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**Billy Graham To Speak  
Twice In Little Rock**

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.--(BP)--Attendance at two Billy Graham evangelistic services here in September is expected to total between 80,000 and 90,000.

W. O. Vaught, Jr., pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church and chairman of the committee on local arrangements, predicts that War Memorial stadium, where the services are to be held, will have all of its 40,000 seats filled for the Saturday night service, Sept. 12, and that up to 50,000 will be on hand for the Sunday afternoon service, Sept. 13.

Arkansans from all sections of the state will be joined in the services by delegations from many distant points, including Ft. Worth, Memphis, Kansas City and St. Louis, Vaught said.

Speaking at a meeting of the Little Rock Billy Graham committee recently, Charles Riggs, of the Billy Graham staff, just back from Australia, listed the Graham crusade objectives as:

1. To deliver the gospel of Christ to the greatest number of people possible, seeking to reach the total population of a given area;
2. See men and women brought to Christ as Saviour;
3. Strengthen local churches.

A plan Graham hit on during his London, England crusade in 1954, known as "Operation Andrew," has been in use since that time and will be featured in the Little Rock crusade. Based on the experience related in John 1:40-42, it calls for each Christian attending the Graham services to take at least one non-Christian friend. The plan is worked out in advance, through contact with pastors and other leaders in the local churches.

In the light of past experiences, the Little Rock meetings may result in as many as 2,000 decisions, Mr. Riggs said.

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**Throngs Of Oklahomans  
At Summer Assemblies**

OKLAHOMA CITY--(BP)--A total of 21,706 persons registered for the 40th annual Falls Creek Baptist assemblies recently held on the Baptist General convention of Oklahoma's 200-acre camp grounds near Davis, Okla.

The figure fell short of the record attendance of 22,033 for the three week-long assemblies in 1958, but Baptist officials praised the 1959 assemblies as among the best in Falls Creek history.

Dr. T. B. Lackey, executive secretary of the state Baptist convention, said the three 1959 encampments were among "the finest in my memory." Dr. Sam W. Scantlan, Falls Creek business manager, shared those sentiments.

There were 2,151 public decisions for Christ during the 1959 assemblies, held July 14-21, July 22-29 and July 30-August 6. Public professions of faith were made by 202 persons; 1,549 persons rededicated their lives; and 400 decided to go into church-related vocations.

The annual assemblies, primarily for teen-agers and adults, feature worship, study and recreation. Baptists from all parts of the state "move" onto the assembly grounds for a week or more to take part.

Preachers this year were Dr. Warren C. Hultgren, Tulsa, first week; Rev. Grady C. Cothen, Oklahoma City, second week; and Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, Oklahoma City, third week.

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Preachers for the 1960 Falls Creek Baptist assemblies will be Dr. Milton Ferguson, Fort Worth, Tex., first week; Dr. Ramsey Pollard, Knoxville, Tenn., second week; and Dr. Kearnie Keegan, Nashville, Tenn., third week. Dr. Ferguson is Associate Professor of Philosophy of Religion at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Pollard is president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of Broadway Baptist Church, Knoxville. Dr. Keegan is secretary of the Student Department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

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#### Florida Educators Move On Sex Offenders

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.--(BP)--Florida has set out on a drive to weed sex offenders out of its school staffs.

Armed with a strong new law, the State Board of Education has notified all County school superintendents that it is now mandatory for them to report to the state board the name of any person severed from employment because of conduct involving any immoral or unnatural sex act.

State School Supt. Thomas D. Bailey said this is the first time the law has made it mandatory for sex offenders to be reported and this feature of the law would be of tremendous help to the board in locating such persons.

The new law developed out of recommendations by the legislature's interim committee on education and the legislative investigating committee. The investigating committee reported there was "an appalling amount" of homosexuality in Florida public schools.

Since 1950, a total of 16 certificates have been revoked for immoral conduct.

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#### The Silent Service?

GLORIETA, N. M.--(BP)--In a Sunday School class at Glorieta Baptist Assembly a teacher said, "You will note Job's friends stayed a week without speaking."

Voice from the back of the room: "Well, that proves they weren't women!"

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#### Three Churches Formed In Western Nebraska

DENVER, Colo.--(BP)--In one week three churches were constituted in western Nebraska and became a part of the Platte Valley Association of Southern Baptist Churches.

The Calvary Baptist Church, Rushville, Neb., the First Baptist Church, Mitchell, Neb., and the Egan Park Baptist Church, McCook, Neb. were organized Aug. 10-14.

Baptist work in Nebraska is affiliated with the Colorado Baptist General Convention. Willis J. Ray is the executive secretary-treasurer. Paul N. Jolly is the area missionary.

The three new churches were sponsored by the Trinity Baptist Church, Scottsbluff, Neb. and Calvary Baptist Church, Sidney, Neb.

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#### DeWitt Matthews Goes To Midwestern Seminary

KANSAS CITY, Mo.--(BP)--C. DeWitt Matthews, pastor of the Vineville Baptist Church, Macon, Ga., has resigned to accept a position with Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Matthews will be head of the department of preaching. He had been pastor of the Macon church for ten years.

A native of Alabama and a graduate of Howard College, he did graduate study at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and received the Doctor of Theology degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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Gray Joins Faculty At  
Golden Gate Seminary

MILL VALLEY, Calif.--(BP)--Elmer L. Gray, pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church, San Diego, Calif., will become professor of church administration and director of field work for Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary Sept. 1.

Gray is a native of Enid, Okla. and a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University. He received Master of Theology and Doctor of Theology degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

For 14 years he was pastor of churches in Oklahoma and since 1952 has been a pastor in California. On various occasions he has served as guest editor of The California Southern Baptist, denominational state paper.

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Harvard Elects Baptist  
Divinity School Dean

NEW YORK--(BP)--Samuel Howard Miller, pastor of the Old Cambridge Baptist Church, Cambridge, Mass. for the past 24 years, is the new dean of Harvard Divinity School.

Miller is the first Baptist dean in the 148-year history of this interdenominational seminary. His work has been with the American Baptist Convention.

Primarily a pastor instead of an educator, the new dean is the first man to serve in this capacity who has not had an earned graduate degree.

An honorary doctorate was awarded him by Colgate University, Hamilton, N. Y.

In his Cambridge pastorate Dean Miller developed the theme he will pass on to his students at Harvard: a minister should "relate the ancient insights of Christianity to the contemporary world."

Students in the Divinity School will learn how "the basic heritage of the Christian church has relevance for the contemporary situation, and how to use this in preaching and grounding the church to become a redemptive group of people," Dr. Miller says. "The man should be a minister, not a church manager."

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FOLKS AND FACTS....

...Mrs. Melvina Roberts of Fruitland, N. M. teaches adult Navajos to read, using the New Testament as a textbook. Eighty per cent of the 85,000 Navajos are illiterate. Many of them are sheep herders and their favorite story is "The Good Shepherd."

...Miss Elizabeth Mitchell, Turners, Mo., received the 1959 Life Beautiful Award at Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo. This award is given annually by Rosalee Mills Appleby, missionary to Brazil.

...H. H. Burton, age 89, passed away at Houston, Texas Aug. 12. Interment was at Tulsa, Okla. He had been pastor of churches in Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. He was the uncle of Joe Burton, editor of Home Life Magazine.

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