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PERRY MORGAN
TO RETIRE

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--Perry Morgan, business manager of Camp Ridgecrest for Boys, will retire from active work with Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly at the end of this year.

He has been serving with the assembly in some capacity since 1936. From 1936 to 1946 he was assembly manager and since that time has acted as business manager of the boys camp.

Morgan was honored with an informal reception by the assembly workers and friends recently and at the Friday evening service during the Bible Conference in session. At that time Dr. Hight C. Moore read an article he had prepared on the life of Perry Morgan. Others taking part in the recognition service were Willard K. Weeks, assembly manager; James L. Sullivan, secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board; George Pickering, director of Camp Ridgecrest; and Harold Ingraham, business manager of the Board.

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DOUGLAS NAMED ARK.
ASSOCIATE SECRETARY

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.--(BP)--Ralph Douglas, pastor, First Baptist Church, Helena, Ark., has been named associate to B. L. Bridges, general secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. He will assume his new duties September 1.

Douglas, who has served the Helena church for the past eight years, has been a member of the State Executive Board for six years. He was for five years a member of the board of trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He is a graduate of Ouachita College and Southern Seminary.

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LAY ~~LEAD~~ CRUSADE ATTRACTS
70,000 IN FORT WORTH

FORT WORTH, Tex.--(BP)--This city, which probably has been more highly "evangelized" than any other in the southwest, has just experienced a new impact in the field of winning people to Christ.

This new approach to evangelism was a layman led eight-night crusade in which the professional soul-winners--the preachers--sat on the sidelines and watched. More than 70,000 people attended the revival held in the city's high school football stadium.

The idea for the all-layman crusade was born several months ago when pastors in the Tarrant County Baptist Pastors' Conference were discussing whether to sponsor another youth revival this year.

Some of the pastors thought a new approach should be given this annual event. It was then that the idea of a laymen led revival was born. The pastors called in the officers of the Tarrant County Baptist Brotherhood, composed of men of the 130 churches in the county. They accepted the responsibility.

Heading the all-layman team that conducted the crusade was Howard E. Butt, Jr., Corpus Christi, Tex., vice-president of the 62-store HEB food chain.

As master of ceremonies and song leader was Fred W. Smith, Cincinnati, O., who took time off from his job as vice-president of the Gruen Watch Company to participate in the crusade.

An extra feature of the crusade was the chalk drawings of Karl Steele, head of the art department of Wheaton College.

Fourth member of the team was Fague Springman, University of Maryland voice teacher, who served as soloist.

The other member of the team was Bill Mead, head of a chain of bakeries in Lubbock, Tex., who was business manager and co-ordinator.

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ARIZ. BAPTISTS BUY
ASSEMBLY SITE

PRESCOTT, Ariz.--(BP)--Arizona Baptists now have their own assembly grounds. The Paradise Valley Ranch, five miles northwest of here, has been purchased by the Baptist General Convention of Arizona as the permanent site of Gambrell Memorial Baptist Assembly. The Baptists paid \$12,600 for the 79.4 acre tract.

The new site will be available for the assembly and summer camps in 1955, although all facilities will not be installed by that time.

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KEEPING THE HOME BASE CHRISTIAN WHILE ENGAGING IN WORLD MISSIONS ADVANCE BY: Robert S. Scales

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third in a series of ten articles discussing some of the problems of Southern Baptist life. The opinions of Dr. Scales are his own and do not necessarily reflect the views of the editor.

Too many persons have an "either - or" complex. They can see only one side of a matter at a time. Some people have this attitude about friendships. They say, "You can be my friend or his friend," without realizing that the one involved might be friends to both. This attitude is reflected by some church members and churches. With them it is either a strong local church and home land or a world-wide mission program. Actually it is not an alternative to be selected, because neither can exist without the other. The only question is how to maintain both at the highest level at the same time.

The local field and the home mission fields were never more needy than in the beginnings of the church. Churches were without buildings, organizations, staffs, everything, but a sense of personal salvation through Jesus Christ, and a stewardship of the gospel whereby they were saved. If ever any group was faced with the problem of keeping the home base Christian while engaging in a world mission advance program, it was these New Testament Christians. How did they go about maintaining the home base while the world's first great missionary advance was being carried out?

First of all they strengthened their local organizations. This is seen in the selection of deacons and their invaluable contribution in maintaining the home base. The stronger the organization of the local church, the association, the conventions, the better the opportunity to keep the home base Christian and at the same time advance in world missions.

Second, they did not let their stronger centralized organizations keep each individual member from participation in the evangelizing of the home land. Deacons, laymen, women were soul-winners. Reports from mission fields today emphasize how many of the native Christians become evangelists. In the home land more and more of the ministry has been centralized in the pastors, the staff, the elected officers. The hope of the home land lies in every Christian becoming a winning witness, an earnest evangelist, a searching soul-winner.

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Some of the churches reaching the most people are doing so through the ministry of their laymen and women who have accepted their responsibility in evangelism. Preachers alone will fight a losing battle to keep the home base Christian. Our church members must share the call to evangelize, evangelize!

Third, they gave sacrificially. Sold everything they had and laid their gifts at the apostles' feet. Others gave of their deep poverty, some from their abundance. There are sufficient funds to do both the local and the world mission tasks, if the church members would be good stewards.

These three elements are essential to a program of keeping the home base Christian and keeping up world mission advance at the same time. There must be strong organizations, but at the same time a sense of responsibility by every member that will cause him to share in evangelizing and be a faithful steward of all that he possesses

If these three essentials are maintained other important matters will take care of themselves. Morals of our people are important in keeping the home base Christian. However, morals for morals' sake are hard to maintain. The person who is on fire as a personal evangelist and who is faithful as a steward will maintain a higher standard of morality than any one else. These three are the essentials - organize, evangelize, and give.

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.....Mrs. J. Norris Palmer, wife of the pastor of Baton Rouge's First Baptist Church was recently honored in a full length feature article in the Baton Rouge State Times.

.....Miss Mary O. Bidstrup, field secretary for the Missouri Baptist WMU was elected assistant to the executive secretary of the WMU, and Mrs. A. B. Constantz was elected field secretary.

.....Texas Baptist Education Commission has appointed a special committee to make plans for enlarging and providing adequate financing for educational institutions owned by the denomination in the state.

.....During the month of July, 1954, the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board issued a total of 28,600 study course awards.

.....Charles H. Ham, Kentucky associational missionary, has been named an associate in the Training Union Department of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

.....David Scott, Fort Worth, Tex., is the new instructor in church music at Ouachita College.

.....Carl H. Johnson, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Sheridan, Wyo., accepted the pastorate of First Baptist Church, England, Ark.

.....L. D. Ball, pastor, First Baptist Church, Lamesa, Tex., has been elected secretary of evangelism for New Mexico Baptists. He will assume his duties September 15.

.....A campaign to increase the circulation of the Baptist Standard, Texas Baptists' state paper was launched by Tarrant Baptist Association recently.