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EXPLOSION INJURES TENNESSEANS
ENROUTE HOME FROM RIDGECREST

MEMPHIS, Tenn. --(BP)-- Thirty-eight Baptists returning to their homes in Memphis were stopped for a prayer service by the roadside in the Smoky Mountains Wednesday evening, July 23, when their bus exploded and eighteen of the passengers were injured.

The group was enroute home from the second Training Union week at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina. The accident happened near New-found Gap, the mile-high peak of the Smokies.

As the driver, A. B. Nesmith of Scottsboro, Alabama, investigated the bus to find a leak, the gas tank exploded, throwing flaming fuel upon the eighteen passengers who had gathered around. The bus was completely demolished.

Most seriously hurt were the driver, a seventy-six year old woman, Mrs. Etta Rhodes, and eighteen-year-old Charlotte Morgan, a deaf girl. They were hospitalized in Knoxville, Tennessee, and Cherokee, North Carolina. Others were in a Bryson City, Tennessee, hospital.

S. A. Carl, leader of the group, said that the prayer meeting undoubtedly saved the lives of the Tennesseans, as had they traveled on down the mountain, the explosion would have happened with all passengers aboard the bus.

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DR. R. M. INLOW PASSES

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. --(BP)-- Dr. R. M. Inlow, at one time a vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention and a denominational leader for many years, died July 23 in Albuquerque. He was eighty-five years old.

Dr. Inlow was the father of Miss Eva Inlow, the executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of New Mexico.

In his earlier days of service, Dr. Inlow was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Nashville, Tennessee, and later at First, Oklahoma City. He was for several years the executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

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JOHN W. CAMPBELL DIES

BURLINGTON, Ky. --(BP)-- John Waller Campbell, retired pastor of the Bullittsburg Baptist church in Burlington, died recently at the age of ninety-three. He was North Kentucky's oldest minister and served the Bullittsburg church from 1913 until his retirement only a few years ago.

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YEAR-OLD CHRISTIAN TV PROGRAM
SCORES TOPS ON HOOPER SURVEY

FT. WORTH, Tex. --(BP)-- "Christian Questions," religious question and answer television program sponsored on Ft. Worth's WBAP-TV by the Tarrant County Baptist Association, celebrated its first anniversary recently with the news that it has more viewers than any other religious program seen in that area, either local or network.

The rating, a report of the official Hooper TV Survey, comes as a timely encouragement for beginning the second yearly series of the weekly program, according to A. B. VanArsdale, chairman of the Association's radio and television committee.

The program, appearing at 1 p.m. each Saturday, has drawn questions for its past fifty-two programs from over twenty-five cities other than Ft. Worth and Dallas. A panel of three representatives from various denominations handles the many questions and problems sent in by listeners. The panel rotates every week.

"Christian Questions" is carried by WBAP-TV as a public service feature and the incidental expenses of planning and production are paid by the Association.

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JACKSON CHURCHES REAP
GRAHAM REVIVAL RESULTS

JACKSON, Miss. --(BP)-- Practically all the churches in Jackson felt the influence of the Billy Graham revival in their services Sunday, July 13, with nearly 500 joining Baptist churches in the city.

Graham named that Sunday as "Join-The-Church-Sunday" for those who had previously made professions and dedications during the revival campaign. All Jackson churches were reported full and "running over" in spite of hot weather.

Fourteen Baptist churches were among those receiving members as a result of the campaign, with First Baptist counting 114; Calvary, eighty-two; Parkway, sixty; Daniel Memorial, fifty; Van Winkle, thirty-one; and Alta Woods, Crestwood, Griffith Memorial, Northside and Southside, from twenty to thirty.

The others were Elraine (8), Forest Hill (10), West Jackson (6) and Westview (7).

The report is for the one Sunday only and does not include the many uniting with the churches on the other Sundays of the crusade.

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