

Training Union Goes To Fort Worth November 20-22

This Changing World

"... that those things which cannot be shaken may remain." Heb. 12:27.

By LOUIE D. NEWTON

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands — one nation, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

"There were practical reasons why the President did not turn the undeclared war into a declared war. One was political—no declaration of war could pass Congress. Another was that a declaration of war might bring in Japan," observes Time Newsmagazine, issue November 10.

Roosevelt: Dictator or Democrat, is the title of an engaging, and, perhaps, important book by Gerald White Johnson, one of the editors of the Baltimore Evening Sun, Harper and Brothers, three dollars. Mr. Johnson

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden.
Matthew 11:28.

is quite certain that Mr. Roosevelt is a great man, a liberal Democrat, a constructive statesman—that he will go down in history as one of our greatest presidents. He sees no danger of Mr. Roosevelt becoming a dictator.

Most interesting bit of news is the announcement that one Edwin Seymour Smith, for the past seven years a member of the President's National Labor Relations Board, is now the chief organizer for the CIO. His first assignment: to organize the oil workers. His first target: the sixty-five thousand employees of Standard Oil. His expense account: \$200,000.

Congressman Monroney, Oklahoma, commenting on the Price Control Bill, reported out last week by the House Banking and Currency Committee, after three months of wrangling, said: "This bill gives Price Boss Leon Henderson the right to regulate everything except inflation." No control is provided for rising wages, nor is any ceiling suggested for farm commodities. Meanwhile, prices continue to soar, and inflation is upon us, a thing which we were assured could never happen.

While the south and mid-west suffer from floods, the southeast suffers from a record-breaking drought. Gone with the drought are the plans of the merchants for Christmas window displays under bright lights. Non-defense industries must curtail their consumption of electricity 30 per cent at once; maybe more a little later. Meanwhile, why not pray for rain?

Monsignor Sheen, famed radio preacher on the Catholic Hour, was the feature speaker at the recent regional conference of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, held at Birmingham, Alabama. He gave \$8,500 to the Alabama diocese this year, a part of which was spent for two trailer chapels. These trailer chapels are now widely in use by the Roman Catholics in their missionary program for the rural south.

"Japanese Christians wish the missionaries to remain," writes Dr. Theodore D. Walser, from Tokyo. He goes (Continued on page 4)

EVENTS TO COME

November 12 to 14—Baptist General Convention of Texas, Abilene.
November 20-22—State Training Union Convention, Fort Worth.
December 8-12—Sunday School Emphasis Week, in 112 associations in Texas.
December 1-5—W. M. U. Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lotie Moon Offering.
January 26-29—Training Union Emphasis week in all associations.

Training Union Convention Speakers



DR. C. E. MADDY, Richmond
Foreign Mission Secretary



DR. T. L. HOLCOMB, Nashville
Sunday School Secretary

PASTORAL CHANGES IN DISTRICT EIGHT

By W. C. Harrison, Missionary

There have been several pastoral changes. To the best of my knowledge they are:

Garden City has called Brother Dela Shaw. Lenora and Prairie View, have called Brother Blair Morris. He has accepted Prairie View. This church changed from the old antiquated plan of annual call to the indefinite. They have recently gone to half-time and put their pastor into the retirement plan. Do not have Brother Morris' answer to the Lenora Church.

Fairview, Dawson Co., has called Brother Leon Frazier, Lamesa, and he has accepted. Klondike has called Brother Earnest Phillips, Lamesa, for full time, but do not have his answer. They are in a building program for a new pastor's home. This is a thriving full-time country church.

Midway called Brother C. J. Coffman, Plainview, and he has moved on the field. This church has recently called for full time and they are talking of more Sunday School room. Brother John J. Thomas is located on the field at O. K., and is also pastor at Woody. Buford has called Brother J. C. Cohen of Baird; do not know his answer. Brother E. E. Barber has moved on the field at Second Church, Colorado City, and they are talking a new building.

Brother W. A. Strickland is back in the pastorate at Ira, for the second time. They are happy. Loraine has called Brother Hulon Polnac, Seminarily Hill, and he has accepted but do not know whether he is on the field yet or not. He lacked three months work at Seminary. Mesquite has called Rev. Scott W. Hickey, Abilene, and Scott says he is ready to go to work again in our district. Was-tella has called Rev. Jimmie Bolton, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, and he has accepted.

TRAINING U. BROADCAST WILL BE HEARD NOV. 17

Mr. Carlyle Bennett, director of the Better Music Contest, has arranged for a music program to be broadcast over KFIJ Radio Station, Fort Worth, Monday night, November 17, from 8:00 to 8:15.

The Broadway Girls Ensemble, the Directors Quartet and others will be on the program that night.

The Better Music Contest will be held at Broadway Baptist Church, Wednesday night, November 19. All who intend to participate in this state contest should listen in to this radio program on November 17.

AGED B. B. I. LIBRARIAN SUCCEEDS TO LONG ILLNESS

Dr. J. E. Gwatin, associated with Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, since 1918 and librarian since 1935, died recently in the Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, after prolonged illness. He was born March 18, 1866.

He was an active leader in temperance movements and wrote much on the subject, several of his articles appearing in the West Texas Baptist in recent years.

EXPERIENCED MISSIONARY WILL COUNSEL STUDENTS

By Charles E. Maddy

Looking ahead, we realize that when peace comes again to this sorrowing and suffering world, the Foreign Mission board is going to need many new recruits for our several mission fields in distant lands. These young people will come to us largely out of the Baptist schools, colleges and theological seminaries.

With our limited staff, we have been unable to visit in any systematic way these schools and colleges. The young men and women we shall need in the crucial years just ahead are now in our educational institutions preparing themselves for the holy task of making Christ known to the nations. They need counsel and guidance from experienced missionaries and secretaries who know, at first hand, something of the needs and problems to be met on the mission field.

With all of this in view, the Foreign Mission Board has requested Dr. J. B. Hipps, long-time professor in Shanghai University in China, to devote his year of furlough to this work among the students of our colleges, universities and theological seminaries.

Dr. Hipps has already taken up this special task with the board. He plans to visit as many of our schools as possible during the coming months. He will carefully seek out prospects for missionary service and advise them with reference to the first and supreme task of getting ready for the glorious and challenging days just ahead in missionary service across the world.

We bespeak for Dr. Hipps a sympathetic hearing in all of our educational institutions of the South.

"Forward With Christ" Will Be Training Union Convention Theme

By T. C. Gardner

The 51st Annual Baptist Training Union Convention will meet in Fort Worth November 19-22. The convention will meet in twelve sections. Fifteen thousand Baptists are expected to attend.

When the convention was organized in Fort Worth in 1890, there were only 15 churches in the state that had Training Union organizations, whereas, there are now more than 10,000 unions with a membership of 210,839.

The general theme for the convention is "Forward with Christ." Mr. J. D. Riddle, educational director of First Baptist Church, Abilene, who is the president, will preside at all general sessions. The music will be directed by Mr. E. A. Scarbrough of Wichita Falls. The keynote address will be delivered by Dr. W. Marshall Craig, pastor of Gaston Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas. The convention sermon will be preached by Dr. Charles E. Maddy, general secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia.

Some of the Texas and Southern Baptist leaders who will appear on the convention program are as follows: Dr. W. W. Melton, Dallas; Dr. T. C. Gardner, Dallas; Dr. W. R. White, Abilene; Honorable Pat M. Neff, Waco; Dr. Fred Eastham, Wichita Falls; Mr. Chester Syor, Clinton, Mississippi; Dr. W. B. Harvey, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. Clay I. Hudson, Nashville, Tenn.; Mr. J. Earl Mead, Dallas; Dr. I. L. Yearly, El Paso, and many others from Texas and the South.

Dr. W. L. Howse, Fort Worth, is chairman of the convention committee. He says, "Fort Worth is ready to entertain 15,000 Baptists the week of November 19-22. Fort Worth is proud of the fact that this convention had its birth in our city."

There are 10,459 Unions in the state, and each Union is entitled to five messengers to the convention.

GEN. SESSION PROGRAM TRAINING U. CONVENTION

Meeting in Fort Worth, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 20-21.

President — J. D. Riddle, Abilene
State T. U. Director and Treasurer — T. C. Gardner, Dallas
Music Director — E. A. Scarbrough, Wichita Falls

Organist — John Josey, Amarillo
Pianist — Mrs. Hoyt Braselton, Paris
Chair of General Information — Mrs. Jesse Garrett, Fort Worth

Head Usher — Fred Swank, Ft. Worth
Convention Theme: "Forward with Christ."

Scripture: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."—Phil. 3:14.

Aim: "A Fully Graded Training Union in Every Baptist Church in Texas."

Song: "Onward Christian Soldiers." Coliseum

Thursday Morning, Nov. 20
8:00 to 10:00—Registration.
9:45—Organ Prelude by John Josey, Amarillo.

10:00—Convention called to order by President J. D. Riddle. Prayer.

10:30—Music directed by E. A. Scarbrough, Wichita Falls; John Josey, Amarillo, organist; Mrs. Hoyt Braselton, Paris, pianist.

10:20—Welcome address (to be given in pantomime fashion by a representative from each of the departments of the Training Union. One person with a good voice to be chosen as reader. We would suggest that eight people representing the eight departments be dressed in attractive costumes depicting the department that they represent. If we could not get the costume, then, each one could have a hat or cap or something that would be attractive).

10:30—Response. The response may be given in pantomime fashion, also. We can choose a person to represent each of the eight departments. For example, the Nursery Department would be responding to the welcome that was given by the representative (Continued on page 4)



J. D. RIDDLE, Abilene
Convention President



DR. T. C. GARDNER, Dallas
Executive Secretary

UNIVERSITY CHURCH HOLDS YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLINIC

The Young People's Department of University Church, Abilene, recently held a clinic for officer training. The meeting opened with a dinner, attended by 60 officers and teachers. Department Superintendent W. A. Stephenson had charge of the session of the teachers; S. E. Pass, presidents; Mrs. W. A. Stevenson, enlargement vice-presidents and group captains; Miss Euna Rudd, secretaries; Mrs. Roy Skaggs, stewardship vice-presidents.

The Mary Martha class gave a demonstration of a class business meeting. The Semper Parates Class demonstrated an opening service. Pastor E. Douglas Carver concluded the meeting with an inspirational address.

This Changing World, a Challenge To Mankind For Good or For Evil

By E. S. CUMMINGS

Brotherhood President's Address at First State Brotherhood Convention. I want to take this moment to thank all of you for giving me the honor and the privilege of serving you this year, to thank you for your gracious hospitality, friendly fellowship and splendid cooperation in this great work. My limited ability has been freely given and small though my offering has been to this work, yet it has always been gladly given and I know in my heart that the best I had was contributed to this wonderful cause this year. Meager, if any, are the results I have accomplished, but Christ and you are the judges, and my reward is your friendship.

This is the first annual Baptist State Brotherhood Convention of Texas. This convention and each Brotherhood in this state must always be the service organization of the denomination, and of the individual church, a part of each and not a separate entity, not an adjunct but a part of the whole, and this position, this standard and this understanding, please let us all be sure to keep in mind, and keep it so.

The Convention Scripture, "and there went with him a band of men whose hearts God had touched," I Samuel 10:26, certainly can be rightly applied, quoted and fitted to this organization today. This Scripture is the basis of my thought in this message, and I desire to present it to you from three viewpoints, namely, Retrospective, Introspective, and Prospective.

Retrospective

In looking back in retrospect we are fully conscious that the men of the church have been lost to the cause of Christ, and to the church, owing to the fact that they were unenlisted. The pastors had been trying to do most of the work that ought to have been assumed by the men of the church, thus an indifference had arisen and the man power of the church allowed to go to waste. It was all too sad but true, but this was the condition that largely existed in our churches prior to the organization of the Brotherhood. This defect we are now seeking to remedy and to put the church on a growing position by the

use of the men properly enlisted in the church and in the denominational work and to create interest, loyalty and love of every man in the church to do his best for Christ, for the church and for the denomination.

1. The Pastors were loyal to Christ but their men were lost to them. They were LOST BECAUSE:

a. The pastor was unable to PLACE them; and by placing them, I mean, first, that many men were not attending church whose names were on the church rolls. They were not contributing to the church either in personal service or in finances, they had no responsibility in their hearts for Christ, the church or the denomination. Second, they were lost to the pastor because he was unable to place them in points of service, which they could render, nor was he able to solicit from them loyalty and cooperation. How very important therefore that something be done about it.

b. The men were lost to their pastor because the pastor was unable to LEAD them; to lead them into higher, and nobler fields of usefulness and service. To lead them into places of responsibility that they needed to give, lead them to knowledge that was necessary in the Kingdom's program. c. Again the men were lost to their pastor because the pastor was unable to TEACH them or to train them in the service that they might render, that they should render, that it was their obligation to do, for the church, for Christ and the denomination, and largely because of their lack of knowledge, the men themselves felt that they were unusable.

2. The Churches were Improving, but:

a. Were IMPOVERISHED; by impoverished I mean that the churches were short of finances, that the churches were not giving to the denominational program anything like the amount that they should have given, and until the churches get on a basis of 50-50, or that one-half of all that they receive be given to missions and to the denominational causes, we will not have obtained the objective the Brotherhood has set out, nor could we rightly say that we are (Continued on page 4)

FORT WORTH CONVENTION OFFERS SPECIAL FEATURES

"Esther" is the name of the play that will be given at the Training Union Convention Friday night, November 21. The casts will represent the students at the Baptist Seminary. They are now being trained by Dr. Floyd Barnard, head of the dramatics department. This play will be given in two auditoriums at exactly the same time Friday night. It is said to be one of the most interesting, most challenging and most heart-searching plays that has ever been given in Texas.

The A Cappella Choir, composed of young people of the Buckner Orphan Home, will sing Thursday night. All Texas Baptists love Buckner Orphan Home.

The Training Union Convention will meet in 12 sections. All phases of denominational work will be magnified. All phases of church work will be emphasized. All departments of the Training Union will be stressed.

Dr. Chas. T. Alexander, in cooperation with a large number of Negro Baptist pastors, is completing the plans for the Negro Convention to be held in Fort Worth in connection with the Training Union Convention, November 20-22. All Negro Baptists are invited to attend.

The winners in the Better Music Contest will appear on the various departmental conference programs, as well as the general convention program.

The A Cappella choir of Baylor University, directed by Robert Hopkins, will sing at the convention.

COLLEGE HEAD COMMENDS SENTENCE SERMONS VOLUME

By Thos. H. Taylor

I have been reading for years the Sentence Sermons written by Rev. Owen D. Henley, now of Sylvester, Texas. Brother Henley has a marvelous capacity of condensing a great thought into a very few words. I have had frequent occasion to develop these thoughts of his in my public contacts.

Brother Henley has written these sentence sermons into a little booklet which should have wide circulation. The thoughts are classified by subjects.

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AFTER HALF A CENTURY

Next week the Training Union Convention of Texas will hold its 51st annual convention, with Fort Worth the host city for this year.

Fifty years ago this fall a small group of young people with a very few interested pastors, representing a handful of churches, met in a cow-town, only a few years removed from Indian scares and buffalo hide trade. This year the visitors will find the cow-town has taken on a metropolitan atmosphere.

But the city, for all its marvelous growth, has not kept pace with the convention, whose birth it witnessed. The little group has swelled into a mighty throng, which will tax the facilities of any host city. From a youth meeting, it has developed to a gathering of every age, all centered upon the earnest business of developing their latent talents, of better fitting themselves for service to their churches and for the Christ, who is head of the church.

No trivial measure of this growth is attributable to the dynamic personality, who is now rounding out his 26th year of leadership in this organization in Texas. A large portion of generalship must be possessed by one who leads his group to become the largest annual gathering of Baptist people in the world. Under the guidance of "Big Chief" Gardner, convention attendance in the past decade has exceeded the five thousand mark, the ten thousand mark, and reached around 13,000 last year at Dallas in a week of rain.

Under a new arrangement of Baptist meetings in Texas, the Training Union Convention will not meet again at Thanksgiving time, but in the spring and only on alternate years. This means that the next session will be some 18 months away. No one is wise enough or daring enough to hazard a prediction as to what these fateful months will reveal.

While the Training Union has outgrown its beginnings as a purely youth organization, it is essentially youthful in heart and as such it appeals to the young people of the churches in an especial way, and its annual convention has drawn upon the younger membership as has no other of the denominational meetings. So let them make the most of it.

Let's return to Fort Worth climaxed fifty years of Training Union growth with a record convention, not only in attendance but in ardor and in achievement.

BAPTISTS IN PANAMA

"Friends of church unity and interdenominational comity" may deplore this Baptist invasion of the Canal Zone, believing that the religious needs of this community can be adequately met by the existing union churches, whose ministry ought not to be weakened by the competition of what they regard as sectarian Christianity."

The above quotation is taken from comment of Editor William B. Lippard in Missions, the journal of mission boards of the Northern Baptist Convention. The reference is to the new field which Southern Baptists are entering in the Isthmus under the direction of our own Paul C. Bell, who for a quarter of a century has labored with the Spanish-speaking people of this state.

That Dr. Lippard does not identify himself with these critics is indicated in his added comment, in which he points out that there are already eight Baptist churches in the Canal Zone, with their membership being augmented from the crowds of boom-time arrivals from the States. He continues, "As for missions among the native Panamanians, if the union churches are unable to do the task and the Southern Baptists have the vision and the means, let no man put an obstacle in their paths."

If there are Christian people who feel that, in expanding our work at the "Crossroads of the World," in an endeavor to reach, among others, tribes as pagan as in the days before Columbus, we are in competition with them or that we are fostering "sectarian Christianity," we are sorry. But like Nehemiah of old, we are "doing a great work" and have no mind to be hindered with those whose interest church unity and denominational comity outruns their interest in having the Gospel message taken to lost people.

THE FAULTS OF MY FELLOW CHRISTIANS

It was the sainted J. Walton Moore who broadcast the motto, "I will talk about the faults of my fellow Christians only on my knees." Most of us in this section have seen that expression of the spirit of Christ posted in a conspicuous place in a church. And most of us forget to live in accordance with its pledge.

Paul, having heard that there was strife among the members of the church at Corinth, pleaded that there be no divisions. But from that day till this they have persisted. These divisions originated from differences of opinion on various matters of interpretation, and from diversity of opinion as to the best or proper method of operation and co-operation. Had all parties approached their problems at all times in a spirit of humility and prayer, one can well believe that their differences could have been dissolved.

Too often the history has been that variations of opinion have grown into vituperation of personalities, and again and again the all important business of world evangelism has been submerged in strong schism.

Texas Baptists come to the convention this week with, perhaps, the best spirit of harmony prevailing in all their history. For this we can thank God for His guidance and for His gift of wise and Christ-minded leadership. If we will make the motto of Missionary Moore our code of living, we shall never again, please God, be torn with bitterness and strife, but will, in the spirit of the Great Commission, spread abroad the tidings of Bethlehem, of Calvary and of Olivet.

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Harrison, who have been at Levelland for the last year, have been elected to the place of education and music director of the First Baptist Church, Stamford. They began their work the first of November. Mr. Harrison spoke for the monthly Worker's Conference of the Fisher Association on Monday on "The Place of the Training Union in Building a Great Church."

Rev. F. A. Tippet of Whitesboro, Texas, has accepted the call of Emmanuel Church, Paris.

Rev. Emmett Brooks of H-SU preached at Noodle Church, November 2.

Rev. A. R. Posey supplied Sunday at Cottonwood Church.

Wastella Church, where Rev. Jimmie Bolton is pastor, had 70 in Sunday School November 2 and 104 in Training Union. Rev. W. A. Strickland did fine foundation work in this church.

There were 58 professions and additions to South Park Church, Beaumont, in an eight-day revival led by Evangelist Wm. H. Joyner. Of these, 46 united with the church, 23 for baptism. Dr. Joyner will assist Pastor W. C. Ashford in a meeting at South Side, Abilene, beginning November 23. Pastor J. J. Strickland of the Beaumont Church was formerly missionary in District 8 and Curtis Owen, education director, was formerly in Abilene.

Evangelist Wm. S. Dixon has established an eastern address at Hotel Jefferson, Atlanta. He may also be reached through Robert H. Coleman, Dallas.

There were 55 in Sunday School at Bethel Church, Fisher Association, last Sunday. Rev. E. R. Ingram was guest preacher. This church has not had services for many months until Missionary J. Henry Littleton preached there recently.

Rev. Ira Harrison preached at Clyde Sunday.

The First Church, Abilene, has invited the Sweetwater Association to hold their 1942 sessions in their church.

South Side Church, Abilene, has blueprints completed for the enlargement of their education building.

H-SU student preachers will conduct a revival at Friendship Mission beginning next week.

The Louisiana Executive Board has offered to the convention a proposed budget for 1942 which is an increase of 10 per cent over this year. They also recommend the raising of an amount, approximately equal to the budget to liquidate all outstanding indebtedness.

Rev. W. W. Rivers of Center has accepted the call of First Church, Electra.

Rev. G. O. Key died recently at McKinney. He was a Texas pastor for over 50 years and from 1911 to 1916 he was a recording secretary of the General Convention.

Evangelistic Singer George Reynolds of Childress has an open date, November 16 to 30.

Evangelist A. T. Willis of Fort Worth is conducting a tent meeting with Calvary Church, Big Spring. The church is erecting a new building.

Rev. W. D. Green of Houston is in a revival at Immanuel Church, Odessa.

President W. R. White was principal speaker at the men's banquet at First Church, Beaumont, Thursday night, November 6.

Evangelist W. Y. Pond will begin a revival at Penwell with Pastor W. M. Draper on November 16.

First Church, Odessa, has a building permit to erect a \$43,000 education building. Rev. John T. Kee is pastor.

Rev. C. M. Spaulding of Gatesville has been elected as missionary for District 2. After two months deliberation he resigned November 9 to accept this work.

Dr. W. R. White was guest preacher at Hamlin November 9.

Austin Association held its 1941 meeting in five consecutive night meetings, meeting Monday through Friday. The meeting was held at

First Church, where Dr. S. G. Posey is pastor. Pastor O. F. Dingler of Congress Avenue was moderator.

Dr. C. E. Hereford of Lubbock assisted Pastor C. Gordon Bayless in a revival at First Church, Pampa. There were many conversions and additions.

Rev. Norman Saunders of Llano supplied at Anson last Sunday.

Seminole, Patricia and Florey Churches in District 8 have put in the pastor's retirement plan recently, reports Missionary W. C. Harrison.

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on to say that Kagawa is earnestly working to maintain peaceful relations between the United States and Japan.

Kentucky has joined Arkansas in moving to meet objections that Negroes are excluded from juries by constituting juries of Negroes exclusively to try cases where Negroes are the accused; but this plan is severely criticized by the Negroes themselves, "because it sets the Negro apart as being different from other citizens."

Dr. Shailer Mathews, dean emeritus of the University of Chicago Divinity School, suffered a stroke October 18, and died October 22. Having served as President of the Northern Baptist Convention and the Federal Council of Churches, Dr. Mathews was one of the foremost personalities in American church life. Three thousand students are said to have passed through his class room at the University of Chicago.

Mr. Josephus Daniels, Ambassador to Mexico for the past eight years, and Secretary of the Navy under President Wilson, last week resigned his ambassadorship that he might be with Mrs. Daniels in her invalidism at their Raleigh home. Owner and editor of the Raleigh News and Observer for many years, Mr. Daniels has been a powerful influence for good in North Carolina. He is now 79, but in good health. It was my privilege to visit him during my recent engagement in Raleigh. He is a devout Methodist, a Christian gentleman.

The Japanese are accused of having used poison gas in the battle of Ichang four weeks ago. The report comes from Jack Belden of the INS. Last reported use of poison gas was in 1936 when the Italians are said to have poured out a barrage of the death-dealing fumes on the Ethiopians.

The Germans have accused the Russians of saddling trained dogs with bags of dynamite and sicked them on German tanks. It is known that Russia has 27,000 dogs trained for such duty.

Last week the British Commandos, a new organization for air raiders, swept down on Le Touquet Casino on the French coast where Field Marshal Hermann Goering was supposed to be attending a dance, arrest him and hurry to England as a prisoner. The Commandos entered the dance hall, shot all officers present, but returned empty-handed. Goering had left a few minutes before.

I have been asked to quote a portion of the inscription on the Statue of Liberty. Here it is:

"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning
to breathe....
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me:
I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

BAYLOR COLLEGE PAYS TRIBUTE TO DR. HARDY

Student body and faculty members of Mary Hardin-Baylor College paid tribute to Dr. J. C. Hardy, for 25 years president of the college, in memorial chapel services Tuesday morning, November 4, commemorating his passing three years ago.

Dean Ernest Gale Townsend, emeritus professor of religious education at the college, delivered the memorial address, and spoke in particular of the zeal for living and Christian character that were a part of the late Dr. Hardy's characteristics. Presiding at the memorial chapel services was Dr. Gordon Grady Singleton, present president of Mary Hardin-Baylor College.

Sunday School Lesson

November 16, 1941

UNION WITH CHRIST

Read and Study John 15:1-10
The union of his disciples in him and in the Father was revealed and emphasized by Jesus in his farewell discourse to them (John 14:20), in his illustration of the vine and the branches (John 15:1-10), and in his great intercessory prayer (John 17:21-23).

Paul wrote of the indwelling Christ (Rom 8:9-10), of our bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 6:15-20), of the Christian as a new creature in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17), of the crucified Christ as living in the crucified Christian (Gal. 2:20), of the church as the habitation of the Spirit (Eph. 2:20-22), of Christ dwelling in our hearts through faith (Eph. 3:17-19), of growing up in all things unto him who is head of the church, even when we abide in him and he abides in us, our lives become instantly and graciously fruitful in noble character and high service.

1. The Vine

LIFE FROM CHRIST, the source of spiritual life, is pictured in the vine. Jesus is the perfect vine; not merely the vine stock (says Hovey), but the stock with its branches. So intimate is the union and so absolute the identity of Christ with his followers. Observe that our Lord does not compare himself to some monarch of the forest, like the cedar of Lebanon, but the more common, less pretentious, generally cultivated, fruit-bearing vine. The Father is not only the vinedresser but the owner of the vineyard. He planted, provides for, protects, and prunes the vine in its branches to its highest efficiency, plucking in due season precious fruitage. The connection of the branches with the true vine is vital. Therefore from we draw the nourishment necessary to the larger and higher life and it is through the branches that the vine bears fruit on earth. For this purpose the vine was planted and cultivated; and for this purpose the branches are filled with living sap and crowned with verdant foliage. And yet pruning is necessary in order that the vine through its branches may bear more and richer fruit. True to the picture there must be cutting off of certain branches, not so much because they are lifeless but because they are fruitless. With the useless limbs removed there follows the cleansing and stimulation of fruitful branches. The hand of the husbandman may at times be painful, but it is always salutary and helpful.

2. The Branches

LIFE IN CHRIST, the support of spiritual life, is pictured in the branches of the vine. After the pruning process has taken place, the Savior could say to his disciples that they were clean through the word which he had spoken unto them. But in order to maintain the life thus begun, it was necessary for them to abide in him and for him to abide in them. Interpenetration and identity are thus exhibited and inculcated. If there is no union with the vine, there can be no fruit for the husbandman. But if the union with Christ is intimate and sincere, the result is sure to be satisfactory. While the severed branch is, of course, powerless, those abiding in the vine are to bear, not a few light bunches, but numerous and weighty clusters of luscious fruit. Those who neglect or spurn this vital union with Christ are either double-faced or deluded. Profession of faith in Christ amounts to nothing unless it be genuine. The branch that is simply tied on to the vines must be torn away and shaken into the consuming fire. But in contrast with the doom of the fruitless, mark the duty and the privilege of those who are united with Christ. When we live in Christ and his words form the furnishing of our lives, then our petitions will be in accordance with his will and our prayers will be unfailingly effectual.

3. The Fruit

LIFE FOR CHRIST, the service of spiritual life, is pictured in the fruit of the branches abiding in the vine. Abundant fruit bearing, of course, delights the husbandman. It carries out his purpose. It expresses his character. It honors his name among men. Moreover, it is both the test and the developer of true discipleship. Our love for God is but a faint reflection of the love of our Creator

and Redeemer for us. The love of Jesus for us was equal only by the infinite love of the Father for the Son. Surely we ought to continue in his love. Then we shall bear the fruit of obedience which will keep us within the sweep of God's unclouded love. If we follow the footsteps of Jesus and keep faith with him we shall possess his joy which is not earthborn but divine. He desires and designs that we should have this joy to the full and not in limited quantities. Who can be content with a gill when he can have an ocean of Christian joy?

Gold in the Golden Text
Abide in me, and I in you.—John 15:4.

Union with Christ is necessary to work for Christ. We must live in him before he will live through us. But when we abide in him and he abides in us, our lives become instantly and graciously fruitful in noble character and high service.

The amount of fruit we bear is regulated by the intimacy of our union with Christ and the strength we draw from him, and transmute into good deeds.

Daily Bible Readings
Nov. 17.—Prayer with Thanksgiving. Psalm 103:1-5.
Nov. 18.—Two Prayers in Contrast. Luke 18:9-14.
Nov. 19.—Thanksgiving for Food. Acts 27:33-36.
Nov. 20.—Thanksgiving in Every Prayer. Philippians 1:3-11.
Nov. 21.—Thanking God for Everything. Ephesians 5:15-21.
Nov. 22.—Thanksgiving and Thanksgiving. 2 Corinthians 9:10-15.
Nov. 23.—Worship and Thanksgiving. Psalm 95.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND IN FREE CHINA

Rev. C. L. Culpepper, who has just completed a trip into Free China, writes: "On this trip we visited in eight different churches, and had conferences with 87 persons regarding mission work in the West."
"We came in contact with about 15 different denominations and five independent groups of workers. In traveling into West China and returning back to my station, I will have traveled around 8,000 miles."
Along with the other missionaries who have surveyed the field, Mr. Culpepper feels that it abounds in glorious opportunities which present a magnificent challenge to Southern Baptists. In our hearts may we echo the words of Joshua, "Let us go up at once and possess it, for we are well able to overcome it."—F.M.B.

PROGRAM

Workers Conference, Lubbock Association, at the Idalou Church.
Tuesday, November 18
Rev. J. W. Partin, Lubbock, presiding.
10:00 Song Service, Rev. Hal Upchurch, Wayland College.
10:15 Devotional Sermon, Rev. Dee Cates, Wayland College.
10:30 Echoes from the Texas Baptist Convention in Abilene, Rev. J. F. Nix, Abilene.
11:00 America, the Custodian of Christian Education for a War-Weary World, President G. W. McDonald, Wayland College.
11:30 Special music, Wayland Preachers' Quartet.
11:35 Sermon, Rev. Cone J. Merritt, Post.
12:10 Lunch.
1:15 Executive Board and W. M. U. sessions.
2:00 Song Service, Rev. Lynn Lemons, Wayland College.
2:10 Special music, Wayland Preachers' Quartet.
2:15 The Every Member Canvass and Church Finance Records, L. E. Waite, Lubbock.
2:35 Increasing the Circulation of the Baptist Standard and Our Missionary Magazines, Rev. H. G. Verner, Lorenzo.
2:55 Business.
3:00 What Our Churches Can Do for Buckner Orphans Home at Thanksgiving and Christmas, Rev. A. C. Hardin, Post.

DR. POSEY IN BURKBURNETT REVIVAL MEETING

In a revival at Burk Burnett, with Dr. S. G. Posey of Austin assisting Pastor Jack Manning, there were 21 conversions reported and 10 additions to the church, with others promising to come later. A real revival among the workers and the spiritual leadership of the church was reported.

Nation

(Address given at an of Sweetwater Baptist First Baptist Church, October 10, 1941).

Render unto Caesar that are Caesar's, and the things that are God's.—Matt. 22:21.

Other foundation can lay than that is laid on Christ Jesus.—1 Cor. 3:11.
He looked for judgment to hold oppression; for righteousness exaltation, but sin is a reproach to him.—Prov. 14:34.

Much thought has been stantly being given, to of man's duty to his God it should be, but this after to emphasize the first command of Christ—"Caesar the things that are God's." This is a positive coming that the Christian has to his country which as his obligation to his organized government, so demand is as binding upon upon those who heard it consider this matter Righteousness from three namely: The Foundations, and the Future of civilization.

1. The Foundation
In writing to the Corinthians Paul warned them that foundation could be laid which had already been was Christ Jesus. While is usually considered to church, it is not amiss to Christian civilization. Surely Christ's principle foundation of our great view briefly its story. The our nation reads like a Divine leadership. \$20 little band of bold pioneers grows of their little ships new world. After a terrible journey across stormy seas at Plymouth Rock in winter, Dec. 26, 1620. Know those rocky shores they mighty God, we thank safe passage across the w in our frail vessels. We the new world to escape ranny, and to worship the to our conscience. Grant, we may find peace."

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National Righteousness

By LEROY W. RALEY

(Address given at annual meeting of Sweetwater Baptist Association, First Baptist Church, Sweetwater, October 10, 1941).

Scriptures

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Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid which is Christ Jesus.—1 Cor. 3:11.

He looked for judgment; but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.—Isa. 5:7.

Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.—Prov. 14:34.

Much thought has been, and is constantly being given, to consideration of man's duty to his God. This is as it should be, but this afternoon I wish to emphasize the first part of the command of Christ—"Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's." This is a positive command, indicating that the Christian has an obligation to his country which is as real as his obligation to his God. Caesar in Christ's day was the symbol of organized government, so Christ's command is as binding upon us as it was upon those who heard him. Let us consider this matter of National Righteousness from three standpoints, namely: The Foundation, The Failings, and The Future of American civilization.

1. The Foundation

In writing to the Corinthian Christians Paul warned them that no other foundation could be laid than that which had already been laid, which was Christ Jesus. While this verse is usually considered to apply to the church, it is not amiss to apply it to Christian civilization in general. Surely Christ's principles are the foundation of our great nation. Review briefly its story. The history of our nation reads like a romance of Divine leadership. 320 years ago a little band of bold pioneers turned the prow of their little ships toward the new world. After a terribly perilous journey across stormy seas they landed at Plymouth Rock in the dead of winter, Dec. 26, 1620. Kneeling upon those rocky shores they prayed: "Almighty God, we thank thee for our safe passage across the wide Atlantic in our frail vessels. We have come to the new world to escape religious tyranny, and to worship thee according to our conscience. Grant, O God, that we may find peace."

In this heart-searching prayer they voiced a fundamental desire of the human soul—liberty and peace. They were followed by others who yearned for this blessing. Soon the number became great, and other colonies were founded. 150 years passed and the child that was had become a giant, but in the hearts of her people there still burned the same passion for liberty and peace. Peace was lost for a time in their all-out quest for liberty. The stirring statement of Patrick Henry, "Give me liberty or give me death" was descriptive of the spirit of those hardy pioneers.

Names of heroes who were instrumental in fashioning the nation in the days of its infancy sparkle in the skies of American history: George Washington, Patrick Henry, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, John Hancock, and others too numerous to mention. These men, and others, met day after day to formulate a declaration in keeping with the motion of Richard Henry Lee of Virginia, made in the Second Continental Congress, that "These United States are, and of right ought to be free and independent States—absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown." Finally there came forth the document so dear to the hearts of 130 million Americans—the Declaration of Independence. The preamble of this declaration is a classic which should be familiar to every American. A portion of its read: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their powers from the consent of the governed." They closed this matchless document with a dedication: "And in support of this declaration, with a firm reliance upon the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor." On such a foundation was our nation built.

2. The Failings

A nation so founded should be a garden spot in a wilderness of oppression, an oasis in a desert of want and need, a holy of holies in a world of sin. Concerning another such people God once said: "My well beloved hath

a vineyard in a very fruitful hill. And he fenced it and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it and also made a wine press therein; and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, but it brought forth wild grapes. . . . The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant; and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression, for righteousness, but behold a cry.—Isa. 5:1b,2,7.

If a nation ever had proper foundation, ours does. The only nation in the world that places the importance on the individual. However, I greatly fear that God finds in us something of the same condition that prevailed in Israel. A depraved character of our people is indicated in our social shortcomings. Home, the bulwark of our social system has been dragged in the filth of man's lust and infidelity. Every fifth marriage consummated will end in a divorce court, many of them leaving innocent little children who did not ask for life, struggling against overwhelming odds. A young man in my regiment came to me recently to share with me his fears and sorrows: a wife who is not in sympathy with his army service threatening divorce because he will not quit the army. He said to me: "If she wants to call it quits I can take it, but my father and mother were divorced when I was six and my sister three, and I know what the life of an orphan is like. I will crawl in the dust the rest of my life rather than have my children suffer the things I did."

Other social shortcomings mock us. Class has arisen against class, even though each is dependent upon the other. Millions of American workmen are ground beneath the iron heel of labor racketeers, into whose hands they are forced to pay a part of their earnings, and whom they must ask when and under condition they may work. Strikes are often both senseless and detrimental, to workers and employers alike. I saw people in poverty in the coal mining region of Pennsylvania refusing to work for piddling salaries, because their lord and master, a labor racketeer, had decreed a strike. Today we are facing far more serious conditions. With one and one-half million young men in military training camps, giving their time for little more than a bare living, training to protect their nation in an emergency, while others engaged in equally important national defense projects, work working, and refuse to let others take their places. In this manner the wheels of industry are stopped and as they rust because of idleness, the dangers to American liberty increase.

Economic maladjustments also are evident on every hand. In the richest land on the face of God's green earth, there is an abundance of poverty. Thousands are under-fed, ill-clothed, and improperly housed, in the land of plenty. In 1921 I saw delicious golden apples by the hundreds of bushels rotting on the ground in the fertile Shenandoah Valley of Virginia while hungry people gleaned their meager sustenance from the garbage cans in the alleys of Philadelphia and other eastern cities. Something is wrong.

The American budget is terribly out of balance. The latest available statistics reveal the following startling facts. We spent in 1939, before our rearmament program:

\$15 billion for crime
6½ billion for gambling
6 billion for liquor

1½ billion for tobacco—a total of \$29 billion for shameful living. At the same time we spent 2½ billion for education and one-half billion for all religious work. Let's break down these figures into amounts we are more accustomed to: each of America's 130 million inhabitants spent

\$120 for crime
\$50 for gambling
\$46 for liquor

\$12 for tobacco, or a total of \$228 for shameful living, and \$25 for both religion and education. \$19 a month to tear down character, and \$2 to build it. Ten times as much to destroy as to build! Something is wrong!

Since these figures were compiled the world has gone mad, and our entire economic system is staggering under the gigantic load of war preparations. Up to July of this year our total appropriations for defense of our nation and to help our friends reached the huge sum of \$53 billion, or \$407 for every man, woman, and child in U. S. If we spend approximately the same amounts for other things as in 1939, we will spend this year \$635 each for destructives, and a paltry \$24 for righteous causes. This is one dark picture in the great

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scheme of our economic maladjustment.

Another is the vast, and ever-increasing criminal army within the United States itself. While visiting in Washington recently I went through the Federal Bureau of Investigation and saw there hundreds of files in which the names, finger prints and criminal records of more than five million criminals are catalogued. According to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, director, this crime army is made up of men most of whom are about the same age as those to whom I have been called to minister. These men commit 4,000 major crimes each day of the year. During this hour we have been here 167 major crimes have been committed.

Broken down we have this picture: 40 robberies and burglaries, 92 larcenies, 5 aggravated assaults, all during this hour, and every other hour of the day and night. In addition to this every 40 minutes of our 24 hour day someone takes the life of his fellowman in America. Why this tragic waste of life? An eminent statesman and philosopher has this reason for it: "This wastage of American youth is due to the paganism that is rampant in the hearts of the millions of American youth." Well might we, like the bereaved of Paris after its fall, cry out for our legion of lost. The newspapers of Paris carried thousands of advertisements—fathers and mothers calling for their lost children; children crying for their parents; as, "Two boys and a girl, Charles, George, and Denise Tricot, lost June 15 at the bridge of Thonery," and "Jean Paul Lafavre, 6, lost June 7, 7 kilometers from Gien," and "The Widow of Tola seeks her son, Jean Tola, last seen riding a bicycle toward Nantes," and "Little Claude Genevieve is waiting for Robert to come back," etc. I repeat, well might we cry out for our legion of lost in the whirlpool of crime and sin!

3. The Future

This dark picture makes us shudder at thoughts of what the future will bring. What of tomorrow, with so dark a today? It is a well known fact that we live in the present, upon the past, for the future. Or, we live today, upon yesterday, for tomorrow. What can the future be with so dark a present? That depends entirely on us! God has given us a principle: "Righteousness exalteth a nation," and a promise: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their evil ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Cor. 7:15). It is up to us! Prayer is an important part of this promise. Humility, earnest prayer, and a turning from our sin will reach the heart of God. I read recently in the Reader's Digest a synopsis of the book "My Sister and I," written by a little Dutch boy under the pen name of Dirk Vanderheide, in which he describes the bombings of his native town. He pictures the victims huddled together in improvised bomb shelters and basements while their homes were being destroyed. He describes the conduct of the people as they sat terrified at the awful noise and din. He said: some of them sat and cried, others prayed while still others just sat and stared. He said, "I said da prayer for daddy and wondered if God could hear in all the noise and roar." As I read those words my heart said triumphantly, "Yes, Dirk, God could hear your prayer in spite of noise and roar." I say to you now God can and will hear our prayers in spite of all the sin and strife about us.

The Future Is Up to Us!

We rejoice that much is being done in the army, as in civil life, to raise

the moral standards of our people. Congress has appropriated \$12,000,000 for construction of chapels in training centers. Each of these chapels is to be equipped with furnishings for religious services. Each is to have an electric organ, ample supply of song books and other religious literature. The War Department also is providing a chaplain for every 1,200 officers and enlisted men in service, and is assigning to these such assistants as needed. The war department does not want the soldiers to become pagans while in federal service.

At the same time churches in the vicinity of our camps are putting forth worthy efforts to enlist the soldiers in their services. A notable effort was put forth by the churches of Abilene March 23 in "Soldier Day" at all the churches. During these services the soldiers were the honored guests and several churches entertained the men in their homes for dinner that day. That spirit is admirable, and is greatly appreciated by the military personnel.

While this is being done for the soldiers, churches are busy working to better spiritual conditions among their members and other constituency. Many members are serving loyally and well, with deep devotion to the cause of Christ, and their efforts are not in vain. Great-hearted pastors, consecrated deacons, devoted women and laymen, are serving the needs of their fellowmen with a love that is akin to that which led Christ from the upper room of fellowship, through the garden of sorrow, up the hillside of agony, and through the grave of victory.

Of such spirit was a Sunday School teacher I once knew. She planned her vacation at a time which conflicted with the Vacation Bible School. When this conflict was noted she immediately cancelled her vacation and served as principle of the junior department of the Bible school. As result of her work an 11-year-old girl from a non-Christian home was converted. When this girl was baptized into the fellowship of the church her mother was at the service. God touched her heart and she permitted Him to enter. The next Sunday night she was to be baptized and asked her neighbor to accompany her to church. While her neighbor did not attend herself she permitted her two teenage girls to go. At this service the girls were converted and joined the church. Later their mother also was won to Christ. One of the most touching scenes I have ever seen was this mother trying to express her gratitude to the Sunday School teacher who so unselfishly canceled her vacation to do her Christian duty. Great is her reward! Five souls safe in the "Haven of Rest" because of her devotion to her duty! Such a spirit of consecration will alleviate the suffering, comfort the sad, bring joy to the broken hearted, win the lost to Christ, and right the wrongs in our social, economic, educational and religious world.

Ladies and gentlemen, we are in need today of men and women who will so dedicate themselves to the task of being religious, who will raise high the standards of right and righteousness, regardless of the cost. Christ said, "Ye are the light of the world"—we are as we reflect the glow of His glory. The torch of salvation is to be held high to light the pathway of men to temporal and eternal salvation. This is God's purpose and it will be accomplished!

The Baptist New Mexican thinks it is time for a layman to be president of the Southern Baptist Convention. The last was Joshua Laverling of Baltimore, who served in 1909.

SWEETWATER ASSN. WMU COMPLETES ORGANIZATION

By Mrs. W. F. Joiner

After the noon hour of the Sweetwater Association Workers meeting at Immanuel Church, November 6, a business session of the W. M. U. auxiliary was held, at which time vacant offices were filled and chairmen were named for standing committees.

Mrs. John R. Spaulding, incoming president, was presented by Mrs. C. C. Compere, retiring after lengthy service. Upon nomination by Mrs. D. W. Arnett, Mrs. W. M. Morrow was named corresponding secretary-treasurer and Mrs. Compere was named board member.

Announced as chairmen for associational standing committees were: Young people's leader, Mrs. Cooper Water; Stewardship, Mrs. Willis Taylor, Tuscola, Christian education and Margaret Fund, Mrs. Jentry Holmes, Abilene; periodicals, Mrs. W. E. Ryan, Abilene, missions, Mrs. F. A. Wilson, Abilene, personal service, Mrs. Lee Ballew, Sweetwater; Bible study, Mrs. Dean Elkins, Nolan; benevolence, Mrs. W. W. Alexander, Abilene. The chairman for mission study is yet to be selected.

Other standing committees appointed were, finance, Mrs. W. M. Morrow, Mrs. D. W. Arnette, Mrs. W. C. Ashford; program, Mrs. J. R. Spaulding, Mrs. F. A. Hollis, Mrs. W. F. Joiner. There were 54 women in attendance, representing 13 churches.

DOUGLAS HUDGINS LEADS BELTON COLLEGE REVIVAL

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, a member of Mary Hardin-Baylor College board of trustees, and pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth, will conduct the annual college revival, beginning Monday evening, October 27, and continuing through Saturday evening, November 1, at Mary Hardin-Baylor.

A very popular speaker with young people, Dr. Hudgins is in constant demand to appear on programs both in Texas and out of state. In Palacios during the Baptist encampment he conducted the Twilight Hour program.

MISSIONARY FROM JAPAN ADDRESSES CISCO W.M.U.

By Mrs. Pat Crawford

The theme for the day of the annual meeting of the Cisco Association W. M. U. was "Thou hast shown us thy way," and each one who took part on the program interwove his part with the theme. The devotionals for the day were conducted by Rev. A. A. Palmer and Mrs. Finis Williams. The song services and special music were arranged very ably by Mrs. Victor Ginn. In the morning program, each president of the local WMUs gave highlights of the year's work in their local churches—each was noticeably good and encouraging.

We were very fortunate, indeed, to have our Training School mother, Mrs. W. A. Johnson of Fort Worth, to bring us greetings from the girls and to enlighten us concerning our work with them. The inspirational address of the morning hour was brought by our District W. M. U. president, Mrs. J. B. Buckley. Her message was the "Siren Call of God" and each present heard anew God's call to service.

The afternoon program consisted of the reports from the associational standing committee chairmen, a memorial service, and a climactic message of the day brought by Miss Cecile Lancaster, returned missionary from Japan.

The large number present were blessed and inspired to enter the new year's work with new zeal and enthusiasm.

MISSIONARY WEDDING

Rev. and Mrs. John M. Riddell announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Geraldine, to Rev. Wesley W. Lawton, Jr. November 10, at Lamar Avenue Church, Wichita Falls.

Miss Riddell has been a student in the Southwestern Baptist Seminary for the past three years. At present she is associate professor in the music department there. Rev. Lawton has been for a number of years a missionary to China. At present he is pastor of First Church, Ridgecrest, N. C.

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This Changing World, a Challenge To Mankind For Good or For Evil

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satisfied; and it is sure that the Master would not feel that we had done our best.

b. Again the churches were IMPROVING but were UNEMPOWERED. Few men were doing the tasks that many men should have done. In many instances we have found one man filling seven or eight places in his church, where we should have had six or seven other men enlisted and doing a part of the work, which the one man was doing. We are not complaining, but the unfortunate situation prevails and we want to remedy it, it can be remedied by the Brotherhood.

3. The Men Belonged, but:
a. They were BEWILDERED; they knew not which way to turn, many have asked the question "What can I do?" Many have said that they would be happy to do something, if they knew what to do, and I find even now many Brotherhoods with their men organized, are still bewildered, because they do not know what to do.

b. The men were BELITTLED; they were belittled because they had not been trained, they had not been taught, they had not accepted a place and because they were untrained they themselves felt their insignificance, their inability, their lack of knowledge and their lack of understanding of the program, all of which furnishes the pastor a challenging opportunity.

c. But they were BEGINNING; beginning to realize that their church and denomination meant something to them, that their church in the community stands for something, that their pastor was not wrong in his persuasion that they do a given task. They were beginning to understand the problems that confronted their church and denomination, they were beginning to realize the necessity of Christian religion in a war-torn, sin-cursed world, and they were beginning to do something about it. They were beginning to offer themselves, their money and their talents.

Introspective
1. The Pastors are Powerful:
a. Powerful in EVANGELISM. Never before to my knowledge have so many pastors contributed to the evangelistic program of Texas Baptists as are now enlisted. Never has there been to my knowledge a more earnest effort upon their part to evangelize Texas for Baptists than now.

b. Never have the pastors in Texas been more interested in ENLISTING men; and for that matter all persons for Christ, for the denomination and for the respective churches. How wonderful has been the splendid co-operation, the clear thinking vision, and the willing understanding of our pastors in enlisting their men in this organization for the benefit of the local church and the denomination.

c. Again never have I known the pastors to be more interested in ENLIGHTENMENT of their membership in all phases of religious activity, for everywhere I went I found the pastor had already prepared his people in the knowledge of the denominational program, the church program and what this organization was attempting to do for them. Truly it is gratifying beyond measure to see so many of our publications made a part

of the church budget, going into every one of our homes, that the membership might become enlightened in all phases of our endeavors. This the pastor has worked hard to accomplish.

2. Our Churches Are Splendid Examples:

a. In SPIRITUAL values. We have turned our faces, as I view it today, from that of cold indifference to that of warm spiritual fellowship. The value of the spiritual atmosphere in the churches and in these Brotherhood meetings, and in the direction to which I most sincerely ascribe, has been most extraordinarily pleasing to this speaker, and while we have yet a few who think of the Brotherhood in the terms of fun, food and fellowship, more and more the churches have begun to be spiritual in their atmosphere, warm in their friendliness and true in their teachings, and the Brotherhoods sincere in their objectives.

b. Our churches are splendid examples of community security. Our churches are now a stable part of the community, not belittled, not bragging, not indifferent, but the community is looking upon our churches as a very vital, necessary part of the security of each community.

c. Again our churches are selective in service; selective because they not only teach and preach the word, but their membership and the lives of the church certainly carries out, to my thinking, the admonition of Christ, "for inasmuch as ye have done it to one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me." They are rendering real service now.

Prospective
1. Looking into tomorrow I have no hesitancy in saying that our Pastors will become Masters of our Men Mobilized; mobilizing for Christ, for the church and for the denomination. By the word master, I mean like unto that loving Master, who persuades and who has persuaded that His is the only way. Our pastors are men called by God and set apart for special service, shepherds and leaders and as long as this world stands, men will be forced to the realization that it is God's plan, His Kingdom's work, and our men are coming more and more to ask the question, "Good Master what can I do?"

2. The churches will become Challenging agencies for Christ; challenging in that their programs will be sufficiently attractive that all men may be drawn and used by them and in them; challenging because the changing world is a challenge to mankind either for good or evil, and the good will win; challenging because we are not paupers and penniless, but prosperous and progressive, humble and hopeful, sincere and sacrificial.

3. The men will become Mobilized because the pastors' visions are broadened to include them, because the church has been selective in selecting them, and because a program worth while and large enough to challenge them has been presented.

The men will become mature in trust, because their enlightenment, their knowledge, their understanding and their challenge will make them so. They will have lost interest in the milk and will have taken the meat as the food and nourishment of their faith and service.

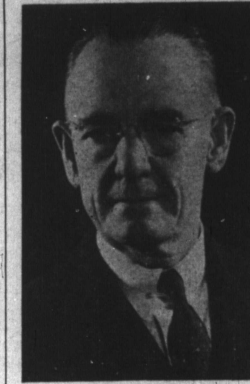
They will become molded in service, because of the opportunity the churches and this Brotherhood will give them. It will make them not only mature and ripe, but experienced in a rounded service that will redound to mature strength of knowledge, and of purpose in service for mankind, to the glory of Christ, the joy of the church and in peaceful satisfaction to themselves. And then it shall be said, "Well done thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things"; and like the Scripture first quoted, because God had touched the hearts of those men who followed Saul, banded together, just so may we expect our men whose hearts God has touched, banded together in this Brotherhood following their pastors, to go forward in a wonderful program of service for Christ.

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ABILENE FIRST PASTOR COMPLETES 26TH YEAR



Sunday, November 9, marked the 26th anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. Millard A. Jenkins at First Church, Abilene. During the past year the church received 496 members and raised \$46,172.19. The present membership of the church is 3,753. During the 26 years the church has received 9,449 members, 2,143 of whom came for baptism, and the members have contributed a total of over a million and a quarter dollars through the treasury of the church.

ATTENDANCE REPORTS FOR SUNDAY, NOV. 2

Send reports of attendance to Box 1560, Abilene, at any time during the week.

Church	Enr.	Att.
Amarillo, First	1867	1233
Lubbock, First	2571	1391
Abilene, First	1233	1115
San Angelo, First	1108	917
Wichita Falls, First	861	831
Albuquerque, First	809	606
El Paso, First	579	571
Vernon, First	471	426
Wichita Falls, Lamar Ave.	401	372
Brownwood, Coggins Ave.	703	354
Odessa, First	274	31
Borger, First	725	428
Sweetwater, First	428	336
Coleman, First	160	156
Big Spring, East Fourth	129	122
Burkburnett, First	42	
Big Spring, First		
San Angelo, Immanuel		
Sweetwater, First		
Big Spring, First		
Johnson Chapel		

BRECKENRIDGE CALLS NEW PASTOR FROM OKLAHOMA

Rev. R. D. Hebard, pastor at Trinity Church, Ada, Oklahoma, has accepted the call of First Church, Breckenridge, and is entering upon his work there at once. He was in Abilene this week attending the conventions, renewing old acquaintances, and making new ones.

He is a native of the Sooner State, a graduate of O. B. U. with a bachelor degree, and has a master of theology from Southwestern Seminary.

The strategic Breckenridge Church has been pastorless since the resignation of Pastor Phillip C. McGahey, who is now pastor at First Church, Albuquerque.

MARYNEAL PASTOR DIES OF HEART ATTACK

Rev. John Walker, pastor at Mary Neal and Mount Olive in Sweetwater Association, died suddenly November 6 of a heart attack. He was gassed in World War I and never fully recovered his health.

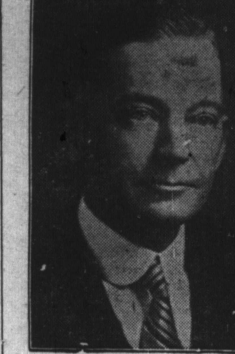
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BEAUMONT CONVENTION BID FAVORED BY EVANGELIST

This writer has just been in a fine revival with the South Park Church, Beaumont. Rev. J. J. Strickland is the constructive pastor. He is just completing a spacious, commodious and beautiful educational building and the enlargement of the auditorium. God blessed us with 58 conversions and additions. 48 of these came on the last Sunday. It broke the record for professions and additions in one day here.

Beaumont pastors and churches want the Baptist General Convention of Texas to meet there in 1942. I trust that the convention will see fit to accept their gracious invitation. Beaumont is an ideal convention city. It is hospitable in spirit and adequate in accommodations. It is a beautiful and progressive community—William H. Joyner, State Evangelist.

Missionary J. Henry Littleton showed foreign mission pictures last week at Plasterco, where Rev. E. R. Ingram is pastor.

Gen. Session Program Training Convention

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of that department. In this particular case it might be a yell, or a cry if a baby was used.

10:40—Keynote address, "Forward with Christ," Dr. W. Marshall Craig, Dallas.

11:10—Music.

11:15—Presentation of Conference Leaders by T. C. Gardner.

11:25—Announcements.

11:30—Mixed Chorus composed of all State Winners.

11:35—Convention Sermon, "Forward with Christ in Proclaiming the Whole Gospel to the Whole World," Dr. Charles E. Maddry, Richmond, Virginia.

12:20—Adjourn for Thanksgiving dinner. (The convention will meet in twelve sections this afternoon. See department programs).

Thursday Night, Nov. 20
7:00—Song Service. Prayer.

7:10—Mixed chorus composed of all state winners.

7:15—Address, "Forward with Christ in Missions," Dr. W. W. Melton, Dallas.

7:45—Address, "Forward with Christ in Baptist Training Union Work," T. C. Gardner.

8:15—Special music, Buckner; Orphan Home A Cappella Choir.

8:25—Address, "Forward with Christ in Heroic Christian Service," Mr. Chester E. Swor, Clinton, Mississippi.

8:55—Mixed chorus composed of all state winners.

9:10—Adjourn to visit exhibit rooms and attend socials in leading hotels.

Friday Night, Nov. 21
The convention will meet in two sessions tonight. One at the city auditorium and one at the Travis Avenue Baptist Church. Messengers and visitors are invited to attend the session of their choice.

City Auditorium
General Theme: "Forward With Christ."

Presiding officer, J. D. Riddle.

Music director, E. A. Scarbrough.

Organist, John Josey.

7:00—Song and praise service.

Prayer.

7:15—Address, "Forward with Christ in Victorious Achievements," Dr. W. R. White, Abilene.

7:40—Music.

7:45—A play, "Esther," presented by the Baptist Seminary students and directed by Dr. Floy Barnard.

8:45—Address, "Forward with Christ in Consecration," Dr. Fred

Eastham, Wichita Falls.
Travis Avenue Baptist Church
General Theme: "Forward With Christ."

Presiding officer, T. C. Gardner.
Music director, W. E. Young, Oklahoma City.

Pianist, Mrs. Hoyt Braselton.
7:00—Song and Praise Service.

Prayer.

7:15—Address, "Forward with Christ in Victorious Achievements," Dr. W. B. Harvey, Oklahoma City.

7:40—Music.

7:45—A play, "Esther," presented by the Baptist Seminary students and directed by Dr. Floy Barnard.

8:45—Address, "Forward with Christ in Consecration," Mr. Chester Swor.

Saturday Morning, Nov. 22
8:30—A wedding.

9:00—Address, "Forward with Christ in a Completely Surrendered Life," Chester Swor.

9:20—Music.

9:25—Plans for 1942. Reports of the 17 district presidents.

9:40—Intermediate Master Swordsman Contest, conducted by Mrs. A. Adamcik, Smithville.

10:00—Music.

10:05—Address, "Forward with Christ in the Enlargement of the Training Union," Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Nashville, Tennessee.

10:35—Exhibition of Junior Bible Memory Work conducted by Miss Louise Villemain, San Antonio.

10:45—Beginner Story-telling State Winners presented by Mrs. E. A. Scarbrough, Wichita Falls.

10:50—Primary Story-telling State Winners, presented by Mrs. Troy V. Campbell, San Antonio.

10:55—Election of officers.

11:00—Resolutions.

11:10—Report of time and place committee.

11:15—Presentation of State Winners in Young People's Better Speech Contest by Ray Rozell, San Angelo.

11:20—Special music.

11:25—Presentation of State Winners in Adult Devotional Contest by A. C. Head, Beaumont.

11:30—Address, "Forward with Christ in Christian Citizenship," Hon. Pat M. Neff, Waco.

12:00—Awarding of banners by committee.

12:05—Presentation of Better Music Contest Winners by Carlyle Bennett, Fort Worth.

12:20—Adjourn.

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