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## 29th Annual Meeting Of District 17 At Haskell April 20-21, 1937

The twenty-ninth annual meeting of District 17 of Texas W. M. U. was held in Haskell April 20, 21, 1937.

The president, Mrs. R. M. White, called the meeting to order promptly at 9:45 Tuesday A. M. In the absence of Mrs. H. R. Whitley, the wife of the pastor of the Haskell Church, Mrs. D. Scott gave words of greetings and welcome. Mrs. Geo. Thomas gave the response. Special visitors were welcomed among them was "The Sweetheart of District 17," Mrs. J. E. Leigh, State corresponding secretary-treasurer.

With the appointment of committees and the adoption of the order of business as printed on the program, the organization moved smoothly and beautifully throughout the two-day convention. Mrs. O. H. Cooper was appointed recording secretary pro tem.

Seven minute reports from associational presidents on "Hitherto Hath the Lord Led Us in Our Association" were given. A beautiful "In Memorium" was led by Mrs. E. D. Dunlap of Sweetwater. This is a sad hour when we call to memory all those fallen from the ranks, during the year.

Mrs. J. Walton Moore from Chefoo, China, brought the afternoon devotional out of the long and rich experience of her life in China.

A 45-minute conference was held by the general chairmen of the district, and young people's leader.

Seven-minute reports were given by the standing chairmen, "Hitherto Hath the Lord Brought Us."

One of the high hours of the meeting was Mrs. Bert E. Low's report on the Margaret Fund, and introduction of the Margaret fund student, James Walton Moore, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. J. Walton Moore of China. His response was hearty, and he won the hearts of all. A love offering was given to him amounting to \$18.14.

The entire program of the evening Tuesday was given by the young people under the leadership of Mrs. J. B. Buckley, young people's leader of District 17.

The devotional was beautiful. The play "They Made Vows and Kept Them" was given in a beautiful setting by the Haskell Y. W. A. The address by Mrs. J. E. Leigh was taken from the poem:

"Four things a man must learn to do, if he would make his record true:  
To THINK without confusion clearly.

To LOVE his fellowman sincerely,  
To ACT from honest motives purely  
To trust in God and Heaven securely."

Wednesday morning's session was opened with a devotional led by Mrs. J. S. Tierce of Clyde—"Hitherto Hath the Lord Led Us to Higher Ground."

Rev. J. Henry Littleton talked on Lueders Encampment.

Dr. J. D. Sandefer presented Hardin-Simmons University.

The Hendrick Memorial Hospital was the subject of an address by Superintendent E. M. Collier, calling attention to the many needs. Mother's Day is the time we give our offering to the hospital to be used for charity, the goal a dollar per member. Mr. Collier introduced four nurses; a trio sang the nurse's hymn, "Ready."

A letter from Brother Buckner expressing his regrets at not being able to attend the meeting, also needs of the children, was read by Mrs. Geo. L. Paxton. Mrs. J. E. Leigh closed the morning session with her address on the Co-operative Program. So informing and helpful was the message that Rev. Littleton made a motion which carried unanimously, to ask Mrs. Leigh to prepare the message for publication in the West Texas Baptist. She graciously promised. We will all be anxiously looking forward to this publication.

A great message was delivered by our district missionary, B. N. Shepherd. He pledged his help and support in any way that he could be of any help.

The music and special numbers arranged by the Haskell Church were like the perfume of the rose that lingers on after the day is done. The hospitality of this good church was cordial and of a real western variety. Nothing was left undone by the local committee to make the stay in their city pleasant and the meals were

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## REPORT OF MISSIONARY, DISTRICT 17, FOR APRIL

Sermons and addresses, 46.  
Revival meetings conducted, 1.  
Conversions, 24.  
Additions: baptism, 20; letter, 9; total, 29; rededications, 9.

Churches contacted: Rural, 8; city and town, 5; pastorless, 6; contacted pastorless churches with preachers, 3.

Associational meetings attended: Worker's meetings, 3; Sunday School, 1; zone meetings, 2.

District meetings attended: W. M. U., 1; Laymen, 1.

State meetings attended: Sunday School, 1.

Sunday School Enlargement revival and study courses: In individual churches, 1; enrolled 29, exams given 20.

Helped arrange one associational wide Sunday School study course. Enlisted one Sunday School teacher and organized one Intermediate Sunday School class.

B. T. U. revivals and study courses: Church, 1; enrolled 15, exams given 10; Workers enlisted, 1; organized 1 B. T. U. with 5 unions: 1 adult, 20; 1 senior, 15; 1 junior, 12; 1 intermediate, 17; 1 primary, 14; enlisted B. T. U. leaders, 7.

Money collected: District missions, \$32.95.

Literature: Tracts distributed, 200; Bibles, 9; books, 3; subscriptions to West Texas Baptist, 5.

Remarks: Helped plan to start building at Cottonwood. One church led to give to Co-operative Program monthly.—B. N. Shepherd, Missionary.

## REPORT ON MISSIONS FROM APRIL, 1936, TO APRIL, 1937

"Hitherto hath the Lord led us" through—Missions.

298 members on committees on missions. Some use the Circle plan, and have representatives on committees on missions. Quite a number of the societies have regular meetings for planning and discussion, while there are some who do not have these meetings.

"Hitherto hath the Lord led us" in our Young People's organizations—with 116 mission chairmen. Missionaries home on furlough, 4. Names of three are given, Miss Blanche Graves Simpson, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Moore. Courtesies to missionaries home on furlough, 104.

Number of letters to missionaries from women, 90; from young people, 30. Number boxes to missionaries sent by women, 11; by young people, 2. Volunteers for foreign service, 3; names as follows, Rev. and Mrs. Roy Young, Simmons Ave., Abilene; Mrs. W. L. Bush, 2325 Hickory St., Abilene. Volunteers for home service, 2; names, Bob Barnett, Haskell, in school at Brownwood, Texas; Mrs. E. L. Brewer, Sylvester, Texas. Regular monthly missionary programs by women, 409. Young people, 341.

Special programs, addresses, lectures, pageants, plays, etc., women, 231, young people 112.

Other than Southern Baptist periodicals some get material for programs from the Bible, experiences of missionaries, letters from missionaries, Baptist Standard Centennial facts.

"Hitherto hath the Lord led us" in observing the special seasons of prayer with 2,422 women in attendance, young people in attendance, 968.

MRS. ED. HAHN,  
Swenson, Texas,  
District Missions Chairman.

## MARGARET FUND REPORT

Chairman, Mrs. Bert E. Low, 1741 University Blvd. District 17.  
Year 1936-1937.

Name of students: Clara Dean Le Seuer, James Walton Moore, at school in Hardin-Simmons University.

Talks made, 15; letters, 8; boxes sent, 15, value \$31.80; offerings 8, value \$61.70; other courtesies, 1 shower, \$36.71; Forget-Me-Not Days observed, 1, amount of gift \$9.79.

Associations in district, 7; chairmen 7. Names of those reporting this quarter: Callahan, Stonewall, Fisher, Sweetwater, Haskell and Cisco.

## Memories of Mother

Sweet memories of mother dear, o'erwhelm my soul today,  
And I can feel her presence near; yes, I can hear her say,  
"Oh! Be thou faithful unto Him whose love I taught to thee  
When thou wast but a little child, a child at mother's knee!"

How well do I remember when I started first to school;  
As oft before, she taught me then, to live the Golden Rule;  
"Do unto others as ye would that they should do to you;  
Return for evil, only good, and unto God be true."

How well do I remember, too, the songs she used to sing;  
For as her household she would do, she praised the Heavenly King.  
O! how I love those dear old songs, they mean so much to me,  
As I recall my childhood days, and her sweet memory.

But now she's gone to that bright Home, beyond the starry sky,  
And by the wondrous grace of God, I'll meet her by and by;  
Forever more, with Christ we'll dwell, and loved ones gone before,  
In that eternal Home of God, where death can part no more.

## Report For W. M. U. Young People For District Seventeen

April, 1936, to April, 1937

An evangelist had held a service, at the close of which a little girl presented a bouquet of flowers. He asked, "Why do you give me these flowers?" She answered, "Because I love you." "Do you bring the Lord such gifts of your love?" he inquired. "Oh," said the little girl with a smile, "I give myself to him."

There are in our district boys and girls of all ages who love Christ and who want to express their love for Him by bringing to Him themselves. We have organizations where these young people are trained how to live every day for Christ and how to advance Christ's Kingdom.

There are 112 young people's organizations in District 17. The association reporting last quarter the largest number was Cisco, with 29. Fisher Association was second with 23. There are 1,452 young people in these organizations, young people who express their love to Christ by giving their lives to Him in service. There are 31 young women's associations, with 438 girls enrolled as active members; 19 Intermediate G. A.'s with 213 enrolled; 21 Junior G. A.'s, with 245 active members; six Intermediate R. A.'s, with 63 members; nine Junior R. A.'s with 113 boys, and 26 Sunbeam Bands with 390 enrolled.

Looking back over my records I find from the report of 1932—five years ago, that we had 84 organizations with 1,167 young people enrolled. In five years we have only gained 28 organizations and increased in active members 290, however, it shows an increase. We are slowly gaining ground. Each quarter new organizations are reported but they are needed to replace those organizations that have died during the quarter. No organization will ever die unless it doesn't have a leader, so our work depends so vitally on the women who constitute our W. M. U.

These organizations have observed each of the seasons of prayer. The State Mission or Mary Hill Davis week of prayer was observed by 55 organizations; the Lottie Moon was observed by 60 organizations and the Annie W. Armstrong by 72. Each season of prayer shows an increase in organizations observing it over the one before. Let us teach our young people to pray and to pray for missions. They cannot present to God a life that will be pleasing to Him unless it is a prayer-filled life. Our young people need to have special seasons of prayer for special objects as much as the women need them. Will you not urge your Y. P. leaders to observe each season of prayer?

We held our camps again this year at Lueders Encampment grounds. We had an intermediate and junior R. A. camp with 372 attending. During this camp we had many conversions where the boys definitely gave themselves to Jesus Christ. Each service was spirit-filled and a deep Christian atmosphere penetrated the grounds. Brother J. D. Brannon, at that time our district missionary, led each evangelistic service. Miss Blanche Simpson, a missionary to Brazil, on furlough, was our guest during the camp. She spoke twice each day.

Nine mission study classes were held. The success of this camp is due to the loyal co-operation and work of all the pastors of this district. No district could have a more co-operative and spiritual group of pastors.

We had an intermediate and junior G. A. and Y. W. A. camp with 431 present. It was our joy to have for this camp Miss Maybelle Taylor of Haskell, a volunteer for foreign service, who brought soul-stirring messages to the girls. Each girl who listened to her messages was drawn closer to Christ. Twelve mission study classes were held. The success of this camp was due to the loyal young people's leaders, both associational and local, of the seven associations and the W. M. U. members of each local church.

The Hendrick Memorial hospital maintained a hospital on the grounds during both camps. We are very grateful to them for this valuable assistance.

Both camps were self supported. The R. A. camp after clearing all expenses had enough to build a cottage on the grounds. If our camps are held at Lueders we are going to be forced to build huts to house them in. The girls have enough money in the bank for a hut.

The R. A. and Y. W. A. both signed a \$100 note for the payment of the debt on Lueders Encampment grounds. The R. A.'s are paid up to date, but still lack one payment due next October. The Y. W. A.'s have paid their note in full and are now in possession of their note.

There is one young people's council functioning and it has functioned since its organization in 1934. It is a splendid organization and should cause the other associations to reorganize theirs. No organization has ever been in Fisher or Callahan Associations. In the last quarterly meeting of Fisher Association, realizing the need and importance of the councils, the women voted to organize in June. Will not the other association reorganize and work towards making their council a success. It is most valuable for promoting young people's work in the association. The association reporting the most young people's organizations is the one who maintains the council and the one second in young people's organizations has voted to organize a council. That is proof of its value.

There are 203 tithers among the young people in our W. M. U. organizations. One-fourth of the members of the Y. W. A. are tithers. There are 438 members and 119 tithers. I wonder if the women have that good a percent? Our youths are easily led and trained—if we only had those who are willing to lead them.

I taught the leadership course in the Fisher Association at Roby, with a large class in attendance. The leadership course is so important. Every officer and young people's leader of every association should have the course. We would not attempt to teach school if we didn't have any knowledge of the thing to be taught. Before we teach we spend years in

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## Annual Reports of Associational W. M. U. Of District Seventeen

### RECOMMENDATIONS OF METHODS, FINANCE COM.

We recommend:

1. That the associational corresponding secretaries, in consultation with their society treasurers, set the goal for the co-operative program for their respective societies, urging that each Woman's Missionary Society keep a careful record of amounts contributed and mark same month by month on point 3 on the Society Standard of Excellence.

2. That each local and associational treasurer, without fail, mark the amount given to the Co-operative Program during the quarter by her W. M. U. in the space for this purpose on the quarterly report blank.

3. That the district continue to make a free will offering to the charity fund of the Hendrick Memorial Hospital on Mother's Day, the goal to be \$1.00 per member; and that boxes of groceries and linens be sent to the hospital twice a year, as designated on the apportionment sheet.

4. That the district give a scholarship and a half (\$375.00) to the Southwestern Training School, Seminary Hill, this scholarship to be given to a girl in District 17, preferably a Hardin-Simmons graduate or a Margaret Fund girl.

5. That the district accept the apportionment of \$100 for the Education Fund for Foreign students.

6. That the Hardin-Simmons student fund be continued and \$1,000 be set as the goal for the current year.

7. That each association continue to contribute \$2.00 annually to the Louisville Training School Scholarship, and the same amount to the Bible Institute Scholarship, New Orleans, and \$1.00 each to the magazine fund for missionaries.

8. That the district accept an apportionment of \$300 for Mary Hardin-Baylor College.

9. That liberal support be given to the 100,000 club movement.

10. That each association appoint a Margaret Fund Mother whose duties it will be to see that courtesies are

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### MISSION STUDY REPORT FROM APRIL, 1936, TO APRIL, 1937

| W. M. S. Report                            |      |
|--------------------------------------------|------|
| No. of classes                             | 243  |
| No. enrolled in classes                    | 1800 |
| Young People                               |      |
| Y. W. A. classes                           | 40   |
| No. enrolled                               | 409  |
| Intermediate G. A. classes                 | 8    |
| No. enrolled                               | 93   |
| Jr. G. A. classes                          | 13   |
| No. enrolled                               | 124  |
| Intermediate R. A. classes                 | 7    |
| No. enrolled                               | 51   |
| Jr. R. A. classes                          | 6    |
| No. enrolled                               | 49   |
| Sunbeams classes                           | 16   |
| No. enrolled                               | 217  |
| Total No. of classes                       | 333  |
| Total No. enrolled                         | 2743 |
| No. church school of missions              | 6    |
| No. associational mission study institutes | 6    |

MRS. J. E. BURNAM,  
Chairman.

### BENEVOLENCE REPORT. APRIL, 1936, TO APRIL, 1937

All associational chairmen reported on time for last quarter, January, February, March, 1937. Callahan late two quarters. Haskell, Stonewall and Sweetwater each one late one quarter. Cisco, Fisher and Jones on time all four quarters.

**Buckner Orphans Home**  
72 offerings, 29 not valued, 43 valued \$1,301.33. 76 boxes, 38 not valued, 38 valued \$1,354.50. For B. O. H. graduates, 6 offerings.

**Hendrick Memorial Hospital**  
24 offerings, 8 not valued, 16 valued, \$81.21. 23 boxes, 13 not valued, 10 valued, \$142.50. Mother's Day offering for charity fund, 17 offerings, \$288.63.

**Our Nine Beneficiaries**  
19 offerings, 8 not valued, 11 valued, \$53.05. 26 boxes, 16 not valued, 10 valued, \$44.65. June special (1936) 32 offerings valued \$189.07.

Respectfully submitted,  
MRS. GEORGE L. PAXTON,  
Benevolence Chairman,  
District 17.

**Callahan Association**  
No. of organizations: W. M. S., 6; Y. W. A., 10. Total gifts: W. M. S., \$1,376; Young People, \$196.25. Schools of missions held, 2. One at Cross Plains, led by Miss Maybelle Taylor of Haskell, the other at Clyde, led by Mrs. B. L. Lockett.

Apportionments reached in both district and Co-operative work: So far in 1937, \$50 has been paid on the district apportionment of \$92.

There has been a substantial increase in number of members and tithers.

A trip to H.-S. U. for 36 seniors in high school was sponsored by four of the societies, with two banquets given seniors.

Two W. M. S., 1 R. A., 1 G. A., and 1 Sunbeam band were A-1 in 1936.

Gifts to B. O. H. totaled \$291. Three societies sponsored young people's groups to the Young People camps at Lueders.

Respectfully submitted,  
MRS. V. W. TATUM,  
President.

**Cisco Association**  
Mrs. J. R. Burnett, President  
15 active, reporting societies.  
230 members (active).  
27 circles reported.  
22 mission study classes the past two quarters.

Only 90 tithers reported. There are many more unreported.

Hundred Thousand Club members reported, 9. There are more.

Plans: Mission Study Institute (June); Organize W. M. U. societies as follow-up campaign after the summer revivals.

**Fisher County Association**  
We have looked forward with the keenest interest and pleasure to the time when the women of the 17th district would meet again.

In reviewing the work of the past year it seems in many ways that we have done the same thing in the same old way. Still, it is encouraging to know that some new phases of work have been added; one new society organized and new women enlisted.

For many years we have known that enlistment is one of our main tasks. All about are those who seem indifferent to the call of W. M. U. work, but by perseverance we continue to win them.

We have at present eight organizations. Most of them are well organized and understand all phases of the work, while some are new and have not yet mastered all the details, but they are eager to learn and when they are interested to know we are sure they will grow.

The hope of the future for our W. M. U. lies in our young people. Through the deep concern of our young people's leader the interest of the young people has grown. Many of our young people attended the different camps at Lueders last summer and numbers are looking forward to attending this year.

Many new leaders have responded and some effective work is being done. The challenge of today is for the highest type of leadership. We are praying for new leaders who are willing to give the very best of their time and talents to the training of the young people. Our district young people's leader came to our association for one day and taught in an interesting way, the young people's work. This meeting was well attended by young people's leaders, and all enjoyed the fellowship together as well as the benefits derived from the teaching.

The mission study institute at Roby was attended by women from almost every local society, and the teachers taught in a way that was helpful.

Reports from local presidents and standing chairmen have been made at each quarterly meeting. From these reports we feel sure progress has been made in each phase of the work. Several societies reported work done for the negroes. The negro women and the negro young people in our midst need guidance in their study, in planning their organizations, in their feeble efforts to improve sanitary conditions and home relations. It is as much our duty to help those in our midst as in far away Africa. We are justly proud of the things women are doing to help them;

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### W. M. U. EDITION

The editor is glad to give this issue of the West Texas Baptist over to the W. M. U. of District 17. Most of our regular features are left out this week in order to make room for the W. M. U. material, which includes the annual reports for the past year and some of the addresses given at the Haskell convention.

We want to call our readers' attention to the Periodicals chairman's report in this issue. The suggested quota of West Texas Baptists for the district is 3,250. Until further notice we will continue to offer the West Texas Baptist eight months for 50 cents. This may be paid, where sent in clubs of ten or more, in two installments of 25 cents each.

### TRIBUTE TO RETIRING OFFICERS

As a fitting climax to the closing session of the 29th annual meeting of the W. M. U. of District 17, Mrs. O. H. Cooper, on behalf of the district, paid a beautiful tribute to Mrs. R. M. White, the retiring president and presented to her a gold W. M. U. pin in a corsage of roses as an expression of love and appreciation for her worthy services in the promotion of the Master's work in the district.

During the four years of her capable leadership the work has gone steadily forward, and she has been untiring in her efforts to promote the work in every possible way, never sparing herself any inconvenience or hardship in order to do so. She has been faithful, loyal and true to the trust placed in her by the district.

At the annual executive board meeting held each year following the fall executive board meeting of the State W. M. U., she carefully and wisely planned the work for the ensuing year, discussing in detail each phase as outlined by the State. These meetings have been valuable to all associational officers in carrying out the work in their respective associations.

During her administration Mrs. White has been instrumental in some other noteworthy accomplishments. In December, 1935, the Hardin-Simmons student fund was established for the purpose of aiding worthy students who were in need of financial assistance. A goal of \$1,000 per year was set for this fund.

Four years ago High School Senior Day to be held at Hardin-Simmons, was launched and each year since there has been an increase in attendance. Members of all local societies as well as university officials have co-operated in furnishing the food for this occasion. Mrs. White has taken advantage of every opportunity to aid in making this day a success.

During these past four years generous cash offerings have been sent on Mother's Day to the charity fund of Hendrick Memorial Hospital, and boxes of groceries and linen are sent by different associations twice annually.

Two years ago Mrs. White pledged for the district \$300 on the Lueders Encampment debt, \$100 to be paid annually. The district willingly accepted this pledge and has paid the notes when due.

There has been a steady growth in our gifts each year, especially of all special mission gifts. Mention should be made of the fact that our district was recognized at the convention at Mineral Wells last fall as the only one in the State to have met all apportionments given out by State headquarters. This was one of the many ambitions of the president.

While it was with deep regret that the district gives up Mrs. White as president, we feel peculiarly fortunate in being able to secure Mrs. J. B. Buckley as her successor.

When the report of the nominating committee was read at Haskell, Mrs. J. E. Leigh, in her own charming way, paid a beautiful tribute to Mrs. Buckley, our retiring young people's leader, as she presented her a lovely corsage. Mrs. Leigh declared out of her wide experience that some of the best work in the state is being done by the younger women and assured us that the leadership of the district work was being placed on most capable shoulders.

Mrs. Buckley has wrought faithfully and successfully for the past six years as district young people's leader. She has been ever ready to go and do whatever she could to advance the work of the young people. Under her leadership every phase of the work has grown but the outstanding achievement of her administration was the establishing of the camps at Lueders for the young people's organizations. Each year has shown a steady growth in attendance and a deepening interest in the work done at the camp. One of the many high points at the camp is the evangelistic service when each year many are brought to Christ.

—COMMITTEE.

### ASSOCIATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL POSTPONED

J. M. Cook, associational Sunday School superintendent of the Sweetwater Association, calls attention to the fact that the week's training school for the association, has been indefinitely postponed. A definite date has not been set, but it will be some time after the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at New Orleans, May 13-17. Definite announcements will be made later.

## SPECIAL SUBSCRIPTION OFFER

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## Devotional Thoughts

### SPIRITUAL SIDE TRACKS

Crossing a railroad track we saw a box car sealed, with a distant city noted on the manifest as the destination. The car was marked, "Side Tracked for Repairs," but no one had the right to break the seal until it reached its destination.

We have seen church members and churches that were side-tracked spiritually. In every city are men and women who were active in service out yonder in the country church or the town church before they moved to the city. They were Sunday School teachers, attended prayer meeting regularly or were diligent in other departments of church life. But when they left the home church and came to the city some of them went on side tracks and have been there ever since.

They were side tracked for various reasons. Some because of neglect of the devotional life, of reading the Bible and daily prayer; some because of the drawing power of the world; some because they felt that they were slighted or were not heartily received; some because of their associates; some because of a corroding sin. Whatever the occasion, a multitude of them have been deprived of spiritual blessings because they have left the main line and have become side tracked.

The Scriptural teaching concerning redemption is that the individual believer is sealed by the Holy Spirit unto the day of redemption. Paul referred to that great truth more than once in his letter to the Ephesians. When God puts His hand to the salvation of a repentant believer, He will finish that which he has begun. No one can separate the believer from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus. Not all the demons in hell have power to break the seal with which the Holy Spirit has set apart a child of God.

But it is a tragedy for anyone who has been saved by divine grace, who has been bought by the blood of Jesus Christ, to allow himself on any grounds to get off on a side track. For their own sake and for the sake of those whom they influence, they ought to get on the main line and glorify God in their lives.

—The Baptist Messenger.

### WE RISE IN HIM

Buried were our better thoughts and deeds,  
Buried in self's dark, narrow grave.  
So dead were we, we knew not how our needs  
Were great, and greater yet our loss.  
But Life's own Lord came down and dug away  
The imprisoning earth:  
We heard Him praying in the night;  
We saw Him bleeding on the cross;  
Beheld Him pouring out His love to save  
Us, give us strength to live  
In Him the ampler life.  
Our dead souls found a strange new birth.  
And now, through night and day,  
In all life's calm or strife,  
We hear His voice, to Him our hearts we give,  
With Him we rise to climb the highest height.

—ERNEST C. KOLB.

Cheraw, S. C.

### LOSING BATTLE

No great reform ever won its first battle. The pathway to even the lowliest paradise is always open to attack, and the finest movements are often subject to most violent assault from even the best of men. It isn't the opposition of evil men which is apt to discourage the spiritual pioneer, but the continued and bitter attacks from the men of character and standing in the community. But the fight must go on, no matter who opposes, and afterwards, those who killed the prophets will build their sepulchres—or their children will. Berton Braley says:

"They're the fighters who fight undaunted  
For the utterly hopeless cause,  
Ridiculed, jeered and taunted,  
With never a lull or pause;  
But after they've fought and perished,  
And after their work is done,  
The cause they loved and cherished  
Is lifted to fame—and won."

Such battles are being fought while we write, and the issues are not in doubt, for defeat will come today, but victory will arrive tomorrow. The fighters may not see the crowning of their scheme but they will live and die in faith.

"For freedom's battle, once begun,  
Bequeathed by bleeding sire to son,  
Though baffled oft, is ever won."

—The Maritime Baptist.

Rev. Virgil Reynolds, who has been in evangelistic meetings for the past nine weeks, is expected back in his pulpit next Sunday at Trinity Church, Abilene. It has been the editor's joy to supply for the church during the pastor's absence. We have never seen a finer, more loyal group anywhere than the Trinity Church group. Their loyalty is attested by the fact that the church has gone on steadily during the absence of the pastor, and their prayers have followed him as he has gone out to win lost souls.

## RESOLUTIONS

Through our annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of District 17 we have found a welcome and cheerful services, which we know was preceded by much preparation.

Mrs. R. C. Couch and the local committees by their graciousness have made us glad to be here.

So be it resolved that to you the people of this church and of Haskell and this association, we extend our sincere gratitude for your warmhearted welcome. We thank you for your splendid co-operation and your valuable time in carrying out your well made plans for us. We, the women of the resolutions committee ask one and all to join us in thanking our program committee who has shown such splendid wisdom in the programs they have given us.

From the first thoughts in our program, God leads us along, then what seek ye? Things you should know, ye will know our work better, know Jesus better and we will know our leaders and members of our W. M. S. better.

As the trumpet duet sounded such beautiful notes, may we as home missionaries give the trumpet sound of encouragement to all our associational presidents and then help them give this encouragement to all in their association. As one has said "Hitherto has the Lord led us" through His beautiful flower gardens to Haskell, so Mrs. R. M. White led us to see the value of prayer. If we are good stewards of prayer we will have power and help to bring God's Kingdom in the world. We pledge anew our love and loyalty to our beloved president of the district, and all associational presidents.

As the message of the song, "The Lily of the Valley" is Jesus, may we see Him working through our Benevolence, Education, Missions, Young People, Periodicals, Personal Service, Stewardship, and Margaret Fund work. We appreciate each and every service rendered by our chairmen of District 17 for their faithful work.

Our heart goes out in deep gratitude for our missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. J. Walton Moore and family of Chefoo, China, who are home on furlough, and Mrs. Moore and son, James, who blessed our meeting by their presence.

Mrs. J. E. Leigh of Dallas always brings us encouragement and help as she speaks out of her heart and urges us on to greater things: The ability and consecration of our officers, district and state, have been felt far and wide.

We would invoke God's richest blessings on our beloved young people's leader and say, "Hitherto has the Lord led us" in our young people's work, and may she and all associational young people's leaders be given added inspiration as they go on in their work which means so much to so many.

As we were led on to higher ground this morning we would also acknowledge the beautiful music furnished us by the Haskell Choral club, for Mrs. O. H. Cooper, recording secretary, who so faithfully kept and read our minutes, for Brother Henry Littleton and his untiring efforts concerning our Lueders Encampment, for Mrs. H. J. Hanks and her splendid report and work, for Dr. J. D. Sandefer and his wonderful work in Christian education, for Superintendent E. M. Collier and his devoted services, for our hospital. We thank the nurses for coming and singing for us.

Be it further resolved that we pray for all our leaders and co-workers adding Brother B. N. Shepherd, our faithful and consecrated missionary, to our list, remembering also our chairman who gave the last report, Mrs. D. W. Arnette.

And now as we leave you and your charming city, we take with us loving memories of the hours spent in Haskell. We commend you to Him who is able to keep you, to whom we owe honor and glory and service forever.

Respectfully submitted,  
Committee on Resolutions,  
Mrs. Booth,  
Mrs. E. S. James,  
Mrs. O. M. Jones,  
Chairman.

### REPORT ON EDUCATION

For year ending March 31, 1937.  
District 17, Mrs. N. A. Moore, chairman, 1834 Orange, Abilene.  
No. associations in organization, 7;  
No. reporting, 7. No. Baptist students in Senior Class High School, 900; No. students in Baptist schools, 1,180; No. students in other colleges, 390; No. letters or talks to students, 126; No. letters in behalf of students written to presidents of Baptist schools, 23; No. banquets for students, 46; No. Baptist school catalogues and annuals in high school library, 201; No. boxes sent to students, 205; No. programs on Chris-

## REPORT ON STEWARDSHIP

No. of women in church, 3,305.  
No. of active members in W. M. S., 487.  
No. of circles of W. M. S., 61.  
No. of stewardship chairmen in W. M. S., 60.  
No. of young people's W. M. U. organizations, 73.  
No. of members in W. M. U. young people's organizations, 927.  
No. of Stewardship chairmen in young people's organizations, 44.  
No. of monthly conferences of com. on stewardship, 26.  
No. of young people entering the Stewardship Declaration Contest, 4.  
No. of study classes on Stewardship, 10.  
No. of talks on Stewardship, 75.  
No. of leaflets on Stewardship and Co-operative Program distributed, 300.  
No. of new tithers this quarter: Women, 30; Young People, 25; Total No. of tithers: Women, 584; Young People, 213; No. giving to missions: Women 864; Young People, 277.

To me Stewardship means consecrated Christian living and service. One has said "How often are the words 'Our Father,' on our lips, just mere words, as we ignore the honor and obedience due a father." Only Christ could say, "As the father gave me commandment, even so I do," yet we as His followers may enter wholeheartedly and gladly into His service.

So often we think of Stewardship in financial terms only, but it means far more, as giving our money is only one phase of it, coming naturally with a consecrated life. The first quotation we learn in studying Stewardship is "but first they gave themselves unto the Lord."

In 1st Peter 4:10, we have "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as Stewards of the manifold grace of God." Methinks the Lord must love the well rounded giver—one who gives time, talents and money. I believe the Lord will even frown on the one who gives largely of his or her means and continually is absent from His house and His services, and never gives a minute's time to forwarding His cause. This is brought home to us forcibly in giving our report—of the more than 3300 women church members, who are reported throughout the district. There are only 487 givers as active members. We ask the question, why? When we think of the many evils abroad in our homeland, we know there was never a greater need for consecrated stewardship—never such a time for women to exert their influence for good and for God. And how may this be done? We know of no better way than through active membership in the women's work, which is so far reaching in its effect.

We may find any number of hindrances, if we are looking for them—yet when we think how much women owe the Lord we are constrained to serve Him. May we, too, merit His commendation, His tender consideration as He said: "Weep not," "Go tell," "thy faith hath saved thee," "She hath done what she could," "Let her alone, for she hath wrought a good work on me," "thy sins are forgiven," "she hath given more than they all." In gratitude, let us give His work first consideration—do not reserve strength and energy for occasions of pleasure.

Does your ship of life move safely,  
Though at times huge billows roll,  
Is your cargo in His keeping—  
Is he captain of your soul?

Do you yield Him true allegiance,  
As the months and years go by—  
Or is time spent in His service,  
Often given with a sigh?

Are your efforts on the right side,  
Does your influence count for Him,  
Do you yield to earthly pleasures,  
Till the lamp of faith grows dim?

If it's true, within the New Year,  
Let us right about and face,  
Making other causes minor,  
Give His work its rightful place.

We are but His earthly stewards,  
All our gifts are but a loan,  
Joys and riches—time and talents,  
Let's yield back to Him, His own.  
Respectfully submitted,

MRS. B. M. WHITEKER,  
Haskell, Stewardship  
Chairman, District 17.

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."—Matt.

tian education, 40; No. talks on Christian education, 95.

Clothing shower to scholarship girl in Southwestern Baptist Training School in spring 1936-1937.



# PRAY YE

By MRS. R. M. WHITE  
President, District 17

(Address delivered at the Haskell meeting).

"Come thou apart and rest awhile,"  
I heard the Savior say;  
So sweet His tone and fond His  
smile, I turned aside to pray.  
He led me to a place apart, far from  
the busy way;

He gently drew me to His heart  
and whispered, "Let us pray."  
What a picture Luke has given us:  
the Master at prayer—the disciples  
with Him and asking the very ques-  
tion that is on our lips—the Master  
willing to grant their request! How  
reverently we listen in! We hear him:  
"When ye pray say." It was He who  
it for granted that ye will pray.  
"Say, Our Father." It was He who  
made it possible for us to call God  
Father. He it was who bade us ask  
the Father in His name. Surely He  
speaks with authority, saying: "Say,  
"Our Father who art in Heaven."

How breathlessly we listen to see  
what manner of petition we may  
bring! Shall we bring our needs at  
once when the Father has been called  
upon to hear His child? Not so.  
First there is the reverence due His  
name. Let there be awe and fear  
when His holy name is uttered. May  
others come to know the power and  
majesty of God's name!

"Thy Kingdom come." In the 72nd  
Psalm we have a description of this  
Kingdom. It will be a time when  
righteousness shall flourish and peace  
shall endure. Isaiah tells of the same  
reign when the desert shall blossom  
as the rose. Jesus told the disciples  
to pray, "Thy Kingdom come." Jesus  
is still speaking to His followers  
through the Scriptures preserved for  
ages, saying: "Pray, 'Thy Kingdom  
come.'" Can we afford to neglect  
this command?

As we pray for the coming of the  
Kingdom, can we fail to add, "Use  
me, Lord, in the bringing of that day  
—thy will be done?" This of itself  
constitutes a perfect prayer. Has He  
not said: "It is not the will of your  
Father which is in Heaven that one  
of these little ones should perish?"  
If His will were done on the earth,  
there would be no more sin, no more  
sorrow, no more sickness, no more of  
Satan's dominion over the human  
heart. Life would be all glorious be-  
cause it would be all for the glory of  
God.

Three petitions and not yet one for  
self. Half of the model prayer and  
all for the Father's name, the Father's  
Kingdom, the Father's will! When  
these three petitions have been offered  
in sincerity and in truth, then  
we may pray, "Give us this day,  
our daily bread." Lord, supply our  
needs day by day. Feed us with the  
manna of thy word for our spiritual  
growth. Give us the measure of suc-  
cess which Thou canst entrust to us.  
Grant those physical comforts and  
mental delights which will make us  
better fitted to serve thee here on  
earth. Only for today we ask it; for  
"Thy mercies are new every morning  
and great is thy faithfulness."

"Go" and "Tarry"

Praying "Thy Kingdom come, thy  
will be done" involves more than a  
passive utterance. Christ meant that  
we should pray for all those things  
in the receiving of which the King-  
dom would be nearer. If our chief  
desire is that God's Kingdom shall  
come then we will find ourselves pray-  
ing that we may be used to help bring  
it in. Such praying would involve  
seeking God's will. Such praying  
would involve waiting for power.

If we would obey Christ's "Go ye"  
we must also obey His "Tarry ye."  
Can we not imagine impulsive Peter  
saying, "What! Shall we tarry when  
the whole world is dying?" Surely  
these were men of great experiences:  
Peter the man of rock and John and  
James who were with Jesus on the  
Mount of Transfiguration and when  
He raised the dead. There was An-  
drew, who had already been bringing  
others to Jesus. Did it mean that  
they should tarry for more power be-  
fore going into the world to do His  
work? Yes, it meant just that. If  
they needed that command, do we not  
need it more?

These two commands of Christ go  
together. Tarry, that your life may  
become magnetic in its force to draw  
those round about you into His King-  
dom and into Kingdom tasks. Tarry  
with Christ until you have a vision  
of the lost world as Christ had when  
He gave His command "Go." Tarry  
with Christ until you know what your  
special place of service is. Tarry with  
Christ until you have the fulfillment  
of the promise: "Ye shall be endued  
with power." Then you will be ready  
to "go" into all the world.

The Sin of Neglecting to Pray  
Andrew Murray says that we must

somehow come to realize that we are  
stewards as concerns our praying and  
that God has entrusted us with a  
power that, if released by prayer,  
would bring Heaven down to earth.  
Samuel said: "God forbid that I  
should sin against the Lord in ceas-  
ing to pray for my people." It is pos-  
sible that a realization of our "stew-  
ardship of persistent prayer" would  
do more to advance Southern Baptist  
work at home and abroad than the  
realization of our stewardship of time  
and money, for God says, "While they  
are yet speaking will I answer." It  
isn't every one that can offer a faith-  
ful stewardship of several talents but  
truly it is every Christian that can  
offer a faithful stewardship of pray-  
er life. What a glorious privilege  
that every one can thus participate!

We know that as regards the stew-  
ardship of our talents we are not only  
responsible for those which we now  
possess but also those which we are  
capable of developing. Just so in our  
stewardship of prayer: whether or  
not we can pray intelligently for a  
certain field, where we have mission-  
aries at work, is our very own respon-  
sibility; whether or not we know how  
to pray definitely today for a certain  
cause is our responsibility. Our lead-  
ers of vision have placed at our dis-  
posal such magazines and books as  
will give us every detail of informa-  
tion concerning fields and their needs.  
Whether or not our prayers could  
have more power and effect if we  
were more informed or more concern-  
ed is a responsibility that belongs to  
each of us and one for which we must  
give account to our Master. I im-  
agine when we get to Heaven the sin  
that will smite us most, as we look  
back, will be our prayerlessness. Dr.  
Mullins once said: "A man who is lazy  
physically will not work; a man who  
is lazy mentally will not think; and  
a man who is lazy spiritually will not  
pray." How many Southern Baptists  
are spiritually lazy! Surely God is  
waiting to bless us when we call upon  
His name.

**Prayer—the World's Greatest Force**  
A brief listing of missionary move-  
ments will remind us that each was  
born in prayer and has been a force  
in the world because of the power  
through prayer. We are familiar  
with the Haystack Prayer Meeting  
and remember that the visible results  
were the organization of the Ameri-  
can Congregational and Baptist Mis-  
sion Boards and the support of our  
first missionaries. Our Southern Bapt-  
ist Convention, Woman's Missionary  
Union, our boards and our state and  
southwide institutions were formed  
by bands of praying men and women  
who had visions of great tasks and  
realized the power of prayer. Prayer  
has been and ever will be the lifting,  
leading and power-giving force in all  
the building of the Kingdom.

When Grace Clifford had answered  
the call of God to give her life as a  
missionary, she told her mother at  
once of her great decision, knowing  
well her mother would rejoice with  
her. But she was surprised to learn  
that her response to God's call was  
an answer to her mother's prayers.  
"Daughter," said her mother, "I have  
prayed for a long time that one of  
my children would make this deci-  
sion." Grace Clifford finally found  
her work among the Osage Indians  
of Oklahoma.

One morning, feeling unusually  
homesick and discouraged, she won-  
dered if, after all, she might not have  
made a mistake. "I was burdened for  
the lost," said she, "and wanted to  
be where I could see results more  
quickly. I turned to God's Word for  
comfort. I found the comfort but al-  
so found rebuke. In penitence, I  
prayed for some token of His divine  
approval on my work that day." The  
wife of her interpreter was not a  
Christian and had resented all efforts  
to speak to her about her soul's sal-  
vation. But on this day she was  
watching for Miss Clifford, hoping  
she would pass that way. When she  
saw her some distance off she beck-  
oned to her to come in. "I am so  
glad," said the young Indian woman,  
"you have come, for I want you to  
read some of God's Word to me for I  
know I am lost." Two hours later  
when Miss Clifford left that home  
that educated, refined young Osage  
woman was rejoicing in her Savior's  
love. Never again did Grace Clifford  
doubt that God had sent her to the  
Osage Indians. From that time she  
was willing to plant the seed, leaving  
the harvest to be reaped by God in  
His own way and time.

**Why Pray?**  
Prayer is not an experiment alto-  
gether, but it is a certainty. "Every  
one that asketh receiveth." How  
many blessings and victories do you

guess we have not because we ask  
not? Jesus said, "Ye have not be-  
cause ye ask not."

**Our Weaknesses Call Us to Pray.**  
"The person who prays constantly is  
like the cable which carries the great  
electric current—he controls through  
the power of the great dynamo." But  
the one who neglects prayer is like  
the locomotive built for power but  
stands worthless because the fuel is  
burned out and the source of power  
is gone.

**The World Calls Us to Pray.** If we  
do not value the great privilege of  
prayer, then prayer becomes a duty.  
If we do not respond to the gracious  
invitations to pray, then we must re-  
gard the command to pray. If we do  
not feel the need of God, there is a  
world which does and it becomes a  
duty to pray. How very evident is the  
fact that we have not responded to  
God's challenge, for how plainly writ-  
ten are His words: "Ask of me and  
I will give thee the nations for thine  
inheritance and the uttermost parts  
of the world for thy possessions." The  
nations would not be standing in  
line waiting for a word of peace, for  
a story of love, for a message of sal-  
vation if we prayed as we should.  
Oh! will we ever meet God half-way  
in His generous plan to save a lost  
world?

## IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. E. D. Dunlap

"I heard a voice from heaven, say-  
ing unto me, write, from henceforth  
blessed are the dead who die in the  
Lord; even so, saith the Spirit, for  
they rest from their labors."

We are all agreed that death is cer-  
tain. In Eccl. 9:5, we read, "For the  
living know that they shall die." To  
the Christian this is not to be dreaded,  
but looked forward to, for "The last  
enemy that shall be destroyed is  
death," and it is sunrise and not dark-  
ness to those who die in Christ.

Death is just a door that carries our  
loved ones into a fuller and better life  
and to the place of glory:

"There shall I see, and hear and know  
All I desired or wished below;  
And every power find sweet employ  
In the eternal world of joy."

Death releases us from our labors.  
What a blessed privilege to labor here  
for our Master, doing the things He  
has for us to do and carrying out  
His will, then as we step through the  
door to hear Him say:

"Servant of God, well done,  
Rest from thy toilsome employ,  
The battle fought, the victory won,  
Enter thy Master's joy."

"Servant of God, well done,  
Thy glorious warfare's past,  
The battle's fought, the race is won,  
And thou art crowned at last."

How hard it is in our blindness to  
give up to death our loved ones. Let  
us take up the task where they laid  
it down. Let us think of them as not  
dead, not sleeping not even silent, just  
passed through the door into another  
room:

"Not gone, but life courageous  
Has wandered, let's assume,  
Without a farewell message  
Into another room."

"Just inside an open doorway  
Joyous with their cheeks a bloom  
Busy with their new found duties  
Serving in another room."

"Shall we doubt their joy and glad-  
ness,  
Shall we sit engulfed in gloom  
When we know our loved ones are  
happy  
Waiting in another room?"

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ASSOCIATIONAL W. M. U.

(Continued from page 1)

not only the negroes but Mexicans as  
well have received aid and encour-  
agement in their work. Several show-  
ers of clothing, quilts, and food have  
been given the Mexican Missionary  
in our association.

The seasons of prayer were ob-  
served by most of our societies and  
offerings were taken. We feel that  
more of our women are interested in  
mission work than ever before.

The Lottie Moon offering was be-  
yond any previous one.  
Apportionments are being met and  
most of them are sent in on time.

Field day at Hardin-Simmons was  
well attended. Each year a new group  
of seniors eagerly look forward to  
the day. More and more we appre-  
ciate what the Abilene women are  
doing for the young people who are  
finishing high schools each year.

Several banquets were given the  
seniors and through speakers our de-  
nominational schools were put be-  
fore the young people.

Through personal service, benevo-

lence and stewardship, missions go  
forward. We believe every activity  
of the W. M. U. is a step in missions.  
The more we think of Christ's pro-  
gram for the world, the more glori-  
ous will such a program appear to  
us. Whenever and however we help  
in extending missions we are contri-  
bute to the supreme program of to-  
day and directly forwarding the good  
of mankind for time and eternity.  
We cannot estimate the possibilities  
wrapped up in every missionary ef-  
fort, so let missions be our real mis-  
sion in W. M. U. work.

In facing our opportunities we are  
too prone to anticipate the difficul-  
ties. It is true there are always dif-  
ficulties but if we go to the supreme  
power for help we can always over-  
come them. Paul said "I can do all  
things through Christ who streng-  
theneth me." One missionary has  
said, "The outlook for missions is as  
bright as the willingness of Southern  
Baptists to meet the need." What a  
wonderful missionary opportunity!  
People of every land are calling to us,  
and in our homeland are people of  
many races needing the Gospel.

As we come to the close of the  
district year, let us not be discourag-  
ed because of the opportunities we  
have let go by, or the things we have  
failed to accomplish, but let us go for-  
ward to meet the duties and demands  
of each day. May we as W. M. U.  
workers see the open doors with beck-  
oning hands and hear the Macedonian  
cry from every land, to help to enlist  
every unenlisted woman in our midst.

Respectfully submitted,  
MRS. D. G. REID,  
President.

Haskell Associational Auxiliary

Under the leadership of the King  
Eternal, the women in Haskell Asso-  
ciation have gone forward in a great  
way. To Him we give thanks for all  
of our success.

We are especially grateful for our  
ten wide-awake W. M. S. presidents,  
who are carrying on their work well.

We rejoice in the achievements of  
our young people. We have four new  
organizations, making a total of 13.  
Interest in missions has been in-  
creased through study and giving.

All the weeks of prayer have been  
observed. Mission study classes have  
been held in most of the churches in  
the association. We had a school of  
instruction conducted by Mrs. C. O.  
Davis, of Rule.

Many banquets and entertainments  
were held throughout the association  
for high school seniors in the inter-  
est of Christian education.

Buckner Orphans Home has had  
its place in gifts of eggs, and cash  
and clothing for the 16-year-old girls  
and boys.

The women especially enjoy re-  
membering our Margaret Fund Son.

We are working to meet all fi-  
nancial goals. We place emphasis on  
enlistment at each quarterly meeting.

May we realize more and more our  
great responsibilities and privileges.  
We pray that we may prove worthy  
to bear His name.

Respectfully submitted,  
MRS. W. D. GREEN,  
President.

Stonewall Associational Auxiliary  
Report of Stonewall associational  
W. M. U., 1936 and 1937.

Madam President, and members of  
the W. M. U., District 17, "Hitherto  
hath the Lord led us."

In Stonewall association this is a  
year of looking backward, a year of  
fond remembrance, a year of awe and  
reverence as we, of the present or-  
ganization, are reminded on every  
hand of the Godly consecration, the  
diligence and the determination of the  
women who laid the foundation of the  
W. M. U. work in our association.  
Here we would love to pay tribute to  
those whom we have known and who  
have meant so much to us in our  
work. We now have 15 churches,  
five missionary societies and 10  
young people's organizations.

We are told behind every move-  
ment lies a dream, or an ideal, and  
we have tried to be true to these  
ideals, Christ-like ideals, motivated  
by His Spirit, and having as its end  
the attainment of His redemptive  
purpose. We feel today he has led  
far along toward the realization of  
this ideal of our pioneer women who  
loved and gave and set their hands  
to the task of winning others to Christ.  
This year's work is history and we  
count it a privilege to have had a  
small part in the making of this his-  
tory. We feel God is leading us in  
our work.

We are told the people who know  
are the people who do. We do not  
record any outstanding achievement  
for the year just closed, but our  
hearts are warmed as we see the  
faithful women giving themselves in  
service to make possible the steady  
growth and progress we observe  
along all lines. Three societies met  
all apportionments on time. Some  
societies report perfect attendance of  
some of their members. A number

of our boys and girls attended camps  
at Lueders.

Miss Maybelle Taylor was with us  
for one month this year, and inspired  
our women and girls with her mes-  
sages of hope and encouragement.  
Mission study classes have been held  
in each W. M. S. and young people's  
organization. Hospitals and Buck-  
ner Orphans Home have been show-  
ered with gifts of food, canned goods,  
linens and cash offerings. Our wom-  
en found special joy in contributing to  
our Margaret Fund student.

Banquets and entertainments were  
held for high school seniors in inter-  
est of Christian education. Our chief  
cause for rejoicing is in the deep mis-  
sionary interest of our women man-  
ifested in their giving, observance of  
the weeks of prayer, and in doing  
personal service work. Although we  
face the disappointment of not reach-  
ing our apportionments this year, we  
are not discouraged. We read in  
Isaiah 35:1, "The desert shall rejoice  
and bloom as a rose." We are almost  
out of the "ladies' aid" class, now hav-  
ing one W. M. U. on the church bud-  
get. We count it a high privilege  
to be "laborers together with God,"  
to bring the whole world to Christ.

"Not by might nor by power, but  
by my Spirit," said the Lord of Hosts.  
MRS. F. T. WHITAKER,  
Jayton, Texas, President  
of Stonewall Ass'n. Auxiliary.

Sweetwater Associational Auxiliary

As we come to the close of one  
other district year, we can truly say,  
"not by might nor by power, but by  
the Lord's Spirit have we been led." It  
has not all been smooth sailing;  
there have been times of discourag-  
ement as well as days of achievement.

We have held our quarterly meet-  
ings with the Workers Conference and  
it is hard to know whether or not  
this has been the better plan, but we  
do know the brethren have a better  
understanding of our W. M. U. work  
and there is a stronger bond of fel-  
lowship between the organizations. If  
we have lost time from our business  
at our quarterly meetings, we have  
gained time in having one hour or  
more in our board meeting each  
month where we have a good attend-  
ance of our women.

We have had almost an entire  
change in our local presidents, but  
we are thankful to God for raising up  
others to take the leadership and the  
work is going forward, and no better  
chairman of our standing commit-  
tees could be found in any association.

We have tried to sow by all waters,  
have observed all special seasons of  
prayer in most all of our organiza-

tions and our offerings remind us of  
before the depression days.

Our Lottie Moon offering in 1935  
was \$760.01; in 1936, \$815.92. Annie  
W. Armstrong offering in 1936,  
\$473.58; in 1937, \$699.39, lacking only  
61 cents of \$700. Mary Hill Davis  
was in 1935, \$230.81; in 1936, \$235.13.  
But our offering for the relief and  
annuity board was short, \$31.11. We  
have met all state apportionments  
and all district except Hardin-Sim-  
mons Student Fund. We gave only  
\$246.61. We have had a share in car-  
ing for our aged ministers and their  
wives, and sent a Mothers Day offer-  
ing to Hendrick Memorial Hospital  
of \$242.49, besides the boxes of linens.  
The orphans in Buckner Home were  
remembered with boxes and cash, and  
we helped in providing clothes for  
their graduates.

Our district scholarship daughter  
and our Margaret Fund student were  
also remembered with gifts. Our to-  
tal amount of offerings for the year  
was \$28,298.21. Quite a number of  
our young people attended our dis-  
trict camps and we had a share in  
helping in Hardin-Simmons field day.

The work of our young people has  
been disappointing on account of the  
illness of our young people's leader,  
but we are trusting with our new  
leader and the co-operation of our  
local presidents that we will do bet-  
ter work this year in this, our most  
important, work. Have had an in-  
crease in others in our W. M. S. and  
young people's work.

We thank God for the work that  
is being done by the noble band of  
enlisted women, but it is heart break-  
ing to any leader to think of the large  
number of unenlisted women that  
would mean so much to the work of  
the Kingdom, if only they would  
consecrate their time, talents and money  
to our W. M. U. work. We pray God  
to send more laborers into the vine-  
yard.

Respectfully submitted,  
MRS. C. C. COMPERE,  
President, Sweetwater  
Associational Auxiliary.

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## RAMBLING



Dick O'Brien

Well, we are producing the column this week under new circumstances and in a completely changed atmosphere. For months I have been trying to find the proper atmosphere for writing this column. Last week we sent out an S. O. S. hoping some of the readers might have an inspiration and offer a suggestion, but so far they seem to be as perplexed as I am. It may be that I have found it today. I am writing from the first bachelor quarters I have ever occupied. I have been married practically all my conscious life, and came into this state of matrimonial bliss from the sheltered sanctuary of a home blessed with the greatest mother I ever met, so this problem of having to look after my own affairs is a new and very baffling one. I might explain that I have come on to Stamford where we are beginning our work as pastor, and left the family at Colorado to finish school. I thought it would be fun to live in a big house alone. Go to bed when I please and get up when I feel like it. Leave my clothes where I take them off without suggestion from a source of domestic authority higher than I, and feel a general sense of liberty. I have always had an impulse to simply unbutton and shake when I undress. As a child washing my face was only for the purpose of keeping a space open for my eyes to see through and a cleared area around the mouth to permit the unobstructed intake of food, and outlet of conversation. I could never understand why I should wash my feet every night when we had to wash the sheet each week anyway. It seemed to me that the cause of efficiency would be served by working out the whole sanitary problem by depositing a week's supply of dirt and grime on the bed sheet and then remove it all in one operation. But I have never been able to convince my mother or wife that my logic is sound, or rather that it is anything except sound, if you get what I mean. . . . Say, if the covers must fall off the bed after a matter of a few nights use without remaking, why can't they all fall off on the same side? The quilt goes East and the sheet goes West while the counterpane chooses to go North, and in spite of my best efforts, it seems that never the tris shall meet, that is in any sort of order. And another thing, when you smooth out one wrinkle in the sheet and the movement develops two new wrinkles and an effort to remove these creates four more, when can you expect a smooth surface? Until I hear from you I shall use the method I am employing this morning, simply walk out and shut the bedroom door. . . . This experience has given me a new understanding of a certain passage in the Book of Genesis: "God saw that it was not good for man to be alone . . . so He made him a helpmate." You know, the Bible says that God used to go to see Adam every afternoon. I imagine about the third day, that's how long I have been in charge here, God walked in and Adam threw his overalls, yesterday's shirt, last night's pajamas, two weekly magazines and three issues of the "Eden Daily Herald," off a chair onto the floor and asked the Lord to be seated and make himself comfortable. Adam sat on the side of the bed which had not been made in three days, the covers dragging on the floor, and a couple of slats down. On the dresser was a pile of apple cores three days high. You know Adam started the habit of eating an apple a day, but he never learned what to do with the cores or something and it got him into a lot of trouble, and the world into a mess that we haven't got cleaned up yet. (But I didn't mean to drag theology into this discussion). When God went home, and no doubt He found some excuse to leave pretty soon, He said to the other Two, "You knew that necessity is the mother of invention, and it has become absolutely necessary for us to invent something to help Adam or he is going to let our whole work of creation go to the dogs, so let's get busy and make a woman." So they did. . . . Sometimes I fear that woman as a whole has forgotten what God made her for and has gone out after so many other things, that God is con-

ANNUAL AGGREGATE REPORT FOR W. M. U., DISTRICT 17  
For April 25, 1936, to April 21, 1937

|                                  | W. M. S.  | Y. P.    | Totals    |
|----------------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Co-operative Program             | 2,388.91  | 305.55   | 2,694.46  |
| Lottie Moon Christmas Offering   | 1,433.99  | 200.08   | 1,634.07  |
| Annie W. Armstrong Offering      | 878.04    | 149.25   | 1,027.29  |
| Mary Hill Davis Offering         | 436.30    | 24.95    | 461.25    |
| Buckner Orphans Home Cash        | 826.82    | 42.42    | 869.24    |
| Buckner Orphans Home Boxes       | 1,639.97  | 17.12    | 1,657.09  |
| Ministerial Relief               | 190.37    | 1.26     | 191.63    |
| Old Ministers' Boxes             | 191.31    |          | 191.31    |
| Old Ministers' Cash              | 14.25     |          | 14.25     |
| Missionary Boxes                 | 54.51     |          | 54.51     |
| Dist. and Ass'n'l. Missions      | 190.74    | 26.54    | 217.28    |
| City and Mexican Missions        | 66.00     | 5.32     | 71.32     |
| Charity                          | 841.21    | 27.45    | 868.66    |
| Miscellaneous                    | 1,205.21  | 12.37    | 1,217.58  |
| Dist. and Ass'n'l. Expense Fund  | 217.01    | 3.00     | 220.01    |
| Scholarships                     | 183.91    |          | 183.91    |
| Mary Hardin-Baylor               | 157.25    |          | 157.25    |
| 100,000 Club                     | 796.25    | 28.00    | 824.25    |
| Local Church                     | 19,166.53 | 4,743.33 | 23,909.86 |
| Lueders                          | 160.36    | 66.34    | 226.70    |
| Hardin-Simmons Student Fund      | 533.31    | 20.07    | 553.38    |
| Hendrick Memorial Hospital Cash  | 386.59    | 16.65    | 403.24    |
| Hendrick Memorial Hospital Boxes | 89.52     | 1.00     | 90.52     |
| Salaries to Missionaries         | 1,011.40  |          | 1,011.40  |
| Ministerial Student Aid          | 53.49     |          | 53.49     |
| Total                            | 33,113.25 | 5,690.70 |           |
| GRAND TOTAL                      |           |          | 38,803.95 |

MRS. H. J. HANKS,  
Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer.

## PERIODICALS REPORT

## Miss Lillias Penick, District Chairman

The associational chairmen are asked to accept the following quotas:

Royal Service: Callahan 30, Cisco 140, Fisher 25, Jones 40, Haskell 40, Stonewall 25, Sweetwater 150, total 450.

Window, Y. W. A.: Callahan 6, Cisco 25, Fisher 5, Jones 15, Haskell 15, Stonewall 5, Sweetwater 25, total 96.

World Comrades: Callahan 17, Cisco 15, Fisher 40, Jones 18, Haskell 20, Stonewall 26, Sweetwater 25, total 181.

Home and Foreign Fields: Callahan 16, Cisco 30, Fisher 10, Jones 8, Haskell 10, Stonewall 10, Sweetwater 18, total 102.

Baptist Standard: Callahan 100, Cisco 350, Fisher 100, Jones 200, Haskell 200, Stonewall 100, Sweetwater 350, total 1,400.

West Texas Baptist: Callahan 300, Cisco 750, Fisher 200, Jones 400, Haskell 400, Stonewall 200, Sweetwater 1,000, total 3,250.

All periodicals chairmen are asked to add the West Texas Baptist to their periodical blanks and be sure they report on it as well as on all other magazines. Since the West Texas Baptist is the official organ of District 17 we should support it. But please remember that Point V, Standard of Excellence, means that the Baptist Standard must be in one-third of the homes of the active members as well as one of the missionary magazines.

Christian religion is not a book religion nor confined to the New Testament but Christianity is the living, abiding voice of Jesus meeting all social relations. Life at its best is not lived in ignorant frenzy, but at its best is lived in intelligent achievement. Our missionary papers and magazines today record the missionary work of Christians of today directed by the Holy Spirit. Nothing will so renew our belief in the miraculous power of Christ to save a soul and transform a life as reading about missions on the foreign fields and in the homeland.

We will not love nor pray for that which we know nothing about. These Baptist papers put true emphasis on the word of God and will educate their readers in Baptist doctrine—Baptist doctrine is Bible doctrine. God's book says, "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." Thoughts grow out of what we hear or read. If we study the lives of most of our great men, statesmen, preachers and missionaries, we find that most of them came from homes where good literature was furnished, even if food and clothing were scarce. Today they have forgotten what they were denied to eat or wear but food furnished from the reading of good books still nourishes their lives. It is vitally important to give to our girls and boys the kind of literature the reading of which will help to build lives of courage, faith in God and their fellowman.

It is little short of criminal for our Christian homes to be void of this type of literature. Yet our district periodicals report does not show one home in 20 that has even one such paper or magazine. Will we not resolve to do better in the coming year?

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The district executive board met in annual business session at 4:30 in the church auditorium. After prayer by Mrs. J. R. Burnett, President Mrs. White called the board into executive session. After the reading and discussion of report of Methods and Finance Committee by Mrs. D. W. Arnette, chairman, all recommendations were adopted with a few changes. (This report will be published in full in the West Texas Baptist).

On motion, with second, the board voted to elect Mrs. George L. Paxton and the district young people's leader members from District 17 to membership on W. M. U. state board.

On motion by Mrs. White, with second, it was unanimously voted that District 17 send her president this year to the Southern Baptist Convention to be held in New Orleans, May 11-12.

Mrs. H. J. Hanks moved that the district send Miss Lucile Mattox, our training school girl, \$25.00 and that the balance of the shower fund be placed to the credit of the Bible Scholarship. Motion carried.

Mrs. D. W. Arnette moved and it was voted that the money now in bank to the credit of the Y. W. A. be used in building a Y. W. A. hut at Lueders.

Business concluded, board adjourned.

MRS. R. M. WHITE,  
President.  
MRS. O. H. COOPER,  
Secretary pro tem.

Pastor C. A. Powell of University Church, Abilene, is doing the preaching in a meeting with Pastor W. T. Hamor and the First Church, Winters. Roy Camp of Fort Worth is leading the singing.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF DISTRICT 17 AT HASKELL

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lovely. Their homes were opened to all who would spend the night.

While our hearts are sad to give Mrs. R. M. White up as president, who so lovingly and self-sacrificingly has served these many years, we do welcome our new president, Mrs. J. B. Buckley, and all the other officers, that will carry on the work this year.

MRS. ELTON RHODES,  
Publicity Chairman,  
Sweetwater Association

## PERSONAL SERVICE REPORT

April 1, 1936, to April 1, 1937

In his letter to the Galatians, Paul outlined a program for Personal Service work. This program is pointed, simple, practical, all inclusive and is adaptable to all people of all times. Paul's program is set forth in the following words: "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."—Gal. 6:10. We of today will do well to study this program and make it our own.

Report from organizations engaged in Personal Service work:

Directed Personal Service work: W. M. S., 46; Y. W. A., 16; G. A., 13; R. A., 10; S. B., 15.

Reporting Personal Service: W. M. S., 41; Y. W. A., 18; G. A., 7; R. A., 6; S. B., 6.

Making visits: W. M. S., 43; Y. W. A., 11; G. A., 8; R. A., 5; S. B., 8.

Soul winning: W. M. S., 18; Y. W. A., 1; G. A., 1.

No. organizations distributing Bibles: W. M. S., 21; Y. W. A., 11.

No. organizations distributing religious literature: W. M. S., 39; Y. W. A., 12; G. A., 5; S. B., 1.

No. organizations distributing garments: W. M. S., 36; Y. W. A., 49; G. A., 6.

No. organizations distributing trays and baskets (food): W. M. S., 36; Y. W. A., 10; G. A., 7; S. B., 5.

No. organizations aiding outside charities: W. M. S., 19; Y. W. A., 6.

No. organizations sewing for others: W. M. S., 26; Y. W. A., 5; G. A., 4.

No. organizations nursing sick or babies: W. M. S., 27; Y. W. A., 5.

Cottage Prayers Meetings: W. M. S., 10.

Holding services: W. M. S., 9; Y. W. A., 4.

Vacation Bible Schools: W. M. S., 9; Y. W. A., 4.

Work for negroes: W. M. S., 11; Y. W. A., 4.

Work for prisoners: W. M. S., 11.

Adult classes (mission work): W. M. S., 12.

Mission Sunday Schools: W. M. S., 2.

Work for foreigners: W. M. S., 11.

Schools of missions for negroes 2.

Respectfully submitted,  
MRS. GEORGE THOMAS,  
Ranger, Personal Service  
Chairman, District 17.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF  
METHODS AND FINANCE COM.

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extended to the district Margaret Fund student.

11. That all local societies be urged to designate some certain time (Thanksgiving is suggested) to send cash offerings and boxes of clothing and groceries to Buckner Orphans Home.

12. That each associational auxiliary strive to reach the goal that has already been accepted for district and associational expense fund.

13. That the expenses of district young people's leader continue to be paid from the district expense fund.

14. That camps for the young people's organizations be held at Lueders encampment grounds during the summers, the dates to be decided upon by the district young people's leader.

15. That a day of prayer and study, as planned by the state W. M. U., be observed for ministerial relief, and that a special offering be made for this cause.

16. Finally, we recommend that the woman's page of the West Texas Baptist be used more freely in giving publicity to the W. M. U. work over the district.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. D. W. Arnette,  
Mrs. H. J. Hanks,  
Mrs. W. C. Ashford,  
Committee.

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## REPORT FOR WMU YOUNG PEOPLE FOR DISTRICT 17

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study and preparation. School is concerned only with the mind while we are concerned with the soul. Of what vital importance it is, then, to know our work before we attempt to lead our young people.

Only eight organizations this quarter reported that they had attained the A-1 Standard of Excellence. I know there are more. We are negligent in checking up on our standard. In my opinion that is our weakest point and where we need to lay emphasis this coming year.

Two organizations—one R. A. and one Y. W. A.—contributed \$19 on a mattress and springs for Miss Blanche Simpson.

This is your report on Young People's work. I have only compiled it and given it back to you. What has been done has been accomplished by you. I want to express my sincere gratitude to you, to each local leader, to each associational leader, for your faithfulness, your work, your prayers and for everything you have done to promote the work. May we in this coming year be a little more diligent, strive a little harder and really make a big advance in Young People's work. These youths are all about us. Many have given their lives to Jesus Christ. Others would if properly led and counseled. It is your responsibility and mine. Will we be faithful to it? Will you not have a vital part in the Young People's work this coming year?

Respectfully submitted,  
MRS. J. B. BUCKLEY.

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your nominating committee for District No. 17, after prayerful consideration, wish to submit the following recommendations:

District president, Mrs. J. B. Buckley, Abilene.

Corresponding secretary-treasurer, Mrs. H. J. Hanks, Abilene.

Young people's leader, Mrs. Dick O'Brien, Stamford.

Recording secretary, Mrs. J. S. Tierce, Clyde.

(Signed): Mrs. W. D. Green, Knox City; Mrs. D. G. Reid, Roby; Mrs. F. T. Whitaker, Jayton; Mrs. J. R. Burnett, Cisco; Mrs. W. R. Wilkerson, Hamlin; Mrs. C. C. Compere, Abilene; Mrs. V. W. Tatum, Cross Plains.

Roy Camp led the singing in a revival meeting at the First Church, Hamlin, which closed this week. He goes next to Park Height Church, San Angelo, for a two weeks "Church Music Training School." Brother Camp has been unable to devote his full time to evangelistic work during the past few months, due to ill health, but he is now ready to devote his entire time to this work. He has an open date from May 23 to June 20. His address is 4104 Hemphill Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

Pastor W. D. Green of Knox City was with Calvary Church, Mineral Wells, in a fine revival meeting last week. There were 10 for baptism the first week of the meeting. Rev. Ben F. Thompson is the pastor.



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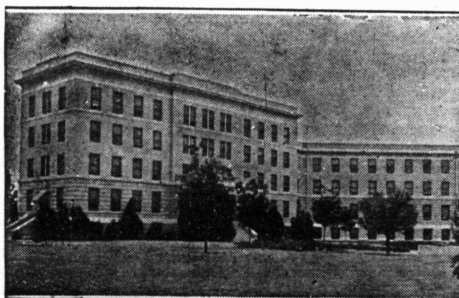
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