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700 TENN. PILGRIMS RIDE
N. O. CRUSADE SPECIAL

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--New Orleans, La., literally rolled out a plush, red carpet when the "Hold Fast Gains" train, the biggest religious pilgrimage in Nashville, Tennessee's history rumbled into the Union Terminal there.

The pilgrims attended two night services of the final week of Billy Graham's month-long New Orleans crusade.

The carpet, reserved for visiting celebrities, was rolled out in honor of Tennessee's Gov. Frank G. Clement, sponsor of the crusade special, and the some 700 other passengers from Tennessee, Southern Kentucky, and Northern Alabama.

New Orleans Mayor deLesseps Morrison was on hand with the key to the city. A motorcycle escort along with Billy Graham and his team were there awaiting the train.

Led by Clement, the travelers kicked off the trip with a candlelight service at the railway station in Nashville at 11:00 p.m.

A layover in Birmingham, Ala., at 5:30 a.m., featured a sunrise service in the station, attended by Birmingham Mayor James W. Morgan and Gov-nominate Jim Folsom.

The train was named "Hold Fast Gains" in honor of an Indian scout who made a marathon trip to Nashville for reinforcements in General Andrew Jackson's Battle of New Orleans.

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FROM OLD THREE-STORY HOUSE
TO \$15,000 CHURCH BUILDING

HOUSTON, Tex.--(BP)--It takes a lot of hard work to tear down a three-story building by hand, haul the lumber fifteen miles, and then clean it up and stack it for further use.

But that is exactly what the young pastor and members of Aldine Baptist Chapel on the outskirts of Houston, Tex., are doing.

They plan to use the lumber and the other materials from the old house to build their first church. G. M. Vinson is pastor.

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.....W. E. Greene, former president of Clarke College, Newton, Miss., is new asistant to the president of East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Tex.

.....Robert L. Horton, former visual aids worker in the Baptist Book Store, Birmingham, Ala., has been named manager of the Baptist Book Store, Kansas City, Mo.

.....William Graves Blanton, personnel director of a Houston, Tex., department store is the new executive secretary of Baylor University's Ex-Students Association.

.....Harry R. Koontz has been added to the Golden Gate Seminary staff as director of publicity and student services.

.....Frank H. Mann, Rye, N. Y., general secretary of the American Bible Society died, after a short illness, recently.

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CUTLINE FOR ENCLOSED MAT--W. D. Kendall, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, is shown accepting the Certificate of Merit award presented to the Board's Advertising Department for excellence in the advertising program of the publishing division. Presenting the award at the DMAA Convention is Reginald Clough, (second from left). Looking on are Melvin Hilderbrand and James Yarborough, copy writers for the Board's Advertising Department.--BAPTIST PRESS