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**Baptist College Starts  
Operation In Memphis**

MEMPHIS (BP)--Memphis Baptist Bible College will begin classes for 100 freshmen Sept. 27 in a local Baptist church, Pete Steelman, pastor of Thrifhaven Baptist Church and spokesman for a group of ministers supporting the institution, said.

Steelman said pastors of at least 60 Southern Baptist churches in four states are interested in the college. They have chosen William Earle Greene, former president of Clarke (Baptist) College of Newton, Miss., as president.

Only classes for freshmen will be offered this year, Steelman said. The college will add one grade a year until it reaches a four-year status. The classes will be in Steelman's church.

Plans for the institution were disclosed only two weeks after the executive committee of Shelby Baptist Association here voted to postpone a three million dollar fund raising campaign for a Baptist college.

Fred Wood, pastor of Eudora Baptist Church and chairman of the association's college committee, said Baptist churches in Memphis were not ready for the financial campaign.

Ralph Moore, superintendent of missions, said Shelby Baptist Association has not endorsed the college in Steelman's church. Actually, it hasn't been consulted yet, he explained.

Bylaws drawn up by the sponsors state the faculty must endorse the articles of faith of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Steelman said Green has the job of securing the faculty and is negotiating with five possible teachers.

H. D. Bruce, former president of East Texas Baptist College at Marshall, has been asked to raise funds for the college in the Memphis area, Steelman said.

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**Group Calls For Policy  
Change In Foreign Aid**

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ATLANTA (BP)--The president of Protestants and Other Americans United (POAU) appealed to the Agency for International Development to change its policy so that U. S. dollars from tax sources would not go to church establishments abroad.

Louie D. Newton of Atlanta, president of the group, said the policy remains to be changed despite withdrawal of an earlier policy statement. The statement advised agency offices that applications from church institutions would be acceptable but was withdrawn on directions from President Kennedy. Newton, a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, issued the following statement:

"All true Americans commend President Kennedy and Director Fowler Hamilton of the Agency for International Development for withdrawing the program policy statement issued by the division. We have no indication that the program itself is being corrected. There will be widespread apprehension and misunderstanding until the program of the international development agency is actually changed to comply with constitutional law.

"It doesn't make sense to use public tax dollars to build church establishments abroad when it is a direct violation of the Constitution to use the public tax dollar this way at home."

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Muskogee Hospital May  
Become City Operated

MUSKOGEE, Okla. (BP)--The board of governors of Oklahoma Baptist Hospital here voted to recommend to the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma that the total hospital facility be given to the City of Muskogee.

The action came after the Muskogee city council passed a resolution asking the Baptist hospital to delay its slated closing of the general hospital. Hospital officials had announced the facility would be converted to a chronic and convalescent hospital.

"We want to assure the citizens of Muskogee we do not want to create a hardship on people who may need medical attention. Consequently, this offer is being extended," said an official statement issued by the governing board.

"The final decision," the statement continued, "will be determined by the convention's Board of Directors. However, it is our feeling the convention will honor this recommendation if the City of Muskogee will accept the offer.

"This move would include the hospital building, equipment, accounts receivable, inventory and all other assets and liabilities. The only requirements would be to assume the operating deficit of approximately \$175,000 and that the facilities be used as a general hospital for a minimum of five years. After, the city could make whatever disposition of the property it desired.

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Etheredge To Direct  
Industrial Chaplaincy

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(Photo to come to Baptist papers)

ATLANTA (BP)--Cecil D. Etheredge of Atlanta was appointed secretary of institutional and industrial chaplaincy by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He will work with the division of chaplaincy, and according to director George W. Cummins of Atlanta, his appointment fills the last vacancy in the division. This is the first time all positions have been filled since organization of the division in 1959.

The other positions include secretaries of hospital chaplaincy and ministries to military personnel. Within the last 18 months the former director of the division retired and two of the staff died.

Etheredge, a native of Marengo County in Alabama and a former pastor in Alabama and Kentucky, has completed his clinical pastoral education at Georgia Baptist Hospital here.

He was educated at Howard College (Baptist) in Birmingham, the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa and at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

His pastorates were at Hodgenville, Ky., and at Wetumpka, Montgomery and Selma, Ala. He served for three years in the Air Force.

Etheredge will work with industry and with correctional institutions, such as prisons, jails, juvenile homes and other institutions except hospitals. He will encourage the use of chaplains in these areas and he will work with chaplains who now serve there.

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Folks and Facts.....

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.....Carl Fields, head of the history and political science department since 1946, has been named acting dean of Georgetown College (Baptist) at Georgetown, Ky. (BP)

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Hawaii Reports 432  
Revival Conversions

HONOLULU (BP)--Hawaii Baptists reported 432 professions of faith in Christ and more than 500 other decisions resulting from their two-week Baptist Jubilee Revivals. Twenty-two churches and five missions took part.

C. Y. Dossey of Dallas, associate in the division of evangelism, Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, led the revival campaigns. Pastors and musicians from 13 mainland states assisted.

At the Waimanalo Mission, which almost cancelled its participation, 15 of the 17 members of the junior choir were converted. All came from Buddhist homes.

Dossey said it was the first time all reports of decisions made were available by the close of the revival services. The 502 other decisions included 161 by transfer of church membership or church letter, 319 rededications and 22 commitments to Christian life service.