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TEXAS B. T. U. LEADS

According to Dr. E. P. Alldredge, Southern Baptist statistician, Texas leads all Southern Baptist States in Training Union work. In 1933, Texas led the field with 107 associational B. Y. P. U. S., 1,450 general organizations, 6,633 total unions, an annual gain of 613 unions, a total enrollment of 121,898 and a total gain of 9,255 in enrollment. At that time there were 618,283 enrolled in B. T. U. work in the eighteen states of the Southern Baptist Convention.

During the same year Texas led Southern Baptist states with 510 A-1 Unions reported during the year, 854 A-1 awards, 35 unions A-1 throughout the year, 39 A-1 general organizations during the year, 80 A-1 general awards issued and 41,326 study course awards.

Texas Baptists ought to be proud of this splendid record. Dr. T. C. Gardner, who has led our young people in this work has the love and confidence of our great Texas Baptist hosts. We congratulate him and his assistants on their achievements in the field of training for effectual Christian service.

ANCHORS FOR THE SOUL

On the front page of one issue of one of our Texas Daily last week, there was a record of three deaths by suicide. All three of the victims were young people ranging in ages of from 14 to 28 years. Perhaps too few of us realize the demoralizing environment under which our young people are living today. The tragedy of the situation is, so many young people are not safely anchored in their spiritual lives; so many have left God out of their plans and calculations.

In a few days several thousand of our young people from all over Texas will come to Abilene for a great Thanksgiving spiritual feast. These young people have found a safe anchor for the soul during the troublous storms of doubt and uncertainty. Contrast with these consecrated lives, the multiplied thousands of young people who, drifting aimlessly, will celebrate Thanksgiving with drinking, dancing and riotous living.

We thank God for our Baptist young people in Texas, over 100,000 of them, who are enlisted in the training service of our churches, but tragedies such as those recorded above should make every Christian who loves the lives and souls of our young people, redouble the effort to bring the unenlisted, drifting young people all about us, to a safe anchor in the redeeming love of the Son of God.

WHY BRING GIPSY SMITH

It will be a long time before Abilene will forget the coming of Gipsy Smith for the two weeks campaign here. Many of our thoughtful church people have been giving earnest study to this world-wide evangelist and his message; many have waited to see what visible results would come as a result of the meeting. According to reliable information nearly six hundred people signed cards indicating their acceptance of Christ as Lord and Saviour. Perhaps that many more signed cards pledging anew their lives to fuller consecration. The number of those signing cards confessing Christ, who have gone all the way and united with the church have been disappointingly few. We are not offering these figures as a criticism of Gipsy Smith. We can only thank God for a minister who can draw thousands of people from all over West Texas to hear the Gospel proclaimed. We thank God for the way Gipsy Smith magnified Jesus, and preached a Gospel of salvation by Grace through Faith. If we should offer criticism at all, it would be for the method he used in having the lost sign a confession card. We are afraid it is sometimes made too easy for a sinner to make a profession of faith. We are afraid there are many who unite with our churches who have been converted but have never been regenerated—born of God. Jesus said: "By their fruits ye shall know them."

In last Sunday's Dallas News, Open Forum department, M. A. Turner, minister, of Groesbeck, Texas, had some thought-provoking things to say on the subject "But Why Necessary to Bring Gipsy Smith." The letter follows:

To the News:
 "The genius, courage and sincerity of Gipsy Smith are matters of general and generous consent. That any city could fail of large blessings from a season of his ministry can hardly be imagined. So, whatever they might sum up, no array of figures could tell even nearly, the whole worth of his late, dynamic presence in Dallas and contiguous Texas.

However, a very grave question, one that will not down, rises out of this laboriously conceived, elaborately planned and expensively executed evangelistic effort. The question is: The need of such a gigantic, co-operative effort being recognized by such a splendid body of Gospel ministers and Christian laymen, why did it seem necessary to them to bring a messenger clear across the stormy and treacherous sea? Having heard the Gipsy, both sympathetically and critically, this writer, a minister himself, does not hesitate to say that anyone of his ministerial acquaintances in Dallas (and they are not a few) is a far better preacher, measured by any technical standard, than he is. And, excepting name and nationality, what is unique in him could and should be common to all ministers of the Gospel, everywhere, including Dallas. To say other is to affirm God a "respector of persons." It is to say that though He has called many to preach He has only granted, or will grant the enabling qualifications and power to a few; perhaps not one to a continent, to say nothing of a great city.

"But pastors are so busy!" you say. "Aye, there's the rub!"

Both the priest and the levite were so laden with prescribed programs and routine ritualism that they could do no more than give a helpless wretch, weltering in his own lifeblood, a shivering glance as they hurried on to meet religious (?) engagements. The reader will perhaps recall Henry Van Dyke's "Other Wise Man." The "Twelve" would have sent the hungry multitudes away, not for lack of concern, even pity, but out of a sense of helplessness to do anything else about it; and how they argued with Jesus when He said, "Give ye them to eat!" Forgetting who it was that gave the command, they said, "Outside resources quite beyond us would be required here, and hence your command is utterly inept, Master!" Yet, how simple and gloriously successful it all became when they dismissed unbelief and took Jesus himself into the troublesome equation! An immediate and full consecration of what resources they could muster, their own simple services included, and the overwhelming need was more than met. "A parable in action," said Dr. A. B. Bruce. And what a lesson it should bring to a befuddled church and baffled ministry today!

The Gipsy has the good, common sense to take his call to the ministry seriously, to accept the Bible as the word of God, the sword of the Spirit, to hold up Jesus as the only hope of sinful men and urge their immediate surrender to Him. Given the co-operation he had, any similarly consecrated pastor in Dallas could have done it a more lasting service.—M. A. Turner, Groesbeck, Texas.

Devotional Thoughts

FACE YOUR TROUBLE

"I had plowed around a rock in one of my fields for five years," said a farmer, "and I had broken a moving knife against it, besides losing the use of the ground in which it lay, all because I supposed it was such a large rock that it would take too much time and labor to remove it. But today, when I began to plow corn, I thought that by and by I might break my cultivator against that rock; so I took a crow-bar, intending to poke around it and find out its size once and for all. And it was one of the surprises of my life to find that it was little more than two feet long. It was standing on its edge, and so light that I could lift it into the wagon without help."

"The first time you really faced your trouble you conquered it," I replied aloud, but continued to enlarge upon the subject all to myself, for I do believe that before we pray, or better, while we pray, we should look our troubles squarely in the face.

Imagine the farmer plowing around that rock for five years, praying all the while, "O Lord, remove that rock," when he did not know whether it was a big rock or a little, flat-stone!

We shiver and shake and shrink, and sometimes we do not dare to pray about a trouble, because it seems so real, not even knowing what we wish the Lord to do about it, when, if we would face the trouble, and call it by its name, one-half of its terror would immediately disappear.

The trouble that lies down with us at night and confronts us on first waking in the morning, is not the trouble that we have faced, but the trouble whose proportions we do not know.—Exchange.

TRYING TO EXPLAIN THE WATERMELON

I was eating a piece of watermelon some years ago and was stuck with its beauty. I took some of the seeds and dried them and weighed them; I found that it would require some 5,000 seeds to weigh a pound; and then I applied mathematics to the 40-pound melon. One of these seeds, put into the ground, when warmed by the sun and moistened by the rain, takes off its coat and goes to work; it gathers from somewhere 200,000 times its own weight, and, forcing this raw material through a tiny stem, constructs a watermelon. It ornaments the outside with a covering of green; inside the green it puts a layer of white, and within the white a core of red, and all through the red it scatters seeds, each one capable of continuing the work of reproduction. What architect drew the plan? Where does that little seed get its tremendous strength? Where does it collect its flavoring matter? How does it collect its flavoring extract? How does it build a watermelon? Until you can explain a watermelon, do not be too sure that you can limit the ability of the Almighty or say just what He would do or how He could do it. Everything that lives, in like manner, mocks by its mystery, beauty and power the proud intellect of presumptuous man.—W. J. Bryan.

THE LAND WE LIVE IN

The entire population of the United States could be put into Texas, and we would not be as crowded as the people of Great Britain are today. Texas is nearly as large as Germany; California is as large as Turkey and Greece; Nevada is as large as Italy; and Georgia is larger than England and Wales. We have 3,000,000 square miles of territory, 26,000 miles of river way, and 12,000 miles of indented shore. As someone has said, this is "a land through whose gates famine has never entered, a land where peace and plenty reign." How salubrious our climate! Dean Swift said: "Most people live in climates either torrid or horrid." But God's goodness has given to us the most perfect climate on earth. How marvelous our prosperity, how advanced our civilization, how beautiful our home life, how vigorous and honored our church life!—Watchman-Examiner.

THE NEGRO BOY'S SURPRISE

At a slave market in one of the Southern states, a smart, active colored boy was put up for sale. A kind master who pitied his condition, wishing him not to have a cruel owner, went up to him, and said, "If I buy you, will you be honest?"

The boy, with a look that baffled description, replied, "I will be honest whether you buy me or not."—From "5000 Best Modern Illustrations," by Hallock.

THE GENERAL'S VIEW OF IT

An officer once complained to General Stonewall Jackson that some soldiers were making a noise in their tent. "What are they doing?" asked the General. "They are praying now, but they have been singing," was the reply. "And is that a crime?" the General demanded. "The articles of war orders punishment for any unusual noise," was the reply. "God forbid that praying should be an unusual noise in the camp," replied General Jackson. — Wesleyan Methodist.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By HIGHT C. MOORE

November 15, 1936

THE HEROISM OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

Read Acts 21:12 to 23:30; Romans 9:1-5

Study Acts 21:12, 13, 27-34; Romans 9:1-5

Paul exhibited the heroism of Christian faith as a guest in the home of Philip at Caesarea, while returning from southern Europe, as a worshiper in the Temple at Jerusalem while on his last visit to that city, and in his letter "to all that are in Rome, beloved of God called to be saints."

1. Heroism in Stedfastness (Acts 21)

To his friends at Caesarea Paul exhibited the heroism of stedfastness. He was making what proved to be his last journey to Jerusalem. Indeed he had repeated intimations that afflictions were awaiting him. The Ephesian elders sorrowed at Miletus that they should see his face no more. Touching at Tyre he was told "through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem." Finishing the voyage at Caesarea and while a guest there in the house of Philip the deacon-evangelist and father of prophetesses, the Apostle had a still harder pull from his purpose. The prophet Agabus, having arrived from Judea and joined the company, took Paul's girdle and bound his own feet and hands and by authority of the Holy Spirit declared. So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles." At once the entire party journeying with Paul, and all the guests and friends assembled at Philip's house, "besought him not to go to Jerusalem." But the Apostle believed it to be the will of God, that he should complete his journey as he had prayerfully planned. He regarded the forecasts of the Spirit not as forbidding but rather as fortifying him for the ordeal ahead. Of course the anxious and tearful pleadings of his friends broke his heart. Still he had such conviction of his duty that he would not be persuaded. In complete surrender to the will of God he was ready not to be bound only (as vividly pictured by the sign of the girdle) "but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." He was not throwing his life away but simply investing it where it would yield the largest returns for the cause of Christ. To their credit his friends dried their tears and ceased their plea saying, "The will of the Lord be done!"

2. Heroism in Suffering (Acts 21)

To his foes at Jerusalem Paul exhibited the heroism of suffering. The day after Paul's arrival in Jerusalem he was given public hearing by the assembled elders and church. Many rejoiced but many also heard coldly about Gentiles coming into the churches. To pacify the Jewish zealots, Paul agreed to the suggestion of James that he join with four men, probably members of the local church, in fulfilling their vow by personal abstinence and ceremonial purification, himself bearing the expenses of all five as an example especially meritorious from a Jewish point of view. But the event was not what James and Paul expected.

(1) The attack was utterly groundless. Almost the entire seven days requisite to the fulfillment of the vow made by the four men, now joined and supported by Paul, were completed when an incident occurred which threw the city into an uproar. Attending the feast now in progress were a number of Jews from Roman Asia, some of whom were doubtless from Ephesus and thus well acquainted with Paul's work there. They had recognized the Apostle on the streets of Jerusalem and observed with him one of the townsmen. Trophimus, who as a Gentile would be denied the Temple privileges, which were legal for Jews only. When, therefore, these visitors from the province of Asia saw in the Temple the Apostle and his four companions, they concluded that Paul was profaning the Temple by taking uncircumcised Greeks into its sacred precincts. So they raised the false and cruel shout: "Men of Israel, help: This is the man, that teacheth all men every where against the people, and the law, and this place; and further brought Greeks also into the temple, and hath polluted this holy place." Instantly the people ran together from all parts of the Temple and its environs, the tumult increasing every moment. But for their sanctimonious regard for the Temple, the leaders of the mob would have killed Paul on the spot. As it was, they dragged him out of the sacred courts and closed the doors, expecting to accomplish their murderous purposes in the open street.

(2) The arrest saved Paul from the mob. For just such an occasion as this the captain of the garrison was prepared. Stationed in the fortress overlooking the Temple area, he immediately learned of the disturbance, and with soldiers and centurions rushed upon the scene. The appearance of an armed force quelled the mob which now stopped beating Paul, had him double-fettered, and then demanded of the crowd who he was and what he had done. Out of the confused cries he could learn nothing, and so he started with his prisoner to the castle. So violent and tumultuous were the people, that before they reached their destination the soldiers were compelled to carry the Apostle in their arms.

The story goes on to tell of Paul's address to the mob from the castle stairs, his imprisonment in the castle, his defense before the Sanhedrin, his encouragement by the presence and promise of the Lord, and, to escape the conspiracy of the Jews, his removal to Caesarea, where he was detained for two years before being sent in accordance with his appeal to Rome.

Gold in the Golden Text

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.—John 15:13.

The supreme quality is love. It is the greatest of the three abiding graces. It fulfils the law. "God is love."

The supreme sacrifice is made in the surrender of life under the impulse of love.

The supreme service is rendered by laying down life sometimes by one heroic act, sometimes by myriad patient deeds, in such a way as to shield others from the evil and save them to the good here and hereafter.

LARGE CROWDS AT HOSPITAL OPENING

INSTITUTION NOW HAS 100 BED CAPACITY

Hundreds of people from Abilene and other sections of West Texas inspected the new Annex to the Hendrick Memorial Hospital on the open house occasion Sunday afternoon, Nov. 1.

Hospital executives, members of the board of directors, and a number of the members of the medical staff were in the receiving line at the main entrance of the hospital to greet the visitors. Young women of the nursing school escorted the visitors through the building.

Generosity of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hendrick of this city made possible the big step forward in progress of the institution and further enhanced Abilene's position as the medical center of this section. Out of appreciation, the board changed the name from the West Texas Baptist sanitarium to its present title.

The Hendricks made a gift of \$110,000, to be used in construction and furnishing of a \$75,000 four-story addition on the southeast of the main building, purchase of grounds and erection of a \$11,000 two-story brick home for the superintendent, and buying of much-needed equipment in various departments. The brick residence has recently been completed on the northwest corner of Compeere Place, across Hickory street from the nine-hundred block which is the hospital grounds. Valuation of grounds is \$12,000.

West Texas Pioneers

The Hendricks, pioneer ranchers of far West Texas, with holdings in Winkler and neighboring counties, moved to Abilene several years ago from Odessa. Their ranch lands have been developed in several vicinities into valuable oil producing properties in the past few years.

Also added recently is a new nurses' dormitory, leased for a year. It is north of the present nurses' home, 1941 Cedar street. The largest class ever to enter training—19—made necessary acquisition of more quarters. Mrs. E. M. Francis is the hostess.

Open for inspection was the annex main floor, where are located the graduate nurse quarters and student classrooms, the third floor which is composed of maternity department and nursery, and the ground floor, where are two wards, several private rooms, a ward for crippled children under six and another for pediatric cases between six and 12 years of age.

Care For 100

The annex, with 34 private beds and 22 in four wards, makes it possible to care for 100 patients at a time. With acoustic walls in the halls and utility rooms, it is furnished with the most modern equipment for hospitals. A magnesite floor is in all halls, for resiliency. Louvre lights throw the rays downward on the hall floors, making it impossible for light to enter transoms of the rooms. All rooms have ceiling fans, where the air is regulated up or down.

Main floor contains a reception room, where refreshments were served during the open house, quarters for nurses and the classroom for student nurses. The nurses' rooms are furnished in brown metal and modernistic suites, with individual adjoining baths. The classroom accommodates 20 students, and is equipped with chemistry and pathological laboratories, a human skeleton, an anatomical form and blackboard. Also in the classroom is arranged furniture like that assembled in the patient's rooms.

Maternity Department

Maternity department on the third floor, including the annex and main building, has beds for 30, a delivery room and nursery, a reception room for visitors and a chart room. The nursery will accommodate 20 beds, and may be seen through a glass partition from an adjoining room, where visitors will get their first peek at the infants.

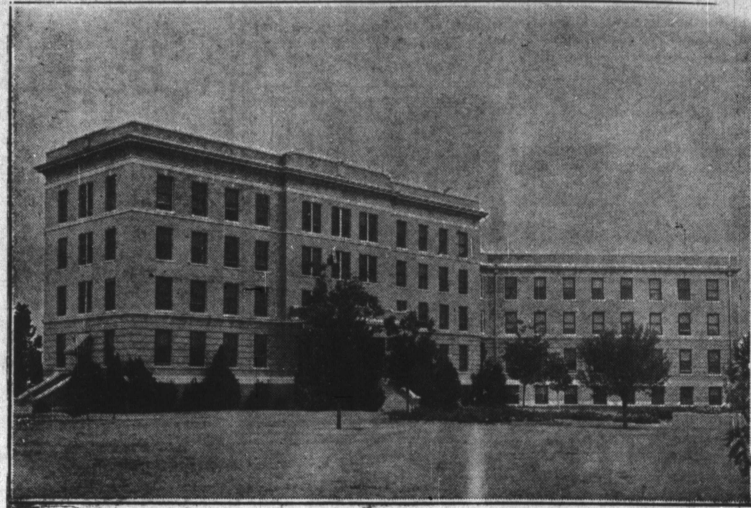
Four different types of furniture are used: canyon brown and bone white, metal with American walnut finish, Burl walnut finish and Carpathian elm. Each room contains a bed, of the latest hospital type and equipped with brakes, over-bed table for food tray or reading, dresser, closet, somnolent, metal chair upholstered with leather, and an easy chair with arm rest and ottoman.

Night lights, which may be turned on without flashing rays in the patients eyes, are in each of the rooms.

Attractive Wards

Four wards, six semi-private rooms and a utility room are located on the ground floor. An eight and a seven-bed ward are for adult patients. Like other quarters in the annex, they are equipped with signal systems, electric

Hendrick Memorial Hospital Showing New Annex



fans, night lights and hot and cold running water.

Pediatrics, or children's cases, have perhaps the most attractive quarters. A four-bed ward for children under six has a wall border of favorite childhood characters in the funny papers and on the screen. Across the hall is a four-bed ward for children from six to 12, and the border for the wall is of cowboys, cowgirls, and broncos. Both borders are done in pastels and are the work of Mrs. Lance Torrance, who has studied art at Southern Methodist and Hardin Simmons University and with Vivian Aunspaugh in Dallas.

Operating department on the fourth floor of the main building is another unit which has been improved by the Hendricks' donation. There are two major and one minor operating rooms, sterilizing quarters, nurses' work room and instrument quarters. A no-glare light, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Behrens, is one of the prized additions to a major operating room.

A sterilizer, unusually large, has an inner chamber with a diameter of 24 inches and depth of five and one-half feet. Into this go linens, goods, dressings and solutions. There are a water distiller and two instrument sterilizers also.

The doctor's wash-up room is of the most modern type. Before each physician performs an operation, he scrubs his hands for 15 minutes, the soap and water operated by leg and

foot levers. He then rinses his hands in an antiseptic solution, before putting on rubber gloves, a gown and a nose and mouth mask. "The doctor and attendants undergo rigid discipline, in preventing any infection developing in the case," pointed out the superintendent. "That is why it seems negligent on the part of relatives and friends to enter the operating room, in clothing that is unsterilized. Such may cause infection of the worst kind."

There are 2,193 surgical instruments which belong to the hospital, in addition to private sets, said Peggie Kemp, operating room supervisor. These include five complete sets for major operations, three for bone and three for tonsillectomies.

There is a special eye, ear, nose and throat room. Bronchoscopes, which receive wide publicity for extraction of pins and foreign substances from the lungs and bronchial tubes, are found in all sizes. There are eight sets of assorted sizes.

While these are the major improvements, there are many minor details which have been added.

"They all aim toward one goal—to serve suffering humanity better," said Superintendent Collier.

24,668 Patients

Through the fiscal year ending August 31, the hospital had handled 24,668 in the preceding 12 years. In September, the record was 284, and in October to Thursday, 215. The

499 of the past two months gives the total of 25,287.

During 1935-'36, there were 3,824 patients in for a total of 19,167 days. The figure the preceding year was greater for the number of patients, 3,960, but the total days was smaller, 18,320. Supt. E. M. Collier said the preceding year's top was achieved by the large number of "out" patients—leaving the same day. It ran 1,283 in comparison with the 1,029 of the past year. The "bed" patients for the last year, 2,795, were more than the 1934-'35 period, 2,677.

Mortality rate has shown a corresponding decline in recent years.

Figures on these factors are as follows:

Year	Patients Admitted	Death Rate
1924-25	827	5 per cent
1925-26	1,012	5 per cent
1926-27	1,507	6 per cent
1927-28	1,817	5 per cent
1928-29	1,732	5 per cent
1929-30	1,732	5 per cent
1929-30	1,650	4.5 per cent
1930-31	1,849	3 per cent
1931-32	1,798	4 per cent
1932-33	2,219	3.5 per cent
1933-34	2,493	3 per cent
1934-35	3,960	3 per cent
1935-36	3,824	4.5 per cent

Increase in the mortality rate last year was due to deaths during the pneumonia epidemic and to medical cases. The hospital's death rate for surgical cases is one per cent.

OVER 6,000 YOUNG PEOPLE EXPECTED AT STATE B. T. U. MEET

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Important Committees

President R. A. Springer has appointed the following committees. They will make reports to the convention in Abilene Saturday morning, November 28.

- To Nominate Convention Officers—H. O. Rothell, Dallas; H. P. Black, Longview; W. J. Ray, Littlefield.
- Time and Place—Clarence Johnston, Cleburne; W. M. Turner, Pecos; L. E. Payne, Gladewater.
- Resolutions—Alton Reed, Henderson; Everitt Whitlock, Paris; S. F. Martin, Wichita Falls.
- To Nominate Encampment Trustees—P. C. McGahey, Houston; A. J. Carson, Victoria; A. C. Head, Beaumont.

General Convention Committee

All members of the General Convention Committee live in Abilene. They are now making elaborate plans to entertain the State B. T. U. Convention November 26-28. Dr. R. A. Collins is chairman.

Publicity—George S. Anderson
Entertainment—C. M. Caldwell
Homes—Mrs. S. J. T. Williams
City Attendance—Rev. J. H. Dean
Associational Attendance—J. D. Riddle
District Attendance—J. D. Brannon
Registration—Rev. W. C. Ashford
Transportation—James M. Shelton
Ushers—H. R. Arrant
Finance—Thomas H. Roberts
Reception—Rev. Virgil Reynolds
Exhibit—Mrs. D. D. Woodard

GOES TO EL PASO AS EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR

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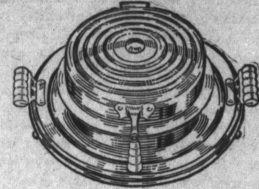
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For those who are in position to devote some time to helping reach this goal, we have a proposition to make that will help you pay your expenses. If interested write us about it. Address,

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B. T. S. HAS REMARKABLE GROWTH DURING THE PAST HALF CENTURY

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and numbers, but in enlargement and effectiveness of organization to meet the ever-broadening field opening before it.

The department idea of organization was inaugurated, making a place and a direct appeal for every member of the family; thus was a colossal challenging program for our Baptist people sounded out. It was an enlarged organization to meet a challenging need. As a direct result of this broadening program of organization, a mighty awakening in enlargement of the training service was automatically realized. In the beginning days the B. Y. P. U. only included young people from 17 to 25 years of age. In recent years the organization has been enlarged so that it includes Beginner, Primary, Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Adult groups, with programs adapted to each age; thus the organization has grown from one organization in 1888 composed of young people only to a departmental organization with as many as fifty unions in the larger churches and as many as eight unions in the small country churches where they only have one-fourth time preaching.

The enlarged Training Service organization developed a need for a new name; therefore pastors and church leaders in Texas began a movement in 1927 and 1928 to either change the name or to choose a name that would appeal to all ages and all classes. At the State B. Y. P. U. Convention in 1929, it was recommended that the name of that convention be changed to State B. T. S. Convention. After much discussion, it was finally decided to present the new name to all the churches, associations, and districts in the state for a frank discussion, then bring the matter before the convention one year hence. With this in mind, a wise committee was appointed to present the matter to all churches, associations, and districts. At the State Convention in 1930 the name of the B. Y. P. U. Convention of Texas was changed to State B. T. S. Convention.

On June 6, 1934, the Sunday School Board at Nashville, in its annual session, officially adopted the name, "Baptist Training Union," and at the same time recommended that the states throughout the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the name.

BROADWAY CHURCH FT. WORTH TO SEND ONE HUNDRED TO B. T. U. CONVENTION

One hundred members of the Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, are making their plans to attend the B. T. U. convention in Abilene. Dr. W. L. Howse, educational director of that church, gives three reasons why one hundred of their members should attend. He says:

1. The B. T. U. convention is without question one of Texas Baptists' most inspirational meetings.
2. The B. T. U. convention enables many young people to find their places in life.
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ANNIVERSARY SERVICE WINK BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, November 1, was a day of great rejoicing in the First Baptist Church, Wink, Texas. It marked the first anniversary of Pastor John L. Roden. Brother W. S. James had been with the church a week in a Bible Study School. He brought his Bible reading on the evils of the liquor traffic, the pastor made a short appeal and 116 signed the temperance pledge. God sent His power upon the service and there were five conversions joined for baptism, two reclamations, three additions by letter, making a total of ten decisions. Christians were shouting, happy, sinners were weeping because of their sins. There have been 26 additions the last five Sundays, seven for baptism. The Lord has greatly blessed this church in this needy oil field town the past year. There have been 112 additions, a net gain of 85, a new church auditorium built and paid for, over \$400 sent to outside causes, \$8,132.55 raised for all purposes. The pastor, Rev. J. L. Roden, is happy in a hard field.

JONES COUNTY WORKERS MEET FAIRVIEW CHURCH

Workers Conference of Jones County Association met with Fairview church last week.

The annual meeting of the Association which was to have met in October, having been rained out, much of the business of the Association was transacted at Workers Conference.

In this meeting Brother J. D. Ashburn offered his resignation as treasurer of the Association. He has served the association as its treasurer since its organization thirty-one years ago. Rev. L. A. Doyle made motion that the association refuse to accept his resignation and that it express its appreciation of his services. Motion was unanimously carried. Brother Ashburn is 81 years old and has attended practically all of the Association meetings.

BOOK REVIEW

N. A. Moore

Revelation and God.

This volume from the pen of Dr. W. T. Conner just released by the Broadman Press is a revision of his former treatise, "A System of Christian Doctrine." It has been shortened, clarified at some points, brought up to date in keeping with conservative theological thinking without sacrifice of any important matter in the older book.

While admirably designed for a text in seminaries and colleges it is designed for popular reading and study. Dr. Conner has been a teacher of theology for more than 25 years and no man in the ranks of present day scholars has thought more profoundly upon the great doctrines of the Bible or expressed them better in language understandable to the average Christian mind. He is worthy to be classed in that select group of theologians made up of Boyce Strong, and Mullins, and a study of his book will give insight and Christian stamina in a day of much loose and confused thinking.

"The difference between a balky horse and a balky church member is that the horse balks and says nothing about it. The balky church member balks and says all about it. He never tires of talking about it."

DID YOU KNOW?

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City, Oklahoma, will deliver the convention keynote address Thanksgiving morning?

6. That District 16, led by President A. J. Quinn and Missionary J. P. King, plan to have two thousand of their B. T. U. members at the convention in Abilene?

7. That Texas leads the world in B. T. U. work with 8,279 individual unions?

8. That sixty people from Clyde, thirty from Putnam, one hundred from Sweetwater and one hundred from Merkel are planning to attend the convention?

9. That District 17 (Abilene district), led by Missionary J. D. Brannon and President Roy Shahan, are striving to get 4,600 of their members to attend the Abilene convention?

10. That the State B. T. U. convention is so large that it is necessary for it to meet in eight sections?

Plan Is Proposed By T. N. Carswell To Raise \$100,000

Proposal that the alumni and ex-students of Hardin-Simmons raise in cash, between now and the close of the fiftieth school year, the sum of \$100,000 and present it "as a Love and Service fund" to the university, has been unofficially suggested by T. N. Carswell, trustee. Plans for execution of the proposal were reported to be advancing rapidly, and it was said that likely they would be presented to the Board of Trustees for official action at an early date.

"At the close of the school year in June, 1942, H.-S. U. will have completed a half-century to the ongoing of the state and nation," Carswell outlined in a letter last August to C. M. Johnson, president of Alumni and Ex-Students association.

Alumni Keep Control

"The contribution is to be used as a student loan fund and administered by the alumni and ex-students. The corpus is to be kept in tact and added to. The income from the fund is to be used for welding the Association into an effective and vital force for building and enlarging Hardin-Simmons university.

Favorable replies to the proposal have been received from numerous members of the board of trustees and officers of the ex-student association. Several follow:

"In regard to your idea of raising \$100,000 by 1942, I think it is a very noble ambition and hope that it can be done. However, as you know, it would necessitate raising \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year. At the first opportunity for me, am sure the board will be delighted to have you outline your proposition."—C. M. Johnson, president Alumni and Ex-Students.

"I want to say that I appreciate very much the plan which you have suggested which calls for the raising of \$100,000 for the University during the next five years by the Alumni and Ex-Students. You may count on me to give you all the help possible to reach the goal."—Rev. E. D. Dunlap, Chaplain Alumni and Ex-Students association.

"I have read very carefully your proposal to C. M. Johnson. I agree with the idea. I am sure that you have some definite plan in mind as to how we can raise the money."—Solon R. Featherston, vice-president Alumni and Ex-Students association.

"I believe if we perfect the proper organization and get busy that this dream may become a reality. It is certainly worthy of thorough consideration. Furthermore, the Association needs some kind of program to serve as a challenge. We need a definite goal to work toward. The Alumni can not be of much help without a strong and determined organization with a plan to keep us busy and working in some direction."—W. B. Urvin, fourth vice-president of Alumni and Ex-Students.

"I think your suggestions are O. K., and I think it is well to be looking forward."—C. M. Caldwell, president of Board of Trustees.

DR. SANDEFER TO ATTEND CEREMONY AT BAYLOR U.

Acceptance was sent by Dr. J. D. Sandefer, president of Hardin-Simmons university, to an invitation to participate in a ceremony conferring honorary degrees on Vice-President Fritz Lanham of Fort Worth, United States representative, will be the principal speaker. President C. C. Sealeman of Southern Methodist university is to give the invocation, and the benediction will be by President E. M. Watts of Texas Christian university.

President Pat M. Neff will confer the Baylor degrees on the Garners, who originally planned to receive them at the spring commencement.

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WORD FROM E. L. SPRINGER

I am improving in health, I can now walk around in my yard and admire the beautiful flowers and roses, and thank God for sparing my life. I have resumed my pastoral work at Bradshaw, but sit in a chair to preach. I am to be there the second Sunday and will send you some "subs." I'm glad you continued my paper, its fine, and is like a letter from home each week to me.

Your article, "When Will America Wake Up?" is fine. The answer is: It will not until the preachers awake, and fearlessly tell our people the whole truth in love, if the heavens fall. — E. L. Springer, 2705 Austin Ave., Brownwood, Texas.

Proposes Gift

Ever interested in Hardin-Simmons, T. N. Carswell, trustee and graduate of the university, has offered the suggestion that Alumni and Ex-Students association initiate a drive to raise \$100,000 to be presented to the university on its fiftieth anniversary in 1942. (See story to left)



Real Homecoming Looms In Future For Jacket Game

Program Will Be Launched With Giant Pep Rally—Radio Broadcast

Organizations Cooperate
Huge Crowds Expected To Return To H.-S. Campus For Gala Day

Commencing with a giant pep rally at 6:30 Friday evening, November 13, to be broadcast throughout the entire southwest on the Coca-Cola College Night program over WFAA-WBAP, Hardin-Simmons university will launch one of the biggest events in the history of the school—a banner Homecoming for the institution.

Notices are being mailed out from the field representative's office to all exes, and personal invitations are going from each organization on the campus to former members, all carrying special urgent news of the festivities which include the pep rally broadcast, a bonfire, pep parade, chapel, free barbecue, and a football game guaranteed to be one of the best ever played in the Cowboy stadium.

Special recognition is promised the exes coming the farthest distance, and seats for all former football lettermen are to be reserved on the sidelines of the field, during this annual battle which is to be dedicated to the seniors on the squad.

Hardin-Simmons is one of eight schools to be honored with one of these "College Night" programs sponsored by the Texas Coca-Cola Bottling company and spread over the entire south through WFAA and WBAP.

After the game Saturday afternoon a club get together on the campus will be held for former members of the respective groups. Organizations participating are the Cowboy club, science, social science, ministerial, B. S. U., Cowboy band, cafeteria, library, Cowgirls, fine arts, and press groups. Each of these is personally inviting its former members to attend the celebration.

Final preparations for the gigantic undertaking are being rounded out, and program for the exes-chapel hour was decided upon at a meeting in President J. D. Sandefer's office Thursday afternoon.

G. P. Jones, and Lance Sears, both exes and ranchers, promise to have a complete ranch meal at noon Saturday, with barbecue prepared by a ranch cook.

Dr. R. N. Richardson Reported Better After Undergoing Operation

Favorable report has been issued Friday on the condition of Dr. Rupert N. Richardson, vice-president of Hardin-Simmons university, who underwent major surgery early Wednesday at Hendrick memorial hospital.

At least three or four weeks will be required for Dr. Richardson to recuperate sufficiently to resume administrative duties. Meanwhile, Harry Hayes, new field representative, and Margery Powers, history major, have been teaching his classes during his absence.

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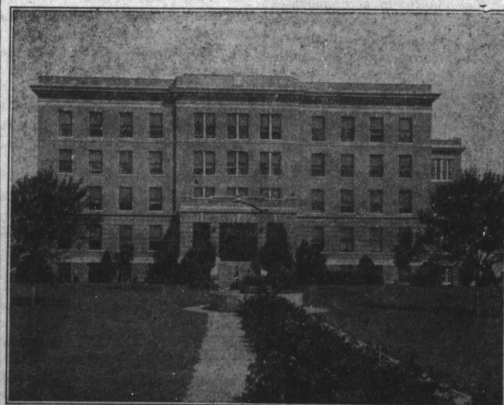
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