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**Illinois Renews Stand
On Church-State Idea**

HERRIN, Ill. (BP)--The Illinois Baptist State Association renewed here its allegiance to separation of church and state and said the principle should be kept consistently before the people.

The resolution it adopted, however, did not mention any current issues in which the principle is involved.

The 1962 session of the association announced its endorsement of Protestants and Other Americans United (POAU) as an agency committed to upholding the principle of separation.

The association, cooperating with the Southern Baptist Convention, adopted a 1963 Cooperative Program goal of \$725,000 with 35 per cent to be shared with SBC agencies. The total statewide budget of \$942,016 includes the children's home and other funds not part of the Cooperative Program.

C. R. Walker, pastor, First Baptist Church, Marion, was reelected president of the association. It voted to meet in 1963 in East St. Louis, Oct. 30-Nov. 1. It will meet in Joliet in 1964.

The size of the board of directors, which carries on the association's work between annual meetings, was increased from 63 to 72 members. It was said the larger membership will give wider representation to churches in rapidly growing pioneer mission areas of Illinois.

The budget provides that a full-time secretary of church music for the association be employed April 1, 1963.

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**Missionary Council
Reelects Hurt Chairman**

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ATLANTA (BP)--The Southern Baptist Missionary Education Council reelected Edward Hurt Jr. of the Convention's Brotherhood Commission in Memphis as its chairman and Miss Ethalee Hamric of the Woman's Missionary Union in Birmingham as vice-chairman.

It named Miss Kate Ellen Gruver of the Home Mission Board here as secretary.

The council, composed of 53 representatives from 14 Convention agencies and 31 resource guests, held its annual three-day meeting here to offer suggestions to Home and Foreign Mission Boards on preparing their graded mission study series.

Hurt, who began his second year as chairman, is director of the Royal Ambassador program for the Brotherhood Commission. Miss Hamric is editor of "Royal Service," and Miss Gruver is book editor for the Home Mission Board.

The group also offered ideas on promotion of the series, background book suggestions, and needed visual aids, and discussed the periodicals of the agencies.

Though most of the council's attention was concentrated on books being prepared for study in 1964, it outlined other books for the years 1965-67.

Annually a total of more than 600,000 books is sold for the foreign missions series studied in November and the home missions series studied in February. The books are graded by ages, including Primary, Junior, Intermediate, Young People and Adult.

The council will meet Oct. 30 through Nov. 1, 1963 at Richmond.

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Church Schools Get
Dormitory Loans

WASHINGTON (BP)--Two Baptist colleges along with 19 other church-related institutions were awarded \$16,603,000 in loans from the Community Facilities Administration during the months of September and October.

John B. Stetson University, a Baptist school in DeLand, Fla., was approved for a \$342,000 loan for the construction of an addition to a women's residence hall.

Ouachita Baptist College in Arkadelphia, Ark., borrowed \$650,000 for the construction of two residence halls.

During the two-month period, Methodist schools led the church-related institutions with seven loans approved. Roman Catholics were second with six loans.

Those with one each included the Friends, Moravian, Lutheran, Church of God, Presbyterian and Church of the Brethren.

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Notice to Editors:

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Following are the names of the temporary officers of the Baptist Unity Committee for your information in connection with the story sent last week.

General chairman: Howard R. Stewart, First Baptist Church, Dover, Del.

Secretary: Hugh E. Ragland, Maysville and Mulberry Grove Baptist Churches, Buckingham, Va.

Treasurer: Elmer F. Ruark, layman, insurance business, Salisbury, Md., former president of the Baptist Convention of Maryland.

Alternate secretary: J. Robert Gallier, educator and minister, Henrico High School, Richmond, Va.

Chairman, subcommittee on relationships with conventions: Leland Higginbotham, Calvary Baptist Church, Towson, Md.

Chairman, subcommittee on questionnaire: Temple W. Bennett, Stukley Hall Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.

Chairman, subcommittee on budget and finance: Elmer F. Brogdon, layman, Bethlehem Steel Co., Bethlehem, Pa.

Chairman, subcommittee on clerical activities: Robert P. Fox, layman, Bethlehem Steel Co., Bethlehem, Pa.

Chairman, subcommittee on publicity: Edwin H. Frey, First Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pa.

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