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OKLAHOMA ASSEMBLY ATTRACTS 19,002

DAVIS, Okla.--(BP)--History was made recently at Falls Creek Baptist assembly when the 1953 registration reached 19,002, an increase of 583 over last year's attendance.

During the assembly a special offering of \$2,400 was taken for the Oklahoma Baptist Orphans' Home.

J. D. Grey, pastor, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, La., served as assembly pastor.

James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., and Carl E. Bates, pastor, First Baptist Church, Amarillo, Tex., will serve as pastors of the assembly in 1954, T. B. Lackey, executive secretary, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, announced.

The Falls Creek Assembly is often described as the largest of its kind in the world. It has only two six day sessions each August.

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CALIFORNIA PASTOR ACCEPTS MISSION POST

FRESNO, Calif.--(BP)--Horace F. Burns, former pastor, Harvard Terrace Baptist Church, Fresno, Calif., and later pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Eureka, Calif., accepted a position as general missionary in co-operation with the washington-Oregon Baptist Convention and the Home rission Board, Atlanta, Ga. He will serve as missionary in the territory from Seattle, north to the Canadian border.

He has served as an editor of the <u>Baptist New Mexican</u> and later associate editor of the <u>Baptist Standard</u> in Texas.

MEN OF ELEVEN COUNTRIES MEET IN SWITZERLAND

ZURICH--(HP)--Baptist laymen representing eleven nations met in the Second Annual Laymen's Conference at the Baptist Seminary in Zurich, July 2-8.

The countries represented were: Austria, England, France, Germany, Holland, Sweden, Scotland, Switzerland, Spain, Africa, and the United States.

George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, delivered a series of six addresses to the group. ARKANSAS PASTOR ... GOES TO CALIFORNIA

SAN LORENZO, Calif.--(BP)--I. B. Hodges resigned recently as pastor of Viola Baptist Church, Viola, Ark., to become pastor for the third time of the First Baptist Church, San Lorenzo, Calif.

While Hodges was paster of the Golden Gate church, Oakland, Calif., the congregation became a co-operating constituencey of the Southern Baptist Convention.

During his Golden Gate pastorate he served as president of the state convention, and was founder and first president of Golden Gate Saptist Theological Seminary.

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GHEEN LAKE FETES TENTH BIRTHDAY

GREEN LAKE, Wis.--(EP)--Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, St. Louis, Mo., was the guest speaker for the tenth anniversary of the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wis. Dr. Johnson, a world Baptist figure, whose church co-operates with both American and Southern Baptist Convention, told the assembly that the ten years have been a "glorious decade."

Comparable to Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist assemblies in the South, Green Lake was used this year by 100 different groups and attracted 25,000 people.