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ANOTHER LAYMAN SUCCEEDS ROUTH
AS STATISTICS SECRETARY OF BSSB

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- Another layman received leadership recognition when J.P. (Jake) Edmunds, Nashville, was named secretary of the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board recently.

Active in Baptist denominational work since his graduation from Stetson University, DeLand, Florida, in 1926, Edmunds succeeds another layman, Dr. Porter Routh, who is now executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mr. Edmunds has been with the Sunday School Board in Nashville since 1937 and came to his new post from the position of Secretary of Co-operative Field Promotion of the Sunday School Department and an associate editor of The Sunday School Builder.

Before coming to Nashville, he was a leader in state Sunday school and Training Union work in Florida, Tennessee and Arkansas. He served nine years as state secretary of the combined Sunday School-Training Union Department of Arkansas.

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NORTHWESTERN CRUSADE NETS 420
INCREASE TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCHES

PORTLAND, Ore. --(BP)-- A recent simultaneous crusade of Southern Baptist churches in Washington and Oregon added 420 new members and doubled the membership of several churches, reports Paul A. McCasland, Department of Evangelism secretary.

Of the total new members, 227 joined by baptism and 178 came from other Baptist churches by letter. Seven dedicated their lives for special service in religious work and twenty-one made other professions. Fifteen united with churches by statement.

McCasland reports increased attendance in Sunday schools and Training Unions during the crusade also.

Thirty-eight churches and four missions in the northwest area participated in the simultaneous campaign.

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