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Valley Forge Chapel Depends On Donor

VALLEY FORGE, Pa.--(BP)--If someone furnishes \$250,000 for its construction, American Baptists will build a chapel at site of their centralized Convention Headquarters: being erected here.

The chapel is not a part of the presently authorized building program but it has been diagramed in the plans in case a donor comes forward.

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Carolina Committee Speaks Out On Issue

(9-22-60)

RALEIGH, N. C.--(BP)--The public affairs committee of North Carolina Baptists is "encouraged" by renewed interest in religious liberty but "regrets" statements which appeal to prejudices.

Although it did not mention a candidate by name, the committee draft was apparently referring to the so-called "religious issue" in the current campaign for Presidency of the United States.

The committee, a part of the Baptist state convention, lauded the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington for "the constant study and the active concern which that committee is engaged upon in our nation's Capital."

It said, however, that prejudice-appealing statements--some of which are being made by Baptists--are "slanderous" and represent a spirit "contrary to the genius of our Baptist faith and practice, an embarrassment to a Baptist people characterized throughout their history by the spirit of toleration, of informed judgements and fair play."

The committee stated its encouragement at "the frequent and emphatic reaffirmation which is being expressed by many quarters of our country of that elemental constitutional guarantee of the separation of church and state."

The Baptist Joint Committee, which it commended, serves six Baptist bodies, one of which is the Southern Baptist Convention. It has helped to analyze action in Congress and in the election campaign pertaining to religious liberty and the separation of church and state.

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Library Circulates Newest Acquisition

(9-22-60)

NEW ORLEANS--(BP)--The library of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here, which checks out 400 to 500 books a day, is circulating its newest acquisition. It's air conditioning.

The first academic building constructed on the campus, the library became completely air-conditioned when a New Orleans firm installed a \$26,900 unit.

It came a little too late for students who sweltered through the summer getting up assignments, but should give them something to look forward to next summer.

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Campbell Structure
Accents Senior Move

BUIES CREEK, N. C.--(BP)--Campbell College here, moving up to senior college status, announced plans for a new science building to be ready for the college's first senior class in 1962.

Raleigh, N. C., architects are drafting construction plans.

Several Baptist junior colleges in the state are considering the move to four-year standing following a policy decision by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina last year.

A survey committee proposed that Mars Hill College at Mars Hill, Wingate College at Wingate, and Campbell College here could request a change in junior college status "as soon as it seems desirable and possible to do so."

Meantime, other moves are going on to raise the endowment and capital improvement funds needed for accreditation as a senior college.

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Folks & facts.....

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Edgar V. McKnight, a native of Charleston, S. C., has been named chaplain and director of Baptist Student Union activities at Chowan College (Baptist), Murfreesboro, N. C. (BP)

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