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TEX. CHURCH HONORS
PASTOR IN 10th YEAR

DALLAS, Tex.--(BP)--Can you believe it, ten years have passed since the death of the great Dr. George W. Truett, whose church had attained during his pastorate a lofty position among the great churches of the world. When he died, many predicted the church would not keep its place of leadership and that no man could be found who could successfully follow him.

As an answer, take a look at the record of W. A. Criswell, who succeeded Dr. Truett and who celebrated his tenth anniversary as pastor on October 3.

In 1944 Sunday school enrolment was 3,528, today 5,098; Sunday school departments 14, today 54; Training Union enrolment 513, today 1,722; Training Union departments 9, today 41; number of staff members in 1944, 12 and today 45; church membership in 1944, 7,804, today 10,523; and budget in 1944 \$200,000 and today \$605,000.

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WAKE FOREST TO GET
NEARLY A MILLION

WAKE FOREST, N. C.--(BP)--Wake Forest College will receive nearly a million dollars under the terms of the will of the late Col. G. Foster Hankins, Lexington. Hankins, who died in September, attended Wake Forest College and the school honored him with the LL.D. degree in 1952.

Most of the estate of \$916,188 will go to Wake Forest in the form of the George Foster Hankins Foundation. Income from the foundation will be used "to aid worthy boys and girls, young men and women, in obtaining an education."

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BWA YOUTH SECRETARY
TO VISIT IN ASIA

STOCKHOLM--(BP)--Joel Sorenson, youth secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, will visit young Baptists in Asia in October. During the two-month period he will visit in Ceylon, India (Madras and Calcutta), Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Taiwan (Formosa), the Philippines, Thailand, and Burma.

The tour, requested by youth leaders in Asia and approved by the Executive Committee of the BWA, is being financed by contributions from the young Baptists of Italy, Holland, Denmark, and the United States.

Sorenson's trip will mark the first time a secretary of the BWA has visited Asian countries east of India.

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