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TAKE YOUR TENT AND PITCH CAMP --  
OKLAHOMA CITY IS GONNA BE CROWDED

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Housing accommodations at the 1949 session of the Southern Baptist Convention are likely to be comparable more to a camping trip than a luxury vacation.

Or to say it another way, the 10,000 messengers expected at the session will necessarily be more interested in carrying on the Lord's business than in relaxing in a choice hotel suite.

Dr. Duke K. McCall, just back in his office from a hurried trip to Oklahoma City, host to the 1949 Convention sessions, had lots of praise to members of the entertainment committee. They're doing marvelously, he said. But the truth remains that there'll be a tremendous shortage of hotel rooms.

On one side of the ledger is a stack of reservation requests. They stand, pressed down, two feet and seven inches tall. They ask for 6,200 rooms.

On the other side of the ledger is the fact that Oklahoma City is not overly blessed with hotels, and it will be a marvel if hotel managers are able to find as many as 1,000 rooms for Baptist messengers.

Rev. Anson Justice, chairman of the housing committee, and other leaders in the general entertainment group, are working hard and undoubtedly will find accommodations for all who come. These accommodations are likely to be more of the wild-west camp-meeting style than of the luxurious class, however.

Beautiful thing about it is that everybody has an even chance. Preference in housing is being given only to the handful of people actually involved in the operation of this session of the Convention. All others, be he pastor of a huge city church or lay member of a country church, are treated alike. Even employes of denominational boards are given no preference. Reservations were considered beginning February 1, and all are handled in chronological order.

Dr. McCall emphasized that the entertainment committees are doing a marvelous job. The only apparent trouble is that few if any cities in the South are large enough to entertain a convention with 10,000 attending.

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**LITTLE ROCK CHURCH SENDS  
COLLECTION TO MISSIONS**

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--A check for \$40,000 for foreign missions has been received here from the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist Convention -- the result of a special offering at First Baptist Church, Little Rock.

News of the church's marvelous one-day ingathering of \$50,000 in cash and pledges already has swept the nation. It was a superb demonstration of what a single congregation can do.

The check for \$40,000 gave concrete demonstration of the gifts, and Pastor R. C. Campbell explained that another \$10,000 will be forthcoming as soon as pledges are paid.

Sending the check to the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee for forwarding to the Foreign Mission Board, Dr. B. L. Bridges, Arkansas Baptists' mission secretary and himself a member of the contributing church, said: "Our church is a better church, we are all better members, we are all better Christians, since we made these contributions. It has helped the whole state. It is giving us all a bigger outlook and more faith and hope and prayer."

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**GROUP FLIGHTS TO CONVENTION  
OFFERED BY TEXAS AIRLINE**

DALLAS, Tex.--(BP)--A Dallas airlines company would like to fly groups of Southern Baptists to the annual Convention meeting of the denomination in May.

J. V. Lincoln of the Aero Travel Club of America said that his company is prepared to provide air transportation round trip for groups from any point in the nation to the meeting of the Convention in Oklahoma City. He said his flights give luxury transportation at a discount over regular airlines rates plus the added convenience of schedules and traveling companions particularly fitted to the customer.

Mr. Lincoln invited prospective flight organizers to write him at the Aero Travel Club, 6031 Goodwin Ave., Dallas 6.

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Note to Editor: You might want to try your luck getting an ad from Mr. Lincoln.