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E. Harmon Moore Takes New Office In Indiana

CARBONDALE, Ill.--(BP)--E. Harmon Moore, associate executive secretary of Illinois Baptist State Association here, has accepted the call of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana to become its first executive secretary.

W. W. Rhody, chairman of the executive board of the new Indiana convention, reported the unanimous election of Moore as executive secretary.

Moore's resignation from the Illinois Baptist State Association was effective Dec. 12. In presenting the resignation to the executive committee, Noel M. Taylor, executive secretary of the Illinois association, said, "I present this resignation with mixed emotions. The thought of Brother Moore's leaving Southern Baptist work in Illinois is distressing, but it is encouraging to know that he will be leading our newest state convention of Baptists in the great lakes states."

Indiana Southern Baptists organized their convention in Oct. with 111 churches. There are now 121 churches affiliating in their work. The state offices for the new convention will be located at Plainfield, Indiana. Moore expected to assume his new responsibilities about Jan. 1.

Since Mar. 1, 1952, he has served the Illinois Baptist State Association as secretary of missions. On Feb. 1, 1957, he became associate executive secretary in charge of missions.

A native of Arnett, Okla., Moore is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University. While a student he was president of the university's ministerial alliance and a member of the Baptist Student Union council and the Life Service Band.

He was pastor of the First Baptist Church at Broken Bow, Okla. Following his graduation from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, he came to Illinois as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Granite City. He went from this church to the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Zeigler, Ill., where he was serving when elected secretary of missions.

Mrs. Moore is the former Miss Betsy Ross of Clinton, Mo. They have one son, Tom Edd. Mrs. Moore, also a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, is a kindergarten teacher in Carbondale.

During his years of service with the Illinois Baptist State Association, the missions department, which Moore has headed, has led in constituting 232 new churches and 289 mission stations. As these new churches came into being, the problem of financing building sites and church houses became a pressing one.

Secretary Moore led in introducing the Broadway Bond Plan into Illinois to meet this need. The state association strengthened the plan by assisting the churches through the missions department in setting up their bond issues and guaranteeing their bonds.

Since April, 1956, when the plan was inaugurated, \$2,671,000 in bonds have been issued by the churches.

The new Indiana secretary was one of the first in the Southern Baptist Convention to make an extensive survey of his state locating church-1 ss communities.

Within Illinois, Moore led in the "Big Cities Operation" in Chicago and during 1958 his department directed the expenditure of \$200,000 set aside by

the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for Chicago.

Moore directed the first statewide pioneer missions conference held in the Southern Baptist Convention. Illinois has also had its first statewide rural conference and world missions conference under Moore's direction.

It was through direction of the pioneer missions program that the new secretary of Indiana became familiar with Indiana Baptists. Since 1953, 66 new Southern Baptist churches and four district associations have been organized in Indiana through the missions department of the Illinois Baptist State Association.

Indiana churches, prior to the new convention, were affiliated either with Illinois association or with General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

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Educators Seeking
Cornett's Successor

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The administrative committee of the Southern Baptist Education Commission has accepted the resignation of R. Orin Cornett as executive secretary and set up a nominating committee to find his successor.

Ralph A. Phelps Jr., president of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Ark., is Commission chairman.

Meeting to act for the whole Commission on the resignation which Cornett tendered upon his selection for a position in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in Washington, the committee "reluctantly agreed to release Dr. Cornett and expressed deep appreciation for the outstanding job which he has done as secretary."

The resignation is effective Jan. 31, the date that marks the end of Cornett's eighth year as secretary. He has been the Commission's first full-time secretary.

Five members of the Commission were named to serve as a nominating committee. They are: G. Earl Guin, Pineville, La., chairman; Warren F. Jones, Jackson, Tenn.; J. A. Barry, Hartsville, S. C.; W. Forbes Yarbrough, Shawnee, Okla., and W. A. Carleton, Berkeley, Calif.

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Text Of Resolution
On R. Orin Cornett

WHEREAS, Dr. R. Orin Cornett for the past eight years has rendered an outstanding service as Executive Secretary of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cornett has in many ways advanced the work of our educational institutions individually and the cause of Christian education generally, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cornett has submitted his resignation to our Commission because he feels led to accept another position of responsibility in the field of higher education; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Education Commission does reluctantly accept Dr. Cornett's resignation, does express sincere appreciation for his outstanding work with us, and does wish God's continued blessings upon him as he goes to his new place of responsibility.

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Rural Church Pastor's
Role Said Changing

NASHVILLE--(BP)--"The rural church has changed, as has the pastor's role; and it is caused by the changing times, the changing people, and the changing

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church."

Lee Gallman, Jackson, Miss, director of seminary extension department for Southern Baptist Convention Seminaries, and speaking to the Promotion Conference of the Southern Baptist Convention here, continued, "The changing times include communications, transportation, new and different communities, education, and the change to a centralized government which has brought us to the door of socialism."

Gallman stated that people are better informed generally, but are illiterate about the Bible. They are older, well traveled, more secular; they are more religious, but less Christian.

In discussing the changing church, he said, "There is a tendency toward sameness, and the local church fears censure from the denomination. To find out what Baptists believe, you don't ask Baptists, but you read denominational literature."

Churches are going from quarter-time to full-time, they are more fully organized, and they are working toward a success formula, he stated. The churches feel that they just succeed, and they are following a how-to-do-it formula. Members expect their pastors to do much more, like a pastor-director, he added.

Gallman concluded, "It's a changed role for the pastor of the smaller church--if he expects to keep his place of leadership, he must learn and grow. Acceptance of a man does not depend on the size of his church, but on him as an individual."

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Folks and facts

Sterling L. Price, pastor, University Baptist Church, Abilene, Tex., has accepted a call to become pastor of Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo. He succeeds Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, who retired and now lives in Berkeley, Calif. Price is a former president of the Pastors' Conference of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Net Enrolment Total
Shows Gain of 1,000

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Net enrolments at Southern Baptist Convention seminaries and at Baptist-related colleges and universities totalled over 37,000 as of Oct. 1, the office of the Convention's Education Commission here announced.

This was a gain of about 1,000 over the previous Oct. 1 report.

Net enrolment total for seminaries decreased slightly. The total a year ago was 5,118. It was 4,976 on last Oct. 1.

On the other hand, enrolment showed a slight increase at colleges and universities. Total net figures as of last Oct. 1 were 32,136 compared with 30,830 a year ago.

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