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'WE CAN BE STRONG IN
NORTHWEST' --BRASWELL

BILLINGS, Mont.--(BP)--"It is my firm conviction that Southern Baptists can and will become a strong group in the Northwest -- just as we have in other sections," Glen Braswell, Baptist minister here, declares.

Braswell is president of the Southern Baptist Regional Convention organized in May. It covers Southern Baptist churches in several states and is under the wing of the Baptist General Convention of Colorado.

"Montana is still in a pioneer stage in every way and I believe will grow rapidly in the next years. More Southern Baptists are moving to the section -- and in addition, we are reaching those who have never been Southern Baptists," according to Braswell.

The regional convention hopes to establish churches in every Montana city of 4000 or more population. It also includes churches in both Dakotas and Wyoming.

"At the present time," Braswell continues, "there are 10 Southern Baptist churches in Montana, 16 in Wyoming, five in North Dakota, and four in South Dakota.

"There are some missions in addition to these churches. We have no way of knowing how many Southern Baptists there are living within these states. However, it is a growing number as more people move this way."

Braswell reports it is possible for the group of churches to organize a state convention in November, 1958. The Colorado state convention, in which all are located, was organized in the fall of 1955.

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MONTGOMERY PREPARES
HOSPITAL FUND APPEAL

MONTGOMERY, Ala.--(BP)--Baptists here are preparing to launch a campaign to raise \$3 million to build a Baptist general hospital in Montgomery.

The Alabama Society for Crippled Children and Adults will engage in a simultaneous campaign to raise \$600,000 for a clinic.

The clinic and the 200-bed hospital will be next door to each other.

Baptist hospitals are already located in two other Alabama cities -- Birmingham and Gadsden.

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THIS CHURCH WENT ON
A SEASHORE VACATION

CORPUS CHRISTI--(BP)--Ever hear of a church going on a vacation?

This is the real kind of vacation, where the pastor and the church members travel in a group for rest and relaxation.

The Baptist church in Burlington, Texas, has done this now for five years running. They come 300 miles to Corpus Christi where they fish, swim, and enjoy Christian fellowship.

Pastor L. W. Newman explains that "We initiated this annual trip as a part of a program to meet the recreational needs of our rural church."

Some of the community do not get to take the trip; they take care of any necessary matters back home for those who do get to make the vacation trip.

How can a church of tenant farmers afford a millionaire's vacation? you ask. It's made possible through the courtesy of the University of Corpus Christi, Baptist college here.

There's a guest house on campus which accommodates up to 250. The church has about 80 members. The folks from Burlington pack pick-up trucks with the necessary supply of food before they leave on vacation.

The Wednesday evening of the vacation is given to a mid-week prayer service, held at the guest house recreation hall.

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HALF-MILLION LOANED
LOUISIANA COLLEGE

PINEVILLE, La.--(BP)--Louisiana College will receive a half-million-dollar government loan to increase its dormitory space.

A men's dormitory to house 100 students and an addition to Cottingham Hall for women are in the building plans.

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GROUND BROKEN FOR
KENTUCKY OFFICES

LOUISVILLE, Ky.--(BP)--Ground-breaking for the new \$400,000 Kentucky Baptist Building east of Louisville on U. S. highway 60 took place recently.

W. C. Boone, general secretary and treasurer of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, was in charge of a brief ceremony. It is estimated that construction will take ten months.

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.....Henry A. Parker, pastor of First Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., has resigned to become pastor of First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.

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.....Harry L. Garrett, pastor, First Baptist Church, Fairfield, Ill., has been appointed associate in the Kentucky Baptist Sunday school department, Louisville. He will come September 15 to be in charge of Vacation Bible school promotion.

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.....Mrs. Marie Mason has accepted the position as director of nursing and nursing education at Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville. Mrs. Mason has been director of nurses at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, Ky., for the past two years.

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