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NASHVILLE (BP)--The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention elected Floyd A. Craig of Oklahoma City to a recently-created position as director of public relations director for the commission.

Craig, 34, has for the past five years been director of communications for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, with offices in Oklahoma City.

His election to the new position was one of the major business actions of the 34-member commission during its annual meeting here.

The commission also elected as its new chairman Paul M. Lambert, superintendent of missions for the Kansas City Baptist Association, Kansas City, Mo.; named as vice chairman Robert Seymour, pastor, Binkley Memorial Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, N. C.; and elected as recording secretary, John R. Stuckey, pastor, Village Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

Craig will assume the position, created by the commission during its meeting one year ago, effective May 1, 1967.

Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission said Craig's coming will greatly strengthen the commission's total ministry in the field of applied Christianity.

He will be responsible for channeling the commission's emphases on Christian social ethics through the Southern Baptist mass media and to the public in general, for the general promotion of the Biblical concepts of applied Christianity, and for the preparation and promotion of all the agency's literature.

Valentine praised Craig's "proven excellence" in these fields of work, and said the commission "is extremely fortunate to have him join our staff."

Craig is the current vice president of the Baptist Public Relations Association, and was winner of eight top awards for production of outstanding public relations programs during the association's annual meeting in January.

Craig is also vice chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention's public relations advisory committee, president of the Advisory Council between National (Negro) Baptists and the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, and a member of the Public Relations Society of America.

A professional photographer, Craig was director of all photographic coverage for the World Congress on Evangelism in Berlin, Germany last year.

He was assistant director of public relations for Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary before going to the Oklahoma Baptist communications' position.

A native of Oklahoma, Craig is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has done special studies in public relations at the University of Missouri and the University of Chicago.

A former pastor of Baptist churches in Okmulgee and Story, Okla., Craig and his wife have two children.

Name, Office Site For New
Convention Recommended

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. (BP)--The steering committee and the constitution committee set up to help organize a new Baptist convention comprised of four states have recommended a proposed site for the convention headquarters, and a proposed name.

Northern Plains Baptist Convention is the recommended name for the convention, to be comprised of Southern Baptists in Wyoming, Montana, North and South Dakota.

Rapid City, S. D., is the recommended site for the convention headquarters.

Both proposals will be submitted to the organizational meeting of the new Baptist convention when it meets in Rapid City, Nov. 7-9, 1967.

A 13-member steering committee selected by the executive boards of the 13 Southern Baptist-affiliated associations within the four states recommended Rapid City as the location for the headquarters and for the organizational session of the new convention.

A nine-member constitutional committee composed of two representatives from each state and the president of the Colorado Baptist General Convention recommended the Northern Plains Baptist Convention name.

Baptists in the four states involved are currently affiliated with the Colorado Convention, which in November approved plans for organizing the new four-state convention.

Glen E. Braswell, executive secretary of the Colorado Baptist General Convention, explained that the 13-member steering committee was authorized to select a potential site for the convention offices, and that the organization session of the convention would be held in that city on Nov. 7-9, 1967.

In the balloting, the steering committee selected Rapid City, S. D., as the headquarters site over three other proposed locations--Bismark, N. D.; Casper, Wyo.; and Billings, Mont.

Following selection of a site for convention offices, Luther Cox, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Casper, Wyo., was elected chairman of the steering committee.

Braswell explained that the steering committee would give consideration to a proposed mission budget for 1968, and work with Southern Baptist Home Mission Board representatives on a cooperative missions agreement.

Following formal organization of the new four-state convention and election of an executive board, a committee will be appointed to seek an executive secretary and a staff for the new convention.

The steering committee also authorized the Colorado convention staff to plan a state mission program around the theme, "A State Convention," which would outline the purpose of a state convention, how it functions, the proposed Constitution and Bylaws, and proposed budget.

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C O R R E C T I O N

Editors, please correct story mailed March 9, 1967, headlined: "Miller Presented Award for Distinguished Service," so that graph 1, line 2 reads "...the second (not first as sent) executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission." In graph six you may want to add this explanatory sentence; "Miller followed Hugh Alexander Brimm, the first executive secretary of the SBC Christian Life Commission, who served from 1948-52."

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Seminary Given \$2,000
For New Music Library

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FORT WORTH (BP)--A \$2,000 gift has been received by the school of church music at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here from the estate of the late Ann Oldham of Abilene, Tex.

It will be used to establish a library collection of ethnomusicology (the study of native music of peoples of other cultures) as a permanent memorial to Miss Oldham, according to Jack Dean, seminary professor responsible for administering the gift.

The ethnomusicology library, which will include both books and records, will be used in connection with the new music in missions course beginning in the fall taught by T.W. Hunt.

Hunt spent two years in research and has consulted more than 100 missionaries and Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board personnel in preparation for the course. It will include various types of music training programs, the use of mass communications, cultural adaptations and procedures in meeting varying national and local needs and opportunities faced by missionaries.

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