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**MISSION GIFTS SHOW
INCREASE IN AUGUST**

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Mission gifts to Southern Baptist causes through the Cooperative Program for the month of August total \$911,431, Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention, announced. This brings the total for the year to \$6,651,993, an increase of 10.70 per cent, or \$643,149, over the same period last year.

Designated mission gifts received for the month amounted to \$120,261, which brings the year's total in designated contributions to \$5,269,733. This figure is 17.79 per cent higher than the same period last year.

In August Southern Baptists gave through both the Cooperative Program and designations a total of \$1,031,692, making a total of \$11,921,726 received thus far in the year.

When compared with the same period last year, Alabama, New Mexico, and Tennessee are the only states not showing an increase in gifts.

**COMPARISON 1952 and 1953 RECEIPTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
January-August, 1953**

	<u>Cooperative Program 1953</u>	<u>Cooperative Program 1952</u>	<u>Designated 1953</u>	<u>Designated 1952</u>
Specials	2,374.09	2,065.52	9,357.95	9,479.89
Alabama	321,559.70	347,418.59	241,738.32	208,032.67
Alaska	1,956.64	1,202.91	2,597.59	1,528.54
Arizona	18,386.80	13,244.49	21,849.31	12,415.37
Arkansas	243,999.46	226,935.29	126,959.96	103,533.68
California	22,137.41	19,990.91	29,804.00	22,040.86
District of Columbia	21,941.35	19,157.40	20,723.65	15,385.04
Florida	402,352.16	343,403.65	195,798.03	153,988.84
Georgia	437,227.39	393,527.56	352,666.65	304,701.36
Illinois	113,736.02	90,836.24	50,871.68	40,741.12
Kansas	6,240.29	4,257.45	6,579.06	3,851.61
Kentucky	352,656.49	285,248.38	217,606.66	183,418.19
Louisiana	249,141.74	207,232.98	233,418.24	174,560.58
Maryland	58,814.34	45,064.58	3,410.36	3,245.78
Mississippi	295,227.43	253,590.13	222,431.50	201,687.68
Missouri	330,004.57	299,961.04	220,022.36	178,459.69
New Mexico	39,353.15	43,429.04	47,806.84	58,441.19
North Carolina	538,896.73	484,931.21	499,788.32	428,464.93
Oklahoma	419,784.47	344,182.95	212,828.37	191,570.91
Oregon-Washington	4,883.24	2,409.99	6,482.14	4,115.97
South Carolina	605,835.69	500,208.85	296,271.61	248,446.58
Tennessee	509,662.52	555,889.95	220,369.90	188,126.36
Texas	1,156,833.28	1,078,333.28	1,677,121.37	1,414,460.69
Virginia	498,988.60	446,321.92	353,229.38	323,203.90
Totals	6,651,993.56	6,008,844.31	5,269,733.25	4,473,901.43

DUPREE JORDAN LEAVES
S.B.C. RADIO COMMISSION

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Dupree Jordan, Jr., associate director of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission since 1949 and acting director for the past year, resigned from the Commission to return to the pastorate. He will continue to serve the Commission until October 1.

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SOUTHERN SEMINARY GIVES
EVENING SCHOOL FOR WIVES

LOUISVILLE, Ky.--(BP)--An evening school for the benefit of student wives is being inaugurated at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Courses will be offered in Old Testament, New Testament, and religious education two nights each week. The schedule for the first semester includes a survey course in Old and New Testaments, a course on the educational functions of the church, and a course in children's work.

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DALLAS PASTOR INVITED ON
AIR FORCE PREACHING TOUR

DALLAS, Tex.--(BP)--Luther Holcomb, pastor of the Lakewood Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., is on an Air Force sponsored preaching mission to military installations in the Far East.

Holcomb and three other ministers were chosen to conduct eighty-one days of preaching missions at Air Force bases in Japan and Korea. He left Dallas by air August 30 on the first leg of the 21,000 mile trip.

Holcomb will fill a limited number of other engagements in addition to preaching to men in the service. He will be speaker at a luncheon in Tokyo to which all Southern Baptist missionaries in the area have been invited.

"I hope to confer with many Southern Baptist preachers during my trip," he said just before his departure from Dallas.

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(CUTLINE FOR INCLOSED MAT)--RECEIVES DOCTRATE--Harold E. Ingraham, business manager, Baptist Sunday School Board, center, received the Doctor of Christian Education from Stetson University recently. (Left to right) Harry Crawford Garwood, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, emeritus; Ingraham; and J. Ollie Edmunds, president of Stetson.--BAPTIST PRESS.

AGNES DURANT PYLANT ELECTED
CHRISTIAN RECREATION WORKER

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Mrs. Agnes Durant Pylant, Plainview, Tex., was elected secretary of the newly created Christian Recreation Service of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. Pylant, who has wide experiences in Christian recreation work, has conducted classes in Baptist state assemblies. She taught recreation at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., and is now head of the Department of Christian Recreation, Wayland College, Plainview, Tex. She has written extensively for Baptist Sunday School Board periodicals.

In making this announcement, James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Board, stated that Mrs. Pylant will assume her duties at the Board February 1, 1954.

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CARVER SCHOOL OPENS
WITH FIVE NEW PROFESSORS

LOUISVILLE, Ky.--(BP)--Carver School of Missions and Social Work opens September 21 with five new faculty members. They are George Carver, Miss Grace Chen, Dr. Samuel Anderson, Donald Harvey, and Dr. Lavell Seats.

Dr. Anderson, a Louisville Baptist physician, will teach basic medical information for missionaries and other Christian workers. Miss Chen, a native of China, will conduct courses in literacy education and the teaching of English to foreigners. Mr. Carver and Dr. Seats will offer other courses for missionaries and mission volunteers. Harvey, a graduate of Boston University School of Social Work, will teach social group work.

About half of the new students already admitted are mission volunteers.

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CALIFORNIA STORE MANAGER
TRANSFERRED TO NASHVILLE

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Miss Lizzie McCall Waite was transferred from the managership of the Baptist Book Store, Oakland, Calif., to the Book Store Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

In making this announcement, John H. Williams, director of the Book Store Department, stated that Miss Waite, who assumed her duties September 1, will be in charge of the sales and promotion of general religious books, including books for youth.

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EDITOR'S WIFE DIES

LOUISVILLE, Ky.--(BP)--Mrs. Glenna Owen Skinner, wife of Dr. Ruel T. Skinner, editor of the Western Recorder, died suddenly of a heart attack September 6.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky., and burial followed in the Fairview Cemetery in Bowling Green.

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ATLANTA JOURNAL FETES
ROYAL AMBASSADORS

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Baptist boys really attract attention. The Atlanta Journal honored the recent Royal Ambassador Congress meeting here with a six-page special section appearing Wednesday, August 19, 1953. Full of pictures and stories, it comprised one of the strongest public boasts the R.A. movement ever received.

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THREE PREACHERS
IN AUTO WRECK

WICHITA, Kan.--(BP)--It will not happen again for a long time. The law of averages will not allow it, but it did happen in the outskirts of Wichita, Kan. Two automobiles, both driven by ministers ran head-on into each other. One was driven by a Baptist minister, G. M. Hair, Nickerson, Kan., and the other by a Presbyterian minister, Ivan G. Smith, Wichita, Kan. Four people were injured in the accident including both Smith and Hair and a third minister riding with Hair, H. B. Warnich, an evangelist from Dallas, Tex. There were no fatalities.

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PROMOTION SECRETARY'S
FATHER DIES IN MISS.

TUPELO, Miss.--(BP)--W. A. Moore, 83, Tupelo, Miss., father of Merrill D. Moore, director of stewardship promotion for the Southern Baptist Convention and John A. Moore, European Theological Seminary, Zurich, Switzerland, passed away Tuesday, September 1. Burial was in Tupelo.

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E. D. HEAD INTERIM PASTOR
OF GASTON AVENUE CHURCH

DALLAS, Tex.--(BP)--E. D. Head, former president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, was called as interim pastor at Gaston Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.

W. Marshall Craig was pastor of the church until late last Spring.

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ASSOCIATE TRANSFERRED

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Truett Myers, assistant in the Book Store Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., was transferred to the Audio-Visual Aids Department of the Board as associate to Earl H. Waldrup, secretary.

Myers, who came to the Board in 1949, will specialize in production and will direct the Nashville motion picture production unit. (MAT ENCLOSED)

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NEW ORLEANS BOOK STORE
MOVES TO NEW CAMPUS SITE

NEW ORLEANS, La.--(BP)--The Baptist Book Store, New Orleans, La., moved to a new location on the campus of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

The store began as a textroom about ten years ago. It is located on the campus to meet student needs but also designed to serve the New Orleans Baptist Association. Miss May Detherage is manager of the store.

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(OUTLINE FOR ENCLOSED MAT)--NEW SUPERINTENDENT--James V. Lackey, newly appointed superintendent of Young People's work, Sunday School Department, Division of Education and Promotion, Baptist Sunday School Board, is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and holds the M.A. degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.--BAPTIST PRESS.