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Nashville, Tennessee---The Southern Baptist Convention faced four changes in the administrative leadership of its agencies as 1959 rolled around. Norman W. Cox of Nashville is retiring as executive secretary of the Convention's Historical Commission and Frank Tripp is retiring as executive secretary of the Hospital Commission. H. Leo Eddleman was to assume presidency of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, succeeding Roland Q. Leavell, retired. R. Orin Cornett resigned the executive secretaryship of the Education Commission to accept a high government educational position.

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Louisville, Kentucky---A committee of Southern Baptist Convention presidents has been appointed to inquire into "current difficulties" at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here. The "difficulties" stem from dismissal of 13 seminary professors (one of whom was later reinstated) last June 12 by seminary trustees. The dismissal was followed by an investigation of the seminary by the American Association of Theological Schools, which presented a report critical of the seminary's administrative policy in the dismissal. Seminary trustees requested the special committee study. Members of the committee include Brooks Hays, current Convention president, and former presidents J. D. Grey, R. G. Lee, J. W. Storer, C. C. Warren, and Louie D. Newton.

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Washington---Hundreds of persons attended a dinner here honoring Brooks Hays who will be absent from the halls of United States Congress this year after 16 years in the House of Representatives. Hays was defeated by constituents in Little Rock, Arkansas, in November. Hays, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, received praise from Evangelist Billy Graham, past president Clarence W. Cranford of the American Baptist Convention, and Senator Mike Monroney of Oklahoma. Other national political leaders, both Republican and Democrat, telegraphed tributes to Hays. Hays, an attorney, has not disclosed his future plans.

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Nashville, Tennessee---The Southern Baptist Convention will be asked to approve a record-breaking, \$18,500,000 budget for 1960 for its agencies and operation. This is a million dollars more than the present year's budget. Over \$7 million would be allocated the Foreign Mission Board for operations and capital expansion.

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Indianapolis, Indiana---The new State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, organized only a few months ago as the 26th state convention within the Southern Baptist Convention, has called an executive secretary to lead it. He is E. Harmon Moore, who resigned the position of associate executive secretary of the state Baptist association in neighboring Illinois, to accept the office.

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St. Louis, Missouri---A pastor has been called by Third Baptist Church of St. Louis, the church of which C. Oscar Johnson was pastor until his retirement last year. The church's new pastor is Sterling L. Price, formerly pastor of University Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas. Johnson, a former president of the Baptist World Alliance, is now living in Berkeley, California.

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Wingate, North Carolina---A series of 13 lectures at Wingate College here is designed to acquaint the faculty and students of the junior college with the history of Christianity, the special beliefs and doctrines of Baptists, and way in which Baptists do their work.