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NEW COMMITTEE FORMED

RICHMOND, Va.--(BP)--R. F. Hough, president, Baptist General Association of Virginia, announced recently the appointment of a newly formed Christian Life Committee. By action of the Association this committee replaces and combines the functions of their Social Service and Interracial Committees. Warren W. Fusselle, Lynchburg, Va., was named chairman of the Committee.

Virginia is the second state to adopt the formation of this special committee. Texas has a Christian Life Commission with Foy Valentine serving as director.

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GRAHAM INVITED TO GERMANY

BERLIN--(BP)--The German Evangelists' Conference voted to invite Billy Graham, evangelist, to include Germany in his forthcoming preaching tour of Europe. Graham is scheduled to open an evangelistic crusade in London, March 1, and to visit other European countries.

German evangelists said they would like for him to speak in Duesseldorf and Berlin.

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FOUNDER OF ILLINOIS
ASSOCIATION DIES

CARBONDALE, ILL.--(BP)--T. J. Wheeler, 83, one of the organizers of the Illinois Baptist State Association died in Robinson, Ill., recently.

Wheeler, ordained in 1901, served as clerk of the Association for five years and moderator twenty-three years. He served on the board of directors for twenty-five years, and for a number of years as president of the Illinois Baptist State Historical Society.

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ARCHIE BROWN GOES
TO VANDALIA CHURCH

VANDALIA, Ill.--(BP)--Archie E. Brown, pastor, First Baptist Church, Pinckneyville, Ill., has resigned in order to accept a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Vandalia, Ill.

Brown, Illinois representative on the board of trustees, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., is secretary of the board of directors of the Illinois Baptist State Association and of the Executive Committee of the state board. He is chairman of the Education Committee of the state board which is in charge of the Baptist Foundation at Carbondale and Champaign, Ill.

He succeeds Alva L. Cox, who accepted a position with the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Ga.

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OKLAHOMAN ELECTED TO
ILLINOIS STATE POST

CARBONDALE, Ill.--(BP)--Bluford M. Sloan, educational director, Immanuel Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., was elected secretary of the Training Union Department of the Illinois Baptist State Association recently. Action was taken at a special meeting of the Executive Committee of the board of directors of the Association, according to Noel M. Taylor, executive secretary. Information is not available as yet as to whether Sloan will accept the position.

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FIRST MEETING SET
FOR SEMINARY DRIVE

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The first regional meeting for the \$50,000 drive for the American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tenn., will be in Dallas, Tex., March 31-April 1, according to Ralph W. Riley, president.

"We expect about one-half of the goal by April 13 when the library building will be dedicated," Riley said. The drive is expected to be completed with the annual session of the National Baptist Convention in St. Louis, Mo., September 12, 1954.

Other efforts in the campaign will be Founders' day, May 6, and the annual Seminary day, May 16.

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