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BILLY GRAHAM JOINS
FIRST BAPTIST IN DALLAS

DALLAS--(BP)--Evangelist Billy Graham joined the First Baptist Church of Dallas the last Sunday morning in June, according to an Associated Press article released here.

"With a dozen others he walked down the aisle during the services and shook hands with Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor, formally placing his membership letter here. The men embraced, and overcome by emotion, it was several minutes before Dr. Criswell could regain composure enough to speak. Both wept openly.

"Graham said his family lives in Montreat, N. C., but there is no Baptist church there. Son of a Presbyterian minister, Graham became a Baptist while in college in Florida. Mrs. Graham, whose father also is a Presbyterian minister, remains at Montreat to be near her parents while his work takes the evangelist from city to city.

"Graham said he passes through Dallas frequently and decided to make the First Baptist church here his home church. He has been conducting an outdoor evangelistic crusade in Dallas for the last month."

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BOOK EDITOR TO ATTEND
ZURICH CONFERENCE

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--William J. Fallis, book editor, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will attend the International Conference of Baptist Authors, Editors, and Publishers to be held in Zurich, Switzerland, July 10-16, 1953. He will be one of the main speakers of the conference.

Dr. Fallis will visit Paris, missionaries in Rome, and the British Baptist Headquarters in London before returning to the states.

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HAVE YOU LOST A WATCH?

BILOXI, Miss.--(BP)--E.D. Estes, P. O. Box 211, Biloxi, Miss., found a watch at the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, Tex. in May. If you lost a watch at the Convention, please contact Mr. Estes.

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HELICOPTER LEADS PARADE FOR
FORT WORTH BIBLE SCHOOL

FORT WORTH, Tex.--(BP)--A helicopter lead the automobile parade for the first Vacation Bible School held in the history of Richland Hills Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex., according to Tom C. Lawler, pastor.

In addition to leading the parade the helicoper put on a flight demonstration for the boys and girls attending the Bible school.

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TEXAN MEMBER OF SAME
CHURCH FOR 57 YEARS

GATESVILLE, Tex.--(BP)--Dan Graves, resident member of First Baptist Church, Gatesville, Tex. for fifty-seven years, says he has spent two years and two days of his life in church. He also calculates that he has spent 311 days shaving, most of the time getting ready to attend church.

The church has twenty-three members of its congregation averaging 55.6 years of membership or a total of 1,280 years of active church service.

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