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OKLAHOMA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY  
RECEIVES ACCREDITATION

SHAWNEE, Okla. --(BP)-- Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee recently received accreditation by the Commission on Colleges and Universities of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, announces Dr. John W. Raley, president.

The school's new standing, reached by meeting some of the highest standards in education in the United States, was announced at the annual meeting of the association in Chicago late in March.

The North Central Association accreditation covers the entire scope of the school, including professional courses, the fine arts program, liberal arts school, library, faculty, administration and finance, student personnel service, athletics and the physical plant, Dr. Raley pointed out.

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BILLY GRAHAM INVITED  
TO LONDON IN 1954

LONDON, England (via Washington, D.C.) --(BP)-- British church leaders have invited Evangelist Billy Graham and his team to London for a city-wide campaign in 1954, according to reports from a recent conference on evangelism in London which brought together more than 800 pastors, evangelists and church officers.

Graham was the principle speaker for the conference March 20. He spoke for an hour and a half on the "current interest in evangelism in America," and followed his message by a lengthy question and answer period.

Graham said that although a definite date in 1954 had not been set, the campaign would probably be in the fall. The possible site of the campaign is the huge Earl's Court in London, seating more than 30,000. He hopes to include other major population centers of Great Britain in his 1954 campaign.

The British Broadcasting Company carried Graham's one public meeting in London this trip. More than 10,000 attended the service in Royal Albert Hall.

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FLORIDA SCHOOL ADDS  
MISSIONARY TO FACULTY

LAKELAND, Fla. --(BP)-- Dr. J. T. Williams, long-time Southern Baptist missionary to China, will serve on the faculty of Baptist Bible Institute in Lakeland for the 1952-53 school year, announces Andrew M. Hall, president of the institute's board of trustees.

Dr. Williams will teach courses in missions. He has recently been working on a special assignment for the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Virginia.

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TEXAS PASTOR PIONEERS  
IN LAND STEWARDSHIP

GROESBECK, Tex. --(BP)-- Olen E. Waldrip, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Groesbeck, deep in the heart of the East Central Texas farmlands, believes in stewardship of a special kind -- the stewardship of "God's good earth."

A story of Waldrip and his people in the Groesbeck community -- and how they have pioneered in soil stewardship -- is featured in the May issue of Farm and Ranch - Southern Agriculturist magazine. The article will appear in special connection with the annual Soil Stewardship Sunday, May 18, when the magazine sponsors an effort through the churches in teaching a God-given responsibility to the conserving of farmlands and soil throughout its territory.

The magazine, through its editorial offices in Dallas, Texas, furnishes materials and helps to pastors interested in promoting Soil Stewardship Sunday in their churches.

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REVIVAL IN GERMANY

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. --(BP)-- Word has been received that two Southern Baptists serving with the United States Air Force in Frankfurt, Germany, began a revival meeting there Easter Sunday, April 12.

Chaplain Fred Willhoite, former pastor of the Central Baptist Church in Lawton, Oklahoma, is preaching and Curtis Cheek, a 1950 graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, leads the singing.

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COOPERATIVE PROGRAM RECEIVES  
OVER TWO MILLION BY MARCH

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- Southern Baptists gave \$675,600 in March through their Cooperative Program for the support of Convention-wide agencies and institutions, bringing the year's total to date to \$2,200,867, an increase of 18.82 per cent over the Cooperative Program receipts during the same three months last year.

The progress report of Southern Baptists was released recently by the office of Porter Routh, executive secretary of the executive committee in Nashville, covering January, February and March receipts from the twenty-two cooperating states in the Convention.

Several states have raised their Cooperative Program gifts to a higher bracket when compared with last year, with California jumping nearly 100 per cent. Arkansas and Florida have upped their gifts more than 50 per cent thus far while Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas and Mississippi are near the one-third mark in increase for the year.

Designated gifts for the month amounting to \$334,373 brought the total for the year in designated contributions to \$1,893,108. This figure is about 18 per cent lower than designated gifts for the first three months of last year due to a delay in the Lottie Moon offering receipts from Texas. The Texas designation when received will near \$1,000,000 and will raise total designations far above last year's mark, Mr. Routh said.

In March Southern Baptists gave through both the Cooperative Program and designations a total of \$1,009,973 to the support of Convention-wide agencies and causes. This makes the over-all total gifts add up to \$4,093,975 thus far in the year. Again the delayed offering from Texas causes the grand total to be 1.96 per cent below last year's total of \$4,175,628 through March.