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**More Than 80 Attend
Clinic On Counseling**

NASHVILLE--(BP)--85 persons attended the first Southern Baptist Counseling Clinic held here Oct. 1-2 to explore counseling needs and consider present counseling activities.

It was jointly sponsored by four SBC agencies--the Sunday School Board, Christian Life Commission, Education Commission, and Home Mission Board.

Nearly every Southern Baptist agency was represented. The group also included representatives from 14 colleges, seven hospitals, two state Baptist offices, two Baptist associations, two children's homes, six churches, a state institution, and two city agencies counseling people.

Several Southern Baptist groups discussed what they are now doing in the way of counseling. Robert J. Schmidt, from Morris Harvey College, Charleston, W. Va., was one of the main speakers from outside denominational agencies.

The group decided to meet again next year in Nashville, Sept. 30-Oct. 1 to determine what can be done in counseling and how to do it.

Joe W. Burton, Nashville, editor of Home Life magazine, served as clinic chairman. Henlee Barnette, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, served as chairman of a findings committee.

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**Baptist Hospital In
Memphis Is Honored**

MEMPHIS--(BP)--Baptist Memorial Hospital here has been named "The Hospital of the Month" by MODERN HOSPITAL, a national magazine published in Chicago.

A colored picture on the cover of the October issue of MODERN HOSPITAL spotlights one of the colorful nurses' stations in the new Madison-East Building.

In the article, entitled "New Wing Makes a Good Hospital Better," the editors of the magazine point out that the 13-story Madison-East building "adds new ideas in construction and equipment to the unusual services that have made the hospital famous throughout the area it serves."

The opening of the new building last December brought the hospital's bed capacity to 800 and climaxed 44 years of progressive planning for the care of patients in the area.

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Baylor Offers Course
In Foreign Service

WACO, Tex.--(BP)--A program of studies in foreign service, designed to prepare students for overseas careers in government, missions, commerce, and education will be offered by Baylor University.

The study program is headed by Paul F. Geren, executive vice-president of Baylor, who joined the university staff Sept. 1 following a diplomatic career for the U. S. State Department.

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.....On Oct. 8 Wayland College, Plainview, Tex., dedicated Bessie Fleming Hall, newest residence for young women. Willis J. Ray, Denver, Colo., executive secretary of the Colorado Baptist General Convention and a 1929 graduate of Wayland College, spoke at dedicatory services.

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WHY NOT OBSERVE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM SUNDAY?

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Steadily increasing interest in Reformation Day is a healthy sign. It indicates that our people are waking up to the threatening trends within our own country that might someday breach the wall separating church and state.

I think we do well when we join with our neighbor denominations in celebration of Reformation Day in mass meetings. These festivals of faith have proved effective, and I hope they will continue.

I have been preaching on Reformation Sunday to our people at Druid Hills Church on some text that emphasizes religious liberty, and I believe it is altogether desirable and effective. Many of our people do not attend the community-wide mass meetings on Reformation Day, but that does not mean that they are indifferent to the cause we are trying to serve.

If every pastor in the Southern Baptist Convention would preach a sermon on Sunday morning, Oct. 28, on religious liberty, it would help our people to know what the Bible has to say on this vital issue.

It might become an important day in our denominational calendar, keeping alive a precious doctrine of the founding fathers - "a free church in a free state."

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Miss Primrose Funches, promotion director of American Baptist Seminary, Nashville, presents Victor T. Glass, acting Seminary president, a check for \$23,000 from National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. This represents the Convention's pro-rata share of the 1956-57 budget. The remainder of the budget will come from student fees and lodging and from Southern Baptists' share of \$48,000. This check, sent by National Convention President J. H. Jackson, is the largest single amount given to the school at one time. The 32-year-old institution is jointly operated by National and Southern Baptists. At the present time, there are 24 new students and a total enrollment of 74.

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