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KANSAS EDITOR RESIGNS

WICHITA, Kans.--(BP)--Orbie R. Clem, pioneer editor of the Kansas Southern Baptist Beams, resigned effective December 10. He served in this capacity nearly eight years.

The paper, organized early in 1946, was a mimeographed bulletin until June of that year when the first printed edition was released. Today the paper has a circulation of nearly 2,500 and is published ~~semi-~~monthly.

"His services with the Kansas Southern Baptist Beams have involved many hours and days of sacrificial service through which the paper has made a significant contribution to the progress of Kansas Southern Baptists. Kansas Southern Baptists will remember him as the pioneer editor of their state paper," N. J. Westmoreland, executive secretary of the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists, said in announcing the resignation.

Thomas A. Hinson, pastor, Pershing Avenue Baptist Church, Wichita, was elected as interim editor.

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AMERICA READY FOR REVIVALS

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--"America is closer to an old-fashioned revival of religion than she has been in the last fifty years," C. E. Matthews, Dallas, Tex., said at the recent Evangelistic Conference in session here. "People are ready for the experience of revivals," he said.

Plans for a simultaneous crusade to be conducted during the spring of 1955 were made. The crusades will be staggered by zones and the pastors will exchange pulpits during the revivals.

Dates for the crusades are: Tropical zone, including Cuba and Canal Zone, March 6-20; the middle zone, March 27-April 10; north zone, April 10-24; and Alaska, April 17-May 1.

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REFRESHER COURSE SET FOR
MISSISSIPPI MINISTERS

JACKSON, Miss.--(BP)--A refresher course for preachers will be offered to all Mississippi Baptist ministers by the First Baptist Church, Jackson, February 21-28, W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor, announced.

Seminars will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m., and from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lectures and addresses will be given each evening.

On program are: S. L. Stealey, president, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.; Wayne Oates, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; and Carlyle Marney, pastor, First Baptist Church, Austin, Tex.

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T. W. MEDEARIS RESIGNS

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.--(BP)--T. W. Medearis, executive secretary of the Missouri Baptist General Association, offered his resignation to the Executive Board of the Association at its annual December meeting. He asked that the resignation become effective March 31, 1954.

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OUTPOST CHURCH ORGANIZED

WORLAND, Wyo.--(BP)--The First Southern Baptist Church, Worland, Wyo., was organized December 13, with seventeen charter members.

The new church voted to give 10 per cent of its gifts to the Cooperative Program and 5 per cent to associational and district missions. They also voted to place the Baptist Beacon in the budget of the church to be sent to each home represented, and to co-operate with the Baptist General Convention of Arizona, the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Old Faithful Association.

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SUTTON RESIGNS

ALEQUERQUE, N. Mex.--(BP)--Roy Sutton, Brotherhood and Foundation secretary, The Baptist Convention of New Mexico, resigned to accept the pastorate of the South Denver Baptist Church, Denver, Colo.

Sutton will serve as first pastor of the newly organized church, and expects to assume his duties January 3.

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OHIO STATE CONVENTION
ORGANIZATION DATE SET

DAYTON, Ohio--(BP)--Southern Baptist churches in Ohio will meet in Hamilton, January 8, 1954, to organize a state Baptist convention.

Among those on the organizational program are:

Eugene Siler, Williamstown, Ky., moderator of General Association of Baptists in Kentucky; Porter MOUTH, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn; S. F. Dowis, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.; Courts Redford, Home Mission Board; W. C. Boone, Louisville, Ky.; Eldred Taylor, Louisville, Ky.; and L. W. Martin.

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BAPTIST BRIEFS

ORPHANAGE LOCATED

FRESNO, Calif.--(BP)--Purchase of a 23-acre tract of land for the Baptist Children's Home near Bakersfield, Calif., was announced by the board of trustees of the home. Construction will begin on the first building in the near future. W. A. Herring is superintendent.

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LEE OFF CRITICAL LIST

ALEXANDRIA, La.--(BP)--Robert L. Lee, assistant executive secretary, Louisiana Baptist Convention, seriously injured in an automobile accident recently, was removed from the critical list by his doctors.

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MAURICE HALL DIES

CONWAY, Ark.--(BP)--Dr. Maurice Hall, former pastor in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas, died here November 29, following injuries received in an automobile accident.

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NEW CHURCH FOR CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Ill.--(BP)--Lake Shore Southern Baptist Church was organized in Chicago recently with twenty-five charter members. The group meets in a rented hall.

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GEORGIA TO BORROW \$1,400,000

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--The Executive Committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention recently authorized negotiation of a loan not to exceed \$1,400,000 for construction of the Professional Building adjoining Georgia Baptist Hospital.

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STOKES TO EUROPE

MACON, Ga.--(BP)--Henry J. Stokes, Jr., pastor, First Baptist Church, Macon, Ga., will go to France and Germany in February on an air force sponsored two-month preaching mission to military installations there.

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HOSPITAL HEAD RETIRES

JACKSON, Miss.--(BP)--Mrs. Krenza Gilfoy is retiring as superintendent of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital after twenty-five years of service. The resignation will take effect upon the election of her successor.

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