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OKLAHOMA CITY--(BP)--Construction is almost half complete on Baptist Memorial hospital here, for which contract was let a year ago.

Completion is expected before Christmas.

Construction of the 7-story, 200-bed unit is being done by G. E. Bass & Co. which bid \$3,322,033.

Equipment contracts let since that time amount to \$297,588, making total hospital cost about \$4 million, including additional land and architect fees.

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Loren J. Belt Takes
Position In Illinois

CARBONDALE, Ill.--(BP)--Loren J. Belt has accepted the position of secretary of the new department of work with Negroes for Southern Baptists in Illinois effective May 1.

Belt was elected to this position by the board of directors of the Illinois Baptist State Association in its January meeting.

In setting up the new department of work with Negroes in Illinois, Belt will work in close co-operation with Guy Bellamy, Atlanta, who is secretary of work with Negroes for the Southern Baptist Convention, Home Mission Board.

His office will be in the Baptist Building in Carbondale. The financial responsibility for this work in Illinois will be shared by the Illinois Baptist State Association and the Home Mission Board.

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Book Store Managers
Back 30,000 Movement

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Baptist book store managers have pledged their support to the Southern Baptist Convention's effort to establish 30,000 new churches or missions by 1964, the date for the goal to be reached.

The 50 managers, meeting here, sent their pledge of support by telegram to C. C. Warren, Charlotte, N. C., who is director of the 30,000 movement.

The store managers voiced their support and endorsement after hearing three special messages by Harry P. Stagg, Albuquerque, executive secretary, Baptist Convention of New Mexico, on the 30,000 movement.

The book store managers' telegram to Warren read: "The 50 Baptist book store managers in annual session here heartily endorse the 30,000 movement and assure full cooperation in promoting it. They pledge the best efforts of the 628 book store employees to give their active, prayerful cooperation of this program."

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They Speak English
In New Tokyo Church

By J. Woodrow Fuller

TOKYO, Japan--(BP)--"Tokyo's Flying Parson," Southern Baptist Convention Missionary W. H. "Dub" Jackson Jr., of Abilene, Tex., has organized the first Southern Baptist English-speaking church in Japan with 75 charter members.

A graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, and Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Jackson is a veteran of South Pacific combat as a World War II Air Force pilot. He still logs flight training with troops stationed in Japan as a reserve pilot.

Jackson's missionary work started long before his assignment to Japan by the SBC Foreign Mission Board in 1951. While still in military service, he flew combat against the enemy. But he spent his spare time taking part in street preaching services.

At the end of the war, he remained in Japan for two months to do personal missionary work.

He returned to Japan in 1950 with a group of summer missionary students. During the missions tour, he met Captain Fuchida, the Japanese pilot who had become a Christian convert after leading the attack on Pearl Harbor.

When he first began his missionary assignment, says the pastor, the people of Japan were curious and attended Christian services in large numbers.

"Now they are not hungry and they no longer are curious about Christianity. The well-fed and clothed people of Japan," Jackson said, "are going back to their old religions."

"The answer," said the missionary, "is the same as in the U. S. Missionaries must get the attention of the Japanese people and compete for their best time and interests."

Jackson hopes the church "will serve as a training program for missionary work in the area. People will now be able to see an English-language Baptist church in action," he said.

As an example of the expanding work of Southern Baptists, Jackson said that the first Southern Baptist church in New York City, more than 7,100 miles from Japan, was organized the same week that the Tokyo church was started.

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