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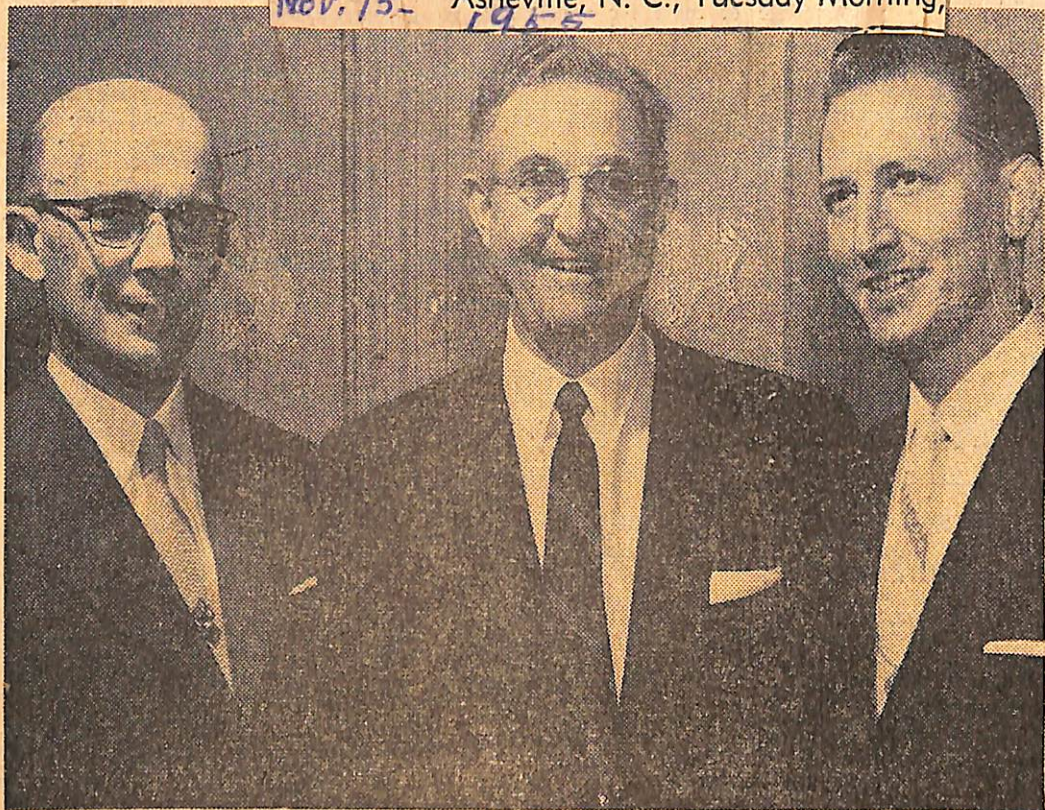
Music Ministers, Organists, and Education
Ministers of First Baptist, Shelby

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BAPTISTS GATHER HERE

About 1,200 members of the Baptist Brotherhood met here last night at City Auditorium in conjunction with the State Baptist Convention, which opens today. Taking part in the Brotherhood meeting were (L-R) the Rev. E. N. Gardner of Laurinburg, who spoke of the Royal Ambassadors program, Horace Easom of Shelby, secretary of the Brotherhood, and Howard E. Butt of Corpus Christi, Tex., main speaker.

Prime Topics Face Baptist Convention

(For another story and pictures see first page, second section.)
By KARL FLEMING

More than 2,500 Baptist messengers arrived in Asheville yesterday with eyes and ears cocked expectantly toward three prime topics apt to be kicked around during the 125th annual Baptist State Convention today, Wednesday and Thursday.

A series of preliminary meetings of pastors, laymen and religious education directors got the convention under way yesterday.

But it is not until today that such debatable questions as autonomy, liquor and segregation face discussion and possible action.

churches. There is a chance, too, that the resolution will ask churches to rewrite their constitutions to this end.

The Little River Baptist Assn., led by the Rev. E. P. Russell of Dunn, is expected to present a resolution asking Baptists to support a drive to obtain two-thirds of the state's voters for a state-wide liquor referendum.

GENERAL BOARD

The segregation question may not be put before messengers at all, but there is a chance two committees will make reports on the effects of the Supreme Court ruling on Baptist agencies and

ditions can be solved by federal compulsion alone."

The 83-member General Board, in its report, will also:

1—Recommend that the co-operative program goal for 1957 be set at \$3,450,000. This would represent a near half-million increase over the 1956 budget.

2—Recommend that beginning with 1956, the Minister's Retirement Plan be amended so that the convention will pay three and a half per cent to match the four per cent paid by members and four per cent paid by churches.

\$32.5 MILLION GIFTS

3—Report that total gifts from Baptists in 1954 amounted