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Carver Secures  
Robert Laessig

LOUISVILLE--(BP)--Robert Laessig, a former missionary in Africa, will join the faculty of Carver School of Missions and Social Work here next summer.

Laessig has been directing the program of linguistics at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee. He has served there for 13 years.

"Laessig is an outstanding scholar in the field of language study. He has written extensively on the subject of comparative linguistics and is recognized as one of the few living authorities on African languages," school officials said.

"He will bring to the Carver School faculty a much-needed skill in preparation for missionary service, that of linguistics or the basic principles of language study."

Although a specialist in African languages, Laessig has a reading knowledge of more than 40 languages. He is teaching interested groups at night such languages as Russian, Korean, Indonesian, and Turkish.

The basic courses to be offered at Carver School of Missions and Social Work beginning with the summer session include language families of the earth, introduction to linguistics, and African and Oriental linguistics.

In addition, he will offer a variety of specialized language studies.

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Cobb Resigns Texas  
Stewardship Position

(11-25-60)

DALLAS--(BP)--L. B. Cobb, associate secretary of the Texas Baptist Cooperative Program and church finance department, has resigned his position and will establish a home in Memphis, Tenn., in January.

His resignation terminates 7½ years of leadership in Texas Baptists' stewardship and church finance efforts. Cobb was named director of church finance in August, 1953. Working with pastors and missionaries in budget promotion, he has in recent years spearheaded promotional programs for the Forward Program of Church Finance.

A graduate of Union University in Jackson, Tenn., Cobb formerly was pastor of churches in Tennessee, Louisiana, and Texas. He is a former president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

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Portland Convention  
Theme Is Selected

NEW YORK CITY--(BP)--The American Baptist Convention will use the theme, "Behold, I Send You Forth," for its 1961 session at Portland, Ore.

The Convention meets there June 14-18. A Convention reorganization, postponed from the 1960 Convention session, looms as the major business to be acted upon.

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Columbus, Ga., Church  
Aids Tokyo Namesake

(11-25-60)

COLUMBUS, Ga.--(BP)--Rose Hill Baptist Church here has sent \$7000 to the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board to aid in building a namesake church in Tokyo.

A. Judson Burrell, pastor of the local church, said the gift is an over and above mission designation. It was given "to help create a light in proclaiming the truth of Christ in what seems to be one of the most needful places in the world."

The Rose Hill Church of Columbus gave the Foreign Mission Board authority to erect the Tokyo Rose Hill Church in the place of its choosing in the Japanese capital.

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