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Organizations Of City Combine In Clean-Up Drive

Civic Group Urge Immediate Cooperation Of All Citizens

Timed to coincide with the state-wide clean-up drive proclaimed by Governor Coke, Stevenson, civic and church organizations of Ozona this week took concerted action to launch a city-wide clean-up campaign in Ozona, to be completed by the end of next week.

The Ozona Woman's Club, which in past years has successfully sponsored the local clean-up campaigns, this year has enlisted the cooperation of all other women's organizations of the city and the Rotary Club as well. Cooperating agencies include the Junior Woman's Club, the Music Club, the PTA, the Methodist Woman's Society, the Baptist Missionary Society, the Church of Christ Women's Society and the Rotary Club, all of which will share in committee work in connection with the campaign.

Citizens are urged to begin an immediate clean-up of their own premises, and those who are able to do so are urged to have accumulated trash hauled off as soon as possible. Although details have not been worked out, arrangements are to be made for hauling of trash where householders are unable to have it done themselves.

To make the clean-up 100 per cent comprehensive, an effort is to be made by the cooperating committees to include a thorough clean-up of the draws and all vacant lots and public property in the city. As a measure of fire protection and mosquito control, efforts will be made to keep weeds cut down in the draws and water holes drained, it was said.

That a thorough clean-up is a patriotic duty in the present war emergency is declared by heads of the various organizations in conferences this week. Elimination of fire hazards and improvement of public morale are objectives of the state-wide drive, and these motives are stressed in the appeal to local citizens to cooperate in the undertaking.

Committees will be named for each section of the city to canvass their immediate neighborhoods to enlist the cooperation of everybody. The county's aid in cleaning public areas and in hauling trash for those unable to do so themselves will be sought by the directing committees. Help of school children, Boy Scouts and other youth organizations is also sought in the project.

A joint statement from representatives of the various organizations in conferences the first of the week urged citizens to commence immediately in their clean-up and to have the work completed not later than the end of next week.

J. W. Owens Seeks Re-Election To Commission Post

Veteran Commissioner Over 20 Years Will Be Candidate

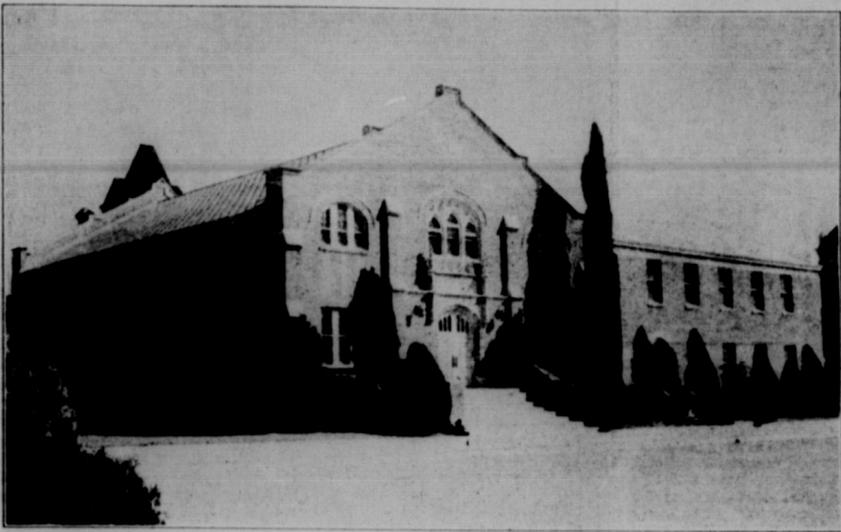
With the exception of County Judge Charles E. Davidson the oldest member in point of service on the Crockett County Commissioners Court, J. W. Owens, who has served this county in that capacity for more than a score of years, is a candidate to succeed himself in the coming 1942 elections.

Mr. Owens this week made formal entry into the July primary by authorizing the Stockman to announce his candidacy for another term on the Commission.

Mr. Owens represents Precinct No. 3, the western section of the county, on the Commissioners Court. He has no opponent to date for the position.

CRISMAN'S HAVE DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Crisman are parents of a daughter born Saturday afternoon in a San Angelo hospital. The tiny lady, who weighed only 5 pounds 3 ounces, has been named Marjorie Jo.



IN A BEAUTIFUL HOUSE OF WORSHIP today's congregation of the First Baptist Church of Ozona find inspiration and satisfaction as they reach the half century mark in church life in this community this week. The imposing brick church home was completed in 1929, the first service being held in the new structure on May 5, 1929. The building was erected at a total cost of \$47,500, with but a little over \$4000 indebtedness still remaining against it.

Order Of Services For Anniversary Sunday

Morning Worship 10:50

Piano Prelude	
Bell Tolling	
Doxology	
Invocation	Rev. A. R. Watson
Hymn	"Faith of Our Fathers"
Hymn	"Christ Arose"
Offertory	
Announcements, Etc.	
Talk, "Early Services in Ozona"	Mrs. W. E. West
Scripture	1 Corinthians 13
Special	Miss Johnye West
	(Accompanied by Choir)
Message, "These Things Abide"	Clyde Childers
Hymn	"Have Faith in God"
Benediction	
Benediction Sentence	Choir
Piano Postlude	

Evening Worship 8:15

Piano Prelude	
Hymn	"Come, Thou Almighty King"
Hymn	"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"
Invocation	Rev. Eugene Slater
Hymn	"Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned"
Offertory	
Announcements	
Scripture	
Special Music	
Message	Rev. A. R. Watson
Hymn	
Benediction	
Piano Postlude	

District Dads Outline Grid Slate For 1942

Only 2 Home Games For Lions; Few Fans May Follow

Ozona football fans next fall may have to content themselves largely with reminiscences on the dazzling season of 1941, when an Ozona Lion squad made history with their undefeated march to the district and bi-district crowns.

District 7B committee, meeting in Sonora Wednesday afternoon, drew up the schedule for the 1942 season which shows only two home games for the Lion team.

And, what with tire and automobile shortages, the boys are likely to have to play most of their games without the reassurance of strong rooting sections from the home town. School authorities declare that plans are being made to wage the grid wars without benefit of pep squad, band or any large contingent of rooters at the games on foreign soil.

The season's schedule is as follows:

Sept. 25—Ozona at Big Lake (night game, Tentative.)
Oct. 3—Eldorado here.
Oct. 10—Ozona in Rocksprings.
Oct. 17—Menard here.
Oct. 24—Open.
Oct. 30—Ozona at Mason (Friday afternoon).

Nov. 11—Ozona in Sonora.
Supt. C. S. Denham and Coach Elmo McCook attended the meeting of the district committee in Sonora Wednesday afternoon.

W. E. West has been ill this past week.

District Court Opens Monday; Light Docket

Grand Jury Called Monday; Petit Jury Wednesday

Judge W. C. Jackson of the 112th district, will open the April term of the district court in Ozona next Monday morning.

Members of the grand jury panel have been summoned to report at 10 o'clock Monday morning, when the court term will be formally opened. The petit jury will not be required to report until 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, the court being engaged the first two days in trial of non-jury matters while the grand jury is in session.

A comparatively light docket will be on hand for the court, and grand jury as well. The grand jury will have up for consideration a charge of murder filed in justice court against Mrs. Louise Hoover Currie, charged in the death of her husband, M. H. Currie, who was slain at the Rowdy Hoover ranch late in December, 1941.

JAKE McCULLEY SAFE

For the first time since shortly after the outbreak of war, local friends of Jake McCulley, former Ozona school teacher, now a lieutenant in the U. S. Army Air Corps, have had indirect word from him—that he is safe. Word came from Lieut. McCulley's father, Tom McCulley of Blanket, Texas, to Mrs. Bryan McDonald. The elder McCulley wrote that he had had a letter from his son but that there was no date and no indication of where the young pilot officer is on duty.

BAPTIST CHURCH OBSERVES 50TH ANNIVERSARY WITH SPECIAL SERVICES SUNDAY

Spiritual Leaders Who Pioneered Early Day Religious Development To Be Honored At Half Century Mark

Members and friends of the First Baptist Church of Ozona next Sunday will observe the fiftieth anniversary of the church's organization, honoring the small band of consecrated pioneers who a half century ago planted the great institution which today stands as a monument to their memory and a fitting culmination to fifty years of faithful community service.

21 Pastors Have Served Baptist Church

Membership Fortunate In Type Of Men To Head Church

A church does not rise higher in Christian service than the level of the vision of the men who lead it. Ozona Baptists have been fortunate through the years in having many of the very highest type men to lead the work. They have been men who have not only served their church and community faithfully but have been recognized by the denomination and given places of leadership.

Two of the pastors have been members of the Executive Board while pastor here, M. M. Fulmer and the present pastor, Clyde Childers. One, A. J. Carson, left Ozona to take up work with the State B. Y. P. U. Department and another, J. P. King, has in recent years served as a District Missionary under the State Board and the District Board of District 16. Others have served faithfully in their local fields and have been honored in other ways by the leaders of the denomination.

We would like to call attention to two of the early pastors of the church who were outstanding preachers and who served in Ozona when there was not too great an interest in the welfare of the church. The first is Rev. J. W. Cunningham who was the first pastor of the church. A quotation from the Associational Minutes of 1892 will suffice to give a good picture of his labors and the hardships he must have undergone to perform his work: "Brother Cun-

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PRESENT PASTOR, Rev. Clyde Childers, has served the First Baptist Church of Ozona over four years. Signal progress has been made by the church under his ministry, the membership being at an all-time high today and the church debt being cut more than half. To Rev. Childers goes credit for the research and writing which produced the splendid historical sketches in this issue of the Stockman, dedicated to the Ozona Baptist Church on its 50th birthday.

Denham To Aid In Evaluation Of San Angelo Schools

C. S. Denham, superintendent of Ozona Schools, will be in San Angelo Tuesday and Wednesday of next week as a member of a committee of schoolmen from this area named to evaluate the curricula and extra-curricula activities of the San Angelo public school system.

The evaluation is to be made for the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary schools, which has set up the evaluation program to aid schools in determining their strong and weak points in their educational program.

798 Motor Vehicles Are Registered Here

Few Late Registrants Expected To Push Total Over 800

A total of 798 motor vehicles, but two short of the previously estimated 800 to be registered in this county, were registered before the new registration deadline Tuesday night, according to a compilation of figures made by the sheriff's office.

The total is expected to go above the 800 mark with the usual dribble of late registrations. Of the announced totals, 515 were passenger cars, 110 commercial vehicles, 160 farm pickups and 13 trailers. There were no motorcycles or tractors registered in this county.

Winners Named In Declamation, Story Telling

County Meet Contests Tuesday Evening In Auditorium

Winners in the Crockett County Interscholastic League meet story telling and declamation contests were picked by a group of judges from the faculty of the Big Lake schools when the contests were held Tuesday evening in the high school auditorium.

Pupils of the kindergarten and first four grades participated in story telling contests while junior high and high school pupils were entered in declamation contests.

The results of the story-telling contests in the primary grades are as follows, pupils being named in the order in which they were placed by decision of the judges:

Kindergarten: Jimmy Reese, Wanda Carden and Velma Tumbison.

First grade: Kay Kirby, Tom Piner and Bill Schneemann.

Second grade: Darlene Lovelace, Ben Conklin and Allen Haire.

Third grade: Mildred McCaleb, Mary Jane Neill and June Perner.

Fourth grade: Robert Hays, Jean Gilliam and Judy White.

Declamation contests for the fifth grade were divided into contests for the boys and girls. In the boys' division, Chris Doty Perner won first place, J. G. Hufstetler and Charley Boy Davidson

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Baptist Church Building Pride Of Membership

Church's Property Values Increased 20 Times Over

An Anniversary Edition would not be complete if it did not devote considerable space to the two church buildings which the Baptist people have erected in Ozona in the last 50 years.

Reference is made in other articles to the fact that the first Baptist building in Ozona was completed in 1901 during the pastorate of Rev. A. R. Watson. The building was a frame structure consisting at first of only an auditorium which seated 200 people. The contractor was Sam T. Smith, one of the charter members and a deacon of the church. In passing it is interesting to note that the contractor on the second church building was also named Smith.

The church had only 39 members when they undertook the construction of their house of worship which was to cost them \$2,500.00. It was no doubt quite a test of faith for this little band which had probably only recently finished building their own homes in the new little town. But the building was finished in due time and became the fourth Baptist building to be constructed in an area of territory ranging from Sterling City to Rocksprings and from Angelo west

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WARSHIPS FROM JAPOLIES . . .

The census of automobile graveyards has begun all over the nation. The object of this census, undertaken by the Bureau of Industrial Conservation with the help of the Department of Agriculture and the Works Projects Administration, is to obtain an accurate record of the amount of steel available in abandoned "jalopies" for making war materials.

Steel mills and foundries face a shortage of approximately six million tons of steel scrap during the year ahead. Many mills already have had to curtail production and others have had to close open hearth furnaces.

The most recently available figure—only an approximation—estimates that there are 3 to 4 million obsolete cars in graveyards, and that these contain 2 to 3 million tons of scrap steel that are now critically needed.

Listing of these jalopy graveyards began on February 17 by approximately 30,000 persons and it is hoped to have the job completed within two weeks.

STRIKING OMISSION . . .

"A major crime was committed in the United States every 20.6 seconds during 1941."—Washington dispatch. And the estimate probably doesn't include those inexcusable strikes against national defense and safety. — St. Louis Star-Times.

IT'S THE COMMON LLOT . . .

"There is a shortage of pennies and nickels," the Treasury Department reports. And, in our case, there is also a shortage of dimes, quarters and halves and a dire shortage of folding money.—St. Louis Star-Times.

OLD, SAD KNOWLEDGE . . .

Several physicians report that an experiment which they conducted shows that suggestion has a profound influence on the development of endurance. A meek bystander immediately added that his wife's suggestions had practically created his endurance.—New York Sun.

Mrs. W. E. West, Only Living Charter Member Of Baptist Church Here, Honored By Membership On Fiftieth Anniversary

Commemorating next Sunday the 50th Anniversary of the organization of their church, the local Baptists are happy to honor their only living charter member, Mrs. W. E. West. She, more than any other person in the membership, is able to recount those early struggles of a young church which was trying to stand alone amidst the adverse storms which were beating upon it.

In 1878 the first girl born in the town of Junction was born to Mr. and Mrs. Sam T. Smith and they named her Alma Vee. Thus, born to pioneer parents it is no unusual that they should have, 13 years later, pioneered the Baptist Church at Ozona.

The Christian life began for this young lady in 1890 when she was converted and baptised into the Junction Baptist Church. This was a church in which her paternal grandfather, Mr. Smith, was one of the charter members. Her mother missed being a charter member of this church only because she was out of town the day it was organized.

In July of 1891, one year after she was baptised, the Smith family came to Crockett County and thus was opened a new chapter in the life of Alma Vee. The family arrived in Ozona only two weeks after the county was organized and the election had been held. Ozona was a very small "tent town" at that time. By winter the Smith family, who lived in a tent like almost every other family in the town, moved down under the old tree across from the present Baptist Church. Only a few, 3 or 4, frame buildings were erected in Ozona before the next spring, when several buildings were started about the same time.

Mrs. West recalls that when they first came to Ozona, and on through that winter, there was just occasional preaching as a missionary of first one and then another denomination would pass through the town. The small group of Christian people in the town had to be contented most of the time with gospel "singings" on Sunday evening. Sometime during the winter of '91 or spring of '92 the community made up money and bought an organ for use in these "singings."

In April of 1892 she and her parents became three of the charter members of the little Baptist Church organized in the frame school house. She recalls that the first person to be baptised into this church after its organization was Miss Mattie Noyes and she was baptised in the Couch tank about 8 miles from town. Most of the baptisings thereafter, however, took place at the old Kimble tank which was located near the present site of the roadside park to the north of town.

Those early years were hard ones for the little church. Mrs. West recalls that Brother Kendall, '93-'96, came once a month and was paid \$7.00 per trip. It took the preacher three days to make the round trip for his appointment. And the salary, \$7.00 per month, seems small to us now but it was difficult for the little church to raise at that time. Often someone would tell Mr. Smith, when he was treasurer, that they had some money at home for the church. He would say, "I'll send Alma for it." "I've walked a mile many a time," Mrs. West related, "for a quarter on the pastor's salary." Because

of the difficulty of raising the money the church remained quarter-time until 1898.

In 1895 a committee was appointed from the Association to nomin-



Mrs. W. E. West

ate a member from each church to represent the needs of Buckner Orphan's Home to the congregation. The committee selected Alma Smith for Ozona and she was given her first task from the Association. Even at that time the Home had 350 children and their needs were great.

Mrs. West has held a number of offices in her church and all through the years, even though away much of the time, she has continued her concern for the local church and her support of its program.

Only one time in the 50 years has her membership been taken out of this church and that was in 1905-'06 when she belonged to the church at Juno.

It is with the deepest sense of gratitude that on next Sunday the church honors Mrs. West and also pays a silent tribute to the other six charter members whose vision and faith led to the establishment of the Baptist Church.

Penmanship Awards To Be Made To 57 Junior High Pupils

Penmanship certificates and improvement certificates are to be awarded this week to 57 pupils of the Junior High grades.

The certificates go to the following:

Sixth grade: Ralph Carden, Mary Kathryn Flowers, Patsy Johnson, Sally Ann Laxson, Nat Read, Arthur Runkion, Jo Nell Russell, Lillian Schneemann and Ira Yancy. Improvement certificates will be awarded to Jane Augustine, Sandra Augustine, Joe Bean, Jack Coates, Bernard Lemmons, Billy Joe McDonald, Patricia Miears, Sam Perner, Buddy Phillips, Edith Lou Piner, Scott Smith, Marshall Sweeten, Kerry Tandy and Neva Trull.

Seventh grade: Jimmy Choate, Willa Joyce Dowdy, Geraldine Leatherwood, Jonel Oden, Corrine Phillips, Patsy Schwalbe and Ann West. Improvement certificates go to Joy Gay Deakins, Jo Kelley, Robert Lovelace, Juanita Oathout, Joe Perry, J. D. Porter, and Stanley Williams.

Eighth grade: Azalea Babb, Dor-

Call Off Band Contests Because Of Tire Shortage

A problem which local school authorities and Band Mothers have been considering for several weeks, that of transportation to the annual Spring band contests in Abilene, has been solved by action of officials of the band contests in calling off the 1942 event.

This information was contained in a letter received yesterday by Supt. C. S. Denham from Nat Williams of Ballinger, chairman of Region 11, Texas School Music League. Decision to call off the contests because of the difficulty of transportation was reached at a recent conference of the executive committee of Region 11, Texas School Music League and the board of control of the Texas Music Educators Assn. for the district.

"It was suggested that probably most of the bands would do well to substitute some local community concert or programs for the usual Spring contests," the letter received by Supt. Denham said. "Most of those in attendance, if not all of them, expressed the opinion that school music organization should do everything possible in a patriotic way. Music is a morale builder."

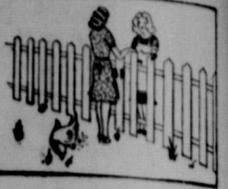
SUFFERS EYE INJURY

Ray Boyd suffered a severe eye injury Tuesday when a limb of a tree struck him in the face while he was operating a tractor on the Early Chandler ranch. He was taken to San Angelo for treatment and reports from the physician there indicated the injury was not serious.

is Bean, Doris Busby, Jo Nell Coose, John Fussell, Mozell Haire, Myrtastine Hokit, Peggy Jeffreys, Billie Jo Leatherwood, Mildred Porter, Pierce Reese, Carlton Smith, Lavern Tillery, Earl Tillery and Palma Trull. Improvement awards go to Buddy Russell, Charles Snyder, Muggins Davidson, Bennie Gail Phillips and Billie Rose Schwalbe.

THIS BUSINESS OF Living

BY SUSAN THAYSA



March Harvest

My garden is flourishing these days. To be sure, the half acre back of the garage where I do my planting is still bare. There's even a trace of snow on it this morning, and looking at it you might think it was mid-December. But looking on it I see rows of tall green corn, luxurious tomato plants with scarlet fruit showing through the leaves. I see the dark green of perky little radish plants and the lighter green of the onion spike and beans twined around rough poles, because I'm seeing my garden with my imagination—untouched by drought or pests.

I always begin studying the seed catalogues in January when Spring is still a long way off. In February I make plans for my garden and draw a diagram of the spring planting, and in March, when the wind howls around the house and drives the last of the dead leaves into the fence corner, I go downtown and buy my seeds. I have them now—neat little square envelopes gaily printed with pictures of the fruits to be. I love to hold one of these envelopes in my hand and shake it so the seeds rattle from side to side. Such a wealth of promise in that small package!

John has promised to have the garden plowed this week, and perhaps next week I can put in the first of my seeds. From then on

until November when I take in the last of the pumpkins there will be something to do every week, and during the growing season, every day.

I've always loved my garden. To see things that I have planted come through the ground—to watch them grow and flower and finally see the fruit ripen is like nothing else in the world. But this year it will be more wonderful than ever. In a world at war it will be a comfort to make things grow and prove that Nature is still on the giving side. In a time when much of the world must look to us for food it will be a satisfaction to help produce some of that food. And in a world where so many people are told what to do, it will be sheer joy to plant a garden and tend it as I see fit!

Perhaps it is selfish to enjoy so much doing something my own way. But it's part of the American spirit to enjoy independence; to plan and work and produce the way we think is best. It's the quality that made it possible for us to develop this great country in 150 years and to reach the highest standard of living the world has ever known. Personal independence is a quality we Americans must always cherish, even though the war effort requires us now to relinquish much of it until victory is won.

MOSS TO HOLD MEETING

James D. Moss, minister of the Ozona Church of Christ, will hold a gospel meeting in Sonora beginning Wednesday of next week and continuing through April 19. Services are to be at the Sonora Church of Christ at 8:15 each eve-

ning, no day services being planned.

Ed Bean, who suffered a severe heart attack recently and who has been under treatment in a San Angelo hospital has returned to his ranch home here.

After Fifty Years, We Still Hold High the Torch of-- Religious FREEDOM



AN AMERICAN heritage, guarded down through the years of history, is freedom of worship, one of the constitutionally-established freedoms of Americans.

We are proud of the place the church occupies in our daily lives in America. We are proud of the privilege of worshipping as we choose, without dictation or fear of oppression. May that freedom ever prevail and may churches continue to lead, and grow and hold their rightful place in this nation.

We are proud of the glorious 50 years of history of our own Baptist church. May it's members face the future with confidence and renewed faith.

COOKE'S MARKET

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Anniversary ---

A significant occasion is at hand for the membership of Ozona's Baptist Church—the observance of the 50th Anniversary of its life as an organized church.

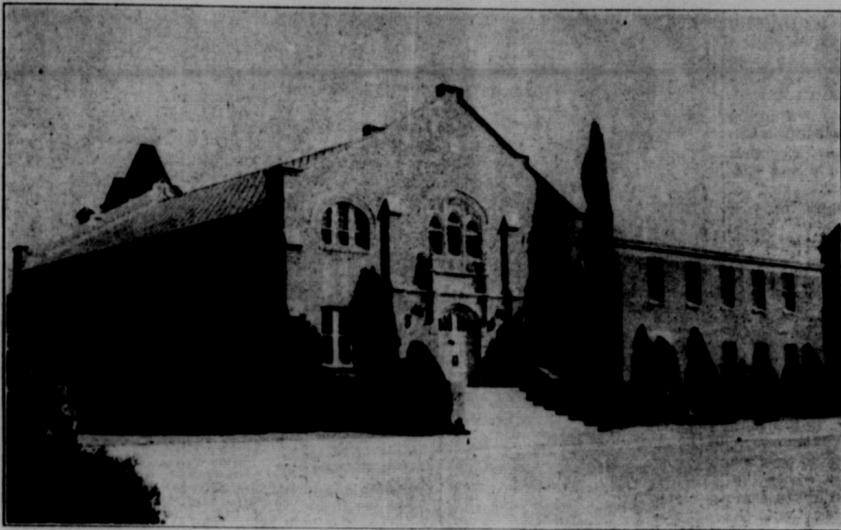
In its fifty years, this great church has occupied a place of growing importance in the community and in the hearts of its members and friends. It is a place of tender memories for many and in the pages of history it must occupy a prominent place for its part in the spiritual leadership in fifty years of Western empire building.

A hearty good wish for an inspiring anniversary program.

BAKER'S FOOD STORE

"WHERE HOUSEWIVES MEET"

Greetings On Your 50th Anniversary



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF OZONA, TEXAS

FIFTY YEARS of religious leadership in a progressive community --- keeping step with the developments in community life --- is something of which you may well be proud.

THIS GREAT church has been an inspiration in the lives of Crockett County people from the days of the hardy pioneers of 1892 to the war harried populace of today.

FIFTY MORE YEARS Of Vigorous Spiritual Leadership to You

Ozona Wool & Mohair Co.
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MELVIN BROWN, Mgr.

C. G. Morrison & Co.
5c to \$5 Store
J. C. GAY, Mgr.

Hotel Ozona
Most Modern Hotel Between San Antonio and El Paso
JIMMY BLAYLOCK, Mgr.

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Prescription Service - - Drug Supplies - - Gifts
PASCAL and AL

Taliaferro Garage
Mechanical Service on All Make Cars
Battery

Ozona Drug Store
"Just a Little Better Service"
The REXALL Store

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Complete Service

Ramirez Boot Shop
Makers of the Famous Ozona Boots
JOSE RAMIREZ, Mgr.

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Humble Products - - Mechanical Service
LEE WILSON, Mgr.

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"Cowboy Outfitters"
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LUTHER PARKER

North Motor Co.
That Good Gulf Gas and Motor Oil - - Service
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NON-SENSE OWENS-MAYES

SEEN - Spooks - on April Fool? Don't be silly!

Mary Perner's picture in the San Angelo and Dallas papers. Congratulations for winning that beauty contest.

Mr. Denham jumping the rope to school. His bicycle is being worked on. The only thing about the jumping rope, he says, is that the marbles fall out of his pockets.

Fats Thurman wearing a size three shirt. Skinny! You should eat more.

A letter from Clark Gable in Sis' pocket. He said that with her so near him (he's in the army at Sheffield) he couldn't possibly think of Hollywood and its glamour girls.

Billy Hannah buying some shoes. He says to the clerk, he says, "Listen, I want some size four black suede shoes for summer." The clerk argues for hours that that wasn't the size so Billy finally buys a size three.

A note to L. B. from Florence saying, "Well, I guess it's all over between us, Poochie. I really love you but since you think the army needs you more than I need you -"

Norma coming to school early and no freshmen in detention. Now, I'm sure it's April Fool.

Zella Lee in her new convertible. She's really the envy of everyone.

Joy home from college. How is Harvard, Joy? By the way, she's studying to be a lawyer.

Dick getting a permanent. He could stand no longer that straight black hair while L. B. would give anything to get that silly "kink" out of his.

HEARD -

That there will be no Junior-Senior banquet because of Gem Ella's wedding. Whom did you say the lucky man is?

That Pris is leaving. We all hate to see her go but a job in New York as a model doesn't come every day, you know.

That school will be let out a month earlier because Mr. Sikes doesn't like school and Mrs. Westerman wants to see her husband whom she divorced last Christmas.

That Joyce has to have all her clothes made because she can't buy them large enough for her.

That every one had a good time at the dance last night in the study hall. Tommy Dorsey's orchestra was terrible, but we managed to phone Phil Harris.

Tom Ed and his clarinet, Bud and his cornet, Gem Ella and her trombone, Adele and her saxophone, and Mary Grey and her bass horn doing some nice serenading about 4 o'clock Wednesday morning. Mrs. Nimmo, the new band director, certainly looked nice with that black spot light turned on her red and orange evening gown.

FELT -

Very embarrassed when they were caught in the park. Can't five girls (is that all?) eat lunch in the park in the daytime (oh yeah), without being talked about.

Terrible. When Jack got his report card, with all F's except one C, he fainted. "It's usually straight F's", he managed to say before fainting.

Very angry when the bed Rozelle is making in manual training fell down. Chappo had no business sitting on it. He knows how heavy he is.

TASTED -

Some very good cake and drinks served to the geometry students by Mr. Sikes.

Suckers that Miss Kirbie lets us chew on while she reads "Three Bears."

A dinner the H. E. boys cooked. It was really good, especially those fish. (Or was that fish, there

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Two Killed In Dash For Stage Coach Leaving For Siam

The audience hurried down the aisles to the seats. No one in town would miss the Senior play for anything.

Well, well here comes the spry old sponsors of the Senior play. Miss Kirbie came strutting down the aisle to the tune of "Oh, There Ain't no Flies on Me." Mr. Pingelton hurdled to the top and swung around on one of the chandlerys.

Mr. Sikes came down the aisle selling pop corn, candy and peanuts. Mr. McCook just tackled the usher who is the biggest brute in town - Billy McWilliams.

Mrs. Nimmo thinking that everyone had come to hear the declamations hurried around with medals and ribbons all over her. Mrs. Westerman tried to tell Mrs. Nimmo that the declamations weren't to be presented until the night of February 32 at 2 in the afternoon.

The play is beginning. Hark! Listen! The actors begin marching to their positions to the tune of "In the Mood."

After the play was over they all adjourned to the gym where the Hat Band played aided by the Rubber Band who gave a few stretches.

Little Children Go To Party

Little Billy Hannah and little Garrett McWilliams honored the first grade of '31 and '32 with a child's party in the court house Monday, March 30. The little guests were all given balloons and suckers. The little girls were dressed in their prettiest little pinafores, and the boys wore their Sunday short trousers. The children played some of the most enjoyable children games such as drop the hankie and a few others. They were given pictures of famous babies and told to guess who they were. They turned out to be pictures of the members of that famous senior class of OHS in 1941-42. Prizes were given to the cutest boy and girl, Floyd Hokit and Mary Lee Brown.

Those who were honored at this party were the members of the senior classes of '41 and '42. They were the following little children: Claudie Everett, Mary V. Graham, Mary Lee Brown, Norma Lovelace, Mary Faye Lucas, Dorothy Capps, Adele Keeton, Billy Hannah, Floyd Hokit, "Red" McWilliams, Wayne West, Stanley Lemmons, Carl Thurman, Byron Williams, Lloyd Coates, Gem Ella Dudley, Bill Carson, Jack Sawyer, Charles McDonald, L. B. Cox, III, Virgil Oden, Jimmy Pharr, Bland Tandy, Roy Coates, Lorain Wyatt, Dick Henderson, Joy Coates, Rozelle Pharr, Priscilla Baker, Margaret Russell, Mary Perner, Ethel Mayes, Zella Lee Thurman, Florence Luther, and Henry Patrick. Some of the faculty that were there were little Mr. and Mrs. Sikes, Mr. and Mrs. McCook, Mr. and Mrs. Denham, Mrs. Westerman, and Verna Leen "Mac" McWilliams. The only grown up people present were Mr. and Mrs. Hannah, Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams, Mrs. Charles Williams.

OHS Boys Promoted At Juno Air Field

Four Ozona High School boys in the Air Corps at Juno Field are wearing additional stripes as the result of promotions announced by Col. "Red" McWilliams, commanding officer.

The promotions were as follows: Staff Sergeant, Roy Coates, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fleet Coates, 1079 North West St.

Sergeant, L. B. Cox III, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Cox, 109 Silk Stocking St. Tom Ed Montgomery, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Montgomery, 1000 North Main Ave.

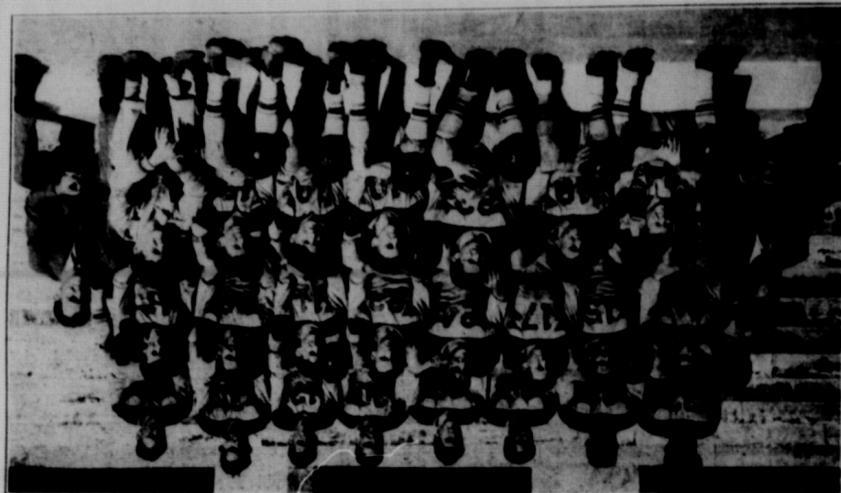
Col. "Chappo" Morrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marbury Morrison, 45 Point Ave.

seems to be some difference in opinion).

SMELLED -

Some very exquisite perfume. Gem Ella had it sent from Paris but isn't very satisfied with it because it is so cheap. It only costs \$999.99 an ounce.

New inmates in Ozona Pen. The suits they are wearing are read and green and differ from the old suits in that the old ones were red and green.



Pictured below are the following boys:

Looney Donald Ducks From Beloved School

What a beautiful April Fool's day. In fact, it was so beautiful that Ferdinand the Bull just could not bear the idea of spending it in that awful old school room listening to that mean old cow-teacher, Miss Clarabelle the Cow.

"Just what would happen if I didn't go to school at all today?" wondered Ferdinand. "Oh well, I can at least try it and see what happens."

So off to the brook trots Ferdinand light-hearted and gay as he hummed on his way. Finally, he arrived at his favorite apple tree under which grows his beautiful and sweet-smelling flowers. Oh how wonderful to spend this lovely day sniffing that delicate aroma of his favorite flowers.

"How peaceful! . . . But wait! Is that the evil sound of humming made by Mr. Bee, I hear? And is it drawing nearer to my peaceful dwelling place? It's hard to tell. Yeo-ow-ow-ow! Oh Mama - Mama - mean old Mr. Bee stung me!" wailed poor Ferdinand running homeward as fast as he could run.

Little does he realize that more trouble awaits him at home, because Miss Clarabelle has already informed his Mama of his absence from school.

And now our little Ferdinand lies in bed on his ba-oops, pardon me - his stomach most assuredly. His Mama added a few more red sore spots on the very same spot that Mr. Bee had previously occupied.

"Oh dear was it worth it?" thought Ferdinand, remembering that he had to miss his supper, and he had to take all his final exams. What's this he says . . . "You dern tootin' and I'd do it again, because in the first place, I wasn't hungry, and I would have had to take all my exams anyway, and it certainly ain't the first time I've been paddled. And this is no April foolin'."

A Dread Disease Hits Ozona

Ozona, Texas, the little town, in the heart of the cow country is now suffering from the dreaded disease of "pilazopolis." This disease is a very sore and terrible disease. It is a mixture of leprosy, infantile paralysis, mumps, chicken pox, pneumonia, whooping cough, measles, scarlet fever, and hydrophobia. It seems that it all got started by a teacher of Ozona High. She was taking her nightly walk when all of a sudden a skunk jumped out of the bushes along the side of the road and bit the teacher behind the ear. The teacher immediately became ill and fell along the wayside. She was picked up by a tourist and taken to Ozona, and from there the dreaded disease spread all over the city. Here are the symptoms of this disease. The victim talks very fast; his eyes blink every second; his legs are parallel, his neck hangs to one side, and he has abundant energy. If you are any person with any one of these symptoms report it to the "Be Kind to Dumb Animals" at once. April Fool.

This Ain't Hay But It's Horsey

No Yadsendew, Heram 52, ta 3 kecol'o eht students fo SHO "turts rieht ffuts."

Eht noitibihxe saw fo staef fo gnillbmuf gnidulcni tnoif llor keab llor, tnoif-elbuod llor, drawkcab-elbuod llor, sgnirpsdnah, spilfs, drawkcab spilf, adna gnipmuj eht esroh.

Ni eht tnoif-llor eht tneduts secalp sih sdnah ni tnoif fo mih dna seod a wor fo stluasremos. Eht drawkcab llor si tsuj etisoppo.

Eht elbuod-tnoif llor si detucee yb owt elpoeq gnibbarg hcae srehto sleeh, gnirnut revo dna revo. Eht elbuod-drawkcab llor si tsuj etisoppo.

Uoy lla wonk tahw sgnirpsdnah, spilf, dna gnipmuj eht esroh era.

Ta eht dne fo eht ecnamrofrep eht syob tliub a dimaryp htwi 5 syob no eht mottob, 4 no eht dnoces

wor dna 3 no eht driht wor, etc., litnu ylno eno nam saw tlef dna neht yeht lla dellor tuo ot llaf ni a paeh.

Txen Yadsendew, eht Roinuj Hgih will pleh eht hgih loochs syob mrofrep.

Miss Kirbie Gets Caught In The Printing Press

Last Thursday while helping with the Lion's Roar, Miss Kirbie got caught in the printing press. She was seriously injured and is not expected to live more than 24 hours. She has five fractured ribs, a broken leg, and a fractured skull. Any flowers sent will be greatly appreciated by the indisposed English teacher, even though she is at the present time unconscious.

There is about a chance in a million that she will pull through to thank you for them. Any way you

FLASH - Hitler Invades OHS

On March 32, the students of OHS became quite alarmed when the March wind blew Mr. Adolf Hitler and some of his troops in an open window of the study hall. There is no proof as to their method of getting here, but it is supposed that the wind became a little strong over in Germany. He must have picked up the men (or mice, which ever you prefer) and carried them over here. Since the wind never blows here, it was a little difficult for them to remain in the air; so they fell with the April showers. At first the students in the study hall became alarmed; but when they realized who it was, only a few of the smaller ones such as Wayne West, Carl Thurman, and Calvin Williams were afraid. Since the pupils were out numbered nearly 100 to 1 they found the going a little rough. Mr. Denham got his Economics class together to try out some of the strategy that they had worked out in class. During the great battle, of course, many were wounded, but none seriously. Mrs. Westerman and some of her H. E. girls had to use what they had learned in their study of first aid. These smaller students who were so frightened at first were soon damaged beyond repair mentally (any way they were hysterical). Every student in OHS was doing his best to save his old Alma Mater. In spite of all that they were doing, the efforts might have proved in vain if it had not been for three heroes of the day - Billy McWilliams, Chappo Morrison, and Lowell Sweden who attacked from the back and removed all trace of the enemy. On being asked what they did with Hitler, these heroes said that he was well taken care of forever. He is at the bottom of a river with all the OHS English books tied around his neck.

Even though this is April fool, that last sentence isn't a bad idea. "Two birds were killed with one stone," so to speak.

had better play safe and maybe you'll get a big A in English next six weeks. Don't send her daisies or poppies because she has hay fever. She prefers roses if you prefer to buy them. Her address is Ozona General Asylum, Room 213, 13th St., Ozona, Texas.

An Achievement In 1900



Baptist Church - Ozona, Tex.

A Progressive Church Group . . .

LOOKS FORWARD

Ozona Baptists were justly proud of the little frame building erected in 1900 and which was to serve the congregation as a place of worship for 28 years.

Best Wishes to The First Baptist Church of Ozona on Its Fiftieth Anniversary

Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Co.

T. C. HARRIS, Manager - Ozona, Texas

Baptist People Have Been Liberal In Church Gifts

Nearly \$200,000 Given For All Purposes In Half Century

For a congregation that has averaged only 135 members, for the 34 years of which there is a record of their total membership, the Ozona Baptists have been generous in their gifts to local and denominational causes. Only twice in the first 20 years of their history was the small congregation able to give as much as one thousand dollars for the support of their local and denominational work. Since that time they have given very generously each year with the \$30,004.07 given in 1929 marking the largest gifts in their history. This was the year, however, when the congregation gave \$20,891.59 on the new building.

The first year there is any report on the finances of the church, which was the first year of the organization, it is recorded only that they sent one dollar to the Association for minutes. It is not known how much was paid for the local work though it was in all probability very small as may be judged by the following 10 to 15 years. In those early years the congregation was able to pay only from thirty to two or three hundred dollars per year for pastors salary and limited amounts to the other phases of the work.

One wonders how the small churches were able to survive at all and how those early pastors were able to live on such small salaries. Two things should be taken into consideration as we consider those problems. One is that the early pastors had several churches which they served and many of them also had farms or other property which supplemented their income and enabled them to care for their families. Many of them were older men and already owned farms or some business before they surrendered to preach. The other factor is that during those formative years we had an alert State Mission Board which helped the small churches by supplementing the pastor's salary. The State Mission Board often helped from \$100.00 to \$150.00 per church, per year, on the salary of these missionary pastors. This is not to say that these early preachers had an easy time, for many of them did not, but it does explain how many of them were able to at least have a bare living as they went about their work.

It is interesting to note that the Ozona Baptists received State Board help until about the year 1916, or the first 24 years of the church's existence. It is estimated that the State Mission Board gave the local church at least \$2,500.00 during this period. Bro. A. J. Carson is remembered by the local members particularly for the fact that he led the church to become entirely self-supporting. It



FIRST BUILDING to house the Ozona Baptist congregation was erected in 1901, a frame structure which cost \$2,500. This building, with a Sunday School annex later added on the east, served the congregation until the new building was erected in 1929.

is also interesting to note that even as late as 1902 all the churches of the Concho Valley Association except one, probably First Church of San Angelo, were receiving State Board help. This is significant when we consider that the Association was formed in 1891 and that there had been much preaching in this section and the churches organized even before that time. It marks this territory as having been a mission field for quite a long time.

Beginning with the year 1916 the people of the local church began to take on an increased sense of responsibility for the church financial program and from that time on began to give to missions in a very liberal way. Up to that time they had given as much as \$150.00 per year to all missions but approximately \$100.00 of that amount had come back to them in the form of pastoral help.

For the 38 years of which there is a record, the local congregation has given \$129,711.37 for local work and, for the thirty-five years of which there is a record, they have given \$32,530.01 for outside work. If the records were complete for all the other years, it is altogether possible that the local folks have given around \$190,000.00 for all purposes in 50 years. This would mean that they have averaged about \$280.00 per capita for that period. This is an excellent record when one takes into consideration the early struggles of the small congregation and the fact that it takes time and instruction to awaken a missionary consciousness in people.

One real indication of a church's sense of responsibility as a spiritual institution is indicated by such missionary consciousness and the manner in which it is aroused to the point of sharing with others. The Ozona Baptists have measured up well. There has never been a pastor of the local Mexican Baptist Church but that the American Baptists have given to his sal-

TCU Students Favor Postponing Wedding For Duration

FOR WORTH—Marriage before the boy has to go to war is favored by more than one-third of the students at Texas Christian University.

Another 25 per cent of the boys and girls think that a formal engagement is best—the wedding to be postponed for the duration.

Approximately 42 per cent—more than favor either of the other two viewpoints—favor postponing the whole thing until the boys return from service.

The question, "Should a boy and girl who are in love marry before he leaves for service," has come in for a lot of discussion on the TCU campus in recent weeks.

A substance four hundred million times as heavy as steel is being studied—by telescope—by astronomers at the University of Texas' McDonald Observatory in the Davis Mountains. The substance lies at the core of the "white dwarf" star, Wolf 457, and weighs approximately one hundred million pounds per cubic inch.

The Ordnance Department of the Army has announced that mass production of 20 millimeter aircraft cannon has been attained.

Fifteen of the nation's major industries have been developed in the last 62 years, creating work for about 15,000,000 persons.

'ENLISTMENTS WANTED'

At this time the UNITED STATES ARMY is seeking the names of all qualified men between the ages of 18 and 45 for immediate voluntary enlistment. Married men are now eligible for enlistment providing their families have sufficient means of support. To be eligible for enlistment, men must be citizens of the United States and of excellent character. Men are needed for ALL ARMS SERVICE. Man

experienced in Mechanics, Gunsmithing, and other phases of Ordnance work needed. Rapid promotion in enlisted grades with corresponding increase in pay. After three (3) months service, every man is given an opportunity to apply for an appointment to an Officer's Training School. This school is for approximately four (4) months, with those who graduate being commissioned Second Lieutenants and placed on active duty with pay ranging from \$140.00 per month and upward. For full information, call in person, or

write to: U. S. ARMY RECRUITING STATION, ROOM 150 U. S. COURT HOUSE, EL PASO, TEXAS, or U. S. ARMY ENLISTING STATION, FORT BLISS, TEXAS, at the end of the Fort Bliss street car line.

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Are your gums unsightly? Do they itch? Do they burn? Drug-gists return money if first bottle of "LETO'S" fails to satisfy. SMITH DRUG CO. 2-12

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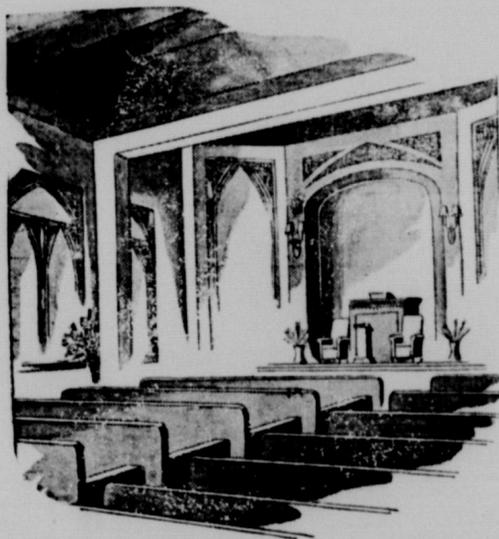
SACKCLOTH--
BUT NO ASHES!
FLOUR SACKS AND FEED BAGS NOW ARE MADE IN SUCH ATTRACTIVE PATTERNS THAT MANY WOMEN REMAKE THEM INTO SMART, GOOD LOOKING DRESSES!

SLOW DOWN!
MOTORISTS COULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$500 FINE FOR EACH HOUR OF THESE "THREE F" VIOLATIONS: SPEED, STOPPING, AND TURNING.

GREASE THAT LEAVES NO TELL-TALE OIL FILM ON THE WHEEL'S SURFACE IS CRUCIAL TO LUBRICATE FINE ON SUBMARINES

SINCE THE START OF THE ENLISTMENT PROGRAM AMERICAN INDUSTRIES HAVE TRAINED SOME 2,000,000 MEN AND WOMEN FOR WAR WORK JOBS

THE AMOUNT OF LUBRICANT USED EACH YEAR BY AMERICAN WOMEN WOULD PAINT 40,000 BARNES A BRIGHT RED COLOR.



Whenever Men Gather...

Wherever men gather, there soon must be a place of religious expression. When the hardy pioneers of early America pushed the frontier ever westward, men of God blazed new trails with them.

In every settlement they established a church, not an imposing edifice of brick and stone, but a simple little House of God where men of faith gather to reverence the Almighty and to give thanks for their new opportunities.

Thus was the beginning of the great Baptist Church of Ozona which we know today. Union services were held with the first settlement and a year after organization of the county, those of this denomination had grown strong enough to form their separate congregation—the First Baptist Church of Ozona had its beginning. To this great religious group we extend our heartiest good wishes for continued growth in our community.

J. H. WILLIAMS & SONS
"YOUR GROCERS"

62 Ranchmen Sign For Participation In Ranch Program

Sixty-two Crockett County ranchmen have signed applications for participation in the 1942 range conservation program, according to Miss Betty Bratcher, administrative officer of the Triple A in this county. Last year 115 ranchmen participated in the program in this county.

Miss Bratcher asked that all ranchmen who plan to do work under the range conservation program this year sign applications as soon as possible. It is not imperative that the work be done after signing the application, but no payment can be made unless such application has been signed before the deadline.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bailey left Tuesday for Houston where they are visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Brock Jones.

From London



John G. Winant, United States ambassador to the Court of St. James, shown as he was interviewed by members of the press upon his arrival in New York.

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Small Pioneer Band Organized Baptist Church

April 3, 1892, Birthday Of Present Strong Church Body

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon of April 3, 1892, a small group of Baptist people met in the old frame school house at Ozona for the purpose of organizing a Baptist Church.

In the little group there were two pioneers, J. W. Cunningham and T. R. Leggett. The former was a missionary under the board of the Concho Valley Association, who had preached in Ozona several times before and was destined to become the first pastor of the little church. Of the latter little is known except that he was probably a missionary under the same board with Brother Cunningham and was the clerk of the Concho Valley Association for a number of years.

The others of the group were humble, God-fearing men and women of the Baptist faith who desired to see a church of their own belief established in the new town. Many of them had probably not been in the new town long but they felt a keen responsibility to see that their church became an active part of the community life as soon as possible.

After the preaching of a sermon on "The Model Church" by J. W. Cunningham, a council was organized with Brother Cunningham as Moderator and Brother Leggett as Clerk.

Upon a call from the council seven persons who were accredited members of regular Baptist Churches, were organized into what was known as the Baptist Church of Ozona. The seven members who composed this group were Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Drake, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bean, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Smith and Alma Van Smith. The church accepted as their expression of doctrine and their statement of a church covenant the articles as set forth in Penfield's Manual.

After organization the church called J. W. Cunningham as pastor and elected W. E. Bean as Church Clerk. The date of regular meetings was set as the first Sunday in each month with conference to be on the Saturday preceding. The election of deacons was postponed to a future date, but the next soon elected and ordained were W. E. Bean and S. T. Smith.

Thus was set in motion 50 years ago a spiritual organization which was destined to take an active part in the development of the type of community which we enjoy today. The church has made a good name for itself and has virtually represented the Ozona through all the years. However, whatever the progress and spiritual prosperity it is the privilege of this church to enjoy much of the credit will go to that little band of people who had the faith to step out on the promises of God and who stablished something of the kind of organization that we have at Ozona today.

John Childress, who was to report for training as a flying cadet at San Antonio the first was not able to because of illness.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Stockman is authorized to announce the following candidates for political offices, subject to action of the Democratic primaries:

For Sheriff, Assessor and Collector of Taxes:

- R. E. McWILLIAMS
- FRANK JAMES
- MIKE COUCH

For County Treasurer:

- TOM CARBER
- (Re-election)

For County and District Clerk:

- GEORGE RUSSELL
- (Re-election)

For Justice of the Peace, Prec. 1:

- SAM HOUSTON

For Commissioner, Precinct 1:

- ROE MILLER
- (Re-election)

For Commissioner, Precinct 2:

- CHAR. BLACK
- (Re-election)

For Commissioner, Precinct 3:

- J. W. OWENS
- (Re-election)

For Commissioner, Precinct 4:

- E. E. KINSE
- (Re-election)

- W. H. ANCAID, JR.



BOARD OF DEACONS—Administrative body of the Baptist Church in Ozona, Texas. J. T. Keeton is chairman of the board and Ernest Dunlap, secretary. Shown in the picture above, front row, left to right, are Lowell Littleton, a former deacon here on a visit when the picture was made, Ira Carson, Rev. Clyde Childress, pastor, Walter Dunlap, M. E. Costell and back row, Ernest Dunlap, A. C. Hoover, J. T. Keeton, O. W. Smith and Ben Williams. R. J. Cooke, another of the deacons, does not appear in the picture.

Much Credit For Church Growth Goes To Loyal Deacons Who Have Served In 50 Years Of Baptist Development

Much of the credit for the growth and stability of the Ozona Baptist Church must go to the loyal band of deacons who have served the church faithfully through all the years of its history. Pastors come and go but the deacons stay on year after year, formulating plans and programs for the future of the work. They are usually the closest friends of the pastor, helping for him and working with him in the greatest work in the world.

While it is impossible to list in order all the men who have served in the capacity of deacon in the past 50 years it should be noted that the first deacons were W. E. Bean and Sam T. Smith. These men were charter members and men of high character who could be relied on to lead the congregation in a worthy way.

The local Baptists have been fortunate through the years in having a group of loyal deacons who have been recognized in their local church, in the Association and by the leaders of State Baptist Institutions as outstanding Christian laymen. They have been men worthy of large responsibility and who have had high honor bestowed upon them.

Of the present board of deacons two of them are trustees of Texas Baptist Institutions. Mr. Arthur Hoover has been for several years a trustee of Hardin-Himmels University and Buckner Orphan Home. Last year Mr. Ira Carson was elected to the Board of Trustees of Howard Payne College. The trustees of the Baptist Institutions in Texas are nominated and elected each year during the session of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. It is indeed a great honor to be elected to any of these positions and it is certainly credit to any church to have two of its members elected to these positions of responsibility in three great Baptist institutions.

Another member of the board of deacons, Mr. Walter Dunlap and also Mrs. Dunlap, has received special recognition because of his generosity both toward his local work and also the Baptist work. He and his wife have made a will that at their death all of their property will be equally divided between the Crippled Children's Ward of the Brenderick Memorial Hospital of Abilene and the college education of children graduating from the high school of Buckner Orphan Home. This thoughtful and generous provision for the continued ministry of their property through Christian channels after their death has been an inspiration to Baptist people throughout our entire state.

The oldest deacon of the church from the standpoint of service is Mr. Bob Cooke, who has been active in the local church as a member since 1897 and most of those years in the capacity of deacon. Bro. Cooke has seen the church grow from a small group of fourteen members, without even a building, to the almost 300 members of today and the beautiful and attractive building in which their worship is conducted. He has the distinction of the longest service as Sunday School Superintendent, having served about 19 years in all. Through all the years he has lived in Ozona he has conducted himself that people have been able always to recognize him as a true and faithful servant of Jesus Christ. He has borne with high honor the office of deacon and most certainly has justified the judgment of those who selected him for ordination many years ago.

As the son of Sam T. Smith, one of the charter members and former deacon, O. W. Smith has followed worthily in his father's footsteps and has made his church a faithful servant. It has been his chief joy to see both a son and a son-in-law elected to the same high position of service in their own churches.

Space does not permit us to say all the worthy things that could be mentioned with regard to all the deacons of the church. He is sure that all of them are men who have earned the confidence of their fellowmen and have brought honor and dignity to the office in which they have served.

In this edition of the Stockman is carried a picture of the present board of deacons together with the present pastor and a former deacon, Lowell Littleton, who only a few months ago moved away from our town. The members of the present board of deacons are: Ernest Dunlap, A. C. Hoover, J. T. Keeton, O. W. Smith, Ben Williams, Ira Carson, Walter Dunlap, M. E. Costell and Bob Cooke (not shown in picture). Other men who have served the church in the same office through the years are: A. W. Jones, Leslie Vance, E. O. Wood, J. H. McClure, Sam T. Smith, Arthur Williams, J. W. Edwards, W. Rogers, H. Q. Lyles, T. W. Patrick, Joe Couch, W. E. Bean, E. D. Grimmer, Dr. E. C. Foster, Mr. Turner, E. M. McGuffey, Adf Moore, Dr. Miller and Lowell Littleton.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
J. D. MOSS, Minister
Calendar of Services
Sunday School—10:00 a. m.
Preaching—11:00 a. m.
Evening Service—8:00 p. m.
Ladies Bible Class Wednesday, 9 p. m.
Kid-week Service, Wednesday, 8:30 p. m.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
Eugene Slater, Minister
Calendar of Services
Sunday School (High School), 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship (High School), 11:00 a. m.
Youth Fellowship (Paul Finner home), 7:00 p. m.
Evening Worship (Baptist Church), 8:00 p. m.
W.S.C.S. (parishage), Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.
Choir rehearsal (Bryan McDonald Home), Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

We hope that all of our people will go to church on this Easter Sunday. We hope, too, that love, faith, and hope may be created anew in the life of every one of our people. These qualities that are of the very essence of eternal life will come alive in us as we turn our minds and hearts to the Living Christ. May every one of us go up from this Easter day with an everlasting springtime in our soul.

Special music, the dedication of our babies to God in the service of infant baptism, and our Lenten Love offering are features of the morning worship service.

We Methodist people are rejoicing this week in the achievements of our fellow-Christians of the Baptist Church. This week marks the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Baptist Church in Ozona. We are glad for every victory over evil and every triumph for righteousness that has come through the life and labors of this church. We are happy to be associated with this church in the task of creating Christ's kingdom on earth. We pray the rich blessings of the Father upon the pastor, the official board and the membership of the Baptist Church in Ozona.

The Stockman Pulpit

Pastor of the First Baptist Church By Rev. Clyde Childress

WEARING OF EASTER CHRIS TEARS

Written by Dr. J. A. Sheburne

He went into a city called Nain, and many of His disciples went with Him, and much people. Now when He came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and much people of the city were with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her, and said unto her, weep not. And He came and touched the bier, and they that bare him stood still. And He said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak; and He delivered him to his mother.—Luke 7: 11-16.

No reason, not even Christmas, is as important as Easter, not only because of its hope of the resurrection, but also for its great lessons of love, sacrifice and devotion.

This year Easter must compete with the war for public attention. War puts the big headlines, Easter is pushed to the back pages. The message of eternal life is not money, never has been and never will be. But the forces of destruction are always clamorous, at present they are crying loud for attention. The same situation occurred in the First World War. The Kaiser and his war lords clamored for "their place in the sun." Jesus was ignored except when they wanted "God and us." Today the Kaiser is not important. He is reduced to small type in the pages of history. But Jesus and the Easter message are still important. They are eternally important.

Now Hitler's Nazi legions and the hordes of the yellow sons of the stage of the world with great noise and fury, Easter again is pushed to second place. But Jesus can afford to wait. In another generation Hitler also will be reduced to fine type in the pages of history. He will not be important. But Jesus and Easter will still be important—Eternally important.

But to our suffering world, just what is the message of Easter?

What does it mean that Jesus, not only died on the cross, but also arose again to life eternal? What is the significance of the empty tomb?

It means that there some things that are indestructible. The resurrection of Easter reminds us of this. They could not touch His spirit. They could not destroy the ideals for which He stood: righteousness, justice, love and mercy, tenderness, and determined concern for the individual. He steps a funeral procession to conduct a weeping mother. These ideals will not die. Many times tyrants have tried to destroy them, but in the end the tyrants have perished and civilization has taken on new life. God's plans can be delayed by evil men but they cannot be defeated.

But Christian ideals do not live of or by themselves. Jesus died for them. He paid a price. And the time has come when some of us will have to pay a price too. If we think we are to avoid to pay for those ideals, then we shall lose them. Those ideals were worth the price to Jesus. Are they worth the price to us?

This year Easter brings us more than just a memory of an old heroic sacrifice. It puts us face to face with that sacrifice, renewed in our own lives. Jesus not only died on the cross, but He rose from the tomb in defense of certain moral and spiritual values, ideals and standards. Today these are under attack again and it is up to us to defend them. Whether we live or die in this present crisis, the Master left us these assuring words: "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth on me though he were dead, yet shall he live."—John 11:25.

Rev.—John 11:25.

The promise has more than a personal meaning now. This year it is a message to all the ravaged little countries, all the peoples who are suffering oppression. It is a message to Czechoslovakia, Poland, The Netherlands, Greece, Norway, and others. It is a message to the powers still fighting against the forces of evil: to Great Britain, to Russia and to our country. The message says, "Christ inside out the key of life to you. He is ready to open the way that will remove not only this oppression but all oppression; he can overcome this war, and all war. Believe in Him and ye shall live."

Adapted from L. L. by Dr. John A. Sheburne.

Miss Emily J. West is home from Texas university recuperating from a recent illness.

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The cut in rates will save Ozona water users approximately 20 per cent over old rates on water for irrigation purposes. This first reduction in rates since the new system was placed in operation is in the nature of an experiment by your board of directors. The effect of the new rates will be studied in the light of experiences of this summer and it is hoped that even lower rates can be offered next year.

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Social Activities

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Passion Play Is Described By New York Lecturer

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church met in the home of Mrs. B. B. Ingham Wednesday afternoon.

As a Holy Week program, the Spiritual Life group, under the leadership of Mrs. Madden Read, presented Miss Emily Smith of New York City in a lecture on "The Passion Play" of Oberammergau.

Miss Smith who has traveled extensively, gave a very graphic description of the play. She began with the Biblical background of the story of the last week of the life of Christ, describing the historical setting in Palestine, then compared this to the setting of the play in the quaint and simple village of Oberammergau in the Bavarian Alps. She has seen the play many times, first in 1900, and has lived in the homes of some of the peasant actors, visited the surrounding country, learned to know the habits and customs of the village actors, who devote their lives to living the ideals of the play. She described them as very friendly and gracious people. Miss Smith saw the play three consecutive seasons, 1900, 1910, and 1922 and the character of Christ was played each time by Anton Lang—and thus she watched a great actor from his beginning to the height of his career.

Each member of the group felt as if they had experienced the influence of this great religious play that is so universally loved that even Hitler granted permission to be given in 1940, but world affairs were so unsettled that the people of the village decided it unwise to have it.

The next meeting of the society will be a business meeting, to be held in the home of Mrs. Ingham next Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Monroe Baggett will direct the worship service.

Those present were Mrs. Bill Conklin, Mrs. M. Johnson, Mrs. Eugene Slater, Mrs. Charles Williams, Mrs. Carl Colwick, Miss Elizabeth Fussell, Mrs. R. A. Harrell, Mrs. B. B. Ingham, Mrs. John Henderson, Mrs. Stephen Perner, Mrs. W. R. Baggett, Mrs. Scott Peters, Mrs. Madden Read, Mrs. Heyward White, Mrs. Floyd Henderson, Mrs. W. R. Cabaness, Mrs. George Montgomery, Mrs. L. B. Cox, Jr., and Miss Smith.

Kid Party For Juniors, Seniors

Honoring Garrett McWilliams, and Billy Hannah, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Hannah, and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McWilliams entertained the junior and senior classes with a kid party Monday night in the courthouse.

Mary Lee Brown was judged the cutest girl and Floyd Hokit the cutest boy. Byron Williams won the spelling backwards contest, and Mary V. Graham and Wayne West won the baby memory picture contest. The class prophesy was read, and children's games were played. The party ended with the singing of the school song.

Those present were Dorothy Capps, Bill Carson, Brown, Lloyd Coates, Gem Ella Dudley, Claudie Everett, Graham, Billy Hannah, Hokit, Adele Keeton, Stanley Lemmons, Norma Lovelace, Mary Faye Lucas, Garrett McWilliams, Carl Thurman, West, Williams, L. B. Cox, III, Mary Louise Perner, Joy Coates, Virgil Oden, Charles McDonald, Jack Sawyer, Roy Coates, Henry Patrick, Jimmy Pharr, Loran Wyatt, Bland Tandy, Margaret Russell, Rozelle Pharr, Florence Luther, Zella Lee Thurman, Ethel Mayes, Dick Henderson, Priscilla Baker, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. T. Sikes, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Denham, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McCook, Mrs. Marl Westerman.

JOHNNYE BOYD ENTERTAINS

Miss Johnnye Boyd entertained the Ace Club Saturday afternoon at Rendall's Drive Inn. Miss Mary Alyce Smith won high, Miss "Mac" McWilliams, second high and Mrs. Bill Baggett, bingo.

Others attending were Mrs. Estelle Caruth, Miss Georgia Williams, Miss Posey Baggett, and Miss Catherine Childress.

MRS. COOKE HOSTESS TO FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Members of the Friendship Club met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Cleophas Cooke. Mrs. R. J. Adams received high, and Mrs. O. Z. Fenner second high.

Others present were Mrs. Alyn School, Mrs. J. P. Newkirk, Mrs. Pink R. H. H. C. Townley, Mrs. Dewey Waggoner.

American Home Study Topic For Junior Woman's Club

The American Home was studied by the Junior Woman's Club Thursday afternoon when it met with Mrs. A. O. Fields, and Mrs. Marl Westerman in the Fields home.

Mrs. G. L. Nestrta, leader for the day, spoke on "Children Must Be Respected Also." The roll call was answered with a Bible quotation about home life. Home Safety and Fire Prevention were discussed by Mrs. Chas. E. Davidson, Jr., and Mrs. Oscar Kost talked on a study of clothes cost.

Others present for the meeting were Mrs. Walter Augustine, Mrs. L. B. T. Sikes, Mrs. R. H. Garner, Mrs. Rex Russell and Miss Zelma Scott.

WMU Holds Royal Service Program

Mrs. Ben Williams directed a Royal Service program when the Baptist WMU met Wednesday afternoon. The topic was "Think on These Things" and "Whatsoever Things are Pure." Mrs. J. T. Keeton discussed the Bible topic, "In Training for the King."

Mrs. George Bean, Mrs. J. E. Newkirk and Mrs. Ben Williams discussed the program topic, citing moral standards as magnifying Christ in our lives by the thoughts in our heads, by the words on our lips and by the work of our hands. Mrs. Bean presided over a business meeting.

Present were Mrs. Bean, Mrs. Newkirk, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Keeton, Mrs. Ernest Dunlap, Mrs. Rufe Everett, Miss Maybelle Taylor, Mrs. G. L. Nestrta, Mrs. Will Miller, Mrs. J. S. Whatley and Mrs. Clyde Childers. Next week the society will hold a Bible study program.

Mrs. Phillips Sunflower Hostess

Mrs. Arthur Phillips was hostess to the Sunflower Club Tuesday afternoon at Rendall's Drive Inn.

Purple iris, yellow tallies, aided in carrying out the spring theme. Mrs. Roy Henderson was awarded high, Mrs. Hillery Phillips second high, and Mrs. Chas. E. Davidson, Jr., bingo.

Others attending were Mrs. Hubert Baker, Mrs. Hilton North, Mrs. Boyd Clayton, Mrs. Clay Adams.

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By Coose

A platoon of riders circled the town Saturday night. Stopped at Busby's for a game of bowling. Some of them went on to "Mac" McWilliams for a game of bridge, Catherine Childress, "Toots" Smith, "Mac" McWilliams, Posey Baggett, were in the crowd.

Mary Margaret Harris will come in Thursday from TSCW.

Tuesday afternoon at the cooking school, Posey Baggett carried off the honor prize, which was a set of aluminum ware, by baking the best cake. Proof of its lightness, texture, and beauty were the samples which were given away.

Eloise Carson is expected home from Baylor University, Thursday.

Jean Drake has been cut off from our social intercourse by moving to Denison to accept a position in abstract work.

Taylor Deaton, Martin Harvick, and Boyd Baker are due home from the Wichita School of Engineering April 2.

Ray Boyd was carried to San Angelo Tuesday night with an eye injury. The doctor reported that he would not lose his eyesight.

Mary Louise Harvick, Bettie Coates, Jeff Fussell, Jim Dudley, W. B. Robertson will come in Thursday from the university.

Bobby Lemmons from Texas University, is planning on spending the holidays in Houston with friends.

Billye Jo West came home from the University a day or two early. She has been confined to the bed with a cold.

Helen Mayes and Frances Bean are due home from Southwestern Thursday. Helen is motoring home with Nonie and Rex Hutcherson of Sonora.



REV. A. J. CARSON is credited with putting the Ozona Baptist Church on a self-supporting basis. Rev. Carson served the church as pastor from 1915 to 1920 and during his pastorate the membership of the church almost doubled.

Mrs. Demp Jones 20th Century Hostess

Mrs. Dempster Jones was hostess to the Twentieth Century Club Saturday in the home of her mother, Mrs. Joe Pierce.

Mrs. Pleas Childress, Jr., received high, Mrs. Jack Wilkins second high, and Mrs. Early Chandler won bingo.

The Easter theme was carried out and a salad plate was served to Mrs. George Bunker, Mrs. Sidney Millsbaugh, Mrs. Joe Sellars, Mrs. Pleas Childress, Jr., Mrs. Jesse Marley, Mrs. Fred Hagelstein, Mrs. Jack Wilkins, Mrs. Phillip Lee Childress, Mrs. G. L. Nestrta, Mrs. Joe Clayton, Mrs. Early Chandler and Miss Wayne Augustine.

FRIDAY BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. Victor Pierce entertained members of the Friday Bridge Club in her home Friday afternoon. Mrs. Carl Colwick won high and Mrs. John Henderson, bingo. Others attending were Mrs. Tom Smith, Mrs. Hudson Mayes, Mrs. S. M. Harvick, Mrs. W. B. Robertson, Mrs. Lee Childress, Mrs. W. E. Smith, Mrs. George Montgomery, Mrs. Monroe Baggett, Mrs. Joe Davidson, and Mrs. Tom Harris.

LAS AMIGAS CLUB

Las Amigas Club met Friday afternoon with Mrs. Rex Russell. Mrs. Hubert Baker received high, and Mrs. A. O. Fields bingo.

Red bud and wild flocks were used as decorations and a dessert plate was served to Mrs. Arthur Kyle, Mrs. Richard Flowers, Mrs. Bill Baggett, Mrs. Heyward White, Mrs. Oscar Kost, Mrs. Fields, Mrs. Baker, and L. B. T. Sikes.

VICTORY CLUB

Mrs. Audra Moore was hostess to the Victory Club Friday afternoon at Rendall's Drive Inn. Mrs. P. T. Robison, received high, Mrs. George Harrell, low, and Mrs. W. R. Cabaness, traveling prize.

Others present were Mrs. R. E. McWilliams, Mrs. Bruce Drake, Mrs. J. C. Gay, Mrs. Pon Seahorn, Mrs. M. A. Ruffman, Mrs. A. E. Deland, Mrs. John Bailey, Mrs. M. Johnson.

University of Texas Bureau of Business Research officials have discontinued "for the duration" their monthly statistical report on Texas automobile registrations. Reason given was: "There's just nothing to say about car buying, because there isn't enough to talk about."

Latin-American School Pupils Entertain Rotary

A group of 8 pupils, 7 girls and one boy, from the Latin-American school, entertained member of the Rotary Club with a program of recitations and patriotic songs at the club luncheon Tuesday noon. The group was under the direction of Joe Ripple, principal, and Miss Catherine Chapman.

T. A. Kincaid, Jr., vice president of the club, reported on the recent inter-city forum in San Antonio on the occasion of the visit of Rotary International President Tom Davis.

Mrs. W. E. Friend, Jr., president of the Junior Woman's Club, appeared at the opening of the club meeting and introduced to the club the subject of the city-wide clean-up campaign, which was discussed at a meeting of the directors Tuesday afternoon.

TWINS TO HOLCOMBS

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Holcomb are the parents of twins, a boy and girl, born Monday night on the Bill Bissett ranch. Mr. Holcomb is employed on the Bissett ranch.

Clear Tennis Court For Grades

An area has been cleared east of the school ground for the purpose of installing courts for the grade school pupils. The county road machinery was used in the work.

The new court is to be dirt for the present, but school authorities hope for a concrete court as soon as conditions change to permit its construction.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Childress are in San Antonio this week where Mrs. Childress is having dental work done.

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Thus read the opening lines of an editorial in the official magazine of the United States Chamber of Commerce suggesting that the average citizen feels that the bureaucrats in Washington "are not taking the war seriously."

The average man, it is said, "has become impervious to 'emergency.' He has been exposed for ten years to perpetual emotion. It is natural that he ask his leaders for something more

than words. . . . He needs examples, actions, in high places."

But, it continues, "As far as the citizen can see, not one of the 150-odd peace-time bureaus, commissions and authorities has made any sacrifice. Not one. Rather, not a one but has found the war an excuse for expanding its personnel and 'services'."

The average man knows that wars are not won with words, piddling policies, or boondoggling. Wars are won with deeds, with production, and with the full cooperation of government, labor, industry, and of ALL the people.

He knows that to win the war there must be an end to petty politics while the battle rages. He knows that his

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Organizations Within Church Strengthen Work

Sunday School, Women's, Men's Groups Are Active

It would be an impossibility to give a detailed account of all the officers and other workers who have had a part in the development of the organizations of the Baptist Church. A brief summary of the history, officers and work of four organizations will be given. One phase of church work which received almost immediate attention by all newly organized churches was the Sunday School work. In 1901, upon the completion of their church, the Baptist people organized a Sunday School with 54 enrolled and Dr. L. P. Taylor was elected Superintendent. The average attendance for that year was 30. Up to this time both the churches had been associated in a Union Sunday School which had, for several years, used David Cook literature.

It is not possible to list all the Superintendents of the school but Mr. Bob Cooke has the distinction of having served the church in this capacity longer than any one else, approximately 19 years. A few of the others who have served in this capacity are: Arthur Williams, J. B. Smith, E. B. Grimmer, Mr. Culpepper, I. T. Keeton, A. W. Jones, Ira Carson, Leslie Nance and Ben Williams.

The present Sunday School has an enrollment of 226 with the following officers and workers as follows: Superintendent, Ben Williams; General Secretary, Mrs. Leo Bawcom; Pianist, Vera McCaleb; Adult Department, Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Childers; Griffin Miller, Ira Carson, Ernest Dunlap, Mrs. J. H. Williams, Mrs. Al Fields and assistants, Mrs. Gertrude Perry and C. S. Denham; Young People's Department, Miss Zelma Scott; Intermediate Department, Mrs. George Bean, Miss Margaret Butler, Troy Williams, Mrs. Chas. Powell and assistant, Miss Marzee Hammons; Junior Department, Mrs. J. S. Whitley, Mrs. Ira Carson, Mrs. Ernest Dunlap, A. C. Hoover and Roy Keith; Primary Department, Mrs. S. L. Butler, Mrs. Hartley Johnson, Mrs. J. T. Kee-

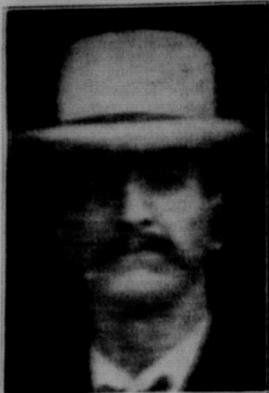
ton, Miss Rozelle Pharr and Mrs. Alice West Baker; Beginners Department, Mrs. Leon McIntyre and Mrs. Troy Williams; Cradle Roll Department, Mrs. H. C. McCaleb and Mrs. Roy Keith.

Last year was a banner year in the Sunday School work breaking all previous Sunday School records. In the month of April the Sunday School had an average attendance of 129 which surpassed all other monthly averages. In the same month the all-time record attendance of 173 was realized.

The Woman's Missionary Union has also had an interesting history and the fine missionary spirit of the organization has kept the church more keenly interested in all mission causes. The organization was first reported to the Association in 1909 as a Ladies Aid Society and they gave that year \$100.00 to the work of the church. The history for most of the early years is missing and it is impossible to form a summary of how much the ladies have given and all the work that has been accomplished.

They have paid their apportionments regularly and these funds have gone to the Orphans Home, Colleges and Seminaries, support of Missionaries' children in the colleges and universities, etc. They have packed boxes regularly for the Orphans Home and have performed many works of charity among the unfortunate in the town. These things in addition to their weeks of prayer which have been given over to the mission work and the offerings at the close of these weeks which has been sent through the regular channels of mission work. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering alone, in which all the church joins, goes over \$100.00 now every year. The church would never have been so alertly missionary if it had not been for the leadership of this good organization. The officers at the present time are: President, Mrs. Geo. Bean, Vice President and Circle Chairman, Mrs. John Mitchell and Mrs. Cleophas Cooke, Recording Secretary, Mrs. Geo. Neersta, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Ernest Dunlap, Young People's Secretary, Mrs. Ben Williams. These are the elected officers of the organization.

An organization which is only about three years old but which has already proven a great blessing to the men of the church is the Men's Brotherhood. The organization has sponsored semi-monthly programs which have been con-



ONLY MISSIONARY on the Amazon River for nearly 40 years, Rev. E. A. NELSON earned among Southern Baptists the title of "Missionary of the Amazon." His support was assumed in 1928 by local Baptists and continued for about six years. During this time, he was able to visit Ozona several times while on furlough. Rev. Nelson did a monumental work in his South American field and died there in 1939.

ducted for the most part by the men themselves. The programs have varied from forums, where the subject was sometimes not announced until the meeting, to the well organized and planned programs built around some stated theme. The highest attendance enjoyed by the men was in 1941 when 88 men were present for the last program of a contest which had been running for two months. The next week many of the men came back to an outdoor barbecue supper for which they were invited to bring their wives. There were 127 present in all with many of the people on each occasion being visitors from the other churches in the town. The present officers of the organization are: President, Leo Bawcom, Program Vice-President, C. S. Denham, Entertainment Vice-President, Griffin Miller; Secretary-Treasurer, Roy Keith; Pianist, Dr. John Sherrburne and Chorister, M. E. Corbell.

For the past three years the church has offered a Vacation Bible School in the summer months for the children of the community. The enrollment has been 51, 71 and 68 respectively with the average attendance 31, 49 and 54. It is impossible to list all those who have helped in this work or to estimate the value of the work accomplished. Suffice it to say that the school not only has offered the children a program for two weeks of the vacation period but it has stimulated their Bible study and increased their appreciation for the Word of God.

Other organizations have functioned spasmodically in the church but the above are the organizations which have either been actively serving over many years or which have recently been organized and are functioning profitably. Hidden beneath the figures given in this report are the labors of a great host of faithful Christians whose unrecorded efforts have made these reports possible.

Dr. Baker, San Angelo's well known optometrist, who has been sick several months, has recovered and is resuming his usual visits, see him at the Hotel Ozona, Monday, April 6th, only. See his advertisement in this issue.

James D. Moss, minister of the Ozona Church of Christ, is recovering from an operation performed by a San Angelo dentist to remove an impacted wisdom tooth.

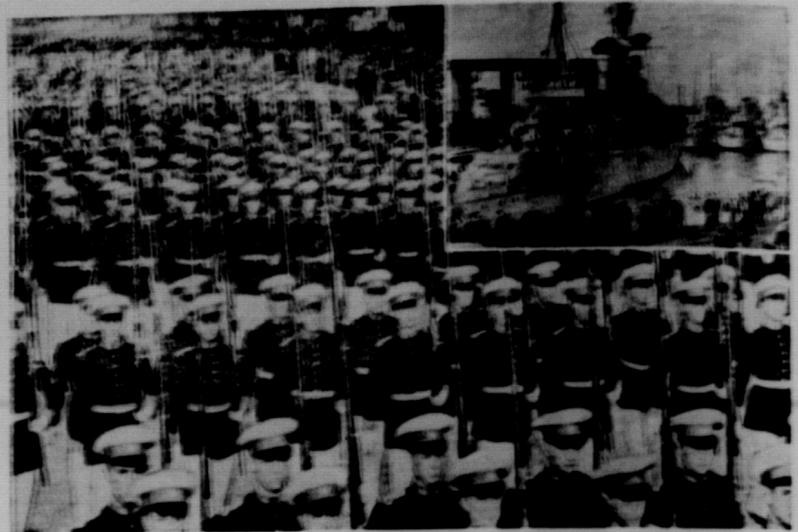
Scrap lying idle on U. S. farms and ranches would make 1,000,000 37-mm anti-aircraft guns, 200,000,000 30 calibre machine guns, 60,444 medium tanks, 377 heavy cruisers, 139 battleships, 100,000,000 100-pound aerial bombs, etc.—GPM estimates.

Philippine Leader



Recent photo of Maj. Gen. Jonathan W. Waldwright, now senior of four with the embattled Americans and Philippine troops in besieged Bataan.

Argentina's Bumper Crop—of Bayonets



Argentina is keeping her military machine well oiled, for she knows she will not be spared from attack whenever the Axis powers deem it advisable. The perfect marching order of these marines shows a high potential of precision and fighting power. Inset: A few of Argentina's modern warships. Fortunately Argentina has more than a token navy to safeguard her shores.

Draft Deferments To Be Tightened, Says Gen. Hershey

Selective Service Director Hershey, tightening D-A deferments, directed 38 local boards to put aside considerations of "mere convenience and comfort" in determining the deferment of persons necessary to the "national health, safety or interest." The local boards began distribution of four-page occupational questionnaires to obtain for the U. S. Employment Service and other agencies full information on the vocational background of men who registered February 16. Later the questionnaires will be sent the earlier 38 registrants.

The President set April 27 as the 38 registration day for all men 18 to 64, inclusive. Director Hershey said as the war progresses, draft deferments will depend more on whether a man's civil operation is essential to the war effort than on his dependents.

Double Trouble For Axis In Twin Texas Bombardiers

MIDLAND ARMY FLYING SCHOOL, Texas—Twins in the "Hell from Heaven" department means double trouble for the Axis, and that's exactly what this world's greatest bombardier training school now has in the persons of Lieutenants Joseph H. and James R. Elder.

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Sixty-Year-Old Church Bell, Used In First Baptist Church Building Here, Preserved On Present Church Grounds

If church bells could talk the bell at the Baptist Church would relate a very interesting history. For at least 60 years the old bell has been used in San Angelo and Ozona to call the people of the Baptist Faith to regular worship.

In the early part of the year 1881 the first building for Baptist worship was nearing completion in Ozona. There was a tower in the front of the building for a church bell but no bell was at hand. The pastor of the small church, 39 members, was Rev. A. Watson. Brother Watson went to San Angelo on a business trip and while there found that the old Baptist Church of that city was being leveled for the erection of a new building. They had no place for the new building for the old bell and were advertising it for sale. Brother Watson spoke to the building committee about the need of the small congregation at Ozona for a bell and hoped they would give it to the church. Feeling that the church should be willing to pay something for it the Angelo Baptists offered it to Brother Watson for \$50.00. This amount Brother Watson paid out of his own funds, paid the freight on it to Ozona and offered it as a personal gift to this church.

For over 28 years the bell hung in the old Baptist Church being used every Sunday, morning and evening, to call the people to regular worship.

In May of 1929 the Baptist people entered their new building, one in which no place had been provided for the church bell, and the old building was torn down. For five years the old bell was not used but in March of 1934 a pedestal was constructed from which the bell could be suspended and on April 8, commemorating the 52nd Anniversary of the church, the bell was properly installed. The following account is taken from the Stockman of the following week and is quoted almost verbatim:

"When the local congregation erected the new building five years ago the bell alone of the old building was retained. Due to economic conditions the bell was not erected at that time, but in the month of March a beautiful concrete pedestal, conforming to the architecture of the church edifice, was erected and the bell placed thereon. As a precautionary measure the clapper was taken from the bell and was not replaced until the bell was officially placed in service after the morning worship. The bell ringing service started with the 11 o'clock worship hour when the pastor preached on the subject, 'When Church Bells Ring.' Following the service the crowd repaired to the church yard where Mrs. W. E. West, the only living charter member, made a speech and then formerly installed the bell by placing the clapper and ringing it. Others to ring the bell were the oldest living member, members who came into the church prior to 1900, the pastor, M. M. Fulmer, and the deacons."

Found recently in some papers, which Mrs. West loaned the present pastor, to use in this Anniversary Edition, was the following speech which she delivered on the above occasion: "Forty-two years ago seven members of the Baptist Faith, feeling led by the Holy Spirit, met in the new town of Ozona, then less than a year old, and organized the Baptist Church of Ozona. Elders J. W. Cunningham and T. R. Leggett made up the organizational presbytery. The charter members were Mr. and

Kitchen Economies Are Demonstrated In 2-Day Cooking School

Timely information about vitamins in foods, about making use of substitutes in the face of certain shortages of war times, about kitchen economies made necessary by rising food costs, about conserving electrical appliances—these and hundreds of other suggestions were made to nearly a hundred Ozona women in a two-day free cooking school conducted at Hotel Ozona Monday and Tuesday by Miss Eudora Hawkins, head of the home service department of the West Texas Utilities Co., in cooperation with the Ozona Stockman.

Electric cookery in all its phases, economies in electric refrigeration and various other electrical appliances were demonstrated by Miss Hawkins in the two school sessions.

A feature of the second day of the school was a cake baking contest in which the Parent-Teacher Association shared, with the West Texas Utilities Co. offering a set of aluminum wear for first prize and an electric percolator for second prize. Miss Posey Baggett took the first prize and Mrs. Scott Peters second. Cakes entered in the contest and others donated for the purpose were sold by the Parent-Teacher Association at \$2 each, proceeds going into the association's treasury. A total of 14 cakes were donated and sold. Judges in the cake contest were Mrs. Marl Westerman, Mrs. Early Baggett and Mrs. H. T. Rutledge.

Mrs. F. M. Drake, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bean, Mr. and Mrs. Sam T. Smith and Alma Vee Smith. Six of these have passed on to that Heavenly Temple, the 'House not built with hands, eternal in the Heavens.'

"To these, our fathers and mothers who planted the Baptist Faith in Ozona, who were known better by their quiet Christian character and helpful deeds than for their financial success, who ever felt the Lord would take care of them, and He did, we would say, 'They fought a good fight, they finished the course, they kept the Faith.'

"As the only surviving member of that original seven, it is with deep humility—yes, profound gratitude—that I ring this bell in memory of their faith and loyalty. "May the sound of this bell today, and in the years ahead, encourage us to ever be true followers of the Christ that led that little group to organize this Church."

So the old bell hangs on the north side of the present building the only reminder of the old church and its service to the community. Though it cannot talk, the old bell can ring and every time it sounds it is a reminder that the old faith is still alive and the church is still ready to serve all who will hear its message and receive its Christ.

Mrs. W. S. Willis, Crockett County sheriff, was in Hot Springs, Ark., last week to be at the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Dale McWright, who underwent an operation in the Army and Navy hospital at Hot Springs to repair a broken ankle suffered in an auto accident in Brownwood last year. Mrs. McWright's husband is in the army and stationed at Hot Springs.



REV. M. M. FULMER pastored the Ozona Baptist Church the longest period of any pastor in its history. He served 7½ years, from 1927 to 1934, and the church attained the peak of its growth under his ministry. It was during that period that the present beautiful church edifice was erected.

Local Baptists Aid Organization Of Five Churches

Practical Application Of Missionary Spirit Is Made

A truly Gospel Church is one that not only is interested in serving its own people with a good program, adequate facilities, etc., but is also interested in other groups within its own borders and in helping mission points become organized, active religious bodies. The Ozona Baptists have been true to this Christian tradition.

In 1919, as recorded by the Stockman, Brother A. J. Carson took a group of people to Barnhart for a worship program and the purpose of organizing a Baptist Church. This mission work was carried on mainly by an active B. Y. P. U. group which had gone there for several programs. It is not known how many people were charter members or where the organization was set up.

Even before this time, however, a Mexican Church had been organized with the help of the local congregation. In 1901 the need was recognized for a Mexican Baptist Church in the local colony and the organization was effected with the Rev. M. D. Castillo being elected as the first pastor. The following September the church presented a petitionary letter to the Concho Valley Association and was received into that body.

Through several of the following years they carried out a very effective program and were well represented at all the annual Associational meetings. For more than a year now they have been without a pastor but an active Sunday School has been maintained under the leadership of Miss Adele Keeton. Miss Keeton has surrendered her life for special service and may devote it to work among the Mexican people. The Mexican Church will be invited to sit in the balcony of the First Baptist Church for the Anniversary service on next Sunday morning.

For some years there had been some preaching at Sheffield by pastors of this church, and others, and on several occasions an arm had been extended to receive those who were saved in the services or who desired to join this church by letter. In 1934 the need for an organized church was felt and on May 13th a group from this

church went to help in such an organization. The District Missionary, Rev. J. A. Kidd, was moderator and was assisted by Rev. J. C. McKenzie of Iraan and Rev. Fulmer. Brother Fulmer preached a sermon on "The Model Church" and at a given opportunity 15 people came forward to join the new church. After completion of the organization services the new church called Rev. McKenzie as pastor. Those attending from Ozona, some of whom assisted in the organization, were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Squyres, Mrs. A. E. Deland, Mrs. J. S. Whatley, Mrs. Mann, A. W. Jones and the pastor.

It is also interesting to note that two Negro churches have been organized in Ozona and functioned for short periods. The first was organized on Sunday, June 2, 1928, with 12 members. The church was organized after a series of revival services which had been conducted in the annex of the old Baptist Church. They called as pastor Rev. Burton of Fort Worth who was to divide time between Ozona and Big Lake.

The second Negro Baptist Church was organized in 1939 after a series of services conducted in the small auditorium of the new building. About 10 people presented themselves for membership in the new organization and the new church called Rev. Henry of Crystal City as pastor. The pastor soon resigned and the little church became inactive.

In an effort to serve the negro population with some religious service the church has organized a Sunday school class which is taught in the small auditorium each Sunday evening by Walter Dunlap. After the class the negro folk file into the balcony where they join in the evening worship. It is planned that in the near future this service will be broadened to give the negro folk a more complete spiritual program. About 20 have become regular attendants at the evening Sunday School class and worship hour.

In addition to these services the local congregation has extended an arm several times to Buenavista and Pandale where revivals have been held. On one occasion members were received from a highly successful revival conducted at Powell Oil Field by Brother Ira Garrison.

University of Texas pharmacists are studying methods of growing, harvesting and curing Castilian Malva, a new medicine which is expected to revolutionize the treatment of wounds in war time and thus cut the death rate from gangrene and unnecessary amputations.

Lion's Roar--

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THE WISE OLD OWL

By RUSSELL and COATES

What's this we hear about Mill and Bethel? Which is rating? Both, maybe.

Claudia was interested in glamour on Friday night. But, look whom she was expecting! It was Elmer's little bud. Who's Elmer? Oh, he's Whose Yer Whoodie's great grand niece.

It pays to be sick, especially when Wyandott "jumps off" with a box of bon-bons. Mice, wasn't it, Sug?

Mr. Pingelton had more mustard on his chocolate cake.

Bland is the meanest boy in the Sunday school. If you don't believe us, then—well, you should know?

Rozelle sits in study hall and twirls her hair. Every once in a while, she winks. At whom? (That's a secret).

Boochie like a change. What do you mean, girls on what?

This bowling is really getting serious. If you don't believe us, ask Roy.

The Senior play was a failure! Congratulations freshmen.

Floyd holding Gem Ella's big toe. My how these boys will surprise you.

El Dia De Tantos

Ayer fue el dia de los Inocentes y en todas partes se daban muchas bromas, como siempre. El señor Sikes encontro al señor McCook en la calle.

El señor Sikes Dijo, Hola, buenos dias. Como estas?

El señor McCook respondio, Muy bien, y tu? Hace dias que no te veo.

—Es verdad. Hombre, sabes que necesito una cosa?

—Que necesitas?

—Necesito cinco pesetas.

Bueno, aqui las tienes.

Señor Sikes las cogio, se las metio en el bolsillo, y luego dijo.

—Muy bien, amigo mio. Los Santos Inocentes te las devolveran.

Ustedes son tontos si leen este, pero no son tantos se pueden.

Por Haima Rilful

Editor's note: Unless you have studied the Egyptian, Polish, and Eskimo languages, don't try to congregate this here German.

Mary lost her false teeth Monday or last Friday. Who was the thief?

H. E. IIIIII went to the drug store Sunday Monday morning at 14:00 to learn the names of the different parts of meat. They had an awful serious evening.

Margaret Wiggs stays out a week and then comes back to school. See if it isn't rather hard to catch up on your sleep.

Virgil sits and admires Shirley Temple's picture in the "If Ya Ain't You Awta Be" magazine during Botany class while he is supposed to be sketching on a typewriter.

Carolina and Florencia and a bit others just can't speak Greek. Don't give up Englishmen. Good luck to both of you all.

Rozelle, who were the two cute goons that were in the brown Chevrolet with 000-000-000 license dental plates.

Because Draw Washes People To Each Hill In The Left Valley

Miz Kirbee, de teacher, tells us keeds dat dere ain't no use to learn the English lankwisch, cause she's did o. k. an she don't even bother wit it—see? But being as the pa(y)roll board in dis joint, pays her to learn us, she aims to do the best which she kin and being honest, she does purdy good.

Most of the time Miz Kirbee starts de class wit de funnies. (All us keeds, we like "Dick Tracy.") When shes done red de funnies to us keeds, we sometimes tell jokes.

One time Superintendent Denham, he comed in while she woz telling a kinda funnie joke. And did he give her a rakin' over the coals! He says he reckons as how if she ain't going to tell better jokes than that he's kick her out, and learn the class hisself. Every sins that time she allus tells purdy good jokes.

Long live Miz Kirbee! Down mit de lankwisch!

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Estimate Over 1000 Have United With Local Baptist Church In Its 50 Years

Because of the loss of the old church records no list is available of all the folks who have held membership in the Baptist Church. Neither is it possible to know exactly how many have come into the fellowship by baptism or letter, but on the basis of the records that are at hand, one is able to form a reasonable estimate.

As to baptisms, the records are for 31 years and show that 283 have been received into the church by this experience. While most of these are now unknown, Mrs. W. E. West recalls that Miss Mattie Noyes, now Mrs. H. A. Roach of San Angelo, was the first person to be baptized into the church after its organization.

The records at hand as to the number which have joined by letter are for 32 years and show that 473 people have united with this church from sister churches.

It is altogether reasonable to assume that if the other records were at hand the number of people having united with the church would aggregate more than 1000. For an average of 20 people per year to have been added to a church in 50 years, in a town the size of Ozona, is a testimony to the evangelistic fervor of the pastors and the soul winning efforts of the membership. Although many of these people have now gone out to other churches there is inspiration in the fact that somewhere many of them are laboring in Kingdom work and the influence of this church is living in them.

Baptist Building—

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for many miles.

In about 1902 six Sunday School rooms were added to the building and the entire structure was repaired. These rooms and the auditorium were destined to serve the growing Sunday School and all other organizations until 1929 and the completion of the new building.

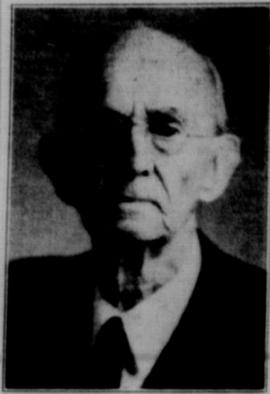
It must have been with a deep sense of regret that the congregation turned away from the old building after the last regular service was conducted in it on the last Sunday of April, 1929. Although the new building had 20 times the monetary value, yet the old building was the scene of too many sacred experiences for the congregation to leave it that day with a light heart. It had served the congregation well for the best part of 28 years.

The erection of the new building is in itself a very interesting story. On Sunday morning, June 2, 1928, the Baptist Church voted unanimously to enter a building program. A building committee was appointed which was composed of seven members: Ira Carson, chairman, A. C. Hoover, Mrs. Laura Hoover, Ray Dunlap, J. T. Keeton, F. A. Gray and Mrs. S. L. Butler.

It was not practical for the church to rebuild on the same location since the lot was needed by the expanding school system. Therefore, the church agreed on the present location which was a lot owned by the county. On August 7, 1928, Commissioner Ralph Watson sold the lot at public auction to Mr. P. T. Robison, representing the Baptist Church, for \$1,000.00. Arrangements were effected whereby the church deeded the old lot in payment for the new. Thus the county also came into possession of the lot upon which the new school building now stands.

On October 17, 1928, ground was broken at 6 p. m. for the new building. Services were held on the new location and the following program was observed: Hymn sung by congregation followed by a fervent prayer by Ira Carson. A few passages of Scripture were then read by the pastor and a description of the plans and preparations which the congregation had entered into prior to this time was made by him. The pastors of the other two churches, Rev. W. E. Swinney of the Church of Christ, and Rev. J. H. Meredith of the Methodist Church, responded with appropriate words emphasizing the importance of the structure to be erected. The ceremony closed with the breaking of ground. The first to break ground for the new structure was H. O. Word, who was chairman of the board of deacons. He was followed in order by these men: Ira Carson, Ernest Dunlap, J. T. Keeton, F. A. Gray, A. W. Jones, Rev. Fulmer, Rev. Meredith, Rev. Swinney and the contractor, Mr. Smith.

The building was formally opened for regular worship on Sunday May 5, 1929. The speaker of the



OLDEST LIVING former pastor of the Ozona Baptist Church is Rev. A. R. WATSON of Brownwood, who served the local church in two separate pastorates, first from 1898 to 1901 and again from 1905 to 1906. Rev. Watson will be honored in the church's fiftieth anniversary observance this week and will preach at the evening service on anniversary day Sunday.

21 Pastors—

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ningham is one of our Association-Missionaries employed at a salary of \$800.00 yearly, \$300.00 of which is paid by the State Mission Board, and the remainder to be collected from his field. . . . At an immense amount of labor he has occupied the southern and western parts of the field, preaching at Paint Rock, Sonora, Ozona, Emerald, Knickerbocker, Christoval and head of South Concho. He has also served the Sherwood Church as pastor, preaching for them one Sunday in the month. He was pastor for approximately one year on the local field.

Another of the early pastors who led a very interesting life was Dan W. Matthews, who was pastor for part of the years of 1879 and '98. We quote some statements with regard to him from an article by his son-in-law, Rev. E. G. Holloway: "As a missionary, Brother Matthews served most of his life on the frontier. His service at Rocksprings is a good example of his early labors. In 1904 he was missionary pastor there. When he began his labors he received no remuneration for his services, but ran a small dairy in order to support his family. He labored there many years before he saw any visible results. The country was cursed with every form of 'ism' imaginable. He was challenged for debates on every side and all this drove him to a most careful study of the Word of God. The result of this constant study was that everywhere he went he gave the people a safe Bible interpretation. He often walked 45 miles to reach a small charge. He preached at many small places in his life time. Some of them were Barksdale, Vance, Sonora, Junction, Ozona, Juno, Bracketville and Rocksprings. No charge was too small or hard for him to undertake. And his motto was, 'God is greater than conditions.'"

"As a citizen he was always on the right side of every issue. While pastoring at Bracketville he had to pass five saloons and gambling houses every Sunday morning as he went to his services. Nevertheless, he preached on prohibition morning was Rev. A. J. Carson and in the afternoon at 3 o'clock a special service was held with Rev. A. R. Watson bringing the message. At the evening hour the pastor preached and the worship hour was concluded with a baptismal service.

It may be well to note in this connection that the local Baptists have not only erected buildings of their own but have also given to help others erect buildings in their communities. It is noted in the Associational Minute of 1907 that some of the members of this church, who were present at the Annual Associational meeting, gave to help build the first Baptist building in Eldorado. The local church also gave to help build the first Baptist building erected in Rocksprings and then gave \$321.15 in 1927 to help them rebuild after their building was destroyed by a tornado. It would be impossible to state how many churches the individual members have helped to build with their gifts or how much they have given. It may be noted at this point that Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hoover and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dunlap have been particularly generous in this respect.

and fought for the right with a courage and faith that demanded respect of all."

As a fitting climax to a great life of faith and service Brother Matthews was found dead on his knees at the Alto Frio Encampment grounds presumably praying for the annual encampment soon to begin.

Following Brother Matthews was A. R. Watson, who shares with Leon M. Gambrell the distinction of being the only preachers to serve Ozona Baptists for two different periods. Brother Watson was pastor from 1898-1901 and 1905-1906, while Leon Gambrell was pastor for about 15 months in 1920 and 1921 and for 9 months in 1934 and 1935.

When Brother A. R. Watson came to Ozona in 1898 the church had about 22 members and was half-time. In 1900, with 39 members, the church started a building which was completed in the early part of 1901. At this time the Concho Valley Association covered 10 counties with at least one church in each county but it is interesting to note that only three places had buildings when the Ozona building was started. The year 1900 was a good one for the young church and they went to the Association reporting good finances and a new organization, the Ladies Aid Society. The next year, 1901, they reported a Sunday School for the first time in their history.

In 1905 when Brother Watson came back to Ozona for his second period of service he came for full time. The church had 60 members but when he left in 1906 they had over 90. Church finances were better than they had been in all the previous history of the church and interest had increased in every phase of the work. It was indeed a glorious piece of work which this consecrated pastor led the church to perform.

After Brother Watson left in 1906 the church went back to half-time services and shared pastors with Sonora, Sherwood and Knickerbocker for the next several years.

In the spring of 1915 Rev. A. J. Carson was called as pastor and moved to Sonora pastoring the two churches and spending two weeks with one and then two weeks with the other. However, in the fall of 1916, Ozona went to full time and has remained full time ever since. Brother Carson moved to Ozona and took up the work which he was to continue serving through the World War.

When Brother Carson first accepted the work in the spring of 1915 the church had lost a number of members and the membership was listed at 70. When he left in January of 1920 the membership was 130, having almost doubled during his ministry. There are many things which might be said of this progressive pastor but we mention only four. They are: (1) the finances increased from \$1,330.45 in 1915 to \$2,367.55 in 1920; (2) the membership grew to over 100 for the first time in the 25 years history of the church; (3) the church was led to become self-supporting and (4) the membership gave in the year 1920, \$981.19 to the 75 Million Campaign. This was not all the money given to this campaign but is all there is any record of and represents generous giving for a church with such a small membership.

The church grew under the leadership of the succeeding pastors but the peak of growth and service was reached in the years of 1927 to 1934 under the ministry of M. M. Fulmer, who enjoys the distinction of having pastored the church for the longest period of time, 7 years and 6 months. The early part of his pastorate was marked by the most prosperous times in the history of the county and the aggressive, spiritual pastor led the church to give liberally for all mission causes, vastly improve their own property and led them to new spiritual heights.

As in the case of Brother Carson it is impossible to give a full account of this monumental work and we will have to content ourselves with this brief summary: (1) the membership grew from 189 in 1927 to 270 in 1934; (2) the beautiful and inviting house of worship was erected at a cost of \$47,500.00; (3) gifts reached an

all time high in 1929 of \$30,004.07; (4) the church supported a missionary on the foreign field, E. A. Nelson, and (5) all the organizations of the church grew in numbers and in spiritual power. Many other splendid things could be said with regard to this pastorate and the others but in a running history these cannot all be mentioned.

Following Brother Fulmer was Leon Gambrell for 9 months and Ira Garrison for two years. These brethren served the church loyally and did a good work under the depressing circumstances which were so acutely felt for a portion of this period.

In 1938 the present pastor came on the field, the following things may be mentioned with regard to these more than four years: (1) the church debt has been reduced from about \$8500.00 in 1938 to approximately \$400.00 at the present time; (2) the membership has increased from 220 in 1938 to 280 today; (3) the offerings through the church have increased from \$4984.52 in 1937 to \$6842.58 in 1941 and (4) all Sunday School records have been broken with a record attendance last year of 173.

The above constitute some of the results that have been accomplished under a few of the men but since all could not be mentioned it is fitting that we should list all the men who have pastored the church and the years of their service: J. W. Cunningham 1892-'93, H. Q. Kendall 1894-'96, D. W. Matthews 1897-'98, A. R. Watson 1898-'01, D. M. West 1902-'04, A. R. Watson '05-'06, J. T. Rutledge '06-'07, Chas. T. Pledger

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Winners Named—

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ried for second and Lynn Neill was in fourth place. Winners in the girls' division were Jonel Oden, Ann West, Doris Bean and Lillian Schneemann.

Pupils in the Junior high division likewise were divided into girls and boys groups. In the girls' contest, Nan Tandy was first and Elaine Oathout second, and for the boys, Max Word, Joe Perry, John Fussell and Ralph Mc-

Caleb. Arthur Byrd Phillips was uncontented in the junior boys high school division and in the senior boys high school contest, Virgil Oden won first place and Charles McDonald second.

In a numbers sense contest in the grade school, directed by R. H. Garner, John Fussell won first and Muggins Davidson second.

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