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from THE WATCHTOWER

Meditations of the Editor As He Watches the World Go By

Rambling Remarks scored again this week, and this is to notify Dick O'Brien that I have found him another reader for his column. It happened this way: One of the Abilene subscribers walked up to me and propounded this question, "Do you know what's the best department in your paper?" I began to think about the new features I had painstakingly added to the paper, and began to wonder which one was going to score a hit, when low and behold here came the answer. "That department," replied this subscriber, "is Rambling Remarks by Dick O'Brien of Colorado." I think the subscriber was right about it. And, believe me, this editor certainly appreciates Dick's cooperation in helping the West Texas Baptist along. And by the way I figure this contribution by this Irish columnist hasn't hurt him a bit, either. He is one of the most popular and sought after preacher in West Texas, and this editor is vain enough to believe that the "Rambling Remarks" column has had a lot to do with this popularity. To be sure Dick can "deliver the goods" after he gets there, but I know a lot of preachers who can do that. The major problem these days is how to "get there."

"You scratch my back, and I'll scratch yours," is an old and oft repeated adage, and there's more truth in it than poetry. A few days ago one of my preacher friends remarked that if he were publishing a religious paper he would send it complimentary to all preachers. To which I replied "O yeah? Maybe you would and maybe you wouldn't. Suppose," I said, "you sent the paper complimentary to a large number of preachers, and then about 95 per cent of them never sent you a subscriber and never sent you a news item or any other contribution. What then?" This friend replied, "Well, I had never thought about that." The West Texas Baptist has made a liberal contribution along this line all during the depression. Of course, some one has had to pay for these subscriptions, and if you pressed me for an answer I could tell you who has had to pay. As I have remarked before, recently, I am going to give the paper every bit of the ability I have as an editor. To put over this program and make the paper pay its way and give the editor a decent living, the subscription list must be built to 5,000 paid subscriptions. On March 1 all delinquent subscriptions will be dropped from the mailing list. Now, to show you my heart's in the right place, I'll make this proposition to all old subscribers, preachers and all: Send me five new subscribers at \$1.00 each, and I'll cancel what is due on your back subscription, and credit the subscription one year in advance.

Watching the world go by is an interesting and melancholy task. Sometimes as we watch we are inclined to become despondent over the condition of the human race, and then a great disaster comes along, such as this present flood disaster, and the reaction of the human race to the suffering and destitution of the poor victims is so beautiful, so divine, that we conclude that this old world of ours is still along ways from the "junk heap."

News Notes

An oyster supper was enjoyed by 52 men in the basement of the Lorraine Church on last Tuesday night. Judge J. C. Hall served as toastmaster, and short talks were given by Pastor Dick O'Brien, of Colorado, and L. L. Trott, of Sweetwater. Pastor Warren Capps outlined his program for the men and for the church in general. He is getting a very deep hold on the church and community.

Dr. R. E. Day, of Big Spring, gave one of the most convincing addresses on the Hundred Thousand Club, and the general theme of debt paying this writer has ever heard. The address was delivered at the recent monthly worker's meeting at Westbrook.

Local Association to Discuss SS Work

MINISTERS VIEW COMMUNISM AS MENACING PERIL

WASHINGTON.—In responding to the request of the Capital News and Feature Service for their opinion of dictatorship, a number of prominent ministers expressed deep concern over the present danger of communism to America.

Dr. William Edward Biederwolf, internationally famous lecturer, author, and evangelist, said: "I am not an alarmist when I say that it is high time we were awake to the seriousness of the situation. It seems as though we have been mesmerized into a smug complacency. 'They say, 'It can't happen here.' But it is already happening. Communism is no longer coming to America. It has already come."

Dr. Biederwolf added: "Anything approaching a Soviet type of dictatorship means we lose our representative form of government, the home life of America goes into the discard, and the Gospel of Christ becomes a laughing-stock to the powers that rule."

From Wichita, Kansas, comes this informative statement by Dr. Gerald B. Winrod: "Communism is not new. It is centuries old. I have traced it as an underground conspiracy against religion, morals, and orderly government, back to May 1, 1776, the date on which Adam Weishaupt organized his occult European order called the Illuminati. Out of this came the French revolution."

"The holocaust which took place in Russia 19 years ago, began where the French revolution ended, a subterranean channel connecting the two events. Now, the objective of the destructionists is world revolution, whereas in the past they have concentrated their activities upon Europe."

Communism is reaching for a stranglehold upon America, declared Dr. Bob Jones, president of Bob Jones College. "But as long as we have freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and religious liberty, we are safe."

"Communism has been devised to make man independent of God and of His sovereign rule," wrote Dr. Judson A. Rudd, president of William Jennings Bryan University.

Dr. Clyde F. Stark of Lincoln, Neb., stated: "Communism strikes at God, the Christ, the Church, and Constitutional government. Such power to destroy religious liberty and make war against the Church is realized through a planned economy which regiments the citizens of any nation under the pretense of 'the general welfare', while in reality it is making them slaves to do the will of the state."

Dr. J. O. Kinnaman, head of the department of religious education at Martin College, believes that "Loss of religious faith clears the ground for all forms of regimentation through dictatorship."

Communism, the majority of the ministers believe, is simply a form of materialism into which men fall when they lose religious faith and cease to pursue spiritual goals and values. Their prescription of a "cure" consists of "a genuine revival of religion."

They believe that escape from the Red menace lies, alone, the path of a return to fundamental principles of Christianity on the part of the American people.

GIPSY SMITH TO BE WITH EL PASO CHURCHES IN TWO-WEEKS REVIVAL



GIPSY SMITH

Gipsy Smith, noted evangelist, is to be with the churches of El Paso in a two weeks revival beginning Feb. 7.

The churches of El Paso co-operating in the meeting are making extensive preparations for the meeting. Attendance is expected from wide sections of West Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

Following the El Paso meeting Gipsy Smith is to be with the churches of Fort Worth in a co-operative meeting beginning early in March.

BTU WORKERS TO MEET IN ABILENE SEPTEMBER 14-15

By T. C. Gardner

Associational B. T. U. officers from 39 associations in West Texas will meet in Abilene September 14-15, 1937. Each of the 39 associations will be expected to send three carloads of people to the Abilene meeting. Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, has announced:

"The Baptist Sunday School Board will pay the expenses of three carloads of officers from each association at the rate of two cents a mile for the round trip."

All associations in Districts 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16 and 17 will be expected to attend the Abilene meeting. Some of the people who will appear on the Abilene program are: Dr. T. L. Holcomb, W. A. Harrell, B. B. McKinney, J. E. Lambdin and Mrs. J. E. Lambdin, all of Nashville, Tennessee; J. Earl Mead, T. C. Gardner, Miss Helen Gardner, Mrs. T. C. Gardner and Miss Betty Hazlewood, Dallas; Mrs. A. Adamcik, Smithville; R. A. Springer, Amarillo.

An effort should be made to set up the Baptist Training Union organization in every church within the 39 associations before the conference is held in Abilene September 14-15.

How The Votes Are Coming

Says Don't Change It

Enclosed you will find check for \$1.00 to renew my subscription for another year. I don't want to miss a single copy. We heard Brother Malone's message over the radio last week. I am a shut-in and heard your message plainly. Keep it going. Wife and I both read the paper, and enjoy it very much. A friend in Christ.—L. B. Allen, Box 54, Roby, Texas.

I don't want the name West Texas Baptist changed.—Mrs. L. B. Allen.

Leaves It to Us

Dear Brother Malone: Am herewith attaching check for \$1.00 for renewal to your paper.

Regarding the subject of changing the name, personally I like the name

it is under at the present time. However, think this matter should be left to the management of the paper.—Gus J. King, Abilene.

Arkansas Heard From

Enclosed you will find a one dollar bill to apply on my subscription. Concerning the name I prefer the name West Texas Baptist.—W. L. Leach, Tuckerman, Ark.

Dear Brother Malone:

We always think of the word "home" as something very close to our hearts. We have learned to care for this little paper in a like manner. If it was changed to "The Western Evangelist" it would seem as though a "true friend" had assumed another (Continued on page 2)

Building the Church is Theme for Thursdays Conference

ASSOCIATIONAL S. S. SUPERINTENDENT URGES 100,000 CLUB SUPPORT

J. M. COOK,

Sweetwater Associational S. S. Supt.

Every Baptist who has any income and has a sense of personal and denominational honor should join the great mass movement called the Hundred Thousand Club and pay our Southern Baptist debts in the next two or three years. This reasonable and timely plan appealed to me the first time it was suggested. I joined at the very beginning of the movement and have remained a member to this date. By the help of God my plan is to continue till Southern Baptist debts are all paid and Baptist honor stands one hundred per cent.

I pay my personal debts, and certainly as a Baptist can do no less for my Lord's work. How can any Baptist claim the blessings of God while refusing to cooperate with the brotherhood in paying our honest denominational obligations just as we must pay our personal debts.

All co-operating pastors and Sunday School superintendents have an inescapable obligation in this Hundred Thousand Club. It should be brought to the attention of every Baptist in the Southern Baptist Convention. We have an opportunity to join a movement which will hasten the coming of the Master's Kingdom into this sin-sick world. I pray that our leaders will not fail at this time.

UNIVERSITY CHURCH TO BROADCAST OVER LOCAL RADIO STATION

Beginning next Sunday morning the Sunday morning services of University Baptist Church will be broadcast over Abilene's radio station, KRBC, 1420 kilocycles. The broadcast will be from 11 to 12 o'clock, and will run each Sunday through the month of February and March.

This is a splendid move on the part of Pastor C. A. Powell and University Church to broaden the sphere of their usefulness. There are thousands of people within reach of this station who cannot attend services. Other thousands will not attend church services, and many of these will listen in and hear the Gospel preached over the radio, who otherwise would not hear a sermon.

SENIOR BTU, FISHER COUNTY, MEETS FEB. 12

A county-wide rally of the B. Y. P. U. groups of Fisher County will be held with the Royston Baptist Church on February 12, beginning at 7:15 o'clock P. M. All pastors and B. T. U. leaders are urged to be present. Mrs. Jack Johnson, chairman of the publicity committee, is hoping that all of the 21 churches in the association will be represented. Churches are asked to bring posters or other work, or bring some question to be discussed.

The program follows: Theme—"Looking Forward in Our B. Y. P. U. Work."

7:15—Song Service, Paul Burk. Prayer.
7:30—Devotional, Carl Underhill.
7:45—Business, roll call, (president), Ima Burk.
I.—Looking Forward in Our Weekly Meetings, Frances Mills.
II.—Looking Forward in our Training Courses, Judson Thompson.
III.—Looking Forward in Our Association Work, Vandy Brown.
IV.—Looking Forward in Our District and State Work, Donadette Minor.
V.—Reading, Velma Faulkenberry.

Necessary equipment for the opening of a free medical clinic in Havana has been given by Mrs. E. M. Bailey, Acworth, Georgia. Dr. Sydney Orrett, Baptist physician, will give his services without charge in this clinic, which will be operated in the Baptist Temple.

RAMBLING REMARKS

Dick O'Brien

I was amused at a statement by Clad Callen in his column this morning, in which he says that an uncle so-and-so of his prepared a special prayer which he intended to use for a certain occasion, but when the time came the crowd was so small that he decided to save it, and instead used one of his old ones on them. I wonder if there is a preacher who has been in the ministry any length of time who has not yielded to the same temptation at some time or other. I am sure I have been guilty but I never expect to do it again. I am by that like I am about the fact that I married a Methodist girl, I am satisfied this time but never expect to do it again. . . . When a preacher yields to the temptation to save what he thinks is a great sermon for a great occasion he usually spoils two sermons and disappoints himself and two congregations. I have decided that in congregations as everywhere else in life, quality counts more than quantity. If the weather is disagreeable and the effort to attend the service approaches a sacrifice, then you may be sure that the ones who are there deserve the best any preacher has. If he has a "sugarstick" this is the crowd who will appreciate it. . . . In fact I wonder if a preacher is ever justified in doing less than his best. . . . Another thing along this line. Did you know that there are preachers who are actually glad if weather or some other hindrance affords them an excuse for not preaching at all. What a disappointment it must be to "the faithful few" who brave the elements to attend a service only to be sent home by the preacher because so few are present. . . . Or worse still to find that the preacher himself has not had the courage to come. I believe that our churches should be as weather proof as our businesses, schools, etc. . . . Let the pastor omit a service or two on account of weather and the congregation will soon become negligent about attending if any degree of doubt arises. . . . One time I was in a revival with a fellow pastor and a shower of rain fell about an hour before time for an evening service. Soon afterward the people began to come to the church, and he remarked to me in a rather disappointed tone of voice, "I believe we are going to have to have the service anyway." . . . It seemed to me that he should have said, "I believe we are going to get to have the service anyway." . . . Speaking about marrying a Methodist girl reminds me that I stole my wife. But that broke me from stealing. . . . Some day when I feel especially bold I am going to fill this column with my impressions of some preachers' wives I have met. I suppose I will postpone that for a good while, since it will probably be my last contribution. . . . Another subject which I have in soak is "some unschooled preachers I have known." I am going through the book of Acts with a class of men in the Sunday School, and in yesterday's lesson we read where Luke said of Peter and John, "that they were unlearned and ignorant men, yet the people marveled at the gracious words which fell from their lips, and took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus." School is a wonderful thing for a preacher, but let all of our underprivileged brethren who have heard the call of heaven, remember that if they cannot go to school as they would like, that they can go to Jesus. And after all, that is where our wisdom must come from, whether it reaches us through the schools or otherwise. . . . But this is getting too deep for this column. . . . It was too long last week and is about to become too deep this week. . . . So q.e.d.

IRAAN PASTOR ELECTED MISSIONARY DISTRICT TEN

Rev. J. C. McKenzie, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Iraan, Texas, has been elected missionary of District 10, and is in Amarillo this week discussing the work with the district board. For the past few years Brother McKenzie has done a splendid work in the Iraan oil field section. The church is in fine shape, debts all paid, and the church auditorium has been remodeled, inside and out, and the church has recently purchased a Grand Kurtzmann piano.

OUR WEEKLY SERMON

SEND A BOAT --- AN URGENT CALL TO RESCUE

Sam Malone, Editor

"Lift up your eyes and look..." People of America stood by, with abated breath, for days as they listened in over the radio at the human drama of horror and suffering caused by our country's most disastrous flood in the basin of the Ohio river. At Louisville, Ky., perhaps the hardest hit area, the local radio station, WHAS, through the cooperation of a neighbor station, WSM, at Nashville, Tenn., stood as a sentinel for many weary hours giving directions to boats, equipped with radio receiving sets, in rescue work.

Through the long hours of those dreadful days and nights the melancholy command rang out—send a boat—to the thousands marooned, to multitudes cold, hungry, sick, suffering and grief stricken. Directions to officers that looting was reported in some sections, with instructions to "shoot and shoot to kill," were given at frequent intervals. Other orders said: "It is reported that rescuers in boats in certain sections are intoxicated. Arrest them, take their boats." Others said: "It is reported that boats, trucks and other vehicles of transportation are charging refugees for being rescued. Others, only sightseers, hindered rescue by their very presence, the reports said.

On and on went the drama, revealing deeds of valor and sacrifice that brought cheer and admiration to the outside world, along with deeds of degradation that brought a flush of shame and a touch of heartache to the listening world. But, through it all rang the appealing cry—"Send a boat, send a boat."

The Tragic Drama of Life

These heart-rending scenes of the flood are but reminders of the tragic dramas of life that are being enacted all around us day by day. The turbulent, muddy floods of sin and degradation are rolling higher and higher, day by day, sweeping men, woman and children by countless thousands into the abyss of eternal darkness and night. Homes are being wrecked, lives engulfed with the mad pleasures of sin. And through all this turmoil and confusion may we hear the captain of our salvation as He broadcasts through the medium of His Holy Word and Holy Spirit the echoing cry—send a boat—send a boat—to sin wrecked souls all around us.

As these awful floods of sin roll on to destruction, many followers of Christ may be found rushing boats to the rescue of those in distress. The marooned are being carried safely to a haven; the hungry, both in a spiritual and physical sense, are being fed; the sick are being ministered unto; the sorrowing and suffering are being given comfort to sustain them in the ordeals through which they are passing.

But, there is a dark side to this picture. Some church people are failing to heed the command to man a boat to the rescue. Some are actually "looting" in the midst of the grim tragedies of life. They are robbing God by withholding what belongs to Him, and in thus doing they are causing the work of rescue to be hindered.

Some are reveling and playing at the job of rescue, as did the drunken boatmen at Louisville. What a melancholy picture—people, bearing the name of the Lord Jesus, reveling in sin and compromising with the evil forces that are dragging men down to destruction.

Others, sad to say, are commercializing the serious task of rescue. The world was shocked when the word was broadcast that some boatmen were charging the unfortunate victims they rescued. More shocking still is the sad fact that some churchmen are allowing mercenary aims to enter the transaction of rescuing souls from spiritual destruction. Surely, it's time for every child of God to purge from his life every thought of personal gain in this business of rescuing lost souls.

In the broadcast from the flood area, sightseers were warned to keep out of the way, as they were hindering the work of rescue. In the rescue of souls the sightseers, the indifferent, the onlookers, are hindering the work of Christ. As Jesus hung dying, there were all classes of people gathered around the cross. The gamblers were there gambling for the garments of the Son of God. Others joined in with their jeers and mockery. A few stood by with broken hearts as they viewed the horrible scene. But the greater part of the motly throng were the sightseers, the indifferent. "And sitting down they watched Him there." That's the trag-

edy of our church work today. Far too many are mere onlookers, and by their indifference they not only do not help, but they actually hinder the progress of rescue of human souls.

Our Baptist Work

There are lessons from the present flood that might be applied to our Baptist work. Southern Baptists are in the rescue business. For several years we have been fighting a terrible fight against overwhelming debts, and a growing sense of indifference to our great world-wide program. The strain of the fight has been terrific. Many of our noble leaders have gone down under the load of responsibility. Many others are broken in health from the strain of rescue work. As the surging floods rise higher and higher in this old world of sin and sorrow, tune in, O my Baptist brother, and let us hear the broadcast of our leaders as they call for boats to come to the rescue.

The Appeal of Our Causes

"Send boats, send boats, to the millions dying in heathen lands," comes the appeal from our foreign mission forces. Millions are sinking down in the depths of despair, with no hope in this world or the world to come. Money is needed to pay the strangling debts. Money is needed to send new recruits for the relief of the depleting ranks of our sore-pressed missionaries on our foreign fields. "Send boats to the relief of our home mission work," comes the cry from our Home Mission Board. Millions right in our own midst are going down without God. "Send money, send volunteers, send prayers to the throne of God for the lost foreigners and the millions of our own flesh and blood in our own America who are sinking down to despair."

And then through the long, weary hours of these stressful, dark days and nights comes the solemn call for rescue boats for our institutional causes. The floods have been pounding at the doors of these institutions all through the weary years of the depression: The presidents, the faculties and other leaders in these institutions have stood at their post of duty all through these years. They need help. Our schools have stood and are standing as bulwarks against the enroads of modernism and materialism. Can we afford to withhold the help needed at this crucial time? Our hospitals need help in lifting the load of debt in order that they may render better service to suffering humanity. Our orphan children cry to us for daily bread and clothing and christian training. And then our old ministers. They have been caught by the flood of old age. They have given their all in the pioneer fight to carry Christ to the far-flung frontier. Surely we will not "deny rescue boats to these dear old soldiers of the Cross and their beloved companions who have stood by them so faithfully."

Hundred Thousand Club Appeal
During the month of February Southern Baptists will continue to stress the Hundred Thousand Club movement. This is another broadcast for rescue boats to help save the agencies sponsored by Southern Baptists. The call is for 100,000 Southern Baptists to pledge \$1.00 per month above their regular contributions for the liquidation of the debts against these agencies. In less than four years 100,000 Baptists giving \$1.00 per month would pay all the indebtedness and release multiplied thousands of dollars for mission causes.

The American Red Cross is appealing to our people to come to the rescue of the flood sufferers. America will respond as she has always responded in cases of major disasters.

Will our Baptist people respond to the broadcast of help for our causes? They will if they can be made to realize the enormity of the task to be performed. They will if they can get a fresh view of the blood-stained cross of the Son of God, and realize that He came to seek and to save the lost; that He came to comfort the sorrowing, heal the broken hearted; that He came to rescue the souls of lost humanity from the floods of darkness, eternal night, and eternal despair.

The Supreme Need

What we need to do now is to learn afresh the meaning of the Master when He said, "As the father hath sent me, even so send I you." "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." This is our order to send the rescue boats to the lost all about us; and we have the promise that the Holy Spirit will illumine the dark waters as we launch out in our frail boats to the rescue of a lost world.

KINGDOM BUILDERS

In this department, from time to time, we will give a brief sketch of a preacher and laymen who have contributed to the building up of the Kingdom Work in this section. We are beginning with two of our faithful and efficient workers. You will enjoy reading about them.



REV. JOE R. MAYES

Rev. Joe R. Mayes, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Baird, Texas, is one of the hardest working, most efficient pastors and denominational workers in West Texas. Besides pastoring the Baird Church, he has Sunday afternoon appointments in different sections of the Callahan Association, and he is nearly always busy helping put on the denominational program in that section. Recently Brother Mayes accepted an additional responsibility as association editor of the West Texas Baptist for Callahan Association. We are sure he will put the enlargement campaign over in that section in a great way.

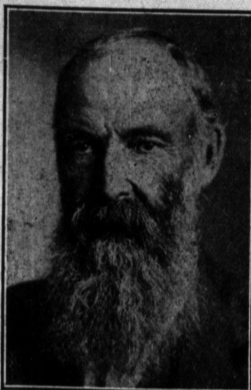
Brother Mayes is a native of Young County, having discovered that county February 19, 1882. He was converted and joined the Fish Creek Church when he was 18 years old. He was licensed to preach by this church when he was 22, and was ordained by the Tonk Valley Church. He was pastor of several churches and served as Young County missionary before moving to Abilene in 1913 to attend Simmons. He received his A B degree from this institution in 1922. While in school here he was pastor of a number of churches in this section.

Brother Mayes attended the Southwestern Seminary after finishing his college work, and received the Th. B. degree in 1925. After finishing his seminary work he went to the Del Rio-Uvalde Association as missionary. He resigned that work to become pastor of the Baird Church in 1926.

The church has made a steady growth under his leadership. There have been over 300 baptized into the church, all denominational causes have been cared for, and a new church building built and paid for.

"Our present foreign-born population is around 16,000,000, with about 20,000,000 of second generation foreign extraction. Approximately one-fourth of all the children in the United States live in home of foreign-born parents. The foreign language press in America includes 1,500 publications with a circulation of 8,000,000 and a reading public of possibly 16,000,000."—J. F. Plainfield, Home Board Missionary to the Italians.

"Among the masses of the people Cuba is open to receive the Gospel. Political unrest has interfered, but all evangelical missions have progressed in spite of the interference."—M. N. McCall, superintendent of Home Missions in Cuba.



J. B. ASHBURN

J. B. Ashburn was born in South Carolina March 5, 1855. Will soon be 82 years old and is still quite active in the various pursuits of life. He moved to Texas with his father and family in 1875. His father, Rev. J. M. Ashburn, was a Baptist missionary to the Indians for a number of years. He assisted in organizing several Baptist Churches in Texas more than 50 years ago.

Brother Ashburn has given 63 years of active service to Christ's kingdom. Was elected treasurer of Stonewall Baptist Association 37 years ago. He served in this capacity six years, at which time the Jones County Baptist Association was organized, being a charter member of this association, he was elected treasurer in the meeting of its organization and has faithfully served as its treasurer throughout its history of 31 years. Few months ago he offered his resignation to the executive board of the association, stating that he taught some one younger than himself might render better service, but the board unanimously refused to accept his resignation, so he kindly consented to continue his service.

It is interesting to state in this connection that A. S. Barkley of Anson, was elected first moderator of this association and has also served as moderator throughout its history. These two brethren have and are still working harmoniously together in the promotion of Christ's kingdom in this association. A sketch of Brother Barkley will appear in this department soon. Brother Ashburn was a charter member of Tuxedo Baptist Church and for many years served as superintendent of its Sunday School. Is now teacher of Men's Bible Class and an active Deacon in the church.

His good wife has been a great inspiration to him throughout these many years of efficient service. Twelve children have been born to them, two of whom have preceded them in death. They adopted and reared two children, giving them a good Christian home.

Brother Ashburn came to Texas in "Buffalo Days." The country was unsettled. Wild animals roamed the country. Only a few families had settled in this section. Abilene was but a small village. So he has seen our country grow from its incipency to one of the best developed and most prosperous sections of our state.

"If Christianity is worth sending to China, it is worth sharing with the Chinese here in America."

OUTLINE OF OLD TESTAMENT STUDY

By The Editor

In the two previous radio Bible study periods we have studied events as recorded by Genesis from the creation to the confusion of tongues. This has carried us through the first ten chapters. Please bear in mind that this is a historical study of the Old Testament. It is our purpose to lead our readers and listeners to see the Bible as a whole. When we are able to do this, it will greatly simplify the study of the smaller groups of the Bible.

In this and the following lessons we will take up the study of the life of Abraham. Abraham is a descendant of Shem, one of the three sons of Noah (read 10th chapter). Read chapters 12 to 25 carefully, and then answer the ten questions given at the end of this outline. If you are in reach of Abilene's radio station KRBC, 1420 kilocycles, listen in next Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock for a discussion of this lesson.

The following outline is given as a guide for study and as a basis for the next radio lecture.

1. Abraham the pioneer. (11:27-12:10).
 2. Abraham the backslider (12:10-13:4).
 3. Abraham the generous. (13:5-18).
 4. Abraham the soldier and tither. (Chapter 14).
 5. Abraham, heir of God's promise. (Chapter 15).
- For other Scriptures on the Abrahamic covenant, read Gen. 13:14-17; 15:17; 17:1-8. Note these elements in this covenant.
- (1) "I will make thee a great nation." (2) "I will bless thee." (3) "And make thy name great." (4) "And thou shalt be a blessing." (5) "I will bless them that bless thee." (6) "I will curse them that curse thee." (7) "In thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed."
 6. Abraham, the friend of God. (Chs. 18-19).
 7. Abraham the faithful. (Ch. 22).
 8. Abraham the bride seeker (Ch. 24).
 9. Abraham gathered to his people. (Ch. 25).

Questions for Bible Study

1. Where was Abraham's birthplace? To what land did he first journey? Who did he take with him to Canaan?
2. What caused Abraham to leave Canaan? To what land did he go? What evidence do we have of his backsliding?
3. How did Abraham display his generosity in his separation from Lot? Where did Lot go? What were the results of his backsliding?
4. Tell, briefly, of the rescue of Lot by Abraham. To whom did Abraham pay tithes?
5. Give the substance of God's covenant with Abraham. In what striking way has this covenant been fulfilled to this day?
6. How and why did God notify

Abraham of His intention to destroy Sodom and Gormorrah? What intercession did Abraham make in behalf of these wicked cities?

7. Tell briefly of Abraham's offer of Isaac as a sacrifice. In what way was this a type of redemption?

8. Tell the love story of how Isaac secured his bride. How is this a type of the office work of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit?

9. Where did Sarah die? How old was she? Where was she buried?

10. Who did Abraham wed after the death of Sarah? How old was he when he died? Who helped Isaac bury his father?

NEWS NOTES

The next Worker's meeting of the Mitchell-Scurry Association will be held with the Buford Church, H. B. Naylor, pastor. A program which centers around the work of the Holy Spirit, has been arranged. The meeting will be held on February 9 on account of the district meeting which will be held at Big Spring, First Church, on Tuesday, February 16, the regular day for the Mitchell-Scurry meeting.

Dr. L. R. Scarborough spoke at the First Baptist Church, Sweetwater, Sunday morning, January 24, and at the First Baptist Church, Snyder, at the evening hour. The other churches in Snyder gave way for this service, which was reported to be one of the greatest ever held in West Texas. Of course he spoke on missions.

Pastor Lawrence Trott and his people at Lamar Street Church, Sweetwater, are going right up with their building. They are almost ready for the roof on what will be not only a beautiful, but one of the most adequate church plants of its size in this section. They are proceeding on the "pay as you go" plan.

The church at Odessa, under the pastoral leadership of Rev. W. C. Harrison, has launched a building program. They are basing their campaign on the tithing plan, and about 150 members have already signified their willingness to co-operate. It will be interesting to see a church attempt a big thing in the Bible way.

Rev. R. E. Bratton of Snyder has recently taken up his new work as pastor of the church at Ira. Brother Bratton practically lives in the Ira community, and will be available to his people in a way which promises a successful pastorate.

More than 30 received awards for work done in a Sunday School course taught by the pastor in the First Baptist Church, Colorado, last week. They are in a B. T. U. study course this week.

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Enrollment Increases

Comparative enrollment figures show the spring term total to be considerably above September registration as Hardin-Simmons students began their second semester Thursday morning.

Although registration was confined to Wednesday, students who wish to enroll will be able to register and enter classes any time within the next week or ten days without loss of credit, Dr. J. D. Sandefer, president, announced Monday.

Notable additions to the university curriculum are eleven new courses, first classes in which were held Thursday and Friday. Included among the eleven never before offered in Hardin-Simmons were modeling and draping, taught by Miss Mary Carter, instructor in home economics; business forecasting, a sociology course taught by Dr. O. E. Baker; current events, journalism course taught by Edward Dugan; integrated activity units, taught by Miss Ethel Hatchett, associate professor of education; legislation, government course taught by W. A. Stephenson, associate professor of government; methods in health education for high schools, and organization and administration of health and physical education, both taught by Otho Polk; radio speech laboratory, taught by Nena Ramsey Lewis, head of the speech arts department; abnormal psychology, taught by Hoyt Ford, associate professor of education; advanced shorthand and methods of teaching business administration, taught by Miss Joy Adams, instructor in business administration.

Await Famous Visitors

Headlining February and March activities are the Abilene appearances of Percy Grainger, famous pianist and composer of "Country Gardens," and Big Bill Tilden and his tennis teams. Grainger, back from several years in Australia, his birth place, will play in the university auditorium February 12. Tilden, and Vincent Richards, Alfred Chapin and Taro Satoh, will have the tennis spotlight in the Southwest when they battle March 10. Both programs are under the director sponsorship of the university.

A third outstanding personality secured for Abilene through Hardin-Simmons is Dr. John A. Lomax, national authority on Cowboy songs, literature and folklore, who will lecture in the university auditorium Feb. 18 and 19.

Cowboys Leave Feb. 9

First major trip of the new year for the university's own celebrities will be the Cowboy Band's tuba tooting as official band for the World's Championship Rodeo in Phoenix, Ariz. The band will leave Abilene Feb. 9, play several concerts en route and add a touch of West Texas rhythm to the Phoenix Junior C. C. festivities. The return trip will be a series of hops and jumps with programs before clubs and student bodies that a hurried westward schedule would not allow.

The band will drop down to San Angelo March 6-9 as official band for the San Angelo Fat Stock Show and devote the latter part of the month in preparations for the tenth annual high school band festival, set this year for April 9 and 10.

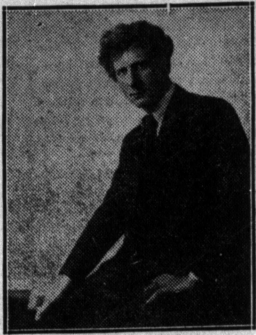
University "On Air"

Major project to require talent from all departments is the regular Friday night broadcasts over KRBC. The first two programs featured Ann Rader, xylophonist, the Purple and Gold ensemble under the direction of Herbert M. Preston and the Cowboy Band. Alton Terry, Olympic javelin thrower, has also been special guest of the Jamboree. The weekly programs are broadcast by remote control from the university auditorium. Miss Rader was guest soloist for the Victory Men's Bible Class last Sunday and Dean E. Edwin Young played as guest artist for the weekly West Texas Utilities program today to round out Hardin-Simmons' contributions to the air lanes this week.

Daniel Q. Cupid scored two direct hits last week that united Captain Eldon Murphy of the Cowboy gridiron fame and Anna May Gafford and J. G. Morrow, budding journalist, and Rosalie Lilley of Dallas.

Miscellaneous tidbits of campus news include the band's program at Throckmorton last Friday, Professor Stephenson's offer to pay \$5 each for "Broncos" of 1911 and 1913, and the preliminaries to result in selection of an "ugliest boy" to date a campus beauty—all expenses paid.

Keyboard Virtuoso



PERCY GRAINGER

Ministerial Council Holds Installation Of Officers

Installation of newly elected officers of the ministerial council for the new term was held at the regular meeting of the organization last night.

Those inaugurated to direct the group during the second semester were James Easterwood, president; Aubrey Short, vice-president; Almon Norris, secretary; L. E. Brown, treasurer; Arlie McDaniel, chorister; Mrs. Alexander, pianist; J. W. Arnett, reporter; Jack Edgar, B. S. U. representative; Dr. E. B. Atwood, parliamentarian; Mrs. Atwood, speech critic; and Dr. N. A. Moore, sponsor. Devotional was led by L. E. Brown and special music was given by the ministerial quartet.

B. S. U. Papers Apply For 'First Magnitude' Rating

Monthly reports of activities of the Baptist Student Union were mailed yesterday to make application for the "First Magnitude" for the 1936-37 session.

Before being sent to the state office the papers were read and approved at the regular meeting of the executive council Thursday night.

Devotional for the council session was in charge of Selby Aswell and Fernetta Foley.

Collect Funds To Assist Red Cross Flood Relief

Hardin-Simmons officials, in cooperation with the Red Cross drive for relief funds for flood sufferers, have placed a metal receptacle in the foyer of the Science hall to receive all contributions by students, faculty, and friends who wish to aid the cause.

ANSWERS TO BIBLE QUESTIONS ON DO YOU KNOW YOUR BIBLE

1. His body was carried from Egypt back to Hebron, and he was buried in the cave of Machpelah, the burial ground purchased by Abraham from Ephron the Hittite (Gen. 23:2-20). The cave is still there, and a Mohammedan mosque stands over it. Hebron is 20 Roman miles south of Jerusalem. Read Gen. 50:1-14.

2. The Amalekites. This nomadic tribe were descendants of Amalek, a grandson of Esau (Gen. 36:12). The Israelites were descendants of Jacob, Esau's twin brother. Thus you see these people fighting at Rephidim were descendants of twin brothers.

3. Just before Moses' death he went to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, and "there the Lord showed him all the land. . . ." It is generally believed by the casual Bible reader that Moses died on the mountain and that his grave is hid somewhere in the mountain. Deut. 34:6 says that the Lord buried Moses in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Beth-peor.

4. Gibeon was one of the four cities of the Hivites, within the territory allotted to the tribe of Benjamin. Read the first few verses of 9th chapter of Joshua and II Sam. 21:1-15.

5. We have no record of him marrying but one. He fell in love with and married a young Philistine woman of Timmoth. After the wedding and during the absence of Sampson his bride was given to one of the groomsmen. Sampson retaliated by burning the Philistine crops with foxes and fire brands. Sampson's wife was then burned and Sampson sought revenge by slaying thousands of the Philistines. It was not likely that Sampson was married to Delilah, the woman who betrayed him into the hands of his mortal enemies, the Philistines. (Read Judges, Chapters 14-15-16.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 8

Lawrence Hayes, Snyder

The February meeting of the Mitchell-Scurry Association Workers Conference will convene with the Buford Church, four miles north of Colorado. The theme for the program is The Holy Spirit. Rev. G. W. Parks of Roscoe will preach at the 11 o'clock hour.

Rev. R. R. Cumble of Dunn has been called to the church at Knott, in the Big Spring Association. He accepted and began his work with the church the 15th of December. There have been some 15 additions to the church and a lot has been bought for erection of a pastor's home. The church contemplates going to full time.

Rev. R. E. Bratton, pastor in the M-S Association has been called to the Ira Church. He has accepted and the work starts well under his leadership. Brother Bratton has resigned the Murphy Church. Brother Forest Huffman will preach at Murphy the first Sunday in February.

Rev. Forest Huffman of Snyder has accepted the Cross Roads Church in the Fisher County Association.

The Baptist Church at Klondike has called Rev. J. T. Priddy of Stanton. We anticipate a good work for the church under the leadership of Brother Priddy. The Klondike Church is one of the best and most aggressive churches in the Lamesa Association.

The Fluvanna Church, in the Mitchell-Scurry Association, pastored by Rev. Murray Fuqua of Abilene, is going to full time. Brother Fuqua plans to move on the filed in the near future.

The Loraine Church is doing things under the leadership of their new pastor, Rev. Warren Capp. Brother Capp comes to us from the Carlsbad Baptist Church. The writer was with the pastor and church on a recent Wednesday night in the interest of the Co-operative Program. The attendance was par-excellent and a fine spirit prevails among the people with a growing interest in the work of missions.

Rev. Walter Deaver, for a number of years pastor in the M-S Association and more recently pastor at For-san in the Big Spring Association, has recently gone to the Baptist Church at Melvin, in the Brady Association. He reports a very fine spirit of fellowship and co-operation exists in the Melvin Church. Their Sunday School attendance on a recent Sunday ran above the 150 mark, which is a new high in Sunday School attendance. Walter will lead the church to do things for the Lord from the local community to the ends of the earth.

The Champion Baptist Church in the M-S Association has called Rev. Cone Merrett of Colorado. He succeeds Walter Deaver as pastor and prospects are for a good 1937 in the Champion Church.

The Midway Church, M-S Association, called Buster Edward recently and upon the call the church called for his ordination. Buster is happily located in his first pastorate and the Midway flock are supporting their new leader and holding his hands up in an unusual fashion.

The district rally for evangelistic emphasis, is to be held with the first church, Big Spring February 16th. Brethren O'Brien, Colt, Borum, Harrison, and Strickland are to speak on phases of soul winning. Dr. Campbell is to speak at the 11 o'clock hour on "The Preacher and Preaching."

The date for the B. T. U. revival in District 8 has been set for March 21-23. Rev. J. J. Strickland, district missionary will give direction to the campaign. Some of the churches have already secured their workers and others are planning for intensive enlistment under local leadership.

Mr. Lawrence Deaver has been engaged to direct the music for the annual revival with the Knott Church, August 1-15.

Rev. P. D. O'Brien is to be with the

First Church, Big Spring, in a revival during February.

The date for the district convention is March 18-19, with the Lamesa Church. The announcement of the program and speakers will be forthcoming within the next few weeks.

Dr. L. R. Scarborough was with the Snyder Church on Sunday evening, January 24. Eight hundred people heard Dr. Scarborough as he told about his recent journey to South America. His message kindled missionary interest, fired the souls of his hearers and added new information to the role of missionary achievement. Six young people surrendered for missionary service at home or abroad.

HASKELL ASSOCIATION

A. W. Blaine, O'Brien, Texas

The Haskell County Workers Conference which met at Rochester Tuesday was well attended, considering the weather. Visitors were Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Powell, Mr. Price of Abilene, and Rev. Daniel E. Hogan of Arlington, who represents the Prohibition forces, working with Jeff Davis.

The Senior B. Y. P. U. of the Sweet Home Church will present a play "The Trial of Robbery" Sunday evening, February 14. The work of the Sweet Home Church is on the up-grade in every department. Nine converts are awaiting baptism. Rev. Clarence Wainscott is the efficient pastor.

Rev. Shade Stevenson, pastor at O'Brien, will preach there both services the 5th Sunday.

The Associational B. T. U. meeting will be with the First Baptist Church at Rule, 2:30 P. M. Sunday, January 31st. An interesting program has been planned. Topics for discussion are: Making the year count for Christ.

The Haskell Associational B. T. U. met with the Rule Church Sunday afternoon, January 31. In spite of the rain there was an excellent attendance. Rev. Oliver King of Knox City was elected president of the organization. The next general associational meeting will be with the Knox City Church, May 30. The north zone, of which Mrs. Oscar Ried of Winert is leader, will meet with the Knox City Church February 21. The south zone, of which Mr. Clarence Norwood of Rule is leader, will meet with the Pinkerton Church Feb. 14. A fine program was rendered at the meeting Sunday. The interest is really on the up-grade in the Haskell association. We are anticipating a year of real work and progress.

Beginning the first Sunday* in February, the Sunday School of the Rochester Baptist Church will be fully departmentized. It has been nominally so for a long time, but has

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never met by departments. In cabinet meetings of all church workers a few weeks ago the plan was thoroughly worked out. Because of lack of room three departments will be merged with others. Superintendents by groups are as follows: Adult, W. R. Terry; Young People-Intermediates, Mrs. V. Alvis; Junior-Primary, Mrs. W. R. Terry; Beginner-Cradle Roll, Mrs. Palo Speck. Several classes have already organized and under the leadership of the efficient general superintendent, Mr. Bob Speck, they are going forward toward full standardization. Beginning February 8, a study course, dealing with the departmental work will be taught. Expectations are high for a good school.

The Rochester Church is planning an all church day for the last Sunday of February. They are endeavoring to enlist every residential member of their church in the Sunday School, as well as other phases of the work. They plan to have a church roll call that Sunday. It is not built on a contest, or any whirlwind affair, but a genuine heart-interest growth.

Rev. Roy Shahan of Rule and Rev. J. Lowell Ponder of Rochester met with the committee in Abilene last week to formulate a program for the district convention which will meet at Cisco, March 30-31.

Our church attendance has been less-

ened the past few Sundays due to the bad weather, but the Lord hasn't gone back on us. Let us all go back to our churches next Sunday in a spirit of reverence and true loyalty and devotion to the Lord and His Church. The government is starting a "Back to the Farm" movement. It would be well for us to start a "Back to the Lord and His Church" movement. Wouldn't it be nice for those who have been missing the joy of Christian fellowship so long to go to Sunday School and Church next Sunday and again know the joy of a Sabbath spent in a manner pleasing to the Lord.

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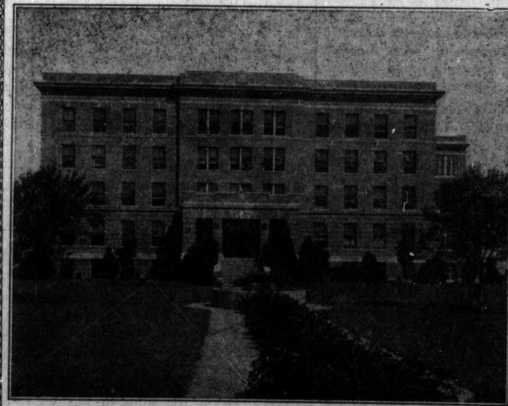
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