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Education Group Elects
Scofield New President

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.--(BP)--Fon H. Scofield, associate secretary for visual education for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, was elected president of the Missionary Education Council, which met here recently.

The Council, a semi-official organization which co-ordinates missionary education activities of Southern Baptist Convention agencies, also elected Miss Mary Christian of the Baptist Sunday School Board, vice-president, and Mrs. Mildred Dunn, editor of Home Missions magazine, secretary.

The Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board outlined their missionary education programs for several years.

The Foreign Board will emphasize southeast Asia in 1958; world evangelism overseas in 1959; Spanish America in 1960, and, tentatively, Europe in 1961.

The Home Board themes will be Christ, church, and race in 1958; in 1959, world evangelism in the U. S. A.; missions in town and country in 1960, and probably heritages and horizons in 1961.

The Missionary Education Council will meet next year in Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 2-4.

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Halwell Accepts Post
With Colorado Baptists

DENVER, Colo.--(BP)--Howard Halsell, former administrative assistant to the Executive secretary of the Arizona Baptist General Convention, has accepted a position as secretary of Sunday school, vacation Bible school, and church architecture with the Colorado Baptist General Convention. He assumes his new duties Feb. 1.

The Colorado convention has 108 churches and operates in the states of Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, North and South Dakota, and Nebraska.

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.....The third annual student missions conference is scheduled at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Feb. 22-23. Sponsored by the seminary's department of missions, it is expected to attract over 400 students from colleges and universities of the South.

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Pastors' Conference
Meeting Site Chosen

ATLANTA--(BP)--The 1957 Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference will meet May 27-28 in the grand ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, according to Conference President James P. Wesberry, of Atlanta.

The session will open at 10:30 A. M. Monday and close at the afternoon session Tuesday. The pastors' conference precedes the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, opening the night of May 28 in Chicago's International Amphitheater.

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Skinner Reveals Plans
To Retire Within Year

LOUISVILLE--(BP)--R. T. Skinner, editor of the Western Recorder, weekly newspaper for Kentucky Baptists, has announced he will retire "within the current denominational year."

He has been editor of the newspaper since Sept. 1, 1946, when he left the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. He was pastor there for 12 years.

Skinner reported that after retirement, he and Mrs. Skinner plan to "go to our home in Florida."

A native of Kentucky, Skinner attended college in Florida and Tennessee. Before his pastorate in Bowling Green, he was pastor of churches in several Tennessee communities and in Birmingham, Ala.

Skinner is the second editor of a state Baptist weekly newspaper to announce retirement in recent weeks. B. H. Duncan, editor of the Arkansas Baptist, retired Jan. 1.

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Southeastern Seminary
Endowed With \$22,000

WAKE FOREST, N. C.--(BP)--Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here has received an endowment of approximately \$22,000 from the will of Miss Vivian Matthews, of Clinton, N. C.

Miss Matthews, a member of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church in Samson County, N. C., directed that the money be held in perpetuity by the trustees of Southeastern Seminary. It will be known as the Vivian Matthews Endowment Fund.

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.....Grace Baptist Church, Covington, Ind., which was constituted Jan. 6, is the first new church to be organized in 1957 in the Illinois Baptist State Association.

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PR Officers Address
Nashville Workshop

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Shirley D. Smith, Memphis, secretary of the Public Relations Society of America, will be one of the guest speakers when the Southern Baptist Public Relations Association annual workshop opens here Feb. 11.

Powell Stamper, Nashville, assistant vice-president in charge of public relations for National Life and Accident Insurance Co., will be another program personality for the workshop.

The association is composed of Southern Baptists serving in public relations, publicity, advertising, radio, film, television and similar occupations.

The Baptist Sunday School Board Building will be meeting place for the two-day workshop.

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Theological Education
Committee Plans Report

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Committee on Theological Education plans to draft its report to the Convention when it meets here Feb. 19-20.

The committee has completed many of the details of transferring control of Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, Ky., from the Woman's Missionary Union of the Convention to the Convention proper.

Committee members also have visited Chicago, Kansas City, and Denver since the 1956 Convention directed them to study possible sites for a sixth Southern Baptist seminary.

W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., is chairman of the committee.

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