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Baptist School Hit By Celia  
Accepts \$500,000 Federal Loan

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. (BP)--The University of Corpus Christi, damaged extensively by the 161-mile-per-hour winds of Hurricane Celia, has accepted a \$500,000 low-interest federal loan from the Small Business Administration to rebuild damaged facilities.

The loan is believed to be the first of its kind accepted by an institution of the Baptist General Convention of Texas with a federal agency.

The Baptist state convention has on three occasions, 1961, 1966, and 1969, voted against permitting its institutions to accept federal loans.

Last year, the convention meeting in San Antonio voted 1,203-728 against a recommendation which would have allowed Texas Baptist institutions to secure long-term government loans for building construction.

The Small Business Administration has already made loans in the Corpus Christi area totalling about \$89 million as a result of the hurricane. Several loans have been made to churches, and according to unofficial reports, four of the churches are affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Kenneth A. Maroney, president of the Baptist school, said the loan will not be used for capital improvement or any purpose other than repair of "severe devastation." The loan is specifically restricted to emergency repair not covered by insurance, he said.

"Other than that," Maroney added, "there are no strings attached, except financial responsibility to repay it over a 30-year period at three per cent interest."

Maroney and J. H. West of Bishop, Tex., trustee chairman, said the school's decision boiled down to a choice: take the loan or go out of business.

Maroney said a survey of damage had fixed the amount of \$1,294,144 and that the university is "not even close to settling with the insurance companies."

He and West said the institution had to act quickly because of commitments to faculty and students, which had been signed for the 1970-71 school year. Celia struck just 30 days before school was scheduled to open in September.

Additionally, Maroney explained, the university campus was acquired from the General Services Administration under a contract which required it to be operated as an educational institution for 20 years. That period expires next August.

He said failure to open might have voided the contract with the federal agency. "It was imperative we have school," he said, and also imperative that repairs on the extensive damage to buildings begin immediately.

"If anyone has an acceptable alternative," Maroney said of the loan, "let him provide it and we will repay the loan immediately. When you have an emergency you have to act quickly. That's what we did."

Acceptance of the loan was approved by a majority of the school's board of trustees executive committee, which is empowered to act between meetings of the board.

Maroney said there was no called meeting of the 25-man board of trustees because those in the Corpus Christi area are swamped with the personal problem of getting their homes and businesses repaired immediately.

In September, appropriate convention leaders had agreed with a University of Corpus Christi request to open a \$340,000 line of credit at a Corpus Christi bank at the standard rate of interest to cover hurricane damage.

Maroney said, however, the federal loan was accepted because it developed there was no time to satisfy all the financial requirements for approval of the line of credit.

No mention of the federal loan application was made in September, when the \$340,000 line of credit was discussed. Maroney said the loan application was pending but that he had "dismissed any hope of securing" it at that time.

Maroney said he hopes to repay "the greater part" of the loan with the settlement expected eventually from the insurance companies.

The university reports a current enrollment of 630 students, six more than last year.

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Baptists Have Spent \$7,300  
For Jordanian War Victims

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RICHMOND (BP)--Southern Baptist missionaries spent \$7,300 in the first week of October for relief of Jordanian civil war victims, according to John D. Hughey, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's secretary from Europe and the Middle East.

Funds were sent by the board to missionaries in Beirut, Lebanon. They purchased \$5,000 in food supplies to be flown to Amman, Jordan, scene of heavy fighting between Palestinian guerrillas and Jordanian soldiers. It cost another \$2,300 to transport the supplies from Beirut to Amman.

Missionary Paul S. C. Smith was in Amman to help supervise the relief effort, Hughey reported.

Word on the welfare of missionaries still in Jordan and those who had gone to Lebanon came in a call from Dr. L. August Lovegren, who had arrived a few hours earlier in Beirut.

Dr. Lovegren had remained at the Baptist hospital in Ajloun, Jordan, with no contact with the outside world since Sept. 17. He reported that there had been shooting near the hospital and tension in the area, but the situation had not been too bad.

Dr. Lovegren plans to return to Ajloun after a brief rest in Beirut. He was able to leave the hospital only after the arrival of Dr. John A. Roper Jr., and Dr. Dean T. Fitzgerald Jr., a few days earlier.

Dr. Roper had settled his family in Beirut and had been trying to return to Ajloun since Sept. 24. He got as far as Amman. During his delay there he worked for nine days in a hospital located in a school. The hospital had probably been set up by the government, Hughey said.

Dr. Lovegren reported that two other missionaries--Miss Violet Popp, a nurse, and Miss Maurine T. Perryman, director of a girls' school--had remained in Ajloun and were doing well.

Commandos had controlled Ajloun, to one side of the hospital, and Jordanian soldiers held Anjara, on the other side. Both forces had been friendly to those at the hospital, Hughey said.

Hospital personnel have treated about 30 battle casualties in addition to their usual number of patients, Hughey said.

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Hughey's Son Sentenced  
Under N. Y. Youth Act

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NEW YORK (BP)--John David Hughey III, son of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Europe and the Middle East, was placed under the supervision of the federal board of parole for up to six years by a New York court.

Sentencing under the Youth Correction Act opened the way for Hughey, charged with conspiracy to destroy government property, to seek rehabilitation and an early parole.

Hughey had confessed to being present when plans were made to plant explosives in military trucks.

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Prior to his sentencing, the 23-year-old youth was sent to the Federal Youth Center in Ashland, Ky., for observation. The reports from officials there paved the way for the relatively lenient sentence.

Sentencing under the Youth Correction Act means that young Hughey's conviction could be set aside and his record thereby cleared when his term is up.

The elder Hughey, who was present for the sentencing, expressed gratitude for those who have prayed for his son. He said, "I think David has a good chance to become a constructive, creative member of society."

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Pennsylvania-South Jersey  
Baptist Start Convention

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CAMP HILL, Pa. (BP)--Messengers from Southern Baptist churches in Pennsylvania and South Jersey organized here the 32nd Baptist state convention affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention during an organizational meeting at Country and Town Baptist Church here.

The statewide Baptist organization was created 263 years after pioneer Baptists of America organized their first association in 1707--the Philadelphia Association in that city about 100 miles east of here. Camp Hill is a suburb of Harrisburg, Pa.

The new state convention was organized with 60 churches, 15 missions and a total of 8,500 members.

Currently, the churches are affiliated Ohio and Maryland conventions of Southern Baptists, and will continue this relationship until the new Pennsylvania South Jersey Convention begins official operations on Jan. 1, 1971.

During the organizational meeting here, the 165 messengers and 85 visitors heard plans for the future, and the messengers adopted a 1971 budget of \$120,500.

The budget includes a Cooperative Program goals of \$96,600, of which 20 per cent will go to Southern Baptist Convention world mission causes. Additional financial support will come through assistance from the SBC Home Mission, Sunday School Board, and the Maryland and Ohio Baptist state conventions.

In a major address, the president of the convention, C. Ed Price of Pittsburg, stressed the fact that the new convention was being formed in a time of religious decline in America.

Price, an engineer for Westinghouse, Inc., observed that "according to my slide rule, Southern Baptists in our area are only .0006 of one per cent of the population."

Citing a recent Gallup Poll which indicated a loss of church attendance and influence by religion, the convention president said, "We must find more recruits for our army."

Joe Waltz, executive secretary-treasurer of the new convention, said the convention is seeking to have 307 churches with 50,000 members by 1980. Waltz issued a challenge to reach an immediate goal of 30 new mission chapels, 2,200 new members and 1,400 converts (baptisms) in 1971.

An Executive Board has been operating to lay the groundwork for the convention's formation, with Waltz heading the work. Previously, Waltz was area superintendent of missions for Baptists in greater Pittsburg.

In addition to adopting the budget of \$120,000 the convention adopted a calendar of activities, elected board members, and voted on a constitution which was a slight revision of the constitution for the Pennsylvania-South Jersey Baptist Fellowship.

A decision was made not to enter the "cooperative agreement" with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board at this time. A state convention must have 10,000 members in 70 churches to enter the agreement, which provides financial support from the mission board. The board will still give the convention financial support, but it will be through direct aid to specific projects approved by the board in Atlanta.

Top leaders from the national and state conventions working in the area were present, sharing in the program consisting of four sessions.

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Representatives and executives from the SBC Home Mission Board, Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., and the Baptist Convention of Maryland and State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, each participated on the program.

The executive secretary of the SBC Home Mission Board, Arthur B. Rutledge, pointed out that only three state conventions affiliated with the SBC had a greater population than the area of the Pennsylvania-South Jersey convention. They are California, New York, and Maryland (including New England).

The new convention will have offices in Harrisburg, with full operations underway by Jan. 1, 1971. A personnel committee is seeking to employ a director of religious education and a bookkeeper.

The first annual convention of the new Baptist body will meet Nov. 5-6, 1971, at the South Park Baptist Church, Pittsburg.

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Southern Seminary Studying One  
Doctorate For Three Schools

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LOUISVILLE (BP)--Faculty committees at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here have been appointed to study the possibility of offering the doctor of ministry (D. Min.) in the seminary's School of Religious Education and School of Music as well as in the School of Theology.

If the proposal is later approved by the faculty and full board of trustees, the seminary would have on basic professional level degree available not only to pastors, but also to ministers of music and education.

Both Ernest J. Loessner, newly-inaugurated dean of the seminary's Religious Education School and Forrest H. Heeren, dean of the Church Music School, have asked faculty committees to study the new degree.

It had been previously announced that a faculty committee from the seminary's School of Theology was studying the possibility of offering the new doctorate.

Each of the other five seminaries affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention is also considering the new degree, and all six have agreed to move together if the new degree is to be offered.

Southern Seminary, however, is believed to be the only one of the six considering offering the doctor of ministry through its religious education music schools.

The American Association of Theological Schools meeting last August has given its approval to the doctor of ministry degree as "the most appropriate professional doctorate for ministry," and has recognized the right of member schools to establish such a doctorate "provided that their academic and other educational resources warrant it..."

Stressing the fact that they are only "studying" the shift in degrees, all three deans (theology, music and religious education) at Southern Seminary said that nothing definite has been worked out and will not be for several months.

Administrative Dean Allen W. Graves has asked faculty representatives of the three schools to serve as a coordinating committee for the joint investigation. Hugo H. Culpepper, chairman of the School of Theology's professional studies committee which is studying the new basic degree for that school, will chair the inter-school group.

The curriculum committee of the Religious Education School has been given responsibility for evaluating the degree for that school. Sabin Landry, professor of religious education, will serve as representative to the coordinating committee.

In the School of Church Music, the entire faculty will study the proposed degree. Jay Wilkey, associate professor of church music, will serve as the church music liaison to the other two schools.

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