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Illinois Association
Votes Three Projects

ANNA, Ill.--(BP)--Illinois Southern Baptists voted here to start three new building projects in the next five years.

Coupled with this action was adoption of a goal of \$1 million to be raised during the five-year period for capital needs.

The building projects include a Baptist student center at the University of Illinois in Champaign, completion of a girls' dormitory at Southern Illinois College of the Bible in Carbondale, and erection of another cottage at the Baptist children's home in Carmi.

The Illinois Baptist State Association committee on long-range programs presented the objectives at the 1959 associational session here.

Messengers voted to continue the committee for another year. During this 12 months, the committee will draft a proposed program for an institutional ministry. Baptist leaders said this would likely include further plans in Christian education and discussion of a Baptist home for the aged in Illinois.

The 1960 association budget of \$495,000, adopted at the session, will be divided 65 per cent for state Baptist work and 35 per cent for missions, education, and benevolence supported through the Southern Baptist Convention.

W. C. Dobbs, pastor, Winstanley Baptist Church, East St. Louis, will succeed A. E. Brown of Vandalia as president of the state association. J. Curtis Martin, pastor, 4th Ave. Baptist Church, Rockford, was chosen vice-president. L. H. Moore, Carbondale, associate executive secretary of the association, was re-elected clerk.

Three new associations of churches were recognized at the session. They are the Alton Industrial Association in the area of the city of Alton, and Three Rivers Association and Lake County Association around Chicago.

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Association Won't Seat
Broadmoor Messengers

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.--(BP)--Pulaski County Baptist Association, covering the Little Rock area, has voted not to seat messengers from Broadmoor Baptist Church here.

The motion not to seat the messengers contained this statement:

"Using reports compiled by the Broadmoor Church, there seems to . . . be ample evidence that she does not desire to co-operate with the Association. There has been no attempt make (by the church) during the past 12 months to give money or personal support to the Association."

Observers said that about three votes were cast in opposition to the motion, out of 350 persons present.

Broadmoor Pastor Wesley Pruden branded the association's action as a personal reprisal for his leadership for segregation and against integration. Pruden is chaplain of the Capital Citizens Council here.

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Colorado Sent Alert
On Office Candidates

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.--(BP)--Baptists of six states were urged in a resolution here to consider whether the religious affiliations of any candidates for United States President will affect their service to the country as a whole.

The Colorado Baptist General Convention passed the resolution at its annual meeting, attended by 1000 persons. The convention has co-operating churches in Colorado, Wyoming, both North and South Dakota, Montana, and western Nebraska.

The convention also adopted a resolution commending President Eisenhower for inviting Premier Khrushchev to church when the Russian leader was in the United States. It asked the President to attend church services during his visit to Russia next year.

Another resolution pledged support to Postmaster-General Arthur Summerfield in his "resolute stand" against pornographic literature being distributed in the mails. It said that such a fight can be waged only "through continued support of the citizens."

The resolution about a Presidential candidate's religious affiliation did not mention any specific church or denomination. A convention observer, however, said that the possibility of a Roman Catholic candidate in the 1960 election was "in the minds" of the messengers.

Text of the resolution was this: "We urge our people to be aware of the dangers involved in electing any man for President of the United States who would be obligated to any religious organization in such a way that would prevent him from being President of all the people, or whose religion would or might interfere with his loyalty to the United States."

The convention voted to purchase a site for a new convention office building in Denver and to spend \$200,000. Part of the office building would be rented, and rental income would be applied against the building debt.

A \$10 million bond program approved by messengers will enable the convention to foster church construction and extension in its six-state area during the next 10 to 15 years.

The total 1960 budget, also adopted, comes to \$300,000. This includes money from various Southern Baptist Convention boards for jointly-sponsored promotional work.

21 per cent of Cooperative Program receipts for the year will be forwarded to the Southern Baptist Convention for worldwide advance in missions, education, and benevolent work. The SBC amount is \$32,000.

Messengers picked Glen E. Braswell, pastor, South Denver Baptist Church, Denver, Colo., as new president, succeeding E. J. Speegle of Boulder, Colo. The 1961 session will convene at Boulder Nov. 8-10.

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Yale Sets Summer
Alcohol Study Dates

NEW HAVEN, Conn.--(BP)--Yale University has announced that its 1960 summer school of alcohol studies will be conducted here June 26-July 22.

Students will consider problems of alcohol and alcoholism in society. Enrolment is limited to 275 students.

Specialists from social sciences, medicine, psychiatry, religion, education, and public health will direct seminars or lecture. The school holds workshops for physicians, case workers, psychologists, clergymen, nurses, educators, probation and parole officers, personnel directors, and industrial and community leaders.

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