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Church Aids Law

As an Institution It Has More Power in Community Than a Courthouse Says San Angelo Pastor.

Following are some excerpts from a discourse delivered by Rev. E. F. Lyon of the First Baptist Church at Harris Avenue Presbyterian Church San Angelo Tuesday night:

"The living church has more power in a community than a courthouse, in that those who live by its precepts do not need a courthouse, and were all men so directed there would be no need for courthouses, jails and other corrective institutions."

The Rev. Mr. Lyon took as his text Isaiah 26:9-10. The subject was: "The Church and Law Enforcement," or "Blue Laws and Red Laws, Which?"

"The church is one institution in the world to conserve and disseminate the truth for each succeeding generation. It is ever to be a place of information and inspiration. When the time comes that the truth of God is written on tablets of flesh, which are the hearts of men, rather than upon tablets of stone, then it is that the Spirit will give life and the letter killeth not. The prophet of God holds a far more responsible position than the secular exponent of legislative enactments and with the Word of God in his hand, he is to form the life schedule from the cradle to the grave, placing a flag at every switch and every crossing to warn men of danger and death. It must be remembered that evil has no moral right any time or anywhere."

The two main thoughts considered in the discussion of the subject were: First, when the law of God is made effective; second, when the law of God is made ineffective. Under the first it was noted that God's laws were made effective when reverence for Him is created, worship is safeguarded. Whatever tends to diminish the opportunity or desire for worship tends also to bring on a generation that know not the Lord God. Especial mention was made to Sabbath desecrators, those who for pleasure or for gain would themselves remain away from places of worship and induce or necessitate others doing the same are contributing just that much toward destroying the worship of God, he said.

"God is honored also in character building. Churches have training camps for the young and elderly and this sort of training is best and the surest antidote for crime."

The Rev. Mr. Lyon showed that the Sunday school is an aid to the law. Citation was given from the experience of a great judge in New York, who presided over a juvenile court in which he said out of the thousands of boys who had been brought before him for correction not one was a regular attendant of Sunday school.

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Girls Club Organized

On Wednesday night a Girls Club was organized at the W. H. Bell home in North Robert Lee. The charter members of the organization were: Misses Jeffie Box Bell, Mabel Tutb, Ulrich, Ila Ruth Turney, Mary Stubblefield, Iva Snead, and Nettie Bowen.

Officers elected at this initial meeting were: Miss Ila Ruth Turney, president; Miss Mary Stubblefield, secretary, and Miss Jeffie Bell, reporter.

The next meeting will be at home of Miss Iva Snead, Wednesday night January 16th, at which time a name for the organization will be decided upon.

Notice to Poultry Association Members

We have made arrangements with Cumbie Bros., to furnish coops and egg cases at Robert Lee and we will soon be ready to receive all your poultry and poultry products. Our manager intends to ship a car of hens and turkeys as soon as he can find a market. Will load at Bronte and San Angelo. The Association cannot handle produce for any but those who have signed or will sign poultry contracts. We are doing our best to establish an every day market for all kinds of poultry. We have plenty of blank contracts for all that want to sign and help find a market.

J. R. B. Overall, Director

W. J. Greer was in from his farm up the river Wednesday, and called in for the tracts we printed for him last week.

Words of Gratitude

By the kindly consent of the editor, I wish to express my gratitude and thanks in this paper to the contributors on the new Ford car that was given me Christmas. I feel it not in my power to receive it in as noble a spirit as it was given, but I hope to show my appreciation in a small way in service. I am made more and more to believe that blessings come to the unjust as well as the just. I consider it a great blessing to be thrown among people with big hearts. We are worshiping a great God in a great cause, among great people and I call on every Christian to put forth a great effort this year worthy of God's blessings.

H. C. Draper.

Pastor of Robert Lee, Sanco, and Colorado Bend Baptist churches.

Dr. Wardlow Coming

Dr. Wardlow, of the firm of Lewis & Wardlow, San Angelo, eye, ear, nose and throat specialists, will be at the City Drug Store, Robert Lee, Friday and Saturday, January 18th, and 19th.

Some men backslide so frequently that the route to the mourner's bench is always worn pretty slick

Bronte Couple Married

Mr. Blain Ott and Miss Nina Brown, both of Bronte, were married at the Methodist parsonage here Tuesday. Rev. W. E. Hawkins performing the ceremony which made the twain one.

We do not know personally these young people yet we wish them all the peace, happiness and prosperity that human beings are capacitated to enjoy.

M. G. Reed Pays Us a Visit

M. G. Reed, for many years a resident and enterprising business man of Coke county, but now of Abilene, was in to see us the early part of the week. He had his figures set forward on the Observer and of course we are happy to keep the paper going. Mr. Reed was at one time editor of the Observer.

Attention, Farmers

The Percifull Gin will gin your cotton on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Bring your cotton in on these days.

—Don't forget that J. T. Simmons is making mattresses at the Gene Gann residence in East Robert Lee. Give him your work; he needs it and will appreciate it.

Two names appear in our political announcement column this week. The write up of the candidates will appear next week.

Wayne Clift left this week for Abilene where he entered Draughton's Business College.

Farm Agent Busy

C. E. Clarke Assumes Duties in Coke County—Assisting in Marketing and Terracing.

Charles Clarke, recently employed by the Coke county commissioners' court as farm agent for this county, arrived here over the week end and has assumed his duties. Mr. Clarke comes here from Llano county, where has been county agent for a number of years.

Beginning the first of this week the new agent is getting in touch with the various communities and leaders in this county in an effort to get all lined up for the raising of more poultry on Coke county farms, for better marketing, and for more terracing.

Farmers here have shown an active interest in terracing and the co-operative marketing of poultry and campaigns to this end will be actively engaged in by Mr. Clarke.

We are happy to have Mr. Clarke and his family with us and trust that his work as farm agent in our county will be both pleasant and profitable. And it will not be otherwise, if our farmers properly co-operate with him.

At the Churches

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Saturday, January 12, at 8:30 p. m. Will Hawkins will preach on the street in front of the drug store at Robert Lee.

Saturday, 7:15 p. m. He will preach, the Lord willing, at Indian Creek schoolhouse.

Sunday, January 13, 10 a. m. The courthouse Bible Class will hold a rally in the court room. Rev. Hawkins will talk on "The Man Who Lost His Coat but Not His Character."

10 a. m. Sunday School at the church. Our aim is 100; 91 is the highest yet in attendance.

11 a. m. The pastor preaches on the subject of "Cornfield Honesty."

3 p. m. Will Hawkins preaches at Edith schoolhouse.

7:15 p. m. The pastor preaches at Robert Lee. Evangelistic services will be held every Sunday night in the month at Robert Lee.

Monday, January 14, 7:15 p. m. The pastor will teach the Sunday School lesson and will expect the teachers and officers to be present.

NOTICE—Tuesday, January 15. Rev. Hawkins has been asked to preach at Bronte Methodist church. He has accepted and he said he would look for more people to be present from Robert Lee than from Bronte. The following are appointed as an auto committee to help bring a crowd of people from Robert Lee to Bronte that night: W. M. Maxwell, Mrs. Dick Coulson, Bud Creech and Fred O. Green.

Psalm 121:7 is the Golden Text for next Sunday. Bring your Bible and be present.

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Rev. H. C. Draper, Pastor.

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LOCAL NEWS.

J. F. Cole, of Sanco, was a visitor to Robert Lee Tuesday.

A. J. Taylor and daughter, Lois, have returned from a visit to his parents in Alabama.

Orel Adkins and wife were shopping in Robert Lee Wednesday.

FOR SALE CHEAP—Young, pure bred Rhode Island Red roosters. Mrs. I. A. Bird.

I. A. Bird was among the few business visitors in Robert Lee Thursday.

Robert Walker of the Silver community, was pleasant caller at the Observer Office Friday.

Misses Ione Cumble, Elita Coulson, and Lois Bell spent the holidays at their homes.

—Just come on in and get your winter's supply of that good old Flake White Flour at Cumble Bros.

There will be a box supper at the Graham Valley school house, Friday night, January 11. Everybody invited to come.

Sam Russell and family of Sterling City, spent the Holiday season here visiting relatives and friends.

—No more wood hauling from Harris Bros., pasture without a written order dated the day that you get it.

Miss Pearl McCabe of the Divide spent Saturday and Sunday here, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Wm. Simpson.

—Wear the best shoes. And that is what you will do if you get a pair of the Robert Johnson & Rand Shoes at Cumble Bros.

Misses Mozelle Turney and Katherine Parham who have been attending school at Ozona spent Christmas here.

Talk about hats all you please but you'll find none better than the John D. Stetson which is in stock at Cumble Bros.

Joe Turner and wife of San Antonio, came in Friday night to spend a few days with Mrs. Turner's mother, Mrs. G. A. Rambin.

Write Draughon's College, Abilene or Wichita Falls, for Special Holiday Offer and Guarantee Position Contract.

Rev. W. E. Hawkins, pastor of the Robert Lee Methodist Church, spent the holidays with his family in Fort Worth.

A fresh stock of oak timber has just arrived and we would be delighted to have you come and see it whether you buy or not. W. K. Simpson & Co.

Rev. H. O. Draper, pastor of the Robert Lee Baptist Church left Dec. 24th, to spend the holidays with his parents and friends near Spur Texas.

—We are now receiving a car load of lumber and shingles. Come and get our prices before you buy.

W. K. Simpson & Co.

Miss Pearl Green, teacher of the school at Silver, came in from Alpine Wednesday where she had spent a Merry Christmas with parents and friends.

—There is no better meal on the market than Cream Meal. We will be glad to sell you a sack just this day.

Cumble Bros.

Miss Beulah Bird daughter of Mr. W. Bird who has been teaching school in the plains, has been spending the holidays with her father and friends at Sanco.

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Robert Lee to Have Poultry Market

O. E. Clark, business manager of the Western Poultry Producers' Association at San Angelo, was in our town Friday of last week in the interest of the Association. While here he established a receiving station for poultry and poultry products at Cumble Bros.

Prof. Sumner and wife and Prof. Gray have returned to Robert Lee after spending the holidays at their home at Blanket, Texas.

Lugena Sheppard who is teaching at Edith, has been visiting friends and relatives at Winters, Fort Chadbourne, and San Angelo during the holidays.

Louie Martin of Fletcher, Okla., formerly of Coke county, has been visiting friends and relatives, the past week in and around Robert Lee.

J. L. Reed of the Sanco commonwealth was a most pleasant caller at the Observer office Tuesday. While in he ordered the Observer sent to his home. Many thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Bilbo and little son, Bennie Howard, of near San Angelo, spent a few days the past week with Mrs. Bilbo's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Varnadore.

Rev. H. C. Draper and Rev. W. E. Hawkins are rejoicing because of the new Ford touring cars purchased for them by their congregations. For lack of time and space we cannot publish the list of names of those contributing.

The box supper at Edith, on Wednesday evening, December 26, given for the purpose of obtaining money to make payment on piano, netted \$53; and the one at Sanco on the evening of the 27th, for the same purpose, netted \$57.10.

Ulmer Bird, student in Simmons College, spent the holidays with homefolk at Sanco. Miss Evalyn Bird accompanied him on his return to Abilene and will do student work in Simmons during the winter and spring terms.

Rodney Thomason and Misses Azalea Harryman and Stella Calder went to Ballinger Friday December 21, returning the same day. They were accompanied by Misses Hazel and Verna Thomason who had been attending the Teachers' Institute there.

The young people of Sanco and adjoining communities enjoyed an old-fashioned singing at the home of Joe Gartman and wife, Sunday evening. It was given in honor of S. C. Gartman and wife and Mrs. Velma Byrne, who has been spending several months in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Barfield of the Graham Valley section passed through Robert Lee Saturday morning en route to San Angelo, where they will make their home. Mr. Barfield has employment at the oil mill but later will farm somewhere in the vicinity of San Angelo.

Mrs. J. W. Calder and daughter Stella, Mr. and Mrs. Simmons and son, Arbury, left Saturday for Coleman county, where they spent several days visiting relatives and friends. They returned home Thursday.

Beginning Monday December 10th, the Collier gin will run Monday, Wednesday and Friday and the Percifall gin Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. If one gin cannot handle the cotton, both gins will run.

Misses Ulrich, Bowen, Turney, and Stubblefield, teachers in the Robert Lee school, came in the early part of the week to resume their work here after a Merry Christmas spent with homefolks and friends.

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GREETING

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