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Note: the following is a corrected story of the first story appearing in the Baptist Press Wednesday, May 28. Please correct your copy accordingly.

FT. WORTH CHURCH HAS GIGANTIC NEW ORGAN

FT. WORTH, Tex. --(BP)-- The largest organ ever to be installed in any church in the Southwest has recently been placed in the new Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth.

The organ cost \$75,000 and has 5,585 pipes ranging from two inches to thirty-two feet. Four railroad boxcars were required to ship it from the little town of St. Hyacinth, Quebec, where it was built.

E. A. Scarborough is minister of music at the Broadway Church, Miss Helen Joyce is organist and H. Guy Moore is pastor.

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TEXAS WOMAN HAS BAPTISTRY SCENES THROUGHOUT SOUTH

BOWIE, Tex. --(BP)-- A Texas woman has painted 260 baptistry scenes for Baptist churches. They hang in eighteen states and ten foreign countries. There are 21 in North Carolina, 18 in South Carolina and 12 in Mississippi.

She is Mary Cree Cosby, 500 West Pecan Street, Bowie, Texas. Her first baptistry painting was done in 1935 for her own congregation, the First Baptist Church of Bowie. The paintings range in size from fairly large frame sized scenes to sixteen foot murals. Usually she does the painting in her backyard studio. However, she has painted a number of them standing on a specially built scaffold in the baptistry.

Mrs. Cosby took up the study of art as a young woman and became a student of several of the outstanding art teachers of the Southwest. Her still life subjects have won distinguished awards in Texas art showings. Some of them have been displayed in some of the well-known Southwestern museums.

Her baptistry paintings show scenes of the Jordan River. She has collected several hundred photographs of the Jordan and is able to show in advance just about how a finished painting will appear.

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TEXAS BAPTISTS DEDICATE
NEW STATE OFFICE BUILDING

DALLAS, Tex. --(BP)-- The new Texas Baptist Building in Dallas was dedicated Tuesday, June 3, at special services in the First Baptist Church with Dr. Forrest C. Feezor, Waco, bringing the dedication message.

Located at Ervay and Akard streets at San Jacinto in downtown Dallas, the building houses the offices of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, the Baptist Foundation of Texas and the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Baptist Book Store occupies the ground floor.

Open house for visitors was held during the afternoon and evening of June 3, according to Dr. J. Howard Williams, executive secretary of the Texas convention.

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DR. W. T. CONNER IS DEAD

FORT WORTH, Tex. --(BP)-- Another of the pioneers of Southern Baptist progress, Dr. W. T. Conner, professor emeritus of Southwestern Theological Seminary here, died Monday night, May 26, in a Fort Worth hospital.

A member of the seminary faculty since 1910, Dr. Conner retired in 1948 and for sometime prior to his death had been confined to his wheelchair. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 28, in Fort Worth.

Dr. Conner was a graduate of Baylor University, Rochester Seminary, Southern Seminary in Louisville and did additional study at the University of Chicago. Baylor conferred upon him the honorary doctor of divinity degree in 1920.

Throughout his teaching years Dr. Conner was a popular writer of theological studies.

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