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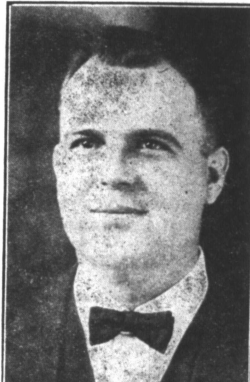
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WEST TEXAS B. Y. P. U. AND S. S. CONVENTION MARCH 22-23

Speakers For West Texas B. Y. P. U. and S. S. Convention.



T. T. McCaslin, President West Texas B. Y. P. U. Convention.



Bert E. Low, President West Texas Sunday School Convention.



Mrs. Chas. T. Whaley, of Sweetwater, who will direct a B. Y. P. U. Conference at the convention.



Dr. J. D. Sandefur, President Simmons University, who will deliver an address at the Convention.

WHY I AM GOING TO MIDLAND MARCH 22-23.

T. T. McCaslin, President West Texas B. Y. P. U. Convention

On March 22nd and 23rd, the West Texas Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention meets at Midland, Texas. Personally I have three reasons for attending that convention.

In the first place, I owe it to the cause of Christ to attend such a meeting. For I know that I will learn something from the great speakers, from the long-experienced conference leaders, etc., that will be a great help to me in advancing the cause of our Saviour, which is my heart's desire.

Second, I owe it to my B. Y. P. U.'s in which I work, to my Sunday School and to my church. I realize that a person never gets to a place in life where he can not learn something about how to carry on the work of our Lord in a more progressive way. This convention is to have some of the foremost B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School workers of the world, to lead conferences and help us thrash out the problems that come our way every day. Therefore I want to have this opportunity of trading some of my old ideas for new ones, that I might help solve the problem on the field in which I am working for the Master.

Third, I owe it to myself to attend any such meeting where I have the opportunity of learning more about the advancement of Christ's cause and where my soul has the opportunity of feasting on the wonderful messages that will be delivered by some of God's great servants. The greatest of joys to me, is the joy of putting over a good work for my Master, and I must reach out for every help offered to me that I might increase my joy in working in B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School work.

Let me ask every person who is interested in Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work, do you have any reason for not attending the West Texas Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention March 22-23?

—Taylor T. McCaslin, Pres. W. T. B. Y. P. U. Convention

Distribution of at least 100,000 Bibles in the hotels of the country is the aim of the Gideons, traveling men's national religious organization, which held a three-day sectional meeting at Dallas.

BAPTISTS TO BUILD NEW CHURCH HOME; BREAK DIRT MAY 1

\$50,000 Structure To Be Built On Old Site; \$25,000 Raised.

At the close of the Sunday morning services at the First Baptist church, Colorado, a conference was held to discuss the matter of erecting a new church home and the assembly voted unanimously to build a new \$50,000 church on the site of the present structure, and it was reported that \$25,000 had been subscribed by members of the congregation.

May 1 was the date set on which to break dirt for the new structure and it is expected that everything will be in readiness for the starting of the structure on that date. A building committee and a finance committee were named to handle the proposition and they are said to be actively engaged in the task of preliminaries. The building committee is composed of J. L. Bowen, O. Lambeth, J. H. Smoot, W. W. Whipkey, and J. H. Greene; and the Finance Committee is composed of O. Lambeth, J. A. Sadler, J. L. Owen, Dr. T. J. Ratliff, Mrs. Jas. T. Johnson and Mrs. Jack Smith.

The need of a new church home for this congregation has been discussed for several years and many members say the growth of the church has made it imperative that something be done at once. The pastor, Rev. D. W. Morgan, is known all over the South as a "building pastor" and he is determined to do all he can to relieve the present hampered condition of their house of worship, and is backing the building move with all his energy. He says the building will likely be ready for occupancy this summer.

Plans for the building to be erected have not been announced but from the preliminary discussion of the structure, it will be the finest church structure in Colorado and one of the finest in West Texas.

PIONEER PREACHER CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

On the 21st of January Rev. R. M. Cumbe and wife celebrated his seventy-eighth birthday at their home in Bronte. All of the six living children with the exception of his daughter, Lena, were there to enjoy the sumptuous birthday dinner and make the day glad for their aged parents.

Brother Cumbe was born in Barber county, Alabama, January 21, 1849, and grew to manhood there, following the farming industry until he reached the age of twenty. At this time he began teaching the science of vocal music in his home county and counties adjoining.

In the winter of 1870 he moved to Texas and made his first crop in Wood county, near the present site of Mineola.

In that early day deer and turkeys roamed the woods in that section, more numerous than hogs are now. Hogs ran at large, most of the meat being fattened on the mass.

Later he entered the music field again. His first school was at Quitman, then on into Smith, Van Zandt, and Henderson counties.

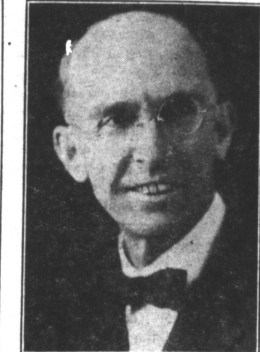
His wife, the oldest child of A. J. Kellam, was born in Rusk county, Texas, February 20, 1852. They were married December 19, 1871. To them, ten children were born, two of which died in infancy. Their third son, Robert, whom many readers of this article will remember, was killed by a horse June 1, 1905. Another son, Drue, who, with two other of the youngest children, was born in this county, lost his life in the Gulf, July 21, 1921.

Brother Cumbe moved with his family to Coke county June 20, 1890, shortly after its organization, undergoing many hardships. Not many people were living in the county at that time, and farming was an industry of but little consequence. The raising of cattle, sheep and horses largely engaged the attention of the few inhabitants.

Brother Cumbe and his family have given the best part of their lives in the effort to develop this county to the best interest of its people both for time and eternity.

As a pioneer preacher in this county his efforts were not without fruit and the souls he won to Christ will be among those to welcome him at the beautiful gate of heaven.

FIRST CHURCH MIDLAND HAS GREAT HISTORY



Rev. Geo. F. Brown, Pastor First Baptist Church, Midland.

Perhaps there is not a church in all the great South Plains section of West Texas that has played a greater part in the spiritual development of that vast empire than the First Baptist Church of Midland, which is to entertain the visitors and representatives who will gather March 22-23 to attend the tenth annual session of the West Texas Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention. For more than forty years this church has stood at a beacon light pointing the wayfarer pilgrims of that pioneer section to the Cross of Christ.

The church was organized on January 10th, 1886. The much loved "Sky Pilot" of the west, L. R. Millican, was one of its first pastors. This hardy pioneer is still on the firing line for the cause of Christ in the section of country West of Midland. Another early pastor of the church was Rev. G. M. C. Wilson, who labored faithfully in that section for a long time.

Dr. J. C. Burkett, now pastor of the South Side Church, Abilene, was pastor of the Midland church for about twelve years, during which time he led the church in the building of its present beautiful and commodious church building. He was followed by Earnest Quick, L. E. Finney and O. J. Hull.

The present pastor, George F. Brown, moved on the field in May, 1925, after the church had been without a pastor for eight months. Brother Brown came from Hobart, Oklahoma. He had not been on the field long he had won the hearts of that great people. The work under his wise and consecrated leadership, has made steady progress along all lines. The church and pastor are now looking forward to the time when they will launch a campaign to erect a new educational building to care for growth of the church.

WINSETT-REYNOLDS IN MEETING AT DEL RIO

Evangelists Winsett and Reynolds Conduct Meetings at Del Rio.

Evangelistic meeting recently held at Del Rio, Texas, by Evangelists John G. Winsett of Abilene and Vergil Reynolds and wife was a great soul feasting and heart searching revival. Evangelist Winsett was born in Del Rio and it was a great pleasure for him to be back with many old school mates and childhood friends. He found the little old cow town changed in many ways. A modern city has displaced the old Del Rio of thirty years ago. The little old adobe church building which housed the First Baptist thirty years ago is gone and in its place has arisen a large fire proof modern building. A fine auditorium seating 1000 has just been completed and furnished.

The pastor and church were delighted and some of the old timers surprised with the Bible preaching done by "Johnnie" Winsett as they knew him years ago. The pastor and many of the members expressed a desire for Evangelist Winsett to return in the future and put on a "Winsett Revival Meeting" with the big ten down town and all the organization and work that has characterized the revivals held in this and other states by the Winsett Evangelistic party.

The Reynolds are second to none in their line. Mr. Reynolds is a great soul winner and one of the great pianist of all time. Mrs. Reynolds is fine in personal work and solo singing. Brother and Sister Reynolds are to be with them again also.

A Convention Message

Bert E. Low.

On March 22nd and 23rd the West Texas Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention will convene in its annual session with the First Baptist Church of Midland, Texas.

If you live within the association it is not only your privilege to attend but your duty as well. A splendid program has been prepared for your enjoyment and profit. Extensive preparations have been made for your comfort, so what else could you desire or ask.

Good roads lead to Midland from every direction. Be it the universal Lizzie or the high-powered expensive 8, on the 21st turn them towards the city of Midland, which they claim is the fastest growing city in the West. They boast of their unexcelled peculiar West Texas hospitality and to be sure when God's people engaged in a common cause as their objective, come together the fellowship will be wonderful, so let us blend the hospitality of Midland, the fellowship of the brethren and unite in the effort to put over the greatest Sunday School Convention yet had on the 22nd and 23rd.

PLAINVIEW BUSINESS MEN WILL AID PAYING WAYLAND COLLEGE DEBT

SECOND ANNUAL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL MEET

San Antonio, Texas April 12, 13, 14, 1927

ASSOCIATIONAL

Two associational banners will be awarded. The County Missionary will be the recipient of the Banner for his Association.

1. The first banner will be awarded to the Association with the highest percentage of Standard Sunday schools from one of the following associations: Dallas, Tarrant, San Antonio, Waco and Union.

2. The second banner will be awarded to the Association aside from the five mentioned above with the highest percentage of Standard Sunday schools.

(In order for an association to be eligible to compete for either of these banners, a copy of the 1926 minutes of its association must be filed by 10 o'clock A. M. of the second day of the Convention with the Committee on awards. The percentage will be figured on the number of Standard Sunday schools reported from January 1st to April 1st, 1927, in comparison with the number of churches reported in the minutes of the association for 1926.)

ATTENDANCE

Two attendance banners will be awarded:

1. The first banner will be awarded to the church having the largest percentage of its membership in attendance at the State Sunday School Convention.

(In order for a church to be eligible to compete for this banner, a copy of the 1926 minutes of its association must be filed by 10 o'clock A. M. of the second day of the Convention with the Committee on Awards. The percentage will be based on the number of church members reported to the association as shown in the 1926 minutes.)

2. The second banner will be awarded to the class having the largest number of members in attendance at the State Sunday School Convention.

MILEAGE
A mileage banner will be awarded to the church whose members travel the largest aggregate number of miles to attend the State Sunday School Convention. The computation will be based upon the mileage given in the latest railroad guide.

FOUR EFFICIENCY BANNERS

One efficiency banner will be awarded to the Intermediate Class, boys or girls, making the best record; one to the Young People's Class; one to the College Young People's class, and one to the Adult class making the best record.

RUNNELS WORKERS MEET AT BALLINGER

Our workers meeting at Ballinger, February 28, was good and constructive in every way. We have, independently, as an association, employed a Mexican Missionary and he is now on the field.

Rev. J. H. McClain, late of Itaska, Texas, becomes pastor of Ballinger church and is moving on the field this week.

Rev. A. L. Johnston of Blooming Grove has been called as pastor at Norton, this county. We welcome this old boy back home.

Our next workers meeting will be held with the Miles church April 11.

LARGEST ATTENDANCE EXPECTED FROM ALL PARTS OF WEST TEXAS

Many of the outstanding religious leaders of West Texas will appear on the program of the tenth annual session of the West Texas Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention which meets at Midland, Texas, March 22-23.

The convention will be under the direction of "Big Chief" T. C. Gardner, secretary of the B. Y. P. U. department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and G. S. Hopkins, secretary of the Sunday School department of the convention. This means that the very best experts to be had in these lines will be present to advise with our workers who gather for the meeting.

T. T. McCaslin, educational director of the First Baptist Church, Sweetwater, who is president of the West Texas B. Y. P. U. Convention, will be present and will take part on the program. Bert E. Low, banker, and prince of Sunday school workers, who is president of the West Texas Sunday School Convention, will also be present to give counsel in the deliberations.

The program will begin on Tuesday morning, March 22, with a song service, followed by a devotional service led by Pastor D. H. Heard of Big Spring. This will be followed by addresses by Secretaries Hopkins and Gardner. At the eleven o'clock hour Pastor Chas. T. Whaley of Sweetwater will deliver an address.

The afternoon session will be presided over by T. T. McCaslin. Following addresses by Pastor Ross A. Smith of Lamesa and T. C. Gardner, a Sunday school conference will be held for the cradle roll, junior, intermediate, young people and adult classes.

The Tuesday evening session will be featured by an address by T. C. Gardner and a sermon by Pastor W. A. Bowan of Lubbock.

On Wednesday morning following a devotional led by Pastor D. W. Morgan of Colorado and an address by G. S. Hopkins, a B. Y. P. U. conference will be conducted, led by the following: Primary, Miss Mary Taylor, Winters; Junior, Mrs. Ross A. Smith, Lamesa; Intermediate, Mrs. Chas. T. Whaley, Sweetwater; Senior and Adult, C. B. Gardiner, El Paso. This will be followed by an address by President Sandefur of Simmons University.

The Wednesday afternoon session will be opened by a devotional service led by Pastor I. V. Garrison of Pecos, followed by a Sunday school conference led by G. S. Hopkins and a B. Y. P. U. conference led by Walter Jackson, educational director of the First Baptist Church, Abilene. Pastor H. H. Stephens of Winters will deliver an address beginning at 3:30 o'clock.

The closing service Wednesday evening will be featured by an address by G. S. Hopkins and a sermon by Pastor W. F. Ferguson of Snyder.

All representatives of the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention will be entertained on the Harvard plan (bed and breakfast furnished free). All reservations should be made at once by writing Pastor George F. Brown at Midland.

ROTAN CHURCH HOLDS EDUCATIONAL MEETING

We had sixty-nine additions last year with Starnes and Turner leading, and a good number since at the regular services.

During the first week in next month, March 7th through the 11th, we are to have a "Seminary on Wheels" with Joe W. English of Knox City and George W. Parks of Roscoe leading. English will teach, preaching each day or night, on "Tracts Through the Acts," and Parks will teach, preach each day or night, on Bible Doctrines as believed, taught and practiced by the New Testament Church.

The work following our "Seminary on Wheels" we are to hold a Study-course Institute conducted by local talent.

Our revival this year, in August will be conducted by J. M. Dawson of Waco, assisted by Roy Camp, singer of Fort Worth, rather of Seminary Hill. We are expecting a great revival meeting.

—Fred Clark, Pastor, Rotan.

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ON TO MIDLAND, MARCH 22-23

A challenging program is in store for those who attend the tenth annual session of the West Texas Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention which meets at Midland, March 22-23. Next to the state-wide meetings of these organizations, this meeting is the most important that will come to our religious workers in West Texas. Able counsel will be available; great gospel messages will be delivered; the entertainment, hospitality and fellowship will be abundant; the roads that lead toward Midland, the convention city, are inviting. Let's go!

THE SAN ANTONIO CONVENTION

Is your church planning to send its Sunday school leaders to the State Sunday School Convention which meets at San Antonio, April 12-13-14? Surely it will mean much for every Sunday school in the state to have its superintendent and other workers take advantage of the three days of inspiration, instruction and fellowship at San Antonio. In most instances all that is necessary to make it possible for a church to have a representative at this convention is for some one to make the suggestion and put the thing through. The Sunday School Convention of Texas Baptists is said to be the largest meeting of its kind in the Southern Baptist Convention. Some of the outstanding speakers of the South are to appear on the program. State Secretary G. S. Hopkins is giving the meeting wide publicity and a record attendance is expected.

THE CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

Following immediately the closing of the Conquest Campaign on March 15th, the campaign for the co-operative program for the present year will begin. There is a danger that the second campaign following immediately the strenuous debt paying drive, will not have the enthusiasm and support that is necessary to make it the success that it should be. The conquest campaign was a necessity for the very existence of Texas Baptist educational institutions and hospitals were at stake. The campaign for the cooperative work for the year is likewise of tremendous importance. A decided slowing up of the co-operative program work would, in a large way, cripple the effects of the conquest campaign. Not only Texas Baptists, but all Southern Baptist are facing the greatest crisis in the history of the denomination. Just what the immediate future holds for us is certainly at best not very encouraging. But one thing is certain: the ultimate outcome of our causes are as bright as the promises of God. The pathway for a while may lead through dark valleys, rocky hill-sides and over treacherous mountains; but after a while our Great Leader will direct our steps back into the channel that will bring the greatest glory to His glorious cause.

WHO CARES?

Some of our exchanges continue to print long articles regarding the Southern Baptist Convention statement on evolution at the May meeting, and also to give considerable space to what is known as the "Tull Resolution." One member of the Bible Institute Board is quoted as saying that he would not sign the McDaniell statement. It seems that one of his reasons is that he did not like some of the parties whom he thinks had something to do with promoting resolution. What we can't understand is this; what difference does it make as to who presented the resolution or who cares as to who presented it? It was a good resolution and the Southern Baptist Convention endorsed it in all good faith. Why stand back and refuse to accept a good thing, the result of which can work nothing but good, just because we have some personal prejudices. Let us get busy and fight for the right and if others want to join in with us in the fight, we say, let them come.

—Baptist New Mexican.

CHURCH AND STATE

We note that Mr. Tom Anglin has introduced a bill in the Senate compelling the reading of the Bible in the public schools and we can readily understand and appreciate the motive that actuated the author, but to compel teachers to read and pupils to listen to the Bible is not practicing religious liberty. Nor is it fair to the minority who do not accept the Bible. For instance, the Jews have a right to protection in this regard, as well as Catholics and others who would be opposed to such procedure. We think everybody ought to read the Bible and that it is the ground of our civilization and prosperity, but they

must be won to a love for it by other methods. It is the same argument that keeps the Bible out that we would use to keep evolution out. However, we appreciate the high motives that actuate the advocates of the Bible in the school—Baptist Messenger.

According to the Religious Herald, Dr. Geo. W. McDaniell, President of the Southern Baptist Convention, had hoped to relinquish the office last year, but was persuaded to allow his name to be presented. He now feels that he should not serve longer and this statement in the Herald is evidently a notice that he will not allow his name to be presented for re-election. Dr. McDaniell has made an exceptional president. It will be hard to find a man who can do it as well. Personally, we would like to see Dr. J. D. Sandefer of Simmons University, succeed Dr. McDaniell. Dr. Sandefer is a scholar, a loyal Baptist, and experienced moderator, with unusual gifts and qualifications for the great responsibility resting upon the President of the Southern Baptist Convention—(Okla.) Baptist Messenger.

An American teacher was employed in Japan with the understanding that during school hours he should not utter a word on the subject of Christianity. His word was kept, but so beautiful was his life, and so blameless his character, so Christ-like was his example, that forty of those students met secretly in a grove, unknown to him, and signed a covenant to abandon idolatry. Twenty-five of them are today preaching and teaching the gospel which their teacher unconsciously commended. A Christlike life is the greatest confession of all, even if not a word is spoken.—Record of Christian Work.

No matter what our condition in life may be there is always something to be thankful for. It is said that a mother leaned a door shutter up in one corner of her cabin so that her thin child could get behind it and break off the cutting wintry wind, when one of them said: "Mamma, aren't you sorry for the poor little children that haven't got any door shutter to get behind?"—Canadian Baptist.

STILL EVOLUTIN'

We note that some nine or ten States are considering the evolution question. New Mexico, however, takes the prize, so far as we have heard, for according to the Baptist New Mexican a bill is now in process of formation which is to be introduced into the State Legislature calling for compulsory teaching of evolution in all public schools and universities of the State. That will certainly put the issue squarely up to the people. We doubt if New Mexico would stand for that kind of a bill. We certainly hope not.—Baptist Messenger.

It seems this evolution question just went down. The discussion continues in our denominational press, notwithstanding the fact that many of our leaders are anxious to side step it, lest it hurt our co-operative program. In the fight that is being made in the legislatures of a number of states, some of our Southern Baptist leaders have come out in opposition to the passage of such laws on the ground that it is un-Baptistic. It is true Baptists have always stood for a separation of church and state. They have as a whole, supported the laws of our country prohibiting the teaching of the Bible in the public schools. There is no question about the Baptist position on this point.

It seems about the next question to be settled is whether or not "evolution" is to be classed as a religious doctrine or dogma. Certainly a great majority of the present day evolutionists are religious people. They would accept the Bible if you let them place their own interpretation upon it; and they would attempt to prove the whole creative process a work of God through the process of evolution. There is this much about it: if evolution is true, the Bible is not. A man cannot be an evolutionist, theistic or otherwise and believe that the Bible is THE WORD OF GOD. If God made man by a process of evolution, or gradual development from a lower to a higher form of life, as some would call it, then the whole plan of redemption as held by Baptists is to be relegated to the junk pile.

If it is wrong to teach the Bible in public schools, then it is wrong to teach a thing that destroys the Bible. It is not the teaching of the "theory" of evolution in our schools that is objectionable. If the authors of the text books in our public schools would present the matter as a theory, it would not be so bad; but evolution is being taught in these books as "a fact." And it is being presented in a way that will make skeptics out of the school children who come in contact with it. There is something radically wrong with the Baptist leader who defends the teaching of evolution in tax supported schools on the ground that it is un-Baptistic. There is this much about it: This fight on evolution is just beginning. It is going to be a fight to the death. Baptists in the North remained unconcerned about the matter until the movement captured practically every one of their educational institutions, and the cause in that section seems hopeless for the anti-evolutionist. It is going to be different in the South. Southern Baptists are not going to sit idly by and see the slimy hand of modernism reach out and destroy our educational institutions of the South. The Southern Baptist leader who tries to straddle this issue will soon be classified where he belongs. Southern Baptists are going to stay with the Old Book and its teaching, for at least a while yet.

Texas Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention in the history of the organization.

The church at Roscoe was in a B. Y. P. U. training school last week. Classes were taught in the Manual and also "The People Called Baptist." There was a good attendance in both classes.

Missionary E. M. Agee has closed a successful training school with the Newcastle Church. There were eight awards given as a result of the school and the school is ready to do standard work.

The First Church, Abilene, has secured in pledges over \$35,000 on the campaign to raise \$45,000 for the first unit of the new educational building. It is expected that work will begin right away on the building.

Rev. Joe Wilson has resigned as pastor of the church at Miami, Texas, to become pastor at Idalou. He is located on the new field. Brother Wilson and his good wife will strengthen the already strong force of workers on the south plains.

The Brownfield church is in a revival this week with Rev. Layton Maddox of Belton doing the preaching. At the close of the meeting, Rev. C. E. Ball who has been pastor at Brownfield for the past five years, will move to Rule to become pastor of the Baptist church.

The Snyder church is in a meeting this week with the pastor, W. F. Ferguson, doing the preaching. L. A. Stulce of gospel music department of Simmons University is leading the singing, assisted by Miss Tripp of Simmons at the piano.

Pastor Chas. T. Whaley of the First Church, Sweetwater, is able to be back in his pulpit after an extended siege with the influenza and other complications. The work of this church still making rapid strides forward. The finances of the church are in excellent condition, a large tithe band has been organized and the revival spirit has been in evidence almost every Sunday since Brother Whaley has been on the field.

Pastor J. C. McKinzie preached at the Caps Church Sunday on the conquest campaign, at which time the church was to complete its campaign drive. This church up until Sunday had pledged \$300.00 to the campaign.

Evangelist John G. Winsett of Abilene is leading in a meeting in Brady, Texas. Singer Jeff Wall and wife are in charge of the music. Many in Abilene will remember the great services in which Brother Wall led singing and played the horn in the St. Paul revival with the Hogg Evangelistic party. Jeff is a great fellow, he has sung his way into the hearts of the many peoples that have heard him. Mrs. Wall came from Cookeville, Tenn. to join us here. She is one of the great gospel artists at the piano. Our revival starts off in rainy bad weather but with a great spirit. Dr. King has gotten hold of the hearts of the people and all love and respect him. We want that our friends everywhere shall pray for us that the Lord may be glorified. We plan to be there three weeks. Will be in tent after a few days. We have open time for this meeting.

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SPUR PASTOR BECOMES ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY



REV. L. L. F. PARKER

Rev. L. L. F. Parker has resigned as pastor of the Spur church to become missionary of the Terra Blanca Association, with headquarters at Canyon City. Brother Parker has done a fine work during the six years of his ministry at Spur. The church now has a membership of 400.

Rev. C. E. Lancaster, pastor at Coleman, supplied the pulpit at the First Baptist Church, Abilene, Sunday in the absence of Dr. Millard A. Jenkins who filled the pulpit at the First Baptist church, Shreveport, La. Dr. Jenkins is in a meeting this week with the First Baptist Church, Sherman.

Pastor B. M. Shepherd and the Tahoka church are in a revival this week with Pastor Graves Darby of Wilson doing the preaching.

SIMMONS UNIVERSITY NOTES

The Simmonsites of the Seminary are always on the alert for prospective students for Simmons. Miss Thelma Wilson and Miss Besse Lawless are among the prospective students. These were elected to honorary membership in the Simmons Club. They will enter Simmons in the fall of 1927; and will be classified as Junior and Sophomore, respectively. They are carrying some of their friends with them to Simmons.

Abilene high school won first place in the one-act play tournament sponsored by the University Interscholastic League in the regional meeting of District 2 held at Simmons University Wednesday. The Seymour high school was winner of second place and the players from the Roscoe high school won third place. The Abilene high school will represent District No. 2 in the state contest to be held at Austin.

The Cowboy Band, Inc., returned Sunday from a successful tour of West Texas with big plans for the future. Reviewing their past achievements, the boys feel confident of putting over any undertaking.

The Shakespearean play, "Much Ado About Nothing," will be staged in Abilene Hall in March, beginning the 21, through the 24.

The Juniors and Seniors have elected the editors for their respective

editions of the Brahd. The Junior editor is Robert W. Whipkey and the Senior editors are Pauline Hardesty and Roberta Turner.

At least forty-two Simmons students and teachers have been out of school this week with parotiditis, an inflammation of the parotid glands, better known as mumps, as an excuse to lie in bed and eat and read.

There will be three inter-collegiate debating teams, according to information made public Thursday afternoon by W. A. Stephenson, coach of debate. Thomas Patterson, Bill Sutton, and Luther Kinard will form a team meeting Baylor University, St. Edwards University, and Texas Christian University. Patterson will speak in each of the three debates with Kinard and Sutton alternating in the other two. All of these debates will be held on the Texas Tour. The tour will begin the second week in April.

Another team consisting of Zollic Steakley and Bernard Buile will have two debates meeting Oklahoma Baptist University and Howard Payne College. Both of these debates will be held in Abilene and will be staged about the middle of April.

Still a third team composed of Conrad Lam and Lawrence Fitzgerald will tour several Southern states meeting on this tour Louisiana Baptist College at Pineville, La.; Hendrix College at Conway, Ark., and Union University at Jackson, Tenn.

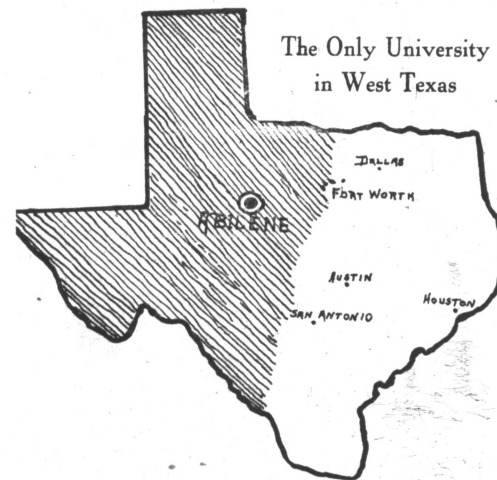
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Kingdom Movements

R. H. Carter, a business man of Raton, N. M., has been selected to lead New Mexico Baptists in a campaign to raise \$100,000 for Montezuma College. Regional conferences have been planned to cover the entire state and a vigorous campaign will be made for the school.

Rev. W. H. Jackson, pastor at Springer, N. M., has resigned to accept the pastorate of the church at Miami, this state. Brother Jackson is a graduate of Simmons University and the Southwestern Seminary. We are glad to welcome him back to Texas.

"Baptist Church Life" gives an account of a church that passed a motion to the effect that church letters would not be granted to individuals. Letters will be granted only to churches to which individual members present themselves. Pretty good plan, we think.

Brother D. C. Lindley writes from Stamford that he is open for work

wherever he feels the Lord leads. He has had three years experience teaching in public schools and would accept a position teaching in connection with church work.

Earnest Keathley writes from Colorado that the First Church of that city has appointed a finance and church building committee, and that the building of a new church building will begin May 1st. Pastor Morgan is leading the forces there in a great way.

Rev. E. L. Mayfield, who resigned as pastor of the Church at Clyde about a year ago and went to Oklahoma, has accepted the call of the church at Crowell, Texas, and has moved on the field. West Texas will gladly welcome this good pastor and his family back to the Lone Star State.

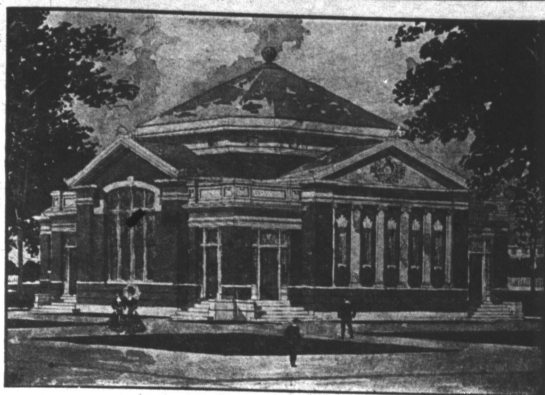
Rev. G. W. Tankerley has resigned as pastor of the Champion church to become pastor at View, in the Sweetwater Association. During the five

years as pastor at Champion Brother Tankerley baptized over 150 people. The church has four good B. Y. P. U. organizations, a W. M. U., and one of the best Sunday schools in that section. The church also has a Wednesday evening prayer service each week.

W. N. Black writes from Sabanno: On the fourth Sunday night in February Pastor C. O. Hitt of Rising Star brought a masterful message on the Conquest Campaign at Sabanno Baptist Church, Cisco Association, where R. E. Harrison is the faithful pastor. If all other Texas Baptists were suddenly removed, Brother Hitt would assume all debts against our institutions and start paying them at once.

The Mitchell-Scurry Workers Conference met Tuesday with the China Grove Church. A missionary program was scheduled for that meeting with A. D. Leach, C. C. Car, D. W. Morgan, W. F. Ferguson, and the missionary, George E. Alexander, on the program.

Most of the highway west to Midland is hard surfaced, which will be ideal for traveling in any sort of weather. Begin now to make your plans to go to Midland March 22-23 for the greatest session of the West



First Baptist Church Building, Big Spring, Texas

BIG SPRING, "GATEWAY TO PLAINS" IS RAPIDLY DEVELOPING INTO CITY

The City of Big Spring is called the "gateway to the plains." A population of 7000 souls, organized into an efficient "city manager's form of government," with all the modern conveniences, make it an ideal place to live. Its growth is the result of a steady, substantial, conservative progress that spells permanency. Big Spring has never been afflicted with the "boom" spirit. The town has the large Texas and Pacific Railroad shops.

The city is also at the intersection of two great national highways, the Glacier to the Gulf and the Bankhead. The county has varied interests in agriculture and live stock. The discovery of a large oil field just south of Big Spring is bringing much money and hundreds of new people to the community. It now appears that the town will grow into a modern city in the next two or three years.

First Baptist Church
The First Baptist Church was organized in 1886. The church building is a splendid brick structure which

would be a credit to any city. It has an auditorium with a seating capacity of five hundred, with two hundred additional seats for use by throwing open doors and using additional space. It also has a large basement with its many class rooms for the vigorous and growing Sunday School. The property is valued at \$50,000, and is located at Main and Sixth streets. The church has always been distinctly missionary in its teaching and its work, and has sent out two fine young women as missionaries to the foreign lands. One of these is Miss Lucile Reagan in Africa, and the other is Mrs. Christine Coffee Chambers in China.

The church is well organized for the various departments of the work. The Sunday School is a standard school—has been for two years. Four active B. Y. P. U. are important features for the young people. The W. M. U. is working the "circle" plan in a fine way.

The Pastor
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Tuesday Morning, March 22nd

Pres. T. T. McCasland, Presiding.

10:00—Song Service.
10:15—Devotional, Rev. D. H. Heard, Big Spring.
10:30—Address, Secretary G. S. Hopkins, Dallas.
11:00—Address, Secretary T. C. Gardner, Dallas.
11:30—Special Music.
11:35—Address, Rev. C. T. Whaley, Sweetwater.
12:15—Adjourn.

Tuesday Afternoon, March 22nd

President Bert Lowe, Presiding

2:00—Song Service.
2:10—Devotional, Rev. Ross A. Smith, Lamesa.
2:25—Special Music.
2:30—Address, Secretary T. C. Gardner.
3:00—Sunday School Conferences:
(1) Cradle Roll, Beginner, Primary.
(2) Junior.
(3) Intermediate.
(4) Young People and Adults—Secretary G. S. Hopkins.
4:15—Adjourn.

Tuesday Night, March 22nd

President T. T. McCasland, Presiding.

7:15—Song Service.
7:45—Address, T. C. Gardner.
8:15—Special Music.
8:30—Sermon, Rev. W. A. Bowen, Lubbock.

Wednesday Morning, March 23rd

President Bert Lowe, Presiding

9:30—Song Service.
9:45—Devotional, Rev. D. W. Morgan, Colorado.
10:00—Address, G. S. Hopkins.
10:30—B. Y. P. U. Conference:
(1) Primary—Miss Mary D. Taylor, Winters.
(2) Junior—Mrs. Ross A. Smith, Lamesa.
(3) Intermediate—Mrs. C. T. Whaley, Sweetwater.
(4) Senior and Adult—C. B. Gardiner, El Paso.
11:30—Address, Dr. J. D. Sandefur, Abilene.
12:15—Adjourn.

Wednesday Afternoon, March 23rd

President T. T. McCasland, Presiding

2:00—Song Service.
2:15—Devotional, Rev. I. V. Garrison, Pecos.
2:30—Sunday School Conference, Secretary G. S. Hopkins.
3:10—Special Music.
3:15—B. Y. P. U. Conference, Mr. Walter Jackson, Abilene.
3:55—Address, Rev. H. H. Stevens, Winters.
4:25—Adjourn.

Wednesday Night, March 23rd

President Bert Lowe, Presiding

7:15—Song Service and Devotional.
7:45—Address, G. S. Hopkins.
8:15—Special Music.
8:20—Sermon, Rev. W. F. Ferguson, Snyder.

—IMPORTANT INFORMATION—

All representatives of Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U.'s will be entertained on the Harvard plan (bed and breakfast furnished free). All reservations should be made in advance by writing Pastor George F. Brown at Midland. This is very important and should be done as early as possible.

Pastors, Sunday School Superintendents and Presidents of B. Y. P. U.'s are urged to assist in giving this convention the widest publicity. Midland feels honored in the coming West Texas Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention and is expecting a large attendance. **HELP US MAKE IT A GREAT CONVENTION.**

torate of the church in August of 1924. He is a native Texan, born thirty years ago in Uvalde County, and is a graduate of Baylor University. Brother Heard is moderator of the Big Spring Association. He is also serving as one of the district organizers in the Texas Baptist Conquest Campaign. He is enjoying a happy work with a noble people.

RALLY DAY PROGRAM

Novice Baptist Church

Sunday, Mar. 13, 1927

10 to 10:50 Program by Sunday School classes.
10:50 to 11:10 Sunday School Building—Brother Griffin.
11:10 to 12:00 Why Attend Church Services—Pastor.
NOON.

2 to 2:30 Evangelism In The Sunday School—Bro. Bain.

2:20 to 3:20 Program By The B. Y. P. U.

3:20 to 4:00 B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Task of Southern Baptists—Rev. Lawrence Fitzgerald.

7:15 to 7:30 Song Service.

7:30 Sermon—PARDONS and PAR-
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Everyone in touch of us is cordially invited to attend all of these services and you are urged to help us make the Rally Day a success. Come. You'll enjoy it!

—R. G. Brannen, Pastor.

HOLDS CHATAQUA REVIVAL

Nine churches in the Stonewall Association are in revival meetings this week. The meetings began Sunday and will continue through next Sunday. The speakers, a preacher and layman or woman, will speak at a different church each night. There are nine teams in all. The churches taking part in the revival are: Old Glory, Aspermont, Johnson Chapel, Beulah, Swenson, Peacock, Center View, Jayton, and Girard.

**REV. TANKERSLEY BEGINS
WORK WITH TOYAH CHURCH**

Rev. W. G. Tankersley was with his church at Toyah on the first Sunday, and reports a great day. Brother Tankersley says he has a great people out there, and the work looks very promising.

The conquest campaign was introduced at the morning hour and the people responded in a great way. They are denominational people, and believe in a world program.

An ordination service was greatly enjoyed by a fine crowd at the evening hour. Pastor Garrison of Pecos was the main speaker for the hour. Brother Garrison is a young preacher doing a great work at Pecos. Dr. Godbold of Brownwood spoke to Bro. Garrison's congregation at the morning hour.

The Toyah Church and pastor is looking forward to their annual meeting, which will begin the last part of April.

AUTO ACCIDENTS INCREASE

According to statistics compiled by the National Safety Council, an increase is shown in the number of auto accidents occurring in 1926, there being 23,000 estimated deaths last year from this cause. This figure includes deaths from collisions of automobiles with railroad trains, street cars and other heavier vehicles, with about 300 deaths from motorcycles. The 1926 record is an increase of 2.5 per cent over 1925, while 1925 fatalities were approximately 9 per cent in excess of 1924.

Associational Missionary John W. Newsom is in a meeting this week with Pastor J. K. Ford and the Archie Bryant Memorial Church, Abilene. The meeting will continue for two weeks.

CITY OF MIDLAND IS EDUCATIONAL AND RELIGIOUS CENTER

The First Baptist Church, Midland, Texas, will be host to the tenth annual session of the West Texas Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention which meets March 22-23. This means that the visitors to this great convention will be entertained in the rear West Texas old time frontier style. Not that Midland is located on the frontier, for that prosperous section of the great west has been invaded and conquered by a high class of farmers and stock-farmers. The old time cowmen are still there in large numbers, and many large ranches are still to be found in the Midland country.

The city of Midland is located midway between Fort Worth on the east and El Paso on the west. The city is now enjoying one of the most prosperous eras in its whole history. There are three important factors that are entering into this development that are destined to make Midland and adjacent territory one of the greatest in West Texas. South of the city a great oil field is being developed. This development is bringing to Midland hundreds of oil men from over the southwest, who are making the city their headquarters.

Another factor that is transforming that section is the influx of farmers during the past few years. Many large ranches have been cut up into small tracts and sold to farmers on liberal terms. Almost overnight ranches have been transformed into thickly settled farm communities with churches, schools and community centers.

A third and important factor in the development of the Midland country is the three-fold characteristic of the typical cowman of the west—vision, grit and determination. These characteristics have conquered the west by overcoming almost unsurmountable difficulties. For the past few years the cowman has had a hard lot, due largely to low price of cattle; but today the cowman has come into his own, due to the high price of cattle and ideal range conditions.

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Religious and Educational Center
The religious and educational life of Midland are keeping pace with the commercial development of the community. Several of the leading denominations of the city have modern church and educational buildings, with aggressive pastors who are looking after the spiritual welfare of their people. The Midland public school system is one of the best in Texas. Superintendent W. W. Lackey, who has been head of the Midland schools for nearly fifteen years, is an active Baptist layman who has meant much to religious development of the community. The Midland High school building is one of the very best in the state. It has every modern convenience, for the physical, mental and moral development of the school children.

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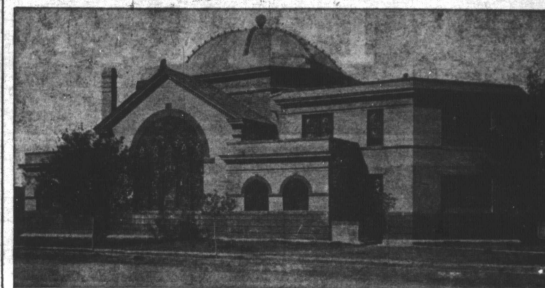
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W. M. U. DEPARTMENT

MITCHELL-SCURRY AUXILIARY HAS GOOD EXECUTIVE MEETING

Mrs. A. L. Whipkey, president of Mitchell-Scurry Auxiliary writes that an executive meeting was held in her home in Colorado, February 24. Twelve women from over the association responded to the call. The meeting was characterized by a spirit of enthusiasm and cooperation. Mrs. Whipkey says: "If there is anything else you want us to do, please let us know and we will undertake it." That spirit will win all along the line.

Among the forward steps taken were the selection of the following chairmen: Mrs. B. B. Baker of Roscoe for Scholarship and Loan Fund and Mrs. R. E. Bennett of Lorraine for Stewardship. They also voted to send a love gift to our Margaret Fund Student, and Mrs. Whipkey says, "Last, but not least, we agreed to do all in our power to make the Conquest Campaign a success."

BIG SPRING SHOWS ACTIVITY

Another interesting letter was from our new president of Big Spring Auxiliary, Mrs. E. E. Mason of Knott. If letters such as these could come to your editor often and regularly, she could furnish interesting notes for this department.

Mrs. Mason says: "We have twenty-two churches in the association and only ten societies, two newly organized this week. Our slogan is, 'A Society in every church.' I have one ready to be organized as soon as I can get to them."

"I have been very busy in interest of the Conquest Campaign. I have spoken to four churches and will speak to two or three more. The Big Spring ladies and Midland ladies have spoken to three or four churches. We are trying to reach every church."

"We had a good day at South Plains Sunday, Feb. 27. Had a full house, dinner on the ground, and organized a W. M. U. in the evening. "Our Workers' Conference met at Courtney, Tuesday, March 1. We had a good meeting in spite of the cold weather. We organized the Courtney ladies into a W. M. U. We expect to hear good things from these two new societies. The Stanton ladies rendered our program on prayer, which was very interesting and helpful to all present. Mrs. Epply led in prayer and her prayer made us all know that she talked with God often. It was uplifting and we felt the presence of God."

"Our next meeting will be with East Third Church, Big Spring, Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in March. "Will you please tell me what it takes to win the Efficiency Banner and who won it last year?" "Can you be with us in a Mission Study Institute soon? We are trying to reach the associational standard of Excellence. We will be glad to have you with us any time."

Efficiency Banner

At the annual district meeting at Haskell in April, 1924, the following recommendation of the executive board was adopted:

To have a district efficiency banner, to be awarded annually to associational auxiliary on the following points:

- (1) Greatest number of new auxiliaries organized.
- (2) Meeting of apportionments.
- (3) Quarterly reports on time.
- (4) Regular quarterly meetings.
- (5) Greatest number of points attained on Standard of Excellence.
- (6) Greatest number of seals and certificates.

Above points to be counted on percentage basis.

Associational presidents will please be prepared to submit their standing on the required points at the annual meeting at Lamesa, that the committee may be able to award banners.

Date of Annual Meeting

At the state meeting in San Antonio, your president proposed to Mrs. L. W. Williamson of Plainview district that we two consult with Mrs. D. A. Grundy of Amarillo district to the end that our respective annual meetings be so arranged that Mrs. Leight, our state secretary, might attend them all on one western tour.

The Amarillo women consented to change their date, so the plan finally agreed upon by representatives at the state executive meeting in Waco is to have our Abilene district meeting at Lamesa on April 19 and 20. Details will be announced later. Chairmen of standing committees, as well as associational presidents understand that reports of the year's work are expected of them.

A chief concern should be the attendance. As Lamesa is on our western border, it may seem a long trip for some. But in another sense, their distance is all the more reason for a representative attendance. The record of their work and the enthusiasm shown are inspiring and we are grateful to feel that they are a vital part of Abilene district. Mrs. Ross A. Smith, president of Lamesa Association.

national Auxiliary has done an unusual work in existing, organizing, and directing the women in all departments of our work. We will have more to say of plans for the annual meeting in next issue. Meanwhile, let us all plan to be there.

A Correction

Miss Frenck writes that her report in the W. M. U. edition of February was called in question, which all goes to show the need of full, accurate reports. Mrs. C. J. White of College Heights Church, Abilene, writes that her Sunbeam band has been A-1 for two years, whereas Miss Frenck reported no A-1 young people's organizations in the district. If Miss Frenck's information was incomplete, we can easily see that it was not her fault. Doubtless many good things are going on among us and nobody ever hears of it. Therefore, make full and prompt reports to regular officers, and next write to the West Texas Baptist about what you do.

DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We have not yet made our payment to the Seminary for our Scholarship Fund for the second term. Letters have gone out to each associational corresponding secretary, but we wish to insert this notice to urge the women to respond to the call of their secretaries. It would be better yet to have each society attend at once to this matter and send funds immediately to their association treasurer who will with all speed, send check to the district treasurer.

Our scholarship girl is Miss Ruby Atwood, now of Lubbock. She is a Simmons graduate and thus belongs doubly to the Abilene District. Word comes that she is doing excellent work and is a credit to our district. Let us support her with our love, our prayers, our letters, and our money.

MRS. JESSIE K. HUNTER,
Dist. Cor. Sec'y.

WHY HAVE GRADED W. M. U.'S

The following is taken from the Southern W. M. U. Year Book:

"In the presence of sanctified devotion to the one great cause of missions waywardness and worldliness cannot but wither, selfishness and covetousness are set aside and the idle become the religiously industrious"—so wisely writes Dr. J. F. Love of our Foreign Mission Board. "This a consummation devoutly to be wished" and Woman's Missionary Union may and can demonstrate it through the results of her graded system of mission education. In Sunbeam Bands boys and girls up to nine begin seeing far-away sights that will remove the selfishness of small centered interests. There are 5,298 Sunbeam Bands: are your children blinded because your W. M. U. is one of the 5,325 without any Sunbeam Band? "Lord, teach us what we shall do with the child." Girls in their flexible teens, just becoming keenly conscious of enlarged interest; juniors aged 9 to 12 and intermediates 13-16, should be given girl's auxiliary organizations to keep them from worldliness; there are 2,948 G. A. S., are your daughters the neglected ones or the fortunate girls awake? Boys who hear the thrilling stories of missions, those tales that are deathless because related to life-everlasting, will not be caught by waywardness and led to reading books which will impoverish their souls. Boys should be organized into Jr. and Intermediate R. A.'s paralleling the girls auxiliaries. Make the gang spirit count for the Kingdom. There are 1,527 R. A.'s: are your boys in the forgotten groups or these privileged ones? Young womanhood meets temptations augmented and unknown to a generation ago: shall she meet it weak through ignorance of strong heroines who lived purely for Jesus' sake, or shall she conquer with the spirit of courage bred of knowing His power, His indwelling in His followers the world around? There are 2,548 Y. W. A.'s. What of the Young Women Adrift in your community who should be Yoking, Working, Abiding? If they are not, yours is the opportunity to put that "miss" into missions."

BAPTIST W. M. S. HAS PROGRAM

The home of Mrs. C. T. Whaley, Sweetwater, was the meeting place Monday afternoon for a most delightful meeting of the Baptist Women's Missionary Union. Mrs. Whaley, Mrs. C. R. Simmons, Mrs. Benton, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. C. P. Woodruff and Mrs. Ray Crossman were the hostesses. The subject of the program, which was prepared and led by Mrs. L. B. Roberts, was "What is a Missionary?"

Mrs. Ola Miller gave an interesting talk on, "Knowing a Missionary"; Mrs. Lizzie Gibson, "The Missionary of Today"; Mrs. Benton, "Christ as a Missionary"; Mrs. Tom Farris, "The Missionary's Reward."

Mrs. J. L. Clay, president, presided over a short business session. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the program.

We never yet heard of an absent-minded professor who forgot to flunk anyone.

DEAN RICHARDSON VISITS CHURCH AT DRASCO

The Baptist of Drasco enjoyed a good day Sunday, February 20th.

Professor Richardson of Simmons University gave us one of the most inspiring messages on "Youth" we ever heard.

The service was in honor of the basket ball teams of our school. The boys team is composed of the following boys: Robert and Lawrence Kelly, Travis Downing, Buel Belew and Fred Griffin. They are second best in the district having defeated eight counties.

Professor Richardson read a portion of the first chapter of Daniel. After his message of inspiration and plea for dedication of our youth to Christ and His service, Mrs. E. M. Moreland and Miss Elsie Mitchell came forward and surrendered their lives to Christ for special service.

We shall always be thankful to Mr. Richardson for the many times he has come and given us so many good messages.

It seems as though God leads him to come and say just the very things we need most to hear in the right time. May we ever be blessed with health and power from God to carry on the work God has placed in his hands to do. There was a good attendance at B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m. All our B. Y. P. U.'s are growing and doing great work in training our young and even adults in church service. There were thirty-two in the D. D. B. Y. P. U. Sunday night.

Our pastor, E. D. Dunlap, met with us and we had a good program.

Little Dorothy Marie Dunlap gave us the twenty-third psalm from memory.

Misses Belah Davis and Vera Downing (Intermediates) gave us a talk on the "Conquest Campaign."

Our Union is going to be 100 per cent in giving to the campaign.

We have set the first Sunday in March as "Conquest Day" in our church and believe we are going to "even" surprise ourselves in an offering.

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Our preacher preached for us Sunday night. Every seat in the auditorium was occupied, several were present who had not been there for several months. We hope they will come again. His subject was: "Prepare to Meet Thy God."

1. "Why prepare to meet God?"
2. "Who prepare to meet God?"
3. "How prepare to meet God?"
It was a good sermon; several said they had heard the subject preached on before but never as plain and easy to understand as he preached it. "Why even a little child could understand."

We all love our pastor and are going to stand behind him and help him in any way we can.

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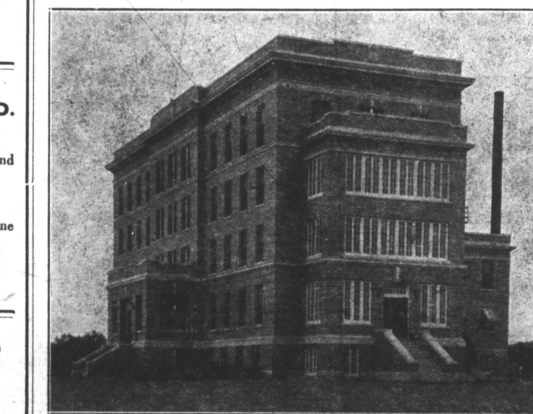
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