

# BAPTIST SEMINARY EXTENSION COURSE TO RUN 36 WEEKS

AN EXTENSION UNIT of the American Baptist Theological Seminary will begin operations in Las Vegas during the week of Sept. 19 according to the Rev. I. W. Wilson, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church. The unit is being organized, promoted and directed by officials of the ABTS Department of Seminary Extension in cooperation with a committee of local Baptist clergy and laymen. Classes in Bible Study and Christian Education will be held every week for 36 weeks.

Basic purpose of the program is to provide an opportunity for systematic study by ministers, pastors and other Christian leaders, many of whom entered the ministry with little or no opportunity for academic training, and who, for obvious reasons, cannot attend college or theological school.

It is the further purpose of this adult educational program to extend some of the opportunities of the Seminary, based in Nashville, Tenn., to every section of the country so that those who desire to continue their theological and Christian Education training may be able to do so.

Certificate courses are open to all ministers and Christian workers, men or women, without restriction as to age or previous academic training. Minimum requirements for the Diploma in Theology curriculum are an A.B. or B.S. degree from an accredited institution to teach English, and a teacher must have one accredited degree above an A.B. or B.S. degree to teach theological, Christian educational or related courses.

IN ORDER TO QUALIFY for a Certificate in Christian Training, each student is required to satisfactorily complete two years (eight courses) in English and forty designated study course books in Bible, Worship, Teaching, Sunday School Work, Baptist Training Union Work, Evangelism, Missions, Church Finance, Women's Missionary Work, Laymen's Movement, Church Music, Church Recreation, Doctrine, Church Membership and Christian Life. The courses cover four years of study.

In order to qualify for a Diploma in Theology, a student must have completed elementary school as a prerequisite, then satisfactorily complete two liberal arts courses (English) and thirteen theological and Christian educational courses over a period of five years.

All extension units operate as financially independent entities. With the exception of a \$5 enrollment fee for each student charged by the Seminary to set up individual files, the local extension unit sets its own fees. A unit is not permitted to charge more than \$1 per week per student, or a total of \$18 for each of two 18-week semesters.

FINAL EXAMINATIONS are denied all persons who have not met all financial obligations to the unit by the end of the first nine weeks of each course and at the end of the 18-week semester. The budget for the operation of each unit is arranged by the unit dean and his local committee.

Names and addresses of all prospective candidates for May or June graduation must be in the Seminary Director's office before the first Monday in April. This information must

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**DISPLAY TROPHY** -- Displaying trophy awarded Kit Carson School girls drill team for first place in elementary division of recent Henderson Industrial Days Parade are team members (front from left) Freddie Blackwell, Sherrie Herbert and Hermina Wright. Rear are Kit Carson principal H. P. Fitzgerald (left) and Janice House, faculty member who directs team with colleague Sylvia Fish. Team will appear today (May 13) in Helldorado Young Timers parade in downtown Las Vegas.

be typed and double checked for correct spelling of names as they will appear on diplomas and certificates. No changes will be accepted after receipt of the official roster.

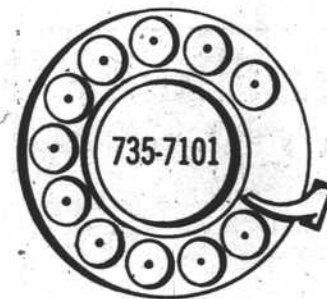
Extension units are encouraged to have their commencement exercises as part of the Seminary's commencement on the campus in Nashville, Tenn., with awards being made by the Seminary president. When this is impossible, commencement exercises may be conducted in the local community. Graduation fees are \$10 for the Diploma in Theology and \$5 for the Certificate in Christian Training.

Additional information on the Las Vegas unit may be obtained from the Rev. Wilson, who is helping to organize the local project with Seminary Extension Director Joe Conley.

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