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SIXTH BAPTIST SEMINARY
TO BE NAMED MIDWESTERN

127 Ninth Avenue, North — Nashville, Tennessee

KANSAS CITY, Mo.--(BP)-- Trustees of Southern Baptists' sixth seminary-to-be have voted to name the new institution Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Meeting in Kansas City shortly after the 1957 Southern Baptist Convention voted to locate the seminary here, they elected H. I. Hester of nearby Liberty, Mo., as president of the trustees.

Hester is vice-president of William Jewell College, supported by Missouri Baptists.

Robert Humphreys, Owensboro, Ky., minister is chairman of a committee to nominate a president of the new seminary. Due to previous financial commitments of the Convention, it will be at least two years before the seminary construction can start.

The Southern Baptist Convention voted to appropriate \$2 million for construction in a five-year period starting in 1959. No funds have yet been designated for operating expenses.

Midwestern Seminary will be limited to courses in theology.

Conrad Willard, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Kansas City, is chairman of the executive committee of Midwestern's trustees. Serving with him on the executive committee are Earl Harding, executive secretary, Missouri Baptist General Association; Malcom B. Knight, Jacksonville, Fla., minister; Claybron Deering, Oklahoma City minister, and W. Barry Garrett, editor of the Arizona Baptist Beacon.

Other officers of the trustees are Garrett, first vice-president; Knight, second vice-president; W. Ross Edwards, Kansas City pastor, recording secretary, and Joe Hurst, Kansas City, treasurer.

Other action of the Midwestern trustees:

1. Paved the way for incorporating the seminary under the laws of Missouri, with the officers having authority to sign the necessary documents.
2. Instructed the executive committee of the trustees to study a set of proposed articles of faith (or statement of principles) to guide the new seminary, and to recommend them to the full board later on.

While meeting in Kansas City, the trustees visited and surveyed the proposed site for the seminary. Owners of 32 acres of land within 15 minutes' travel time of downtown Kansas City have offered to sell for seminary use.

Baptist Historians To
Discuss Historical Map

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Development of a map showing Southern Baptist Convention historical sites and discussion of the forthcoming Encyclopedia of Southern Baptist will be matters on the agenda of Baptist historians gathering here July 16-18.

The occasion is the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission and its affiliated organization, the Southern Baptist Historical Society.

Also on the agenda of the groups are elections of their new officers.

Norman W. Cox, Nashville, executive secretary of the Historical Commission, reported that Baptists in a number of states are developing maps of Baptist points of interest. These, he said, will ultimately be combined "into one large map."

The maps will be used by Southern Baptists taking historical tours and pilgrimages, he said. A tour last year of sites of Oklahoma Baptist history attracted 300 persons and lasted two days, according to Cox.

The Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists is now in process of publication and should be ready for sale in January. Pre-publication orders were received during the recent Southern Baptist Convention session at Chicago.

Broadman Press, publishing wing of the Baptist Sunday School Board, is in charge of publication. Cox directed a large group of writers and editors in gathering and preparing monographs and illustrations.

A discussion during the Historical Commission meeting will be led by those who have been responsible for production and publication of the encyclopedia.

There will be two other panel discussions, one on the "logical development of the evangelical reformation" and the other on John Leland, 19th century Baptist minister who helped lead the movement for religious liberty in America.

Richard N. Owen, Nashville, editor of the Baptist and Reflector, Tennessee Baptist weekly newspaper, is chairman of the Historical Commission. Bailey F. Davis, pastor, First Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky., is president of the Southern Baptist Historical Society.

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.....Enrollment at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has exceeded the 1000 mark for the first time in the 40-year history of the institution.

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.....J. Winston Pearce, pastor of Seventh Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md., has resigned to accept pastorate of First Baptist Church, DeLand, Fla.

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Clem Joins Staff Of
Tex. Baptist Standard

DALLAS--(BP)--Orbie R. Clem, well-known in denominational circles, has joined the staff of the Baptist Standard here as editorial assistant. The Standard, Texas Baptist weekly, is largest of two dozen state Baptist papers.

Clem is a former pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas. It was during that time that he became editor of the new Kansas Baptist paper, Baptist Beams (now the Kansas Baptist Digest). In more recent years, he had engaged in full-time evangelistic work.

Clem's joining the Standard staff is a case of "turnabout." Joe Novak, new editor of the Kansas Baptist Digest, was an editorial assistant with the Standard before moving to Kansas.

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Enid, Okla., Site For
Student Nurses' Home

ENID, OKLA--(BP)--Ground was broken here June 16 for a student nurses' home and training center at Enid General hospital.

The two-story brick nurses' home, expected to cost between \$130,000 and \$150,000, will be across Market St. north of the hospital.

The building will provide space for 50 student nurses. It is the only nurses' school in northwestern Oklahoma.

The Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma has owned and operated the hospital since receiving it as a gift in October, 1953.

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Miss Plowden Named New
Hawaii Baptist Editor

HONOLULU, Hawaii--(BP)--Miss Hannah Plowden has been elected new editor of the monthly Hawaii Baptist, publication of the Hawaii Baptist Convention.

Miss Plowden, who is director of the Hawaii convention's religious education department, succeeds David W. Petherbridge, editor for the last 4 1/2 years.

Petherbridge also served as pastor of Waikiki Baptist Church. He has since accepted a call to be pastor of Kaumana Drive Baptist Church in Hilo.

Southern Baptist work in Hawaii is under leadership of the Foreign Mission Board.

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'Atomic City' Church
Has Tenth Birthday

RICHLAND, Wash.--(BP)--Richland Baptist Church, established here by a group of Southern Baptists working at the atomic energy plant, celebrated its 10th anniversary recently.

Pastor Emery Collins reported 1100 persons in attendance Anniversary Sunday in the Richland church and the nine other churches to which it has given sponsorship in the area.

The parent church now occupies an auditorium seating 850, completed in 1954 at a cost of \$220,000.

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Kentucky Offices Move
To Site In Middletown

LOUISVILLE--(BP)--All offices of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky now located at 127 E. Broadway, Louisville, moved to the new Kentucky Baptist Building on Shelbyville Rd., one-half mile west of Middletown, Ky., June 21.

The new mailing address for the state Baptist offices is Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, Ky.

The move include offices of W. C. Boone, general secretary-treasurer of the General Association; the 12 departments of the Kentucky Baptist executive board (sometimes referred to as the Baptist state mission board); the Kentucky Baptist Woman's Missionary Union; and the editorial offices and print shop of the Western Recorder, state Baptist weekly.

The offices of Long Run Association of Baptist (covers Louisville area), also located at 127 E. Broadway, moved to Commonwealth Bldg., Fourth and Broadway.

Dedication services will be held July 1 at the Middletown building.

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Lloyd Wright Is New
Press Man For Texas

DALLAS--(BP)--Lloyd Wright, a University of Texas graduate student from Knox City, Tex., will be press representative ;for the public relations department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

He is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, and will receive a master's degree in journalism in August.

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Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex.---Honorary doctorates to Joseph E. Burnam, retired professor at Hardin-Simmons; Charles McLaughlin, superintendent of missions, Tarrant Baptist Association, Fort Worth, and John Rasco, pastor, First Baptist Church, Odessa, Tex.

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University of Richmond, Richmond, Va.---Honorary doctor's degrees to Menter P. German, pastor, Bethany Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.; Richard S. Grizzard, pastor, First Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va.; Dr. Henry W. Decker, Richmond, Va., physician; John A. Cutchins, Richmond attorney, and Curtis V. Bishop, president of Averett College, Danville, Va.

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.....Inspirational speakers for the 38th annual Falls Creek Baptist Assembly, near Davis, Okla., this summer include Albert McClellan, director of publications for the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, Nashville; E. H. Westmoreland, Houston, Tex., minister, and Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond.

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