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RAMBLING



By DICK O'BRIEN

It is not my nature to be blue or discouraged. But I confess that I am a little down today and it is due to the fact that a man whom I had always considered my friend has told me that he doubts my word about this column having seven readers. It is not my usual custom to try to answer criticisms directed at me but this here it is in black and white. In the first place I read it. That is one any way you want to look at it. Then my wife reads it (sometimes). That's two regulars, or nearly regulars. I have a sister-in-law who reads it to a brother of mine, that is she did until their subscription ran out. That's three. Then the editor reads it to correct the spelling and punctuation, making four. The linotype operator reads it, because he has to in order to set it up in type for the printer. That makes five bonafide readers. Then it has to be proofread before finally going to press, that means the proof reader reads it. If you can count that high you will see that makes six. Then I am morally certain there is another but I can't think who right now to save my life, and that makes seven by any reliable mathematical calculation. q. e. d. Now mister smart aleck critic ask some Geometry teacher what that means and see where I have you. . . . I do not want to appear to boast but I know where I can pick up two more readers, and quality readers too: Dr. and Mrs. Hoyt Ford, of Hardin-Simmons University volunteered to tell me that since they had been away to school and had become acquainted with the better type of literature that they could never be satisfied with anything light or common any more, so I could count on them as regular readers from now on. . . . Incidentally we want to register our sincere congratulations to Dr. Ford for the honors he has won for himself and the University. At an associational meeting at Roscoe several years ago Dr. Ford made the best speech on Christian Education I have ever heard from a layman. . . . That speech should be in print. . . . Incidentally and in closing when we expressed our compliments to Dr. Ford in person at the Lueders Camp ground a few days ago, Mrs. Ford along with Aubrey Stephenson and her little daughter were standing near. I remarked, "It will not always be easy for me to call you 'doctor,' as I have so frequently called you 'Hoyt.'" The little Stephenson youngster spoke up and said, "Well, my daddy is working on his Ph. D. and when he gets it I dare anybody NOT to call his 'doctor.'" Mrs. Stephenson gets the prize for the most clever statements we have heard in a long time when she dryly remarked, "Huh, when he gets his Ph. D. he will probably be calling him 'gran-pa.'" Of course, that

EVENTS TO COME

July 21-26—Southwide Training Union Assembly, Ridgecrest.
July 29-August 6—Paisano Assembly, Paisano Pass.
July 29-31—District 16 Boys camp, Lake Brownwood.
August 7-9—District 16 Girls camp.
August 20-23—District 9 G. A. Camp, Ceta Glen.
August 24—Close of Hardin-Simmons summer school.
September 2-4—Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association, Seminary Hill, Texas.
September 4-7—B. S. U. Retreat, Seminary Hill.
September 13—Fall registration begins, H-SU.
November 12-15—Baptist General Convention of Texas, Houston.
November 21-23—Texas Baptist Training Union convention, Dallas.
March 17-18—State Laymen's Rally, Dallas.

TEXAS BAPTIST ASSEMBLY ENDS INSPIRING SESSION

By T. C. GARDNER

The Texas Baptist Encampment located at Palacios-by-the-sea closed its greatest session Friday, July 12, with an address by Dr. John L. Hill of Nashville, Tennessee.

Rev. B. L. Millard, encampment manager, said "More than 5,000 people attended one or more of the services of the 39th annual encampment at Palacios-by-the-sea. There were 3,949 enrolled in the classes."

President L. L. Silkenen said, "More than 300 young people responded to a call during the 39th annual encampment. Some of these were trusting Jesus as their Saviour, others heard and answered the call to preach, some heard and answered the call to be home and foreign missionaries, while a still larger group dedicated their lives to God to serve Him anywhere and at any time."

The Texas Baptist Encampment at Palacios has developed into a real institution. All phases of religious educational work are magnified at Palacios. The School of Religious Education, the School of Music, the School of Missions and the School of the Prophets, each, has its place at Palacios. The encampment at Palacios has built on a solid foundation. Although proper emphasis is placed on recreation, social activities and fun, the real emphasis is placed upon spiritual growth and development. The main thing at Palacios is religion. Jesus Christ, His program and His church that He established receives the major emphasis. This has been true all along the way. The people who go to Palacios do not go just to have a good time. They go there to study about God, therefore, literally hundreds of them experience a new birth at Palacios-by-the-sea, each year.

The Encampment this year was, perhaps, the most spiritual one that has ever been held at that place. There were 12 young men, who definitely surrendered their lives to God to preach His gospel. If there had not been a conversion, but there were many, and there had not been a person who surrendered as a missionary, but there were many, and no one had dedicated his life to Christ for special service, but hundreds did, the fact that 12 young men definitely and positively surrendered to preach the gospel would justify the time and money that it took to plan and carry out this great encampment. Men like Dr. W. Marshall Craig, S. G. Posey, John L. Hill, and I. L. Yearby, said they had never seen anything just like this. "This is the greatest spiritual meeting that we have ever experienced."

The preaching and the teaching at Palacios this year seemed to be the very best. The speakers that inspired the throngs of people at Palacios this year were Dr. W. Marshall Craig, Dr. J. Ralph Grant, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Dr. I. L. Yearby, Dr. Dr. S. G. Posey, Dr. John L. Hill, Dr. R. C. Campbell, and Hon. Pat M. Neff.

The Texas Baptist Encampment will meet at Palacios July 1-11, 1941.

MEXICAN BAPTIST REVIVALS ARE BEING HELD IN DISTRICT 17

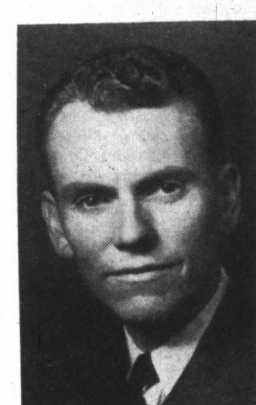
Rev. George M. Hanke, pastor of the Mexican Baptist Church of Wichita Falls, is engaged in a series of evangelistic services at Ranger, Eastland and Cisco from July 14 to 28. On August 4 he will begin a series of meetings, beginning at Abilene and later going to Merkel and perhaps Sweetwater. Rev. Hanke is a native German and former priest in Mexico.

ESKOTA REVIVAL

The Eskota Baptist Church has been in a great revival under the preaching of Rev. Tom Burns. There were 17 additions, 16 of whom were baptized by Pastor Healer of Sweetwater. The church was organized about a year ago with nine members. A good Sunday School is conducted under the direction of Superintendent Lee Hollis. In a service Sunday afternoon, C. W. Morgan was ordained as deacon.

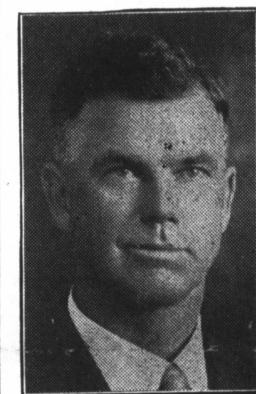
"Do you know a book that you are willing to put under your head for a pillow when you lie dying? That is the book you want to study while you are living. There is but one such book in the world."—Joseph Cook.

HATCHEL REVIVAL CLOSES SUNDAY, DRASCO BEGINS



REV. HAROLD RUSS

Pastor Harold Russ is doing the preaching in a revival at Hatchel, which is now in the second week. Song services are being conducted by Henry Morgan, gospel singer of Abilene. The meeting will close with the morning service, Sunday, July 21.



HENRY MORGAN
Gospel Singer

A meeting, planned to continue for two weeks, will begin with the Sunday night services at Drasco. Mr. Morgan will also assist Pastor Russ in that meeting.

Following the Drasco Revival, the pastor will go for a week of services at Bledsoe, following which he will assist Pastor W. S. Brown in two weeks' meeting at Moro.

CAMP PASTOR COMMENDS LUEDERS MANAGEMENT

After staying through the camps for the R. A.'s and G. A.'s and observing the work of the O'Briens and Brother Littleton, I felt that some word ought to be said commending them for this work.

I think all of us who have been intimate with the work of the encampment realize the contribution that Brother Littleton has made from year to year, but there is a danger that we will just take his work for granted without appreciating it as we should. I observed that the entire O'Brien family worked faithfully to put over the boys and girls camps and without their leadership, and unselfish service, this could not be done year by year. Our people owe them a debt of gratitude for this work.

I will appreciate it if you will say something to this effect through the columns of your paper.

Sincerely,
J. M. SIBLEY.

STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIZED IN WELLINGTON REVIVAL

In the last Sunday morning service of the revival at Wellington conducted by Dr. McKinley Norman, state evangelist, a great group came to the altar committing themselves to tithing. There were 48 additions during the meeting with 37 for baptism. Rev. J. P. Neal is pastor and Mark Short led the singing.

Wayman Norman, son of the evangelist, is leading the song service in a meeting with his father, assisting Pastor W. R. Derr, in the Ralls Church.

Pleasure comes through toil and not by self-indulgence. When we get to love work, his life is a happy one.—Ruskin.

CHARITY AID AND CALLS INCREASING AT HOSPITAL

By E. M. Collier, Superintendent

The people continually send in their gifts for the charity work. We are receiving numerous calls from sick people in distant points. Some of them say that they cannot get into local hospitals and that they are without funds. We have not had to turn any of them away so far, and hope that we will never have to do so.

We have just released a very worthy case from Coleman, Texas. Her hospital bill was \$77.15. She is a fine Christian woman and had been in ill health for many months. We believe that within a short time she will be well and able to assume her duties. We have another worthy case, one of our dear Baptist brothers who a few years ago was able to make large contributions to all of our Baptist work. The depression robbed him of his finances, and disease has robbed him of his health. With the work that is being done I believe he will be able to live a few more years with fairly good health.

We certainly appreciate the 10 bushels of cantaloupes from our good friend, Brother H. N. Turner. Brother Turner is the father-in-law of one of our young Baptist pastors in Texas, Rev. Patterson of Fort Worth. Brother Turner makes several donations each year to this institution. His charming daughter, Mrs. Tommy Grant, made a donation of \$5 for the charity work.

We are happy to acknowledge receipt of a \$50 check from the First Baptist Church, Abilene, a donation from Judge C. M. Caldwell. Judge Caldwell has been one of the large benefactors to this institution. Without his help probably we would have never had a Hendrick Memorial Hospital, and you can always find Judge Caldwell's shoulders to the wheel in any cause that is righteous or will make this world a better place in which to live. He would never make a good nurse. Just this week he had his son-in-law and grandson as tonsillectomy patients in the hospital. He was assigned the duty of acting as nurse during the lunch hour, and dropped off to sleep, which is the unpardonable sin in the nursing profession.

May I take this opportunity to inform our Baptist ladies in the rural churches that our black-eyed pea supply has been exhausted. If any of the churches would like to have a canning bee, we would be more than glad to buy the cans.

Our crippled children work is rather light this summer; however, we have five cases in the house at the present time.

SON OF SOUTHERN LEADER IS RECOGNIZED COMPOSER

A rising composer in the musical world is B. B. McKinney, Jr., Hardin-Simmons University student, and son of B. B. McKinney, Sr., prominent composer and Baptist song leader of Nashville, Tenn.

Recently elected president of the celebrated Cowboy Band, McKinney has written "A Tribute to Prexy", a march composition dedicated to the late Dr. J. D. Sandefer; and "March Calvin", dedicated to his brother, Calvin, a student in Baylor University. Both marches were featured on statewide networks with the Cowboy Band.

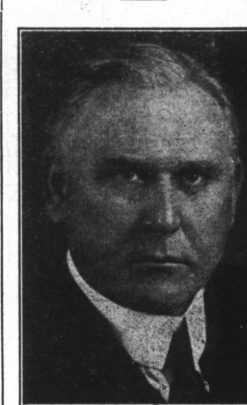
McKinney, a trombone soloist in the band, has also collaborated on some hymns with his composer father. B. B., Sr., writes the words, while B. B. Jr. composes the music. Two of these songs will appear in a new edition of the Baptist Hymnal, named "In Thy Holy Temple" and "Close to Thy Heart."

MEXICAN BAPTISTS WILL HAVE STATE EVANGELIST

Outstanding among the many new and progressive moves of the Mexican Baptist convention of Texas, states Rev. Loyd Corder, missionary at Big Spring, is the employment of a general evangelist for the state.

The executive board of the convention is still pondering and praying over the matter of the selection of the man for the work. The money is already set aside and all other plans are made. Baptists are asked to pray that the Lord may lead them to the right man.

CALL TO FEED BRIT. MISSIONARIES BRINGS HEARTENING RESPONSE



DR. GEORGE W. TRUETT

The call of the Southern Baptist committee, headed by Dr. George W. Truett, for a love offering to support the foreign missionaries of the British Baptist Mission society who are cut off from support in the British Isles, is awakening a heart-warming response according to reports coming in from early collections.

The Sunday offering at First Church, Abilene, reached \$310, with additional amounts trickling in during the week and many more expected next Sunday.

The committee urges churches to make contributions, if possible during July, but with Britain making plans for two more years of war, it is likely that the \$200,000 asked of Southern Baptists will be inadequate.

BAPTISTS TO MEET AT SEMINARY HILL SEPT. 2-4

The Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association will meet in the Baptist Seminary at Seminary Hill, Texas, September 2-4. All meetings are open to the public. Religious Education Directors, Sunday School, Training Union, W. M. U., and B. S. U. Secretaries have been attending this meeting in large numbers and are urged to attend the twentieth annual session on the date given above. In addition to the above mentioned groups, the teachers of religious education in the colleges and seminaries are especially invited to attend this session.

A great program has been planned. Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Dr. P. E. Burroughs and W. A. Harrell of Nashville, Tennessee have accepted places on the program. Others who will appear on the program are J. C. Hockett, Kansas City, Missouri; Edgar Williamson, Little Rock, Arkansas; Mark L. Roberts, Shreveport, Louisiana; W. H. Souther, Alexandria, La.; J. B. Tidwell, Waco; Dr. N. A. Moore, Abilene; J. Earl Mead, Dallas; Dr. J. M. Price, Seminary Hill; Dr. W. L. Howse, Fort Worth; Hugh F. Lattimer, Memphis, Tennessee, and many others.

The officers of this association are as follows: President, T. C. Gardner, Dallas; First Vice-President, Forbes Yarborough, Shawnee, Oklahoma; Second Vice-President, Luther Harrison, Little Rock, Arkansas; Third Vice-President, Mark Roberts, Shreveport, La.; fourth Vice-President, J. W. Marshall, Dallas; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Ellis Province, Dallas.

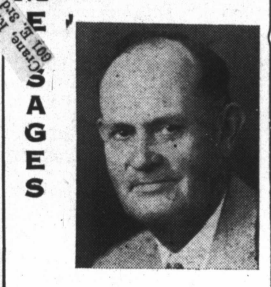
DR. R. S. JONES IS BUSY IN TEXAS ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. R. S. Jones, Home Secretary of the Foreign Mission board, is filling a series of engagements in Texas during July and August. During the opening days of the Menard encampment last week he substituted for Dr. J. Howard Williams who was detained at Amarillo for a funeral.

During the week he appeared on the program at both the boys and the girls camps for District 17 at Lueders, at the boys camp for district 8 at Big Spring and for District 9 at Ceta Canyon.

On July 14 he supplied at First Church, Amarillo, for Dr. Williams who is speaking at the Menard encampment. This week he will be speaking for the state R. A. Camp at Latham Springs. He will return to Abilene to supply at First Church on August 18.

MISSIONARY



By J. Henry Littleton
1274 N. 2nd

After an absence of several weeks I will try to write a line or two for this week's paper. Most of you know we have been very busy over at the Camp ground and we are glad to come home and do some other things. I think as a whole the camps this year were the best attended and Dr. Raley was all and more than we expected. All the department work was far-reaching in the results obtained. The music program conducted by Mr. Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. Riddle will mean much to this part of the state. We predict that this department alone will grow to be such a blessing to this section that if there was nothing else it would be worth all the Encampment has cost. Let me say right here, that I would like to see a week given sometime during the year that we could assemble all our choirists and pianists together on the Camp ground for a school of music conducted by I. E. Reynolds. I think this is possible.

The Girls and Boys camps were by far the best camps that we have ever had. They grew each year. They came at the very busy season this year but in spite of that the largest attendance ever was recorded. Many were saved and many rededicated their lives anew to Kingdom work. Brother Sibley brought great gospel messages and every one spoke in the highest terms of his work. We thank God that he is in the Seventeenth district. We wish we had words to express our appreciation of Mrs. O'Brien and her work. Her we can thank for the success of these camps. She gave herself untiringly to the task of advertising the camps and then went day and night to see that everything was done in the right way. We have never had the privilege of working with anyone that was more self-sacrificing and more congenial to work with than has been Mrs. O'Brien. We thank God for her and for what she has meant to the young life of this district. Let us begin now to build better camps for next year. In a few weeks we will give a complete statement of the finances for the year. Have not had the time to get this report out yet but will soon. Nearly six hundred dollars was pledged during the Encampment and we are urging that this be sent in as soon as possible. Many churches which did not make a pledge should send in an offering. We have spent many hundreds of dollars on the grounds this year. More than you might think.

I was with the church at Aspermont the first Sunday and greatly enjoyed the day. Brother Rowan has led that church in a marvelous way.

I was out at Nugent last Sunday morning and arranged a meeting to begin there the fourth Sunday in this month with Brother Fred Moreland of Lueders doing the preaching. This church is anxious to go forward with their work. We were to begin a meeting with Brother Sibley at the mission of the First Baptist Church at Sweetwater next Sunday but on account of so much other work ahead we arranged for Brother Guy Lewis to go there for this meeting. We will pray for them. There are a number of Mission meetings in progress and we are giving ourselves to organizing for a large number of others. Pray for all our work in these strenuous days ahead.

ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING DATES IN WEST TEXAS

August:
21—Hamilton at Hamilton.
22—Coleman at Coleman First.
27-28—Runnels at Winters.
28—Comanche at Zion Hill.
29-30—Brady at Brady First.
29-30—San Saba at Hall.
30—Fisher at Pleasant Valley.
30-31—Clay at Deer Creek.

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TOTAL CHRISTIANITY

In the course of his splendid addresses at the West Texas Assembly at Lueders recently, Dr. John Wesley Raley used the phrase, "Total Christianity." It is a challenging thought in a time of totalitarian governments with their "total blackouts," and "total war."

We talk of our Christianity and make much of our "church work"—counting our telephone calls and visits and so on. Yet when we measure our puny lives, busy about insignificant trifles, beside the standard of Christ Jesus, we find that we have no merit by which we should be called Christian at all.

It was Phillips Brooks, was it not, who said something like this: "How feverishly do the most of us seek out for ourselves unremembered graves, while now and then some man forgets himself into immortality."

Total Christianity was what Paul had in mind when he advised, "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God." It must have been the thought of Jesus when he promised, "Whoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it."

We have tried everything else in its time. There has been total business, total pleasure and on down the list, coming at last to total war. Each of these has been a step toward the abyss which gapes so darkly ahead.

Jesus, triumphant over Gethsemane, over Calvary and over the sealed and guarded tomb, challenges us to the surrendered life—to total Christianity.

"EXCHANGE"

One frequently sees matter in publications credited to "Exchange" or "Clipped." Sometimes it is only a pithy sentence or a joke. Occasionally it is an article of greater length. Among the offenders in this respect we sometimes find denominational papers and church bulletins.

If the bit is worth space in a publication, it is worth giving credit to the original author or publication. Occasionally some good thing goes the rounds until somewhere along the line credit has been lost. If it is so good that it must needs be reprinted, the careful editor will make that fact clear and not lead his readers to suspect that he is guilty of carelessness.

Admittedly, it takes less time and space to write, "Exchange," than it does to set down, "The First Baptist Church Bulletin, Podunk Center, Texas," but we ought not to be so hurried, or so economical, or so sloppy as to appropriate that which belongs to someone else without due recompense.

Most religious publications do not have any cash to offer for the material which they publish. All of them can, and happily, nearly all of them do give credit for the material, other than minor news items, which finds place in their columns.

WARNING—INVESTIGATE

Any regular reader of church papers sees frequently some notice warning churches or church members against some unworthy individual posing as a preacher or raising funds for some Christian or quasi-religious cause. Such imposters should be exposed and, if the criminal statutes of the state have been violated should be punished according to law.

It is unfortunate, it seems to us, that it should even be necessary to issue such warnings. Certainly it is not the duty of the papers to risk libel suits in advertising wandering rogues. Nor can they be expected to know or investigate every name appearing for publicity.

The task of investigating strange preachers and other religious workers is properly that of the church which may consider using their services. No person should contribute one penny to the promoter of any supposed benefaction without first having unquestioned evidence as to the genuineness of the cause and the integrity of the collector.

A business man with gumption enough to keep his affairs out of the hands of the sheriff does not put employees in positions of trust without careful investigation and thorough testing. Yet, most of us have seen churches accept a newcomer at the face value of his own unsupported statement. No honest man expects a stranger to cash his check or lend him money. Neither does any religious worker or organization promoter expect to be received in confidence without adequate evidence of his character and past performances.

Paul warned the young Timothy against the unproved novice and that warning holds good to this day. There are too many authentic and urgent needs in the work of our churches and the causes that they foster to waste the Lord's money on some scheming scoundrel. There are too many good men available as pastors, evangelists and supply preachers, men whose lives are an open book, for any church to be excusable for letting some rascally stranger take them in.

There is a corollary to this statement: Pastors and other religious leaders should exercise the same care in giving recommendations that they would like to have used by their friends who recommend others to them.

It is a serious matter to recommend a person and no one who is really conscientious will make a statement about another which he is not ready to back up. A recommendation should mean something. Let us resolve that one connected with our names will always be dependable.

And while we are about it, we will prove and investigate the stranger who comes our way asking our confidence and perhaps our money.

NEWS NOTES

Pastor M. E. Hall is leading Cedar Gap in a good meeting this week.

First Church, Abilene, is having their annual all-church picnic at Cobb Park on Thursday, July 18.

The meeting at Tye Church, with Rev. Clyde Campbell assisting Pastor F. A. Porter, started off with several conversions in the early services.

Pastor F. A. Hollis will begin a meeting in North Park Church, Abilene, on August 28. The church is making earnest preparation for a revival.

Rev. F. E. Cole, pastor at Lawn, is assisting Pastor Clyde Jackson in a revival at Caps, beginning July 15. Dexter Riddle is leading the song services.

There were 56 children enrolled at the opening session of the Vacation Bible school at the Abilene Mexican mission. Faculty members and interested adults swelled the attendance to around 70. About half of the pupils were not Baptists.

Rev. Byron Fletcher, H-SU '40, reports progress in the work at Toyah. He was with Rev. C. N. Gilbert in a constructive meeting at Grand Falls in June. He has open dates for meetings this summer and is experienced as preacher and gospel singer.

Charles Dickson, H-SU '38, and Miss Juanita Wilcox, daughter of Rev. E. G. Wilcox, recently deceased missionary to Brazil, and Mrs. Wilcox, now of Brownwood, will be married in August at the Bride's home.

Sunset Church, Abilene, more than raised the monthly budget expenses during June in addition to a worthy offering at the close of the revival meeting.

Although most city churches, especially in school towns, experience a summer slump, University Church, Abilene, reports a marked increase for June.

The revival meeting of the Elmdale church will begin Friday night, July 19. The Rev. J. L. Roden of Ellaville will do the preaching.

A religious survey has been made of the community revealing prospects for a good revival.

On July 7 First Church, Vernon, voted to pay half the indebtedness of Calvary Church of that city and during the following week Calvary members raised the other half.

There were nine conversions, many rededications and one who surrendered to the ministry during the recent meeting at Denton Valley Church, conducted by Rev. Dean Elkins. Last week he held a meeting at Plasterco which resulted in five conversions.

Rev. Judson Prince of Cisco led the Gorman Church in a good meeting ending July 14. In spite of rain and the busy season, there were some 26 conversions and additions. Thomas Harrison of Fort Worth conducted the singing. Rev. Prince speaks high appreciation of Pastor N. A. Sanders as a preacher, pastor and builder.

The Baptist Church at Oil Center, N. M., has called Rev. S. L. Tidwell of Abilene. He is giving the call consideration.

Rev. Merle Weathers arrived from Groom July 15 to preach in a two-weeks revival at Potosi. Rev. Sidney Cox is leading the singing with Mrs. Cox at the piano.

Rev. J. Wm Arnett and W. C. Wright of Lamesa were visitors in the West Texas Baptist office this week. Pastor Arnett reports the organization of a strong Brotherhood in the Five Mile Church.

Rev. Marvin Cole of Oklahoma is assisting his cousin in a revival at First Church, Lamesa. Rev. Willis Taylor of Tuscola and Ovalo is leading the song services.

M. A. Hudler, gospel singer of Austin, who is highly recommended by Evangelist Wm. H. Joyner and Pastor A. A. Davis, has an open date from July 28 to August 11. His address is 2308 Canterbury, Austin.

Rambling Remarks

(Continued from page 1) hardly does the keen minded Aubry justice, but it was a cute remark . . . There are two words that I wish every Baptist preacher would learn to pronounce properly, to-wit: "Accept," and "except." And while we are at it three other words, "fire, for, far."

Mrs. E. G. Wilcox, missionary at Pernambuco, Brazil, is on furlough in the States and is making her home at Brownwood.

Of the eighteen Southern Baptist churches in Arizona, fourteen contributed to the cooperative program in June.

Laymen of New Mexico are having associational rallies this week with Secretary Hugh F. Latimer as the principal speaker.

Dr. C. E. Hereford of Lubbock is engaged in a revival at North Fort Worth Church, returning to Lubbock for Sunday morning services and back to Fort Worth for the evening.

There were 187 additions to First Church, Ada, Okla., in a recent revival conducted by Hyman Appelmann. Of these, 110 came for baptism.

If your church has some used pews which you plan to replace, write Pastor John Walker, Maryneal, Maryneal Church wants to buy some.

The Lubbock association workers will meet at Southland July 23, Pastor W. F. Ferguson of Slaton bringing the main sermon.

Rev. Chas. Tarrance is assisting Pastor M. F. Richardson in a revival at Pleasant Valley Church, Mitchell, Scurry association. The meeting began July 14.

Rev. David DeGuire of Abilene is ill. Rev. Houston Scott supplied for him at his appointment in Jones county on July 14.

Missionary Julius P. King conducted a gracious ten-day meeting at Lake View mission, San Angelo. Six converts were baptized into Immanuel Church.

Rev. Elmer Holt of Bryson assisted Pastor Clint Irwin in a revival at Vaughn, M., in which there were 16 additions, 11 for baptism.

Rev. Phillip C. McGehey of Breckenridge and Charles McLaughlin of South Side, Abilene, are assisting Pastor L. L. Trott in a meeting at Rotan.

Rev. Clyde Jackson is preaching and Rev. S. E. Brian leading the song services in a meeting with Pastor F. R. Cole at Lawn.

Rev. T. L. Kilpatrick of Iowa Park has recently led in a revival at Immanuel Church, Hobbs, N. M. Twenty additions were reported. The church was organized a year ago with Rev. Frank Maddux, pastor, and 24 charter members. There are now 117 members with 283 in a standard Sunday School and 106 in the Training Union.

Mrs. Robert E. Beddoe, who recently returned with her husband to China, is reported among the women and children evacuated from Hongkong to Manila. Dr. Beddoe remained in the British colony, hoping for an opportunity to make his way on foot to his post as superintendent of the great Wuchow hospital.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 27.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson for July 21, 1940

By Hight C. Moore

JOB'S REPENTANCE AND RESTORATION

Job 42:1-13

The prose introduction to the book of Job shows how the man of Uz who was "the greatest of all the children of the east" stood ten tests without losing faith; character, wealth, parenthood, worship, poverty, disease, bad counsel, misdirected sympathy, silence, and speech, although his first utterance bewailed his birth.

The great drama presented in peerless poetry moves through thirty-nine chapters with assertions and arguments on both sides of the debate over the relation of sin to suffering as authorized or allowed by the Lord. Nine speeches were made by Job; three each by Eliphaz and Bildad; two by Zophar; and one each by Elihu and the Lord. Since some of the speeches expressed erroneous views (42:7-8) the whole book must be read and related in order to get the divine teaching.

In the closing scene of the drama, given in prose, we see Job before Jehovah submitting to God's will, hearkening to God's voice, praising God's power, repenting in dust and ashes and interceding for his three friends, while the grand finale shows the patriarch restored to more than his former prosperity and power.

1. Job's Penitence for His Sin

1. CONFESSION was made by Job in penitence for his sin. We note: (1) Confession of Weakness. Utterly prostrated by his physical infirmity he realized a deeper weakness and a greater infirmity. He contrasted himself who could do nothing with God who can do all things. How puerile he of the ash heap in comparison with him of the heavenly throne! What purpose of Job could be attained and what purpose of God could be restrained? (2) Confession of Ignorance. Had not Job been presumptuous in some of his speeches? He had shown lack of knowledge. He had said what he did not understand. He had talked on themes too wonderful for him, professing to know what was beyond his ken. Instead of clearing he had actually confused the issues. How ignorant and foolish he now felt himself to be! (3) Confession of Unworthiness. As a prince in the land of Uz, prosperous and popular, he was yet pious and deeply devoted to God. In no sense was he hypocritical; but he must have had a self-righteous spirit as shown and seen in his speeches and now in his prayer. His glimpse of God through the lenses of his affliction brought to him full consciousness of his utter unworthiness. Before the Holy One how humble and contrite he ought to be.

(4) Confession of Godly Sorrow. Had he not heard of God all his life? Had he not worshiped God personally and as the patriarch and priest of a numerous household? All the while he was "perfect and upright." But now he realizes his imperfection and his iniquity before a holy and just God. Therefore he despised and abhorred himself, loathed his words, sorrowed for his sin. (5) Confession of Repentance. In the dust of humility and in the ashes of contrition Job lays down his all before God. He has sinned. He is sorry for his sin. He turns away from his sin. He is determined to forsake sin. He turns to God in the confidence and committal of faith. Is not such a confession always acceptable to God?

2. Job's Prayer for His Friends

2. INTERCESSION was made by Job in prayer for his friends. We note: (1) Intercession Was Needed. The three friends, far from comforting Job or clarifying the problem they discussed, fired into the squirming sufferer volley after volley of untruth about God in relation to him. They over-emphasized the justice of God on the assumption that Job was a great sinner and therefore a hypocrite who at last had been caught and given what was coming to him. Thus they outsinned Job and themselves needed to get right with God. (2) Intercession Was Ordered. In warm wrath against them the Lord commanded Eliphaz and his two friends to take seven bullocks and seven rams for a burnt offering requesting Job to officiate at the sacrifice and to pray for them that they also might have pardon and peace. What a change in Job and his friends and in everybody but—God! (3) Intercession Was Sought. The word of God to Eliphaz was obeyed. The three friends appeared before the patriarch with their offerings for sacrifice and with the request that he pray for them. All bitterness between them is gone and brotherhood beams from all four faces.

3. RESTORATION was featured by Job's prosperity for himself and his household. We note: (1) Restoration from Misfortune. Had not Job suffered a dreadful captivity? He had lost all his property, all his children, all his health and happiness; there he was on the ash heap, an outcast and as truly captive as if chained and pilloried. Out of it all he now comes by the goodness of God. (2) Restoration of Friends. See his guests from afar no longer his critics and challengers, but his fellow worshippers at the altar and brothers in faith and spiritual fellowship. (3) Restoration of Finances. First the bountiful hand of God opens wide unto him so that he has twice as many sheep and camels, oxen and she-asses, as he had when smitten with sudden poverty. His relatives and neighbors who knew of his affliction and agony now come not only to console but to contribute each a piece of money and a ring of gold. So plenty followed penury. (4) Restoration of Family. To the prosperous patriarch was born the same number of sons and daughters that had enriched his earlier life. Special mention is made of the daughters who must have been as good as they were beautiful and as pious as they were popular. Their names were "Ringsdove, Cassia, and Applescent" (Moffatt) and they were remembered in their father's will. (5) Restoration for Long Life. If the book opens with Job on the peak of Oriental greatness it ends with the patriarch on the high tableland of a still more illustrious career. He survived his immortal illness by 140 years, blessing four generations after him and passing at length into the larger life.

"Have Faith in God"

- (1) Faith in God's Power.
- (2) Faith in God's Purpose.
- (3) Faith in God's Knowledge.
- (4) Faith in God's Nearness.
- (5) Faith in God's Holiness.
- (6) Faith in God's Mercy.
- (7) Faith in God's Righteousness.
- (8) Faith in God's Acceptance.
- (9) Faith in God's Guidance.
- (10) Faith in God's Goodness.

Gold in the Golden Text

The Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends.—Job 42:10.

What a captivity! Laid low with leprosy; without a child or a cent; cast out, criticized, challenged, and condemned; fastened as by fetters to ashes and sewage; scraping his splashes with a shard of pottery!

What a turning! None but God could do it: cure that incurable disease; take that pauper off his perch on the discard; make his persecutors request his prayers; place him on such a pinnacle of plenty and power, peace and happiness, as he had never known.

And what a prayer! It followed his own penitential prayer. It was offered in faith to God. It was a prayer for his "friends" who had proven his enemies. It was a prayer inspired by God and acceptable to God. With its up-breathing faith, a new day dawned for Job. And for every intercessor a new day will dawn.

Daily Bible Readings

- July 22—Living Prudently. Proverbs 1:1-10.
- July 23—The Folly of Ignoring God. Isaiah 5:8-17.
- July 24—Anticipating Harvest. Galatians 6:1-9.
- July 25—Weighing Alternatives. Proverbs 4:10-19.
- July 26—The Sum of All Wisdom. Ecclesiastes 12:9-14.
- July 27—Permanent Values in Character. 1 Corinthians 3:10-17.
- July 28—A Wise Decision. Psalm 26.

DIMMITT HOMECOMING SET FOR SUNDAY, JULY 21

Sunday, July 21, is Homecoming Day for all former pastors and members of the First Baptist church, Dimmitt. Pastor A. F. Russell announces that everyone is invited for an all-day fellowship with lots of singing and Gospel preaching.

No Substitute for Knowledge of the Bible

Some years ago Dr. William Lyon Phelps, of Yale University, said: "I thoroughly believe in a university education for both men and women, but I believe that a knowledge of the Bible without a college course is more valuable than a college course without the Bible. Everyone who has a thorough knowledge of the Bible may truly be called educated; and no other learning or culture, no matter how extensive or elegant, can form a proper substitute."

The Narcotic Menace

A Plea For Boys and Girls

By J. E. Gwatkin

(Substance of address delivered at the Baptist Bible Institute and printed by request of students.)

Please turn to Ezekiel 33:1-7 and Zech. 8:1-5 and read carefully. This passage in Zechariah gives a picture of restored Jerusalem. We see its inhabitants dwelling in peace and safety. There are the old people at the end of their days resting quietly. But I am thinking of the boys and girls playing in the streets. It is their safety, their happiness and well being with which I am concerned, and with which I would have you to be intensely interested.

I am not now thinking of the danger of the children being run over in the streets, though that is a very real danger, which our children have that did not menace the children of Jerusalem. There were no automobiles there, not even wagons. I am warning of a danger far worse than automobiles. There are very many dangers our young people have that were not dreamed of when this prophet spoke.

One of the very worst of these is alcoholic drinks, which confronts them on every hand. That is certain to destroy thousands of them in the future, as it has in the past. For every old toper who finds a drunkard's grave, one or more youths will take his place. As long as this accursed liquor business is permitted it is certain that multitudes of our bright boys and girls will be ruined for life and damned for eternity. Let every voter remember that and accept his share of responsibility for the existence of this traffic.

Recently I saw an old gray headed man being loaded into the patrol wagon by two policemen. It was a sorrowful sight indeed. But it is more tragic to me that some mother's son will soon take his place.

Then the gambling mania is gripping our youth, as well as the old, in its destructive grasp. It seems to be in the very air. Even children are playing slot machines or shooting craps, or gambling in other ways. Little children come to our homes to sell chances in some gambling scheme for the benefit of schools, and even churches.

I am warning of a danger more wide spread than liquor or gambling, one which many have not recognized but which some, who are well qualified to know, consider worse than either of the others. I mean the tobacco menace. After careful and extensive study I am convinced that tobacco is a greater menace to our youth than liquor. In view of facts that have been scientifically demonstrated and considering the more general use of tobacco, I am persuaded it is a greater menace to the welfare of our young people than drinking or gambling. However, we can not consider them separately, for tobacco generates thirst for liquor and dope and these are intimately connected with

gambling, as well as with every other known vice.

With this firm conviction I am making this last plea to you to interest you more vitally in our boys and girls. I am not asking you to attempt to stop those who have contracted the smoking habit, for in most cases that is useless. It is but rarely that one who has become a slave to it ever gives it up. They have lost the power to will to quit. Some say they can quit if they want to, but the sad fact is they can not want to quit. Neither am I berating those who are under the power of this narcotic. Most of them acquired the habit innocently. They did not know the danger until it was too late. They are the victims of circumstances, mostly following the example of some older person. Millions of them now know the danger and advise young persons never to contract the habit. Some are even active in fighting it. That also is true of many slaves to alcohol and other narcotics. They are to be pitied, rather than blamed. Our whole concern now is to save the young from being made victims of this curse.

Consider with me a few facts, well established, scientifically proven as given by experts who know whereof they speak, some of whom themselves are users of the weed. They are honest people who know the truth and are speaking for the good of their fellow men.

Growth of the Habit

First, consider the amazing growth of this habit in recent years. Never in history has there been such a rapid growth of any habit. Cigarette smoking, which has become the chief use of tobacco, has increased faster since the world war than any other habit ever has in our country. We are now using more tobacco each year than was used in the 53 years between the civil war and the world war. In 1937 there were 184 billion cigarettes sold in the United States and since that time the increase has been so great, so that there must be now at least 200 billion sold each year. That is nearly 1,500 for every person. Because of the intensive advertising of the tobacco companies, in every possible way, even in paying young people to give away cigarettes to school children, smoking invaded the great majority of our colleges, high schools and even grade schools. Our children at a tender age are being rapidly educated to smoking. A questionnaire sent to one of our most prominent women's colleges revealed that seventy per cent of the girls smoke. In one prominent denominational college seven out of nine of the teachers smoke. In some of our own Baptist schools, even women's schools, smoking is allowed. Last summer students in the class rooms of one great University sat and smoked during classes, without protest from the professors. The most alarming aspect of the matter is that many young women in what is supposed to be the best homes are constant smokers. They are seen everywhere smoking. Tobacco smoke even intrudes into the sacred precincts of the churches during services, drawn in from smokers around the buildings. Women are frequently immoderate smokers and are the most harmed by it.

Cost of Tobacco

2. Even from the low viewpoint of cost this habit is alarming. It squanders the money of people, many of whom can not afford the expense. The average family spends twice as much for tobacco as for education, and more than for education and religion combined, the amount being from three to six hundred dollars annually. It seems unbelievable, but it is a fact easily proved. The tobacco companies in advertising spend some \$300,000 per day. The government tax is about \$450,000,000 annually. The money spent for tobacco would build six rows of houses 100 feet apart from New York to San Francisco, each house costing \$3,500. In 1935 there were 47,845 fires, caused by smokers, with a property loss of over \$100,000,000, and 2,500 lives, which was twenty-three per cent of all the fires in the country. In a fire in a shirt factory in New York 142 girls lost their lives from a cigarette stub thrown in paper. In California alone in one year, 270,000 acres of timber land were burnt over, with over \$2,000,000 loss. Near Preston, California two boys trying to light a cigarette set a fire that burned 6,000 acres and required 600 men two days to extinguish. Tobacco cost the people of the United States from three and a half to six billion dollars per year. That much money far worse than wasted. Consider this, in connection with the probably greater amount spent for liquor and two or three times as much spent in gambling, and is there any wonder that the government is having to keep millions of

people on relief? Money spent for anything that brings no return is loss and specially when it causes probably several times as much to be spent for the damage done. The first cost of tobacco and liquor is by no means all; the loss of wages, cost of sickness, funerals, crime prosecution, support of criminals and paupers, must also be counted in. If all this wasted money could be used for relieving human needs the country would go off relief and the Government could balance its budget next year. Surely we may say, "What fools these mortals be!"

Loss of Life.

3. A glimpse at the loss of life. Tobacco contains most deadly poisons—not just nicotine, but many. Chemists have named some of them: as nicotine, acroline, pyridine, pilocarpine, formaldehyde, prussic acid, colidine and others. Every one of these is a deadly poison.

One drop of pure nicotine will kill a cat or dog in a few minutes. Eight drops will kill a horse in four minutes. A tube of nicotine placed in the cage of a canary will kill it. Several other of the eighteen poisons found in tobacco are more poisonous than alcohol. The only thing that prevents wholesale death of smokers is that these poisons are contained in very minute quantities and are slow in their action. But that constitutes one of their dangers, as people do not realize they are being slowly poisoned. It is impossible to continually take any poison into the system, no matter in how small quantities, without suffering its effect. No one knows exactly how many deaths are caused by tobacco, but those who have the best opportunity to know agree that 100,000 a year is the lowest reasonable estimate, while some authorities place the number at several times as many. Many cases of heart failure, apoplexy, cancer, diabetes, ulcer of the stomach, named as causes of death, are really tobacco poisoning. Because it does not kill quickly and directly it is not charged with the vast majority of deaths.

Dr. Kellogg, Battle Creek, Michigan, says, "Tobacco kills an American every five minutes by causing various diseases." Dr. Ernest Fuchs says, "Tobacco frequently causes blindness." Dr. Heinrich Stern, of New York says, "Tobacco favors the development of exophthalmic goiter."

Luther Burbank, the great scientist, wrote an article called "Tobacco, Tombstones and Profits," from which the following is quoted, "How much would you know about tobacco if upon the tombstone of everyone killed by it were inscribed, 'killed by tobacco'? You would know a lot more about it than you do now, but you would not know all, because tobacco does more than kill, it half kills. It has the victims in the cemeteries and in the streets. It is bad enough to be dead, but it is a question if it is not sometimes worse to be half dead—to be nervous, irritable, unable to sleep well, with efficiency cut in two and vitality ready to snap at the first great strain. Let me tell you how tobacco kills. Smokers do not all drop dead around cigar lighters in tobacco stores. They go away and years later die of something else. From the tobacco trust's point of view, that is one of the finest things about tobacco. The victims do not die on the premises. They go away and, when they die, the doctors certify they died of something else—pneumonia, heart disease, typhoid fever, or what not. In other words tobacco kills indirectly and escapes the blame."

Shortened Life

4. Shortened life. Statistics kept by the New England Life Insurance company for sixty years, covering 180,000 policy holders show the following: Where the maximum of expected deaths were 100, of tobacco abstainers only 59 died, of rare users only 71, of temperate users 84, and of moderate users 93. Excessive users were not accepted by the company.

"Six of the largest insurance companies of Canada found the mortality rate among nonsmokers to be 59 per 100; among smokers 93 to 100." Abundant and long continued statistics prove smokers to live, on an average, something more than seven years less than non-smokers.

One specialist in heart disease kept the record of two groups of 193 persons each, one group used tobacco and the other did not. All died of heart disease, but the non-smokers lived on

an average, 26 years longer than the smokers.

Dr. Bertha Van Hoosen, Loyola University Medical College, Chicago, says "It is generally known that tobacco in any form injures the lungs, predisposes to tuberculosis, produces anemia of the heart, injures the eyes, disturbs the taste, prevents development in the child, predisposes to sterility, and in all forms, even when taken in moderation, produces inefficiency." Any number of other expert testimonies could be quoted to the same effect, but these are sufficient.

Moral Aspect

5. Consider the Moral aspects. In his great book "Man the Unknown," Dr. Alexis Carrel, Nobel prize winner and member of the Rockefeller Institute, says that the moral sense is man's most valuable attribute. But it is this that tobacco is rapidly destroying, particularly so when boys and girls become cigarette smokers. He says "Much more than science, art and religious rites, moral beauty is the basis of civilization."

Dr. J. H. Kellogg, says, "Under the influence of tobacco, the judgment, the will, mental faculty are changed—nicotinized. The pipe dream is a temporary drug insanity. It is an intoxication as real as in alcohol drink."

Hudson Maxim, the great inventor of explosives, says, "If all boys could be made to know that with every breath of cigarette smoke they inhale imbecility and exhale manhood; that they are tapping arteries as surely and letting their life blood out as truly as though their veins and arteries were severed; that the cigarette is a maker of invalids, criminals, and fools, not men—it ought to deter some of them. The yellow finger stain is an emblem of even deeper degradation and enslavement than the ball and chain."

Judge Crane, New York City, says, "Cigarettes are ruining our children, endangering their lives, dwarfing their intellects, and making them criminals fast. The boys who use them seem to lose all sense of right, decency, and

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Rev. E. T. Powers of Rotan will assist Pastor Mayes in a meeting at Cross Roads, beginning August 4. In a special service at Pleasant Valley on July 14, Dana Gruben was ordained deacon.



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AN OLD FIFTH COLUMN EXPOSED BY EDUCATOR

Much is being said in the papers about the danger to the U. S. from the fifth columnists and many remedies are suggested. The country is in danger of becoming fifth column conscious. To most of us it has not occurred that the real fifth column in America is not rooted in foreign sources, or designated by foreign terminology; neither is it of recent origin. True, it has recruits from all the racial groups, but its inspiration, support, and guidance is by and large of native stock. Though known by many designations its most popular name is John Barleycorn. At present it is taking over six billions of dollars in money toll from the American income annually. It has headquarters in every city, recruiting stations without number into which it draws the youth of the land both young men and women. When the universal military training goes into action and the flower of young America is regimented to prepare for the defense of democracy, liberty, home, justice and national security, John Barleycorn's minions will be alongside the marching ranks to unsteady the hands, befuddle the brains, and dismount the noble impulses of patriotism.

In this hour of truly national emergency, the greatest single act of preparedness the president could institute would be to close every grog shop in the U. S. A., stop their wastage of money and manhood, send their grains to the starving women and children of Europe, and turn their plants into munitions factories to create the sinews of defense that would be impervious to the dictators from without and the useless and destructive within. If it is necessary to adjourn politics for the duration, how more is it important that old John B. shall cease to function?

Rev. Dick O'Brien will begin a revival meeting Friday night, August 2 at Tuxedo. Pastor Sidney Cox invites all who can to attend.

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righteousness. To have great men requires the most forceful means of checking this pernicious and death-dealing habit."

Judge Ben Lindsey, of Juvenile Court fame, says, "Personally I have found every one of the many boy smokers I have talked to, a liar, an admitted liar. The whole tendency of the cigarette nicotine poison in youth is to arrest development. It is fatal to all normal functions. It blights and blasts both health and morals. The moral depravity which follows the cigarette is something frightful. Lying, cheating, impurity, loss of moral courage and manhood are its general results."

Dr. G. H. Howard says, "Cigarette smoking is infinitely more pernicious than drinking; for the drink habit in boys is readily curable, while the cigarette habit is but seldom eradicated. In fact, this habit is more injurious than any other form of tobacco-addiction."

Such statements from judges, juvenile court workers, doctors and other social workers could be multiplied indefinitely. These were by those who dealt with boys only. What must be the inexpressible danger when in these latter days girls are becoming victims of the cigarette habit? As injurious as tobacco is to boys it is very far worse for girls and young women.

Cigarettes and Divorce

6. After extensive investigations on the part of "The Institute of Family Relations" the conclusion was reached that a least one third of the divorces are due to the use of tobacco. At least ninety per cent of marital disharmony is due to sexual maladjustment.

In a previous tract we have shown the Tobacco is a fruitful source of impotence in men and sterility in women, thus leading to unhappiness and separation.

Christian Responsibility

7. What will we do about it? We can not not know these terrible facts and remain indifferent to them. That would be to deny our interest in the welfare of our fellowmen and be untrue to our Christian obligations. If we stand by the water, a rope in hand, and see some child drown we would be criminal. Public opinion would brand us as murderers. What will we do to snatch our boys and girls from this flood of poison?

Certainly we will refrain from using it ourselves. We will not set the example for our children, or our neighbors' children, to become cigarette suckers, then liquor drinkers, then dope fiends, ending up with marihuana, perhaps. That is the usual route, as most dope addicts will testify. It would be better for us that a millstone were tied around our necks and we drowned in the sea than to cause one of these children to go this downward path.

Certainly we should teach the young people the danger of it. Most of those who use tobacco today learned the habit through ignorance. They did not know the danger. They followed the example of some older person, or through childish bravado acquired the habit. But we now know the poisonous nature of all these narcotics and are under the holiest obligations to warn the young about them.

We can secure and circulate literature which tells the truth as to the nature of these things and exposes the lying propaganda of liquor and tobacco advertisements. No more cold blooded, scheming, premeditated lying was ever done than is now being done by these companies to entrap the young for the sake of the money they make. They are willing to inflict disease, suffering, every demoralizing influence and final death for the sake of money.

Have the moral courage to speak and preach against it. Turn to that chapter in Ezekiel and see where a knowledge of the true nature of these dangers places every one of us who professes to be a follower of Jesus.

Charles L. Van Noppen, compiler of that booklet, "Death in Celophane," to which we are indebted for many of the statistics given, says, "The Church is calling for greater spiritual awakening but in that call is practically ignoring that kindergarten to vice and immoralities, the insidious cigarette. Because of this apparent indifference and obtuseness the church has permitted cigarette smoking to become established as a social custom."

Roger W. Babson says, "Many of the political, social and international difficulties of today are due to the church failing at its job. The necessity of the Church becoming openly militant in the interest of cleaner young life; likewise the schools; likewise the homes, should be apparent to all." Cigarette smoking, cocktail drinking, gambling young people are

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By Orval A. Hendon

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Individuals, groups and nations are better when they accept the Bible as their guide. Nations stand or fall with or without the Bible. It is death and damnation for a nation or soul not trusting God's book as their hope. The Bible never fails; God's promises are made and kept.

When temptations and sorrows come, keep trusting. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." These words are plain and simple but how true, because they are the words of God's son, even Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Friend, be at the top of life by trusting, believing and following the Bible. It has led men to God through the ages; it will lead you. Try the Bible way. In the Bible we find God, Christ his son, salvation, joy, peace, rest, love and greatest of all, eternal life.

SEARCHING QUESTIONS

By William H. Joyner

How do I invest my time?

Is it all for my home, farm, business, family or fame? How much for pleasure? How much for the Lord? Am I too busy to have family worship, to go to church, to help a neighbor, or to win a soul?

How do I invest my money?

Does the Lord get His tithe? Do all my dollars go for food, clothing, shelter, furniture, enjoyments—nick-nacks?

How much do I spend on drinks while the heathen and lost do not have the water of life? Am I willing for the Lord to look over my expense account and check it with my income?

How do I invest my possessions?

If my personal property and real estate could speak would they say I am a real Christian? What about my car, cows, oil or bonds? What am I doing with my talents and gifts? Do these push the work of God forward?

How do I invest my influence?

Influence is worth more than possessions because it includes these. Am I lifting the world up or dragging it down? Do I influence people Godward or the other way? Do I hurt or help? Do I inspire or discourage?

Rev. W. C. Garrett of Roswell will begin a meeting with Pastor Alvin Swearingen and the Bethel Church, Mitchell-Scurry association, on July 28. Rev. Garrett was formerly pastor at Post.

lost to the churches and most of them to everything that is for the moral and spiritual betterment of the world. Pastors and Christian workers who can view this awful destruction of the very seed corn of the race without an earnest and determined effort to prevent it have lost the spirit of the Master who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me." Will we awake to this evil? Will we shake off our lethargy and save our boys and girls? This is my plea in Jesus name!

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Ex-Ranger Captain Endorses Elmer Lowe For Sheriff

Two months old, but still of interest to Taylor county citizens is the following letter:

Corpus Christi, Texas,
April 30, 1940.

Mr. W. E. Lowe,
Abilene, Texas.
My Dear Friend Elmer:

The word has reached me that you are going to make the race for Sheriff of Taylor County this year. This is indeed good news to me, for the crying need in Texas at the present time is for capable, conscientious and fearless officers.

As you know, under my administration of the Texas Rangers, only the best men were picked, and with no



W. E. (ELMER) LOWE

attempt at flattery, I can conscientiously say that no man of the Rangers at that time was more highly regarded than you. It would be a fine thing for the people of Taylor county to elect you, thereby making life and property safe for its citizens.

If you care to use me as reference it will be a great pleasure to testify the high regard in which I hold you and your service in the Rangers. Hoping that you are successful in your campaign, and with all good wishes, I am,

Your friend,

W. W. STERLING.

Ex-Captain Texas Rangers and
Former Adjutant General.

Lowe Lists Qualifications:

35 years in Taylor County, Former Deputy Sheriff, Ex-Texas Ranger. Now County Juvenile and Probation Officer. Never before a candidate for office.

Earnestly Solicits Your Vote:

"I pledge you, if elected, I will administer the affairs of the Sheriff's office in a manner at all times commendable and above reproach. I will appreciate your vote and support."

(Signed) W. E. LOWE.

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(Political Advertisement Paid for by Jack Lowe, Second Marine Brig., Fleet & Force, San Diego, Calif.)

Miss Vivian Fryar



Miss Vivian Fryar, who is a resident (for 16 years) tax-paying citizen of Taylor County, county clerk for 3-1-2 years, is basing her campaign for re-election as county clerk on her record of efficient and economical service.

(Political Adv.)

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CHURCH BULLETIN SECTION

COLORADO SECOND BAPTIST

"The Philosophy of the Prodigal Son" is the subject of next Sunday night's sermon. In the morning the pastor will preach on "What Baptists Believe About the Fall of Man."

During eleven months the church has received 199 members, has felt its responsibility and worked incessantly to train, indoctrinate and lead its membership into all forms of active Christian service.

Sunday was one of the best days. Misses Dorothy and Venita Cooper, Marcell Banks and Ernestine Hickey, with Mrs. W. E. Montgomery, sponsor, reported glowingly on their stay at the girls camp for District 8 at Big Spring. A brief sermon followed and there were eight additions to the church, three for baptism. Our more responded to the call for members at night. There were 103 in Sunday School and 71 in Training Union.

SCOTT HICKEY, Pastor.

OPLIN

Although it was previously announced that the pastor would be in a meeting at Rowden on July 21, Brother Williams has graciously consented to our being at the Oplin church for morning services and we will dismiss for Rowden services at night. All our members are invited to attend that meeting.

Our church is rejoicing over the conversion of seven of our fine girls at the Lueders encampment last week.

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If we have these foods contributed we can take the cash which otherwise would go to purchasing those things, and add it to our charity fund. This will enable us to take care of more of the needy sick. It will help the charity fund much more than if the fruits and vegetables were sold on a glutted market and the cash given us.

Cans will be furnished by the Hospital to those who will return them to us filled with berries, fruits, black-eyed peas and other foods that we can use. Join your neighbors in a Hospital canning bee.

E. M. Collier, Superintendent