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Scenic Routes Converge
On Convention Location

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History and nature have combined to make nearly every highway in Missouri lead to places historic or scenic.

From the West, Southwest or South, the traveler in his car can see the famous Ozark country in full bloom with its Lake of the Ozarks, its new Table Rock Lake in the Shepherd of the Hills country and its great springs and parks all the way across southern Missouri from Roaring River in the southwest to Big Springs in the southeast.

Missouri's great scenic and recreational areas are in the south part of the state and are largely responsible for 12 million visitors each year to the state which is becoming nationally known as "the family vacation land."

Just south and southwest of St. Louis from U. S. highways 66, 63, and 61 near Sullivan and Salem are two of the most significant mineral developments of this century, where production is just beginning--one of the richest iron ore discoveries ever made and the richest lead discovery ever made in America. The largest lead district in the world is about 35 miles east of the new development.

From the south over U. S. Highway 61 the traveler passes through one of the finest cotton countries in the world, Missouri's famed bootheel; then the Cape Girardeau-Jackson area where the first Baptist work west of the Mississippi began in the late 18th century; on north through quaint Saint Genevieve, one of the first settlements west of the river.

From the north on Highway 61 down the Mississippi River at Hannibal is the Mark Twain country fully represented by museums, historic buildings and the original environment which made Mark Twain world-famous. On the west side of the state over Highway 71 from the north, Conventioners can visit the historic scenes of Pony Express fame around St. Joseph.

From the west, Convention-goers can get a preview of Convention surroundings in 1963 when the Convention meets in Kansas City again. Full of places to go and sights to see, Kansas City is especially interesting to Southern Baptists this year because Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary can now show its beautiful new campus. Another attraction in Kansas City now is Missouri Baptists' brand new Baptist Memorial Hospital. Nearby at Liberty is William Jewell College.

The journey east to St. Louis passes through the Missouri heartland with its productive farms. In central Missouri along the Missouri River is the birthplace of the Missouri Baptist Convention. At Jefferson City, where Missouri Baptists have their state office building, the traveler is almost in shouting distance of Providence Church where the Convention was organized. This is also Missouri's capital city and the location of one of the nation's most beautiful capitol buildings.

In almost every corner of the state is a Missouri Baptist institution--in the northeast at Hannibal, Hannibal La-Grange College; in the southeast, the Missouri Baptist Home for Aged at Ironton; and in the southwest at Bolivar, Southwest Baptist College.

A new Missouri Baptist attraction on Lake of the Ozarks is the 1200-acre Wind mere Baptist Assembly, one of the most complete and modern assemblies in the nation. It is near the community of Roach, Mo.

In St. Louis, Convention-goers will want to see Milles Fountain across from Union Station, depicting in bronze sculpture the famous "meeting of the waters"; the Jewel Box in Forest Park, a fairyland of magnificent floral arrangements under glass; internationally-famous Shaw's Garden (2151 Tower Grove), containing the largest collection of plant life in the western hemisphere (its only equal is the Kew Gardens in England); the new \$8 million St. Louis Air Terminal; the St. Louis Zoo (one of the best);

the Jefferson Memorial in Forest Park with its Lindbergh trophies. On the riverfront, attractions include the original "Showboat" and excursions on the world's largest river excursion steamer, the Admiral.

The Convention city is the home of the St. Louis Cardinal baseball team and they play at home the week of the Convention at Busch Stadium, 3623 Dodier St.

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North Carolina Meet
Adopts 3-Year Plan

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GREENSBORO N. C. (BP)--North Carolina Baptists, by a vote of 844 to 639, settled for a substitute, three-year plan to provide more funds for their denominational colleges.

The special May session of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina shelved a committee's proposed \$45 million separate offering plan in favor of one that could provide \$4.6 million through the established Cooperative Program.

The plan adopted is based on a 35 per cent increase for three years which churches will be asked to give through the Cooperative Program. If this goal is reached, advocates pointed out, it would reach the \$4.6 million figure. If giving should exceed the 35 per cent increase, then the colleges would get more than the \$4.6 million.

The increase would represent one of 140 per cent of what North Carolina Baptists now are giving their institutions. The additional income would go 85 per cent to seven colleges and 15 per cent to Baptist student work.

The colleges' share of the convention's regular Cooperative Program budget, expected to exceed \$4 million this year and to make slight gains during the drive, would be unchanged. The alternate plan fixes the increase in the regular budget at 5 per cent each year for the three-year college drive, with college aid to come from an advance or overage.

The substitute was supported by a number of leading pastors in the state, including former Southern Baptist Convention President C. C. Warren of Charlotte. It varied somewhat, however, from the \$3.3 million proposal originally advanced as a substitute by Warren and 50 other ministers.

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Folks and Facts.....

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.....South Carolina Baptist Hospital at Columbia received accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals. This commission represents medical and hospital groups nationwide. The accreditation also applies to the hospital's unit at Easley, S. C. (BP)

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.....An official of The Methodist Board of Evangelism predicted The Methodist Church in the United States will reach 10 million members this year. The last annual count for this denomination was 9,910,741. The Methodist Church is the largest of the Protestant group of denominations in the nation, followed by Southern Baptists with over 9.7 million. (BP)

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