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Oklahoma Starts New  
Hospital Construction

OKLAHOMA CITY--(BP)--Construction has begun on the new Baptist Memorial Hospital here.

Contract for the first 200-bed unit has been let on a low bid of \$3,322,033, although it is estimated that the final cost will be at least \$4 million.

The 7-story unit will include laboratories, operating rooms, and kitchens. It will be air-conditioned throughout.

Oklahoma City is faced with a "drastic" shortage of hospital facilities, state Baptist officials reported. Therefore as soon as the most essential parts of the hospital are finished, it will be opened for patients.

The new hospital will be the ninth to be operated by the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma. Baptist hospitals now are located in Muskogee, Miami, Enid, Mangum, Perry, Stillwater, Bristow, and Pryor.

The 200-bed unit is the first phase of a proposed \$15 million medical center.

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Grigg Resigns Work  
In La. With Negroes

ALEXANDRIA, La.--(BP)--Wendell R. Grigg has resigned as director of work with Negroes for the Louisiana Baptist Convention to accept a similar position with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. The change is effective Apr. 1.

Since Grigg came to Louisiana Jan. 1, 1954, Negro work in that state has grown until now 19 persons are employed full or part-time. Also, some 85 Negro and white pastors and lay leaders serve on the faculties of extension schools. There are about 300 Negro students.

Baptist Student Unions have been organized on three of the five Negro college campuses in the state during the last two years.

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Texas Baptists Divide  
Three Annual Meetings

DALLAS--(BP)--Texas Baptists have decided to separate their three largest annual meetings.

The three meetings are the annual conventions of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, the Woman's Missionary Union of Texas, and the Texas Baptist Men's Brotherhood.

Starting in 1958, the convention sessions will begin on Monday night. W.M.U. and Brotherhood meetings will be held at some other time, perhaps during the same week after the convention proper is over.

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Trailer Park Credit  
To Southern Baptists

FORT WORTH--(BP)--Southern Baptists now own one of the best trailer parks in the United States.

Southwestern Baptist Seminary's Mobile Home Park here has been chosen one of the top mobile home trailer parks in the nation, according to the Mobile Homes Manufacturers Association.

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New Texas College To  
Share Baylor Charter

DALLAS--(BP)--It has been recommended that the new Baptist college proposed for Dallas be started under a common charter with Baylor University.

The recommendation was approved by the Christian education commission for the Baptist General Convention of Texas. At the same time the commission also recommended that a procedures committee work on further arrangements.

Dallas Baptists had first expressed a desire for the school to have a separate charter with a common board of trustees with Baylor.

It was decided, however, that a common charter is advisable, as W. R. White, Baylor president says, because "The BGCT executive board could tell Baylor. . . . to release the new school any time after it was established."

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.....Crawford Howell, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., has joined the staff of the Baptist Sunday School Board as secretary of Vacation Bible School promotion.

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.....Sam Brents, Jr., Oklahoma City, assistant editor of the Baptist Messenger, Baptist state paper of Oklahoma, has accepted the position of associate editor of the Sunday School Builder, a monthly publication of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

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.....The second Southern Baptist church in Nebraska to affiliate with the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists was constituted Feb. 13 as First Southern Baptist Church, Omaha.

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.....Jasper L. Memory, Jr., is the new chairman of the department of education and Henry L. Snuggs is the new English department chairman at Wake Forest College, four-year Baptist college in Winston-Salem, N. C.

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.....C. Thomas Bennett, Jr., pastor of Red Bluff Baptist Church, Sylvania, Ga., has accepted pastorate of First Baptist Church, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.

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.....D. Lewis White, pastor of First Baptist Church, Denham Springs, La., has accepted a call to First Baptist Church, Natchez, Miss.

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.....Al Mayton, Dallas, has been appointed artist for the Baptist Standard, weekly Baptist paper of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. He replaces Miss Marcia Boyer, who resigned.

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.....Sam T. Mayo, missionary to the migrants for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board since 1948, died of leukemia Mar. 5 in Montezuma, Ga.

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