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College-Seminary Ties
Studied By Educators

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The Southern Association of Baptist Colleges and Schools, meeting recently in Nashville, turned its attention to relationships between the denomination's colleges and its seminaries.

The Association's membership includes leaders from both types of institutions.

It set up a five-man committee to study two phases of the relationship:

(1) how to minimize the overlapping of courses offered by colleges and by seminaries, and (2) what course work a college student should have to prepare for further study in a seminary in theology, religious education, or church music.

The Association also dealt with the question of whether persons entering church-related vocations other than the ministry should be ordained. If they were to be ordained as are ministers, the college leaders wondered what concessions in the way of financial aid should be made to these students.

The educators will give this matter further study as well as that of how to provide financial aid to students committed to church-related vocations. The Association discovered there is a wide variation in the financial aid policy of colleges toward these students and began a study toward making such aid more nearly uniform.

The new Forward Program of Church Finance of Southern Baptists was endorsed in a resolution adopted by the Association. It will seek ways to implement the Forward Program in working with college students.

Recognizing a shortage of teachers in the more than 60 Southern Baptist-related educational institutions, the Association declared that the Southern Baptist Education Commission should have a full-time teacher placement officer.

(The Education Commission, meeting the same dates in Nashville, took note of the Association's request for a full-time teacher placement officer. The Commission voted to employ such an officer at some future date when the budget of the Commission permits.)

\$200,000 To Help New
Chicago Church Growth

CHICAGO--(BP)--The \$200,000 allocated by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board for extension here will be used to develop churches and missions in population areas ringing this city of over 5 million residents.

Noel M. Taylor, executive secretary of the Illinois Baptist State Association, said the program of advance will get under way in Chicago this fall according to current plans.

The funds will come from the "big cities" program recently devised by the Home Mission Board. The money used in Chicago will pay the salaries of mission pastors who form new churches and will help acquire property for new churches.

It will be administered through the Illinois Association's missions department. E. Harmon Moore, of Carbondale, is associate executive secretary of the Association and its director of missions.

The plan for new church work does not include starting new churches in the downtown or "old city" section of Chicago. Rather the strategy will be to locate new work in expanding areas surrounding the "old city". This, Taylor said, will enable people moving into the Chicago metropolitan area in the next 10 years "to find flourishing Southern Baptist churches in these communities."

The "big cities" program will be centered in Chicago for only one year. The Home Mission Board is considering allocations for extension in San Francisco, Denver, Baltimore, and Cincinnati, Taylor reported.

Surveys will be conducted to determine where new churches are needed.

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McLemore New President
Of Mississippi College

CLINTON, Miss.--(BP)--Mississippi College trustees have elected R. A. McLemore, present dean of Mississippi Southern College at Hattiesburg, to succeed retiring President Dotson M. Nelson.

McLemore will become acting president Aug. 1 and president Sept. 1.

The new Mississippi College administrative head was born in Mississippi, and has degrees from Mississippi College, Peabody College, and Vanderbilt University.

An active Baptist layman, McLemore serves as a deacon in Hattiesburg's First Baptist Church. He has been on the Mississippi Southern faculty since 1938 and became dean in 1954.

His educational experience also includes three years teaching at Alabama Baptists' senior college for women--Judson College at Marion, Ala.

The retiring president, Nelson, has been in that office for a quarter-century.

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List Of All Services
To Churches Requested

NASHVILLE--(BP)--A Southern Baptist committee has asked that a list be published of all services the denomination has available to churches and individuals.

This would be in the form of a manual or an index in an already existing publication.

The promotion committee of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee further asked for studies in several fields:

1. Expansion of the Baptist Press, denominational news agency, "into a coordinated and comprehensive news agency representing all areas of Baptist activity."
2. Use of direct mail programs in denominational promotion work.
3. Getting more churches and associations of churches to underwrite the cost of local newspaper advertisements telling what Baptists believe. Such a series of advertisements has been prepared and is available at a nominal charge.
4. Recognitions that the denomination can make for achievements in journalism and related fields.
5. Continuous surveys of the effectiveness of church and denominational promotion activities.

These studies would be undertaken by a public relations advisory organization of the denomination and report on their findings would be made to the promotion committee next December.

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.....F. Stanley Hardee, Jr., pastor of Lydia Baptist Church, Clinton, S. C., will become the pastor of First Baptist Church, Thomasville, N.C., on Nov. 6, 1957, the day after the church's present pastor, Chas. F. Leek, completes his ministry.

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.....A. L. Aycock, associate professor of English at Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, N. C., has been named the college's first director of admissions.

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Wake Forest President
Plans Far East Travel

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.--(BP)--President Harold W. Tribble of Wake Forest College leaves here July 5 for a seven-week tour of the Far East.

His visit may project the local Baptist college further into the area of international education.

Tribble's tour is made possible by the China Medical Board, a project of the Rockefeller Foundation, which furnished a grant.

The tour, Tribble hopes, will accomplish two main purposes. The first is to consider an advisory relationship between Wake Forest College and the medical school in Saigon, South Vietnam.

The Bowman-Gray Medical School in Winston-Salem is a part of Wake Forest College.

The second aim of the trip to the Orient will be to find ways in which Wake Forest might assist "promising students" from Oriental countries who would like to attend Wake Forest.

Tribble stressed that any relationship with the Asiatic medical school is "all in advisory and preliminary stage at this point."

He plans to visit a dozen cities in which the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has schools. "An increasing number of students in the Far East are interested in attending our Baptist schools," he pointed out.