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Carver School Takes
Bid On New Building

LOUISVILLE--(BP)--Carver School of Missions and Social Work here has awarded the contract for its new academic building to the Garst-Receveur Construction Co., Inc., of Louisville on the basis of a bid of \$226,833.

Nevin and Morgan, architects for the present school plant, have designed the new two-story, air-conditioned addition approximately 51 feet by 110 feet in size.

In announcing the trustees' acceptance of the bid, President Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., of Carver School, indicated that construction is expected to take approximately eight or nine months.

The building will contain three classrooms of varied sizes, 11 offices for professors that have been designed to also accommodate seminars of from eight to a dozen students, and offices for the registrar and the secretary to the faculty. A faculty lounge on the second floor will serve as a meeting place for the faculty and for committee meetings.

"The academic building is the second major equipment need being met in the administration's program to implement the management survey made by Booz, Allen, and Hamilton," Brooks reported. A contract was signed earlier with Southern Seminary for a joint library operation.

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Baptist College Uses
Federal Student Loan

MURFREESBORO, N. C.--(BP)--Chowan College here has received a grant of \$16,100 from the federal government to be used for student loans during the 1959-60 academic year.

The funds are part of a \$47 million allocation being made available this year to colleges throughout the nation. It is part of the eight-year emergency education measure passed last year, known as the National Defense Education Act of 1958.

Under terms of the grant to Chowan, the college will administer the loans in the same manner that it handles its own loan funds. Grades, character, and other qualifications will be considered in the approval of requests for loans.

However, under the terms of the grant, preference is to be given to students who intend to teach or to study science, mathematics, engineering, or modern languages.

Individual loans cannot exceed \$1,000 per school year. Repayment of the loans must begin one year after the student is graduated from college, and may be stretched out over a period of 10 years. The loans are made at 3 per cent interest, but no interest is charged until the repayment period begins.

Chowan College has had its own student loan fund of several thousand dollars for a number of years, but the federal loan funds will make it possible for a number of additional worthy students to begin their higher education, college officials said.

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Southwest Baptist Gets
New Business Manager

BOLIVAR, Mo.--(BP)--D. Kenneth Edmondson, graduate of Southwest Baptist College here, became business manager of the school Sept. 1.

Edmondson is a native of Jefferson City, Mo. He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University at Shawnee, and of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. He has served as pastor at Archie, Mo., since 1955.

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California Convention
Reports 700th Church

MONTEBELLO, Calif.--(BP)--The 700th California Southern Baptist church was formed in Montebello when 22 members formed Primera Iglesia Bautista del Sur (First Spanish Southern Baptist Church).

It all began one August day in 1957 when Alfonso Garcia, a Baptist minister from Nicaragua who could not speak one word of English, took the initiative in establishing a Southern Baptist witness among the Spanish-speaking population of Montebello.

At first he had only the help of his wife, who had the care of a seven-months-old child, but as time went on others joined him in the venture and encouragement was given by Greenwood Southern Baptist Church and the pastor, David Wiseman.

Harry M. Liechty and Ed F. Harness of the city missions department in Los Angeles joined with two Mexican Baptist ministers, Jesus Rios and Carlos Carreon, in giving counsel to the leaders in the mission.

Tonio Rico and then Leo Acosta and his wife professed faith in Christ as Saviour. Also 15-year-old George Moran, a Greek Catholic, became a Christian and followed Christ in baptism. It was then that First Southern Baptist Church, East Los Angeles, became the sponsor of the mission and allowed the group to use a part of its building for services on Sunday afternoon.

The group eventually secured a meeting place in Montebello and has through the following months won several persons to Christ. The mission has become self-supporting and the pastor has learned to speak almost perfect English.

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Doubt Idaho, Nevada,
Utah Will Organize

SALT LAKE CITY--(BP)--Some doubt exists whether a proposed new convention of Southern Baptists in the Utah-Idaho-Nevada area will be constituted during September as originally planned.

A meeting called here Sept. 17-18 is for the purpose of organizing a new "state" convention co-operating with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Its nucleus would come chiefly from churches now affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Arizona, plus some in Nevada affiliated with the Southern Baptist General Convention of California.

An editorial in the Baptist Beacon of Aug. 20, published at Phoenix, Ariz., raises the question of whether the time is ripe for the new convention.

"It would seem that under the circumstances it would be the point of wisdom to delay the constituting of this convention for a time, and let us all double our efforts to strengthen our forces and make that day a reality not too far removed," Editor J. Kelly Simmons wrote.

"It seems doubtful that the churches within the area are financially able to shoulder the heavy load without greater assistance," he continued. "There need be no embarrassment to those brethren if they reverse their decision." A meeting last year laid the groundwork for organization of the convention in 1959.

Simmons said Arizona Southern Baptists are prepared to lend a helping hand to whatever extent possible if Baptists in the three-state area proceed with the organization.

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Garden Of Gethsemane Replica At Glorieta

GLORIETA, N. M.--(BP)--Here where many Christians find God's will for their lives, in a mountain range bearing the name Sangre de Cristo--blood of Christ, an effort has been made to recreate the historic Garden of Gethsemane.

Over 1900 years ago, just outside Jerusalem, Jesus prayed in the Garden that God would spare him the agonizing death on the cross. But he submitted to God's will that his blood be shed to save men from their sins.

The replica of the original Garden of Gethsemane is a project long dreamed of and planned for by Cecil Pragnell, gardener for Glorieta Baptist Assembly. Glorieta is already famous for its gardens and variety of flowers.

With the last hours of Christ's life in his heart, and a picture of the present-day Garden of Gethsemane in the Near East as his guide, Pragnell chose the highest of the eight terraces of Glorieta Gardens for his replica.

The prayer garden and the Bible garden are to the south, and the children's garden is to the north.

Russian olive trees stand more cold than those of Palestine. Pomegranates grow in tubs so they can be taken into the greenhouse in winter.

Tall, stately poplar trees take the place of cypresses. Authentic rubber plants are there. Spruce trees are natives of both the United States and Syria. There is a row of colorful blue spruce.

Aspen trees, so lovely in their autumn yellows, are natives of the Black Sea, Palestine, and the United States, so they are used in profusion. A trimmed Russian olive hedge outlines the front of the garden. There are cedars of Lebanon and arbor vitae. Rosemary grows in masses along the ground.

Between the olive trees a huge rock has been placed. There are Syrian arches over the stairs and pagoda to one side.

The master plans of Glorieta Gardens show a waterfall flowing between the steps that lead down from the Garden of Gethsemane. The pipes for the water to the reconstructed waterfall are laid deep in the ground where they will never freeze.

Electric wires to illuminate the gardens are laid and ready for use. Water will come gushing out from a dozen directions. It will fall from terrace to terrace between the steps, gurgling over the rocks, sparkling in the light and forming rainbows.

The water will help cool and water the plants on either side. That which reaches the bottom will be pumped to the top over and over again. The waterfall project will be completed when money is available.