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Grand Canyon College Names Acting President

PHOENIX, Ariz.--(BP)--Trustees of Grand Canyon College here have appointed its dean and registrar, Glenn Eason, to serve as interim president.

Loyed R. Simmons, who had been president of Grand Canyon College since 1955, left recently to become president of California Baptist College in Riverside, Calif. Grand Canyon College is operated by the Baptist General Convention of Arizona.

A five-man committee of the trustees has been appointed to nominate a successor to Simmons. Committee members are James Staples, pastor, North Phoenix Baptist Church here and president of Arizona convention; Gerald Hall, pastor, College Park Baptist Church here; Vernon Shipp, Phoenix realtor; Bob Ethington, Casa Grande, Ariz., farmer, and James Lafitte, Chandler, Ariz., businessman.

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Arizona Makes Slight Reduction In Budget

PHOENIX, Ariz.--(BP)--The executive board of Baptist General Convention of Arizona will recommend a 1959 convention budget of \$362,032. This is about \$4700 less than the current budget.

17 per cent of the 1959 budget would be forwarded to the Southern Baptist Convention to support its worldwide missions, educational, and benevolent program. The remainder would be used within the Arizona convention.

A slight reduction in the budget was reported necessary because 1958 receipts from Arizona churches were somewhat below the year's budget goal.

Final approval of the 1959 budget rests with the convention in its annual session in Tucson in November.

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Carson-Newman Given Cancer Research Grant

JEFFERSON CITY, Tenn.--(BP)--The cancer research program at Carson-Newman College here has received first payment on a grant of \$21,373 from the United States Public Health Service to assist in its research for the coming year.

This represents an increase of \$5000 over the sum received from this source last year. Approximately \$105,000 will be received as the grant is renewed over a five-year period.

The Carson-Newman project is under direction of Carl Tabb Bahner, head of the department of chemistry. Carson-Newman is operated by Tennessee Baptist Convention.

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Danish Baptist Body Merges With American

NEW YORK--(BP)--The Danish Baptist General Conference of America merged with the American Baptist Convention effective Aug. 30. Merger was completed following the final session of the Danish Conference at Clarks Grove, Minn., which ended the day before the groups merged.

The Danish Baptist General Conference of America was organized in 1910 to unite 76 Danish-speaking churches which had been established largely in the Midwest and on the Pacific coast. Their number had grown to 83 before the merger.

Most of the Danish Conference assets were turned over to agencies and institutions

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related to the American Convention---about \$68,000. \$5000 of the assets were presented to the Baptist Union of Denmark.

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Hospital At Memphis
Among Nation's Largest

MEMPHIS--(BP)--Baptist Memorial Hospital here is the largest private hospital in the United States not connected with a university, the American Hospital Association survey reports.

It is also seventh among the nation's hospitals in number of admissions. This rating is based on 32,840 admissions from September, 1956 through September, 1957. This does not include births which would have raised the number to 36,144.

Frank S. Groner, hospital administrator, expects admissions for the current year to top 39,000 including births. The 800 patients a day being treated at Baptist Memorial Hospital are nearly the capacity of the institution.

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College Committee
Head Baptist Leader

WINGATE, N. C.--(BP)--The president of a Southern Baptist Convention-related junior college here has been named chairman of a committee of the American Association of Junior Colleges.

The chairman is Budd E. Smith, president of Wingate College, an institution of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. He heads a committee to advise the junior college association on ways of improving its services to independent and church-related member colleges.

Officials of two other Baptist junior colleges are members of the committee--- Curtis Bishop, president of Averett College at Danville, Va., and Ralph M. Lee, dean at Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C.

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New Orleans Mayor
Honors Roland Leavell

NEW ORLEANS--(BP)--Mayor deLesseps S. Morrison of New Orleans has honored Roland Q. Leavell for his achievements and community service while Leavell served as president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Leavell retired in April after serving as seminary president since 1946. He and Mrs. Leavell now live in Jackson, Miss.

The mayor's "Certificate of Merit" was presented during a Rotary Club luncheon. In presenting the citation and a gold key to Leavell, Mayor Morrison said that construction of the seminary's new campus on Gentilly Blvd.---under Leavell's leadership---had sparked development of the entire Gentilly area of New Orleans.

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R. T. (Dick) McCartney became director of public relations for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma Sept. 1 succeeding Arthur S. Davenport, resigned.

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A religious camp for the deaf---first for these handicapped people conducted by Baptists in the state---was held at Falls Creek Baptist Assembly Grounds south of Davis, Okla.

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Sterling Price To Lead
Mission For Air Force

WASHINGTON--(BP)--Sterling Price, pastor, University Baptist Church, Abilene, Tex., will take part in a Protestant preaching mission Oct. 5 -- Nov. 13 in the Pacific Air Force area, the United States Air Force chaplains' headquarters here announced.

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David C. Jackson, three years a teacher and basketball coach at Oneida Baptist Institute, Oneida, Ky., has been appointed principal of the school. He is a 1958 graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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The committee to plan the program (order of business) at the 1959 session of the American Baptist Convention "will attempt to give an entirely new approach to the program since there have been many requests for this."

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