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'Sample' Loyalty Meal
At Clinic On Finance

CARBONDALE, Ill.--(BP)--A "sample" church loyalty dinner was given during the Illinois Baptist Church Finance Clinic attended by 100 persons here recently.

The church loyalty dinner is one of the activities recommended for churches using the new Forward Program of Church Finance of Southern Baptists.

It was the first time one of the loyalty dinners had been included in a state-wide clinic demonstrating use of the program. The meal was held in Walnut St. Baptist Church complete with fried chicken and apple pie.

Churches hold the loyalty dinner during their church fund-raising programs to rally support for their financial objectives.

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Governor, Congressmen
To Address Conference

OKLAHOMA CITY--(BP)--Three Baptist laymen holding state and national political offices are among speakers who will address the first National Conference of Southern Baptist Men here Sept. 18-20.

The Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, conference sponsor, is striving to have from 8000 to 10,000 men in attendance.

The laymen are Rep. Brooks Hays (D., Ark.), president of the Southern Baptist Convention, who will speak at the closing session; Gov. Raymond Gary of Oklahoma, who will welcome the men to the Sooner state, and Rep. Eugene Siler (R., Ky.), who will respond to the welcome.

"Free Men through the Ages," the theme of the conference, describes one of its chief objectives. That will be to make the men, both laymen and pastors, aware of the emphasis on personal religious liberty Baptists have held throughout their history.

Another objective of the conference, according to George W. Schroeder, Memphis, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, will be to direct the men's attention to their world mission responsibility. 1957 is being observed as World Missions Year by Southern Baptists.

The Brotherhood, like the host state of Oklahoma, is observing its 50th anniversary this year. Sessions of the conference will be in Oklahoma City's municipal auditorium.

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MEN STRIVE FOR LARGEST GATHERING IN HISTORY
By George W. Schroeder, Memphis, Tenn.
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If attendance goals are reached, the first National Conference of Southern Baptist Men will undoubtedly be one of the largest meetings of Christian men in history.

The conference has a goal of from 8000 to 10,000 laymen and pastors for its three days in Oklahoma City Sept. 18-20.

The conference will be significant in at least three other ways:

1. It will be the first time that the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission has attempted to conduct such a gathering of Southern Baptist men.
2. For the first time, men from every section of the Southern Baptist Convention will have the privilege of meeting together to gain more information about their denomination.
3. It will be an opportunity for these thousands of men to think, pray, and plan together how they share Christ with the world.

Each man who attends the conference will be able to look back on his experience as one of the highlights of his Christian life.

The theme chosen for the conference is "Free Men Through The Ages." The idea behind the theme is to help the men see and understand the contributions that Baptists have made through the centuries in this matter of freedom of worship, freedom of conscience, and freedom of man to govern himself.

When the men return to their homes and churches, they will have a clearer conception of what it cost our forefathers to stand for their convictions about this freedom. They will know what their attitude should be about preserving this heritage.

The program prepared for this national conference should appeal to every man, whether he belongs to the largest or smallest church. The program will have a world mission emphasis since Southern Baptists are observing World Mission Year during 1957.

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This meeting is for both pastors and laymen. Pastors should encourage laymen to attend. In turn, laymen should encourage their pastors to attend. Pastors and laymen sitting together can understand how the work of our Lord depends upon their combined efforts.

If the thousands of men who gather in Oklahoma City can catch something of the challenge and the need of taking Christ to the world, then this meeting can well prove to be one of the turning points in the history of Christianity.

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.....M. W. Gordon, Jr., prominent Marion, N. C., businessman, has been named business manager at Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, N. C.

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.....George C. Herndon, former United States Navy chaplain and college professor, has been named associate registrar at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

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.....Miss Marjean Patterson, of Atlanta, Ga., recent graduate of Carver School of Missions and Social Work, will be the first full-time Y. W. A. director in Mississippi Baptist Convention history, according to Miss Edwina Robinson, state W. M. U. executive secretary.

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.....Mrs. Collins Webb has accepted the call of Kansas Woman's Missionary Union to serve as their executive-secretary. She is the husband of Collins Webb, pastor of Pershing Ave. Baptist church, Wichita.

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