

17,000 Listen, Others Turned Away As Graham Hails 'Utopia' of Christ

The only optimists in "this hour of pessimism" are those who are trusting in Christ, Evangelist Billy Graham told a crowd of 17,000 that filled every available space in Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum and overflowed into the corridors and adjoining auditorium Sunday afternoon.

Police traffic officers and Emmett Race, auditorium and coliseum manager, said 4,000 to 5,000 others were turned away.

Before speaking to the 14,000 persons jammed into the coliseum, Graham spoke briefly to those in the auditorium. Forty persons made decisions in the auditorium service.

In the main service 80 persons made decisions for Christ and 107 others came forward "on assurance of salvation."

"Man ate of the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden and died physically and spiritually and that's why Christ had to come and die for us," Graham said.

"The Bible is filled with blood," the evangelist added, as he told the story of Cain and Abel. "And

without the shedding of blood there is no religion," he said.

Since Adam and Eve were driven from the garden, man has been trying for 6,000 years to get back into this utopia, this dreamland, "but there's only one door through which he can go and that's through Jesus Christ."

Speaking on his announced subject, "The End of the World," Graham said, "the Bible is the only book that predicts the future and if you want to find out what's going to happen, I suggest that you read it.

"In one sense there is no such thing as the end of the world. However there will be an end of the world as we know it.

"And we can prolong God's judgment by a revival. I don't

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Home officials believed Mrs. Bates died in an upper hall in an effort to escape.

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know when it's going to take place (end of the world) and anybody that speculates doesn't know, for Christ, Himself, said He didn't know.

"But when I tell you that God is going to destroy this world, I have only His word.

In urging those "who don't know Christ to be saved," the evangelist said, "I don't want anyone to say I'm preaching a hell-damnation sermon, for it is the Bible that says that if your name is not written in the Book of Life you will be cast in a lake of fire."

Using the dramatic presentation that has made him the best known evangelist of the day, Graham told the story of Noah and the flood. He pictured God as looking down on the earth and upon finding a righteous man in Noah, told him to build the ark. "And for 120 years Noah went up and down the streets preaching

repentance to men and women who were enjoying life much as those who do not know Christ are doing today," he said.

Word Little Heeded.

The people in Noah's time had much the same vices as unsaved people have today, Graham said. Finally, God told Noah to step into the ark and "a gentle breeze closed the door and the lock clicked."

"And when the people saw the clouds gathering and the waters rising they tried to get into the ark (repent) but it was too late."

Monday at 7:30 p. m. Graham will speak on "Problems of the American Home." Usually, he says, this sermon is preached to women alone and then to men alone, but because of the brevity of the crusade here, the service will be open to everyone.

On Tuesday night his subject will be "What Jesus Meant by Repentance From Sin."

Rosell to Appear Monday.

On the platform Monday night will be Merv Rosell, who is conducting a revival in Dallas First Baptist Church. He will be accompanied by a Dallas delegation. The auditorium again will be available for an overflow crowd Monday night. The service will be piped through loud speakers from the Coliseum.

Graham will speak to ministers of the city at 11 a. m. Monday and at noon will be the speaker at the downtown prayer service in First Christian Church.

Out of town guests Sunday included Al Smith, Chicago, head of Singspiration Recordings, and Robert Walker, Chicago, editor of Christian Life.

Graham announced that next Sunday afternoon he will preach on "Daniel in the Lions' Den."

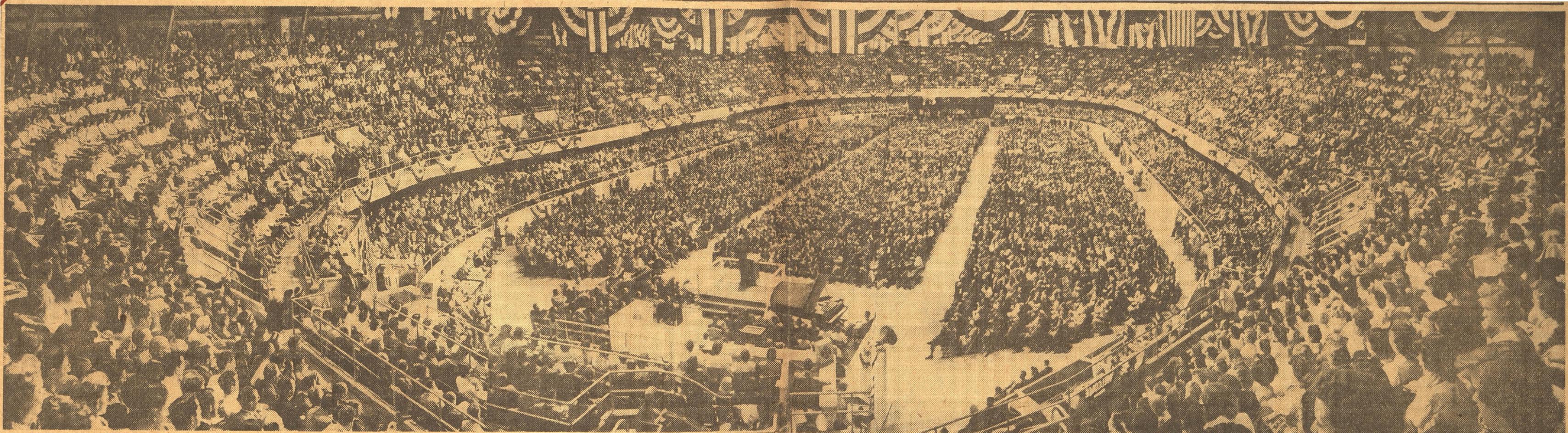
THANKS TO DIMES

Polio Victim Gives Birth To Daughter

TULSA, Okla., March 4 (AP).—A pretty young matron left her iron lung for the first time since Nov. 3 Sunday to give birth to a daughter.

Mrs. P. T. Sowden Jr., 28, Bartlesville, the wife of a chemical engineer for Phillips Petroleum Company, is a polio patient at Hillcrest Lying-In Hospital.

Physicians described her as a perfect patient during the 40-



Crowd of 14,000 persons jammed into Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum Sunday afternoon to hear Evangelist Billy Graham.

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