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WASHINGTON REVIVAL
OFF TO GOOD START

WASHINGTON, D.C. --(BP)-- Billy Graham got off to a good start here despite local fire ordinances restricting to 5,000 the building where he is conducting his revival. The auditorium is supposed to seat 20,000.

One local city official waived regulations, saying, "We ought to trust the Lord for 8,000." Several church-minded congressmen are trying to get a temporary waiver to allow full use of the building.

When asked his opinion on the crowds that "broke into" the building despite the regulations, Mr. Graham said, "I did not come here to break the law. I have no way to enforce the law."

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COUNTY DRY 47 YEARS;
CHURCH FORCES DO IT

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. --(BP)-- Leon County, Florida, will remain dry as a result of an all-out campaign by church forces. Voted dry in 1904, the county has remained that way in face of four efforts to change it. Each time the church people are credited with the victory.

Leading in the dry drive during the last local option campaign was Dr. Harold G. Sanders, pastor of the First Baptist Church, who led the community in a four-hour prayer meeting on the eve of the election.

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WMU DEDICATES NEW
HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. --(BP)-- Dedication ceremonies for the new headquarters of the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, were held in Birmingham recently during the semi-annual meeting of the Union's executive committee.

The WMU offices have recently moved to the new building. Growth of the work demanded enlarged space and the purchase of the building eliminated long months of planning and building that would have been necessary soon, according to Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of the WMU.

Program personalities for the dedication included Miss Kathleen Mallory, retired WMU secretary; Mrs. George R. Martin, Norfolk, Virginia, president of WMU; Dr. J.B. Lawrence, Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Dr. M. Theron Rankin, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond; Dr. Porter Routh, Nashville, secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, and Miss Hunt.

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THREE FEBRUARY MEETINGS
PLANNED FOR NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS, La. --(BP)-- The "Crescent City" will be the site of three Southern Baptist leadership conferences in February.

Two groups, executive secretaries of the twenty-two co-operating states and editors of the state Baptist publications, will meet February 11-13. The third group, secretaries of the state Baptist foundations, will meet February 28-29.

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FORMER CHINA MISSIONARY
DIES IN OKLAHOMA

SHAWNEE, Okla. --(BP)-- Dr. Robert E. Beddoe, Southern Baptist medical missionary to China for thirty-eight years, died in Shawnee January 19 following a heart attack.

After returning from China in 1947, Dr. Beddoe became instructor of hospital administration at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee and head of the university infirmary. The seventy-year-old doctor was still active on the OBU staff when he died.

Dr. and Mrs. Beddoe were appointed to China in 1909, resigned in 1927 and were re-appointed in 1933. Their work was in South China.

Dr. Beddoe carried on a program of rebuilding in the Wuchow Station and was superintendent of the Stout Memorial Hospital in Wuchow in 1947 while Dr. William Wallace was in the United States on his last furlough. (Dr. Wallace, Wuchow physician since 1935, died in a Communist prison early in 1951.)

The veteran missionary was a native Texan and a grandson of Dr. R.C. Buckner, Dallas, founder of Buckner's Orphans Home, Texas Baptist orphanage.

Dr. Beddoe is survived by his wife.

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MORE BIG BUDGETS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- Two more churches have joined the long list of Southern Baptist churches with budgets of more than \$200,000.

Second Ponce-de-Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, has over-subscribed a budget of \$293,370. The figure has already reached \$297,722 and more than \$300,000 is expected, says Dr. Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., pastor.

South Main Church, Houston, Texas, with a \$244,800 budget, agreed that all subscriptions over the budget would go to missions and already pledges have passed \$274,300. Pastor E.H. Westmoreland credits the missions emphasis with the enthusiastic over-subscription of the largest budget ever adopted by the church.

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