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Illinoisans Approve
Northern Seminary

ROCKFORD, Ill.--(BP)--Illinois Baptists have approved without dissent a new seminary in the northern part of that state.

Action came at the annual session of the Illinois Baptist State Association here. It was one of several goals the association accepted for the years 1965-1969.

Other goals include creating a Baptist home for the aged, relocating the summer assembly at a central site in the state, and establishing a Baptist chair of Bible on another campus.

No locations have been determined for the seminary nor for the assembly. The chair of Bible will be at Edwardsville, Ill., where a branch of Southern Illinois University is operated. The university is a state government-supported school.

The Illinois association approved resolutions endorsing separation of church and state and an organization active in the field. It denounced the evils of the liquor traffic. The Illinois Baptist, denominational weekly newspaper, was commended for its policies.

Baptists were urged to avail themselves of wholesome literature and to be on guard against pornographic material.

The church-state resolutions commended Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU) and affirmed the right of voters to question a candidate for public office on his religious, economic, social, and moral positions.

The resolutions made no reference to current political campaigns or candidates. (The meeting preceded national election day.)

This was Illinois association's first annual session in the northern section of the state. About 1000 persons attended meetings, held in the First Mission Covenant Church of Rockford.

The state set a Cooperative Program goal of \$700,000, with 35 per cent for Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

W. C. Dobbs, E. St. Louis, was re-elected president. The 1961 session meets Nov. 1-3 in Effingham, Ill.

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Missouri Introduces
New Surgery Method

(11-10-60)

ST. LOUIS--(BP)--A new technique in brain surgery for victims of Parkinson's disease has been introduced at Missouri Baptist Hospital here, according to hospital officials.

They said this is apparently the only hospital in the United States using the new method.

The discovery allows surgeons to destroy deep-seated brain tissue and thus alleviate symptoms of Parkinson's disease.

Medical men at the University of Zurich, Switzerland, pioneered in the new surgical operation. Over 400 cases there are on record. Other European nations are also using it, although it has just come into use in America.

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Surgeons study each patient carefully before deciding on this new technique. Success of the new method, as with other operations, varies. Patients with advanced cases face a more difficult recovery. The chances of success with them is not as great as with patients whose cases are less advanced.

A St. Louis brain surgeon who graduated from Zurich performs the special operation at Missouri Baptist Hospital. A staff surgeon from Zurich came to St. Louis for enough time to help the hospital prepare equipment and operating procedures.

Parkinson's disease is named for James Parkinson, English physician who described the condition in 1817 and called it "shaking palsy." Parkinsonism actually is a group of symptoms, rather than a disease.

The outstanding feature of it is a tremor, which may involve a limb, or the head and neck. The tremor disappears when the person purposely uses the part of his body which is affected.

Muscular stiffness or rigidity also accompanies the tremor. This greatly slows the patient's movements.

The local hospital has therapy equipment which helps the person recover from the new brain surgery method. The recovery period takes from five to eight days.

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New Church Organized
During Annual Meeting

(11-10-60)

ROCKFORD, Ill.--(BP)--A new church came into being during the state missions service on the floor of the Illinois Baptist State Association here.

Crystal Lake Baptist Chapel became the First Baptist Church of Crystal Lake, Ill., with 26 charter members. The church, located in northern Illinois, was sponsored by the East Benton Baptist Church of Benton, a southern Illinois city. It is the 812th church affiliated with the state association.

James Froehlig is pastor.

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Sister Convention Has
Seminary Survey Plan

(11-10-60)

GREEN LAKE, Wis.--(BP)--American Baptist Convention educators are starting a survey to find out how many and what type of seminaries the Convention needs.

Presidents and deans of seminaries related to the American Convention met at the Convention's assembly here for their annual conference.

They considered a theological education survey described by the Convention's Board of Education and Publication.

The study would not only find out how many and what kind of seminaries the Convention needs, but would also consider locations and ways to financially support them.

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