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Groups To Study Time  
Program For Convention

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Special committees of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee have been appointed to study business matters brought before the semi-annual session of the Executive Committee here.

In each case, the committee will make its study and report to the next semi-annual session of the Executive Committee here in December.

A committee of three will study the matter of setting a permanent policy on morning, afternoon, and evening sessions of the annual Southern Baptist Convention. It will also study ways in which the Convention can make a "real spiritual impact" on cities in which it convenes.

Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, is chairman. Serving with him are C. Vaughan Rock, Phoenix, Ariz., and Harold W. Seever, Mobile, Ala.

Another committee of three members will study a proposal that the Convention have a continuing Committee on Order of Business to draft its annual program. The proposal is that the Committee on Order of Business have nine members, three changing each year. At present a completely new Order of Business committee is elected each year.

Charles C. Bowles, pastor of Hunter St. Baptist Church, Birmingham, is chairman of this committee. The other two members are W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, Miss., and J. Melvin Ray, Carlsbad, N. M.

Five members will serve on a committee to study a proposal that chairmen of standing committees of the Executive Committee be limited to two years' service. The committee will also study a motion that members of the Executive Committee "be distributed as equally as possible among (its) standing committees" by states.

G. Allen West, pastor, Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville, is chairman. Other members are J. Ralph Grant, Lubbock, Tex.; T. K. Rucker, Forrest City, Ark.; Carr P. Collins, Dallas; and John A. Jones, Macon, Ga.

Invitations For 1961  
Convention Due Dec. 1

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Cities which want to be host to the 1961 session of the Southern Baptist Convention should present their invitations in writing to the convention arrangements committee by Dec. 1, 1957.

Invitations may be addressed to the convention arrangements committee, Southern Baptist Executive Committee, 127 Ninth Ave. No., Nashville.

The Convention has selected its sites for 1958, '59, and '60. They are Houston; Louisville, Ky., and Miami Beach in that order.

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Midwestern Seminary  
Seeks Money For '58

KANSAS CITY, Mo.--(BP)--Midwestern Baptist Seminary, looking forward to possible opening in the fall of 1958, asked the Southern Baptist Executive Committee to consider ways and means of financing the school if it could open then.

The Executive Committee, in session in Nashville, turned the matter over to Executive Secretary Porter Routh and to Kendall Berry, Blytheville, Ark., layman who is chairman of its finance committee. They will report back to the Executive Committee when it meets again in December.

Previous commitments have been made to the five existing Southern Baptist seminaries through 1958. The Southern Baptist Convention voted \$2 million in capital funds (construction money) for the new seminary here when the new, 5-year capital needs budget became effective in 1959.

The Executive Committee also approved the use of up to \$10,000 from the Convention's 1957 operating budget to meet the expenses of the seminary trustees. The trustees are presently considering purchase of property on which to build. They also have a nominating committee seeking a president for the new seminary.

Location of the seminary in Kansas City, Mo., was approved by the 1957 session of the Southern Baptist Convention. The new trustees met recently to organize and selected a name for the institution.

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Porter Routh Going  
To Zurich For Meeting

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Executive Committee has voted to send its executive secretary, Porter Routh of Nashville, to Zurich, Switzerland next summer. Routh will attend a meeting of the executive committee of the Baptist World Alliance.

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Radio, TV Commission  
Uses Funds For Films

FORT WORTH--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission is planning to spend \$100,000 from its capital needs budget to produce TV films next year.

Director Paul Stevens secured approval of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee for the budgetary transfer. The Commission has its offices here.

The Radio and TV Commission is in its third year of production of 30-minute color and black-and-white television films based on the parables of Jesus. The parables are cast in modern settings and have been widely telecast.

The \$100,000 will be used to continue this series of productions.

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Spurlin Continues As  
Seminary Board Member

NASHVILLE--(BP)--J. T. Spurlin, Pembroke, Ky., minister will continue to serve as a member of the Southern Baptist Commission on American Baptist Seminary.

Carl W. Hunter, of Jellico, Tenn., had been appointed to membership on the American Seminary Commission during the recent session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

However it was reported to the Southern Baptist Executive Committee here that Spurlin was still qualified to serve as Commission member and that there was no vacancy for Hunter to fill.

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Arkansan New Member  
Of Foundation Board

NASHVILLE--(BP)--W. C. Blewster of Magnolia, Ark., has been appointed to membership on the board of the Southern Baptist Foundation. He will represent the Southern Baptist Relief and Annuity Board.

Blewster, appointed by the Convention's Executive Committee, will serve until such time as he can be elected by the Convention. The appointment covers a post inadvertently left vacant when the Convention recently elected new members to its various agencies.

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Education Commission  
Elects OBU Teacher

NASHVILLE--(BP)--W. Forbes Yarborough, professor of religious education at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla., is the new chairman of the Southern Baptist Education Commission.

He succeeds Evan A. Reiff, president of Hardin Simmons University, Abilene, Tex.

Also elected to office are Ralph A. Phelps, president of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Ark., vice-chairman, and George J. Thornton, Kosciusko, Miss., attorney, recording secretary.

Orin Cornett, Nashville, is executive secretary.

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Judson College Head  
Association President

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The Southern Association of Baptist Colleges and Schools has elected J. I. Riddle, president of Judson College, Marion, Ala., its president.

The Association is composed of administrators from the more than 60 Southern Baptist-related senior and junior colleges, seminaries, and other educational institutions.

Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, is the Association's new vice-president. H. I. Hester was re-elected recording secretary. Hester is vice-president of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

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Committee To Seek  
Carver Head Named

LOUISVILLE--(BP)--John P. Sandidge, Louisville attorney who is new chairman of the trustees of Carver School of Missions and Social Work here, has announced members of a committee to seek a new Carver School president.

Miss Emily K. Lansdell announced her intention to step down from the presidency at a recent trustees meeting. She has been president of Carver since 1951 and will continue to serve while a successor is being sought.

Mrs. George R. Martin, Norfolk, Va., a former president of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, is chairman of the special committee.

Other members are Nathan C. Brooks, Pensacola, Fla.; Mrs. Harry P. Clause, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Earl Hartley, Clovis, N. M.; Mrs. E. M. Nuckols, Louisville; J. C. Murphy, Ruston, La.; Frederick G. Schlafer, Birmingham, and Tom Wiles, Lawton, Okla.

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