state date and exact time of arrival and departure, Westmoreland continued.

Arrangements for staying in homes, or additional home and motel information may be secured from A. E. Harrison, 2420 Milam, Houston 6, Tex.

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First Bond Sold To Aid
Kansas Church Building

WICHITA, Kans.--(BP)--The first bond to help finance construction costs of new Southern Baptist churches in Kansas has been purchased by a retired Texas soap manufacturer who was born on a Kansas homestead.

N. J. Westmoreland, Wichita, executive secretary-treasurer of the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists, announced that Earnest O. Gillam, Fort Worth, had purchased a \$5000 bond to launch a program approved by the convention at its annual session in 1957.

The six per cent secured bonds will be sold to members and friends of Kansas Baptist churches. More than \$1 million in new construction is planned, Westmoreland said.

Each bond is secured by first lien mortgages on church properties, plus a 50 per cent personal guarantee by members of local participating churches and a

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25 per cent guarantee by the Kansas Convention.

Gillam, although not a Baptist, praised Kansas Baptists for adopting the church bond program. He said the plan helps solve the problems of churches which can not secure building loans through the usual channels.

He said he placed his money in these church building bonds because he considered them a safe investment which paid higher than average returns.

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Illinois Baptist Cited Outstanding In Houston

EVANSTON, Ill.--(BP)--It sounds confusing but it's true. An Illinois Baptist was awarded the citation as the "Outstanding Young Man of Houston for 1957."

It all came to pass this way. H. Paul Pressler III, an attorney for Pure Oil Co., was transferred in early January from Houston to Chicago.

A cum laude graduate of Princeton University, Pressler was admitted to the bar last year. In 1956, he was elected to the Texas state house of representatives. Then 26 years of age, he was one of the youngest legislators ever elected in Harris County (Houston).

He took part in a large number of civic, professional, social, and religious groups in Houston--including the Junior Chamber of Commerce (which sponsors the annual "Young Man" award), American Legion, Christian Business Men's Committee, and the Officers Christian Union.

He is the youngest man ever to receive the Houston Jaycees award.

The first Sunday after moving to Evanston, just north of Chicago, Pressler transferred his church membership from River Oaks Baptist Church, Houston, to First Southern Baptist Church, Evanston.

Five days later, after flying from Chicago back to Houston, he received the award as "Outstanding Young Man of Houston for 1957."

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New Business Manager For Mississippi Board

JACKSON, Miss.--(BP)--Arthur L. Nelson, secretary-treasurer of Townsend Piano Co. here, has accepted the position of business manager of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Nelson, who began his new work on Jan. 17, will succeed B. M. Huddleston, who resigned. Nelson is an active deacon in Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson.

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Start Baptist Hospital
In E. North Carolina

NEW BERN, N. C.--(BP)--Atlantic Baptist Association has voted to assume operation of Kafer Memorial Hospital here. The hospital will be known as Eastern North Carolina Baptist Hospital.

The association is continuing a drive to raise funds for a new, 100-bed Baptist hospital. More than \$240,000 has been pledged toward a goal of \$600,000 needed to build the new hospital.

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Mercer Plans To Erect
New Science Building

MACON, Ga.--(BP)--Mercer University plans to erect a new, \$145,000 science building to replace the old science building damaged earlier in an explosion.

The new building will be on the same site as the former wooden structure which housed science laboratories and classrooms. The new building will have four physics laboratories, five classrooms, a seminar room, five offices, and storage facilities.

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BP Folks and Facts.....

.....A record high 7,058,427 members of Methodist church (Sunday) schools, a net gain of 106,292 during 1957, has been reported by the Methodist Board of Education.

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