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OKLAHOMA'S VOTE TO STAY DRY IS TERMED COOPERATIVE VICTORY

OKLAHOMA CITY--(BP)--The defeat by more than 50,000 votes of a wet proposal to repeal prohibition in Oklahoma was hailed as a cooperative victory by Dr. Andrew Potter, executive secretary for Oklahoma Baptists. He said, "Decisive factor was the church membership, both Baptist and that of other denominations, who got dry voters to the polls on election day. We registered a resounding 'No' at the polls and the Baptists furnished the leadership. Editor E. K. Gaylord and the Daily Oklahoman stood by us. Senator Robert S. Kerr pulled no punches in his broadcast to the state."

Monday preceeding the election was a day of fasting and prayer, and the weather was favorable to the cause. Tulsa and Oklahoma counties piled up huge majorities for the wets, but the wets carried only eleven counties and just barely carried some of those.

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BAPTIST STUDENTS GET WARM "GOOD SO" FROM AMSTERDAM

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Bob Denny, assistant Southwide BSU secretary, is a hero to a lot of Dutch people, according to an Amsterdam newspaper received here. He was traveling with a group of American students on a leased railroad coach between Amsterdam and The Haag. Natives were standing about everywhere.

Bob, seeing the crowd, said to his party, "Look here, it will not do for us to sit here with plenty of room when these people have to stand." The students immediately received the standing Dutchmen into their compartments.

The Amsterdam paper thinks Bob and his BSU travelers deserve a warm "Good so," or as an American would say, "Well done."

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CHURCH'S MISSION GIFTS INCREASE 1000 PER CENT

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.--(BP)--First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., has jumped up contributions to missions 1000 per cent in ten years -- from \$3,076.24 in 1939 to \$35,000.00 in 1949. Dr. Homer G. Lindsay is pastor.

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TEXAS AND NORTH CAROLINA
LEAD IN TOTAL SEC GIFTS

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Cooperative Program receipts distributed to Southwide causes were \$4,208,533.31 for the first eight months of 1949, according to Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary-treasurer of the Convention's Executive Committee. Total designated gifts were \$2,872,318.69 for the same period.

Texas led with a total of \$1,499,944.37, and North Carolina was second with \$699,951.10. State contributions for the eight months were as follows:

Alabama	\$ 348,874.59
Arizona	20,034.84
Arkansas	272,169.24
California	19,326.29
District of Columbia	31,832.95
Florida	329,731.89
Georgia	509,780.26
Illinois	99,037.19
Kansas	1,100.94
Kentucky	438,136.04
Louisiana	258,488.05
Maryland	35,990.69
Mississippi	336,485.26
Missouri	361,912.57
New Mexico	51,547.17
North Carolina	699,951.10
Oklahoma	313,513.61
Oregon	1,115.87
South Carolina	564,917.89
Tennessee	534,871.74
Texas	1,499,944.37
Virginia	341,388.67
Specials	10,700.78
Total	<u>\$7,080,852.00</u>

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DR. CAMPBELL RETIRES
FROM ACTIVE PASTORATE

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.--(BP)--R. C. Campbell, popular preacher and author, has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church here. Dr. B. H. Duncan, editor of the Arkansas Baptist, says of Dr. Campbell, "Perhaps no church has accepted the resignation of its pastor with a greater degree of regret, or with a greater degree of love and appreciation for its pastor."

The church elected him pastor emeritus and voted to pay his moving expenses to Shelby, North Carolina. He will continue to be active in writing, evangelistic, denominational, and supply work.

Dr. Campbell has published a dozen books which have reached a total of more than 50,000 copies. These books are widely read, some of them having been translated into more than one foreign language. He has also published a booklet, "God's Financial Plan," which has had the phenomenal circulation of 290,000.

OKLAHOMA CITY POLICE ACCUSED
OF INTERFERING IN DRY PARADE

OKLAHOMA CITY--(BP)--City police were accused of interfering with a dry parade sponsored by the United Drys on a recent Saturday afternoon, according to Dr. I. L. Yearby, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, who served as county chairman. Police attempted, Yearby said, to break the two-mile long parade consisting of 325 decorated cars and 30 floats into small ineffective groups in spite of a regular parade license granted for the occasion and promised police protection. A formal protest was being filed with the police department.

Thurman J. Jordon, lay spokesman for the group, cited instances of contempt. One policeman attempted to stop the parade by telling one of the sections that it was all over. Another motorcycle officer was overheard to say to a pedestrian who wanted to cross the street, "Go on through, they (the paraders) are probably drunk anyway."

"The net result," said Jordon, "was that a great parade and demonstration against liquor, repeal, sin, crime, was broken up into sections, divided, slowed down, and seemingly hampered in every way possible by civil employees who were supposed to be doing their duty in an unbiased manner."

The committee is filing a series of questions to be answered by the police department. They are:

1. Why wasn't this parade given the same escort and protection through town that is given other parades?
2. Were the policemen on duty instructed to let traffic break through, or to make a break in the parade to let traffic through? If you, the police, can't give a parade protection on Saturday afternoon why was a permit issued?
3. Was there a coordinated effort on the part of the policemen on duty to render this demonstration as ineffective as possible?
4. Was the attitude and action of the various officers a reflection of their lack of sympathy for the dry paraders' cause?
5. Would you say that there is any reason why the church people and dry supporters, after experiencing this Saturday afternoon, should not conclude that perhaps here is the answer to why our present prohibition laws have not been enforced effectively? A lack of sympathy on the part of law enforcement agencies, to the dry laws and the dry cause, is the answer in the minds of a multitude of people.

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PRESBYTERIAN LADIES GIVE
68 ACRES TO BAPTIST GROUP

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Nashville Association Baptists are the new owners of a lovely 68-acre tract of land on Big Marrowbone Creek, 15 miles from the city in the heart of a recreation area. The acreage, anonymously given by two Presbyterian ladies, is to be developed as a youth camp.

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