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New Zealand Getting  
Midwestern Student

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KANSAS CITY, Mo.--(BP)--Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's first student to serve in a foreign country was to leave Jan. 1 for New Zealand.

Miss Anderine Farmer has for 9½ years been Baptist student union director in Kansas City. She is Midwestern's first woman student.

Miss Farmer will serve as field worker in the establishment of the New Zealand Baptist Union's new all-age Sunday school program.

For many years, Baptists there have had an extensive Sunday school program for their children. Feeling the need of also training the adults in Bible study, J. J. Burt, director of religious education for the New Zealand Baptist Union, sought Miss Farmer's aid in helping them expand their Sunday school program to serve all ages.

Miss Farmer will work primarily with the First Baptist Church of Palmerston North, pilot church for the venture, during the first year. They will be endeavoring to set up a model Sunday school. In addition, she will be teaching study courses in the churches of that area and serving as a Sunday school consultant.

A native of South Carolina, Miss Farmer has had extensive experience working as church secretary, educational director, pioneer missionary in California, and student worker.

She has been a special student at Midwestern here for the past 18 months preparing for this new work.

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Missouri Buys Tract  
For Office Building

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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.--(BP)--Missouri Baptist Convention with headquarters here has entered into a contract for sale with the Jefferson City Baking Co. involving a 17-acre tract of land on U S Highway 54 just within the city limits of Jefferson City.

The tract is being acquired by the Baptists after two years of preliminary study, with a view toward a new and larger Missouri Baptist headquarters building. The new building would replace the present office building at 213 Adams St., which was erected in 1948, when the convention moved its offices to Jefferson City. The facilities of the Missouri Baptist press, now located in a separate building near the present office building, would also be incorporated in the new structure.

In the last five years, the convention's rapid expansion has outgrown its present quarters. A similar expansion in the services of the convention-operated printing press to the denomination and its churches now requires more space and a new type of facility and operation.

Building plans have not been developed beyond the initial stages and will wait upon additional study of future needs. It is estimated that a probable expenditure of at least \$1 million will be involved. Earl O. Harding of Jefferson City is the executive secretary of the convention.

Purchase price of the 17½ acres is \$87,500. About 65 full-time employes now serve the Missouri Baptist Convention and Missouri Baptist press here.

Missouri becomes the 12th state of those co-operating with the Southern Baptist Convention to have plans for new state office space, or to have occupied new space in recent times.

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Laymen Back Program  
To Protect Pastors

MEMPHIS, Tenn.--(BP)--State Baptist Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador secretaries have thrown their support behind a drive of the Southern Baptist Relief and Annuity Board to get more pastors and other church staff members into the Southern Baptist Protection Plan.

The leaders representing 21 states voted to work through the Annuity Board's state representatives to challenge the laity to encourage their churches to subscribe to the retirement and protection plan.

The action followed an address by Floyd B. Chaffin, Dallas, associate secretary of the board, at the annual leadership meeting of the Brotherhood workers here.

Chaffin pointed out only a little more than 35 per cent of active Southern Baptist pastors are enrolled in the plan which provides retirement income, disability coverage, and widow protection.

The state Brotherhood leadership also okayed a new Brotherhood organizational structure which will go into effect Oct. 1 in more than 17,000 Southern Baptist churches.

The new church Brotherhood organization calls for eight major officers instead of 13. They are the pastor, president, vice-president, secretary, Royal Ambassador leader, Christian witness leader, personal stewardship leader, and world missions leader.

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Folks and facts.....

.....Budd E. Smith, president of Wingate (Junior) College, Wingate, N. C., has been elected vice-president of the North Carolina College Conference. He is also vice-president of the Council of Church-Related Schools of North Carolina. Wingate is operated by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

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.....Albert E. Simms, president of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, has resigned pastorate of Calvary Baptist Church, Newport News, Va., to become pastor of Rivermont Ave. Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Va.

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Cutlines

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1961 JUBILEE EMPHASIS---Merrill D. Moore explained to 350 state Baptist leaders in Nashville, Tenn., that the 1961 emphasis during the Baptist Jubilee Advance will be on stewardship and enlistment. The state leaders were in the city for a conference sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board. Moore is secretary of stewardship promotion for the Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention. At right is J. Earl Mead of Dallas, president of the Sunday School Board.

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MR. ADMINISTRATOR---One of Southern Baptists' foremost authorities on church administration is Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins, retired head of the school of religious education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Since retiring there, he has been distinguished professor of church administration at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif. He has paused to tell a joke during a speech about his recent world tour for the Baptist World Alliance. In his audience are 350 state Baptist leaders attending a Baptist Sunday School Board conference in Nashville.