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**Its Moving Time at  
Midwestern Seminary**

KANSAS CITY, Mo.--(BP)--Early September is the target date set for the complicated process of moving year-old Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary from its downtown Kansas City, Mo., campus at Calvary Baptist Church to a new, 125-acre site in suburban Kansas City, North.

Maintenance men have already begun packing the 16,000 library books, several hundred chairs, and numerous desks, filing cabinets and miscellaneous items.

Construction work at the new campus has rolled along on schedule, uninterrupted by the national steel strike.

Seminary President Millard J. Berquist predicts that all 4 buildings included in the first phase of the multi-million dollar construction will be ready for occupancy by Sept. 15, date of fall registration.

Indications are that enrollment for Midwestern's second year will top the 300 mark, which would double the 1958 registration.

In spite of the swelling enrollment, every student who has come looking for outside work has been placed, said Registrar V. Lavell Seats. Hallmark Cards, and Ford and Chevrolet Assembly Plants have provided most of the student employment.

Missouri and Kansas Baptist Churches have continued through the summer months calling Midwestern students as pastors. The seminary now has students in pastorates as far away as Oklahoma and Arkansas.

All professors and most students now have homes near the new campus. Mushrooming housing developments in the area provide a wide choice of rental and permanent living facilities.

Single men have been able to find reasonable sleeping rooms and bachelor apartments.

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**Pastors' Summer Schools  
Draw Record Attendance**

GREENVILLE, S. C.--(BP)--Furman University has completed its 11th summer program of regional schools for South Carolina ministers with a total attendance of 392, according to H. Jack Flanders, Jr., professor of religion and director of the schools.

Attendance in the ten schools, provided by the University at no cost to the ministers, was 11 per cent higher than last year and largest in the history of the program, Flanders said. Thirty-one associations were represented among the pastors.

Courses were taught in four areas at each school: Old Testament Study, New Testament Study, Practical Ministry of the Pastor, and Studies in Contemporary Christian Thought.

The teachers included 21 seminary professors, pastors, and Furman faculty members. First and Second Timothy, subject of Sunday School Bible study in January, 1960, was taught in all the schools.

The end of the 1959 summer program marks the completion of Dr. Flanders' ninth year as director of the schools. Since he accepted the post, the number of schools has grown from two to ten.

This summer, schools were held in Greenville, Orangeburg, Spartanburg, Camden, Cayce, Aiken, Florence, Charleston, Westminster, and Anderson.

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Embattled Italian Church  
Faces Further Delays

By Roy Starmer, Rome

The struggle of the minority Baptist group at Sant'Angelo in Villa, Italy to win the right to construct a place of worship has taken a new turn.

The mayor of the town resigned after a high government court ordered the suspension of his administrative order to discontinue construction and demolish the partly finished church building. Now, however, he has withdrawn his resignation, evidently with the intention of continuing the struggle.

The State Council (The supreme court of Italy in all municipal administrative questions) after having suspended the mayor's latest order also ruled that the Baptists must interrupt construction until after further study of the case. It is expected that the court will rule on the question in September and Baptists hope that it may again be possible to resume construction.

Sant'Angelo in Villa is an administrative part of the municipality of Veroli located in the Province of Frosinone, about 100 kilometers from Rome and counts about 400 inhabitants.

The city of Veroli traces its origins to the fifth century B. C. One of its most illustrious citizens was Aonio Paleario, poet and writer, who embraced the Reform Movement and paid with his life for his new found faith in Christ.

After some years in prison he was hanged on July 3, 1570 for his apostasy from the Roman Church and later his body was burned in Rome before the imposing Castel S. Angelo (Hadrian's tomb.)

The Bishop of Veroli has seemingly never forgotten nor forgiven the action of about half of the citizens of S. Angelo in Villa who left the church in recent years to become Baptists.

Italian Baptist leaders affirm that he has attempted to put obstacles in the paths of his former parishioners in many ways and also claim that he has used the municipal authorities to oppose the construction of the Baptist chapel.

The economic loss to the Baptist community has been considerable due to the long legal process involved in reviewing the case before the State Council.

Baptist leaders state that the obstructionism of the mayor which they term outright religious persecution masked by false legal maneuvers has already cost more than \$3,000.00 as well as more than a year and a half of delay in the construction of the new building.