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BROTHERHOOD ANNUAL MEETING BE HELD FEBRUARY THIRTEENTH

Hundred Thousand Club Leader Makes Appeal For Completion of Debt Paying

The month of February will end the time set aside on the full Baptist program for stressing the debt paying movement heading up in the Hundred Thousand Club. The weather for the past six weeks has been unusually severe, and the winter blast seems to have a way of coming at the week-end, thus interfering with the Sunday attendance. If the movement is to receive the support that is due it, our pastors necessarily will have to make the few remaining Sundays count.

Dr. Frank Tripp of St. Joseph, Mo., general leader for the Hundred Thousand Club movement, has been giving much of his time and energy to leading Southern Baptists in this great undertaking.

"Southern Baptists will not soon forget the dark days preceding the Washington convention," said Dr. Tripp in a recent statement concerning the Hundred Thousand Club movement. "There were long sessions of committees and boards, which meetings were devoted almost exclusively to a discussion of our debt problems. Many plans were suggested and carefully considered. Finally after a prolonged session of the executive committee that lasted almost all night, it was decided to recommend to the convention that we undertake to pay something on our debts by securing a large number of small gifts. No one believed the plan to be ideal. All of us accepted it as being an expedient. However, the pressure upon us was so great and our financial situation was so critical that we were simply forced to do something."

What Has Been Done

"The Baptist Hundred Thousand Club plan, having been approved by the convention at Washington, was launched the following July. Since that time a few Southern Baptists have been hammering away in a determined effort to save the agencies and institutions involved in an indebtedness incurred over a period of many years. During these two and one-half years we have been successful in raising more than \$400,000 in cash—all of which has been applied on the principal of the debts. In addition to this substantial reduction we have been able, through the sale of some property owned by the Foreign Mission Board and other special gifts, to reduce the total indebtedness of Southern Baptists by more than \$1,100,000. The total indebtedness on all of our agencies in May of 1933 was \$5,243,877.67. The total indebtedness of the same agencies at this time is \$4,089,019.87. In addition to this reduction of the principal, the several agencies have kept up their interest payments out of their operating accounts. There isn't a business man in the country who does not recognize that this is a remarkable achievement in the face of the difficult economic conditions of the past five years.

"Very probably more significant than this reduction of our debts is the fact that our people have had a change in their spirit and general outlook. When we met in Washington there was a very well-defined defeatist spirit among the people. Many of our leaders said that there was nothing we could do and that bankruptcy of at least three of our agencies seemed to be inevitable. There is no such spirit among Southern Baptists today. While we are still in debt and have a long way to go before we are completely out of the woods, there is a spirit of optimism and hope. The success of the past two and one-half years has given the people a taste of victory and has provoked a determination on the part of at least some to go on until the task is finished.

Conserving the Gains

"If we are to conserve the gains that we have made since the Washington convention, we must not stop until at least 100,000 people are enrolled in this army of debt-lifters. To expect twenty-five or thirty thousand people to continue their support of the movement until all the debts are paid is wholly unthinkable. The more than 4,000,000 Southern Baptists who have thus far had nothing

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DR. J. B. LAWRENCE OF HOME MISSION BOARD INTRODUCES SECRETARY

Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at Atlanta, Ga., in a recent announcement in the Southern Baptist Press, introduced to the public Rev. Joe Burton, newly appointed publicity secretary of the Home Mission Board. Before accepting the new position, Brother Burton was pastor of the church at Big Lake, Texas, where he had been for several years. He is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons, and in his senior year was editor of the Simmons Brand, University weekly paper. We understand that this very capable young man is a kinsman of the late Dr. J. B. Gambrill. Following is the statement by Dr. Lawrence:

"Brother Burton was elected at the annual meeting in November and began his work with the Board January 1st. He is a young man only 28 years of age, married, has one child; he is an A. B. graduate of Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, and has a Masters degree from Southwestern Seminary.

"He comes to us from Texas and is very highly recommended. I quote paragraphs from two letters received in reply to inquiries that I made asking for information concerning him and his work before he was elected.

"He made a very fine record here as a student, graduating magna cum laude in 1929. While here he was editor-in-chief of the Brand, our college weekly; was president of the Press Club; president of the Intercollegiate Press Association of Texas; junior debater; and won many other honors.

"I have never heard an adverse report. He knows how to write news and how to edit material for newspapers. He is fully acquainted with the routine and practices of daily newspapers and should be a good man to establish contact with the secular press. He is zealous, energetic, and aggressive. He has a pleasing personality and a clean-cut pleasant appearance. He speaks logically and convincingly and I am sure his experience as a pastor since he left the university has added to his poise as a speaker. From what I know about this position, it seems to me that Mr. Burton is peculiarly well fitted to do the work."

"There is another story that I would like to tell, if space would permit, in connection with the selection of Brother Burton as publicity secretary.

"His testimony is, that he has felt a definite call of God to the field of religious journalism. Under this urge he sought a conference with Dr. Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, and in this conference Dr. Jenkins suggested that the Home Mission Board might have a field for his service. As it happened, the Home Mission Board was in the field for a publicity secretary. Those in authority had sought the leadership of the Holy Spirit, for the motto text of the Home Mission Board is Phil 4:19, which reads: 'And my God shall supply every need of yours according to His riches in Christ Jesus.' Thus providentially we were lead."

Our readers will sympathize with Dr. Julian Atwood and family of Roswell, N. M., in the death of a daughter, Miss Shirley, which occurred at El Paso Monday. Before losing her health some two or three years ago, Miss Shirley was a student in Hardin-Simmons University. She was not only a brilliant student but she was one of the most consecrated young Christians we have ever known. Dr. Atwood greatly endeared himself to the hearts of the people of West Texas when he came here last month and preached a series of sermons at the pastors' retreat. We cannot understand why such a beautiful, consecrated life should be taken from us, but some day we will understand that it was for the best.

Shall We Cremate Our Old Preachers, Bury Them or Embalm Them

J. B. CRANFILL, Dallas, Texas

EDITOR'S NOTE—What are Southern Baptists going to do with their old preachers? Dr. Thomas D. Watt, secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, states that pastors and employees of various denominational agencies, being exempt from the payment of taxes, assessed through the Social Securities Act, are automatically deprived of its benefits. In the following article, Dr. J. B. Cranfill of Dallas, discussing this timely problem in the Western Recorder, asks the question that heads this story, and then produces thoughts and suggestions worthy of serious consideration. Dr. Cranfill's article follows:

Dr. William Osler said men should be chloroformed at 60, but if we should use that method with our superannuated Baptist preachers we wouldn't have money enough to buy the chloroform. Last year Southern Baptists gave less than two cents a member for the relief work of our Southern Baptist Relief and Annuity Board, and two cents worth of chloroform wouldn't kill a cat. We might, however, think of the plan of the man whose mother-in-law died while he was absent. Answering the wire he received, "Shall we embalm her, cremate her or bury her?" he promptly replied, "Take no chances; do all three!"

Opinions will differ concerning the Social Security Service Act recently adopted by Congress and approved by the President. Such individualists as I am will continue to hold the view that old people should be cared for by their children. We will all bear in mind, also, that in nearly every county in the United States there are homes for the dependent poor, and these homes, while not perfectly manned, financed nor regulated, have been a boon to many through vitally important decades. In former years they were called "poor houses," but more recently the term has been softened and, like old-time insane asylums which are now "hospitals," these erstwhile poor houses are County Homes, and the like.

In his able discussion some months ago in the Western Recorder, Dr. Thomas J. Watts, capable and efficient secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, called to our attention some vital aspects of the present situation. He tells us that pastors and the employees of our various denominational agencies, being exempt from the payment of taxes assessed through the Social Securities Act, are automatically deprived of its benefits. He also cites the fact that

there are many preachers who, not now on our relief rolls, are doubtless eligible as beneficiaries under the new Federal set-up, and he very generously states that none of us would feel inclined to criticize them if they participate in the relief provided for by the new Federal legislation.

I hasten to add my own word reinforcing what he said, and hope that these dear old ministers, who because of lack of funds are not now being helped by our Relief and Annuity Board will avail themselves of the provisions of the new bill adopted by Congress, and thus measurably, at least, be provided with the necessities of life in their declining years.

But this word of mine must not be interpreted as presenting an alibi for Southern Baptists who are giving less than two cents per member annually for the care of our old and dependent Baptist preachers. No more startling statement was ever penned by any secretary of any Baptist Board in my day than that of Dr. Watts, who calls our attention to our sinful lack of interest in these old ministers.

Yes, I know that many of them were never full-time preachers, or had full-time churches at any time in their lives. Having been born and reared on the Texas frontier, I am quite familiar with the trials, hardships and privations of the frontier missionaries and pastors. There were in pioneer days no houses of worship. Meetings were held in the crude homes of those brave advance guards of our civilization, with now and again some revivals under brush arbors, where the loving hearts of Christ's country preachers were poured out in song and sermon for the salvation of the lost. Like the first disciples, and after the similitude of the early Christians, they went everywhere preaching the Gospel and repeating over and over again that vital declaration.

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President of State Brotherhood To Be Main Program Speaker

JONES COUNTY WORKERS TO MEET WITH HODGES CHURCH, FEBRUARY 18

The February meeting of the Jones County Baptist Association will meet with Pastor C. D. Owen and the church at Hodges on February 18. Services at the church will begin on Friday night, February 14 and will continue through the 18th, on which date the regular workers conference program will be held. The theme for the four-day program is based on Acts 24:16 and 23:1—"Having a conscience void of offense toward God and men." The program follows:

Friday, 14th, 7:30 P. M.—"Having a Conscience Concerning the Mission of the Church," M. A. Jenkins.

Saturday, 15th, 7:30 P. M.—"Having a Conscience Concerning the Bible Plan of Financing Christ's Kingdom," C. A. Powell.

Sunday, 16th.—Meditation for All Members of Our Local Churches: Have a conscience void of offense toward God and men concerning our attendance at all services of our local churches on this day, namely: Teaching Service, Preaching Service (both morning and evening) and B. T. S. Make it a banner day by being there.

Tuesday, 18th, 10 A. M.—Exegesis of Theme Texts. W. D. Fielder.

10:20—Having a Conscience Concerning the Teaching Service of Our Church, Roy Clayton.

10:40—Having a Conscience Concerning the Training Service of Our Church, Roy Young.

11:00—Having a Conscience Concerning the W. M. S. in Our Church, Mrs. George Fournier.

11:20—Sermon, T. C. Williams.

1:30—Board meeting.

2:00—Music, conducted by Virgil Reynolds.

2:10—Having a Conscience Concerning Our Denominational Literature, Sam Malone.

2:30—Having a Conscience Concerning Our Baptist Hospitals, G. Q. Fulghum.

2:50—Having a Conscience Concerning Our Mission Program, J. H. Skiles.

3:10—Inspirational Address, G. E. Benson.

Note—If your name appears on this program and you know you cannot be present, please notify C. D. Owen, 1602 Ambler Ave., Abilene.

MISSIONS IN DISTRICT 17

J. D. Brannon, Missionary

The Revival at Stamford

The Missionary is now in a revival in the City Auditorium at Stamford. Last week the bad weather hindered the attendance but Sunday was a good day, in which there were exactly 100 additions.

Rev. P. C. Williams, the new pastor of the Co-operative Church, lead in the taking of a census, and have found a great prospective group.

Brother Felton Underwood is leading the music for the meeting, and Mrs. C. M. Lester is the pianist.

Last month this church gave \$51 to missions.

Sunday School Study Course in Stonewall Association

Next week the Stonewall Association will have a Sunday School study course. Brother Harvey Dennis, of Swenson, is the associational president, and is working to enlist the several churches.

It is hoped that several other associations will have a study course beginning February 23.

Missionary Rex Ray Is in Our District

Rev. Rex Ray, missionary, at home on furlough from China, is in District 17, and will spend at least a week speaking in the different churches. Any churches desiring his services please write J. D. Brannon, Abilene, Texas.

Meeting of the Baptist Brotherhood of the 17th district will be held with the First Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas, Friday, February 13th, convening at 4:45 p.m., with Judge L. H. Welch of Breckenridge in charge, together with E. S. Cummings, president of the Sweetwater Association. There will be a joint session with the following program:

Song service.
Invocation—Doctor Millard A. Jenkins, pastor First Baptist Church, Abilene.

Report of activities for the past year by President L. H. Welch of the 17th district.

Report of the activities for the past year of the Sweetwater Association by E. S. Cummings, president, together with reports from presidents of six other associations in the district.

Introduction of churches present.
Election of officers for 1936 for the 17th district.

Election of officers for 1936 for the Sweetwater Association.

Special music by male quartet of Hardin-Simmons university.

Address by Bryce L. Twitty, president Baptist Brotherhood of Texas, superintendent Baylor Hospital, Dallas, Texas.

There will be a supper served and the plates will be thirty-five cents each.

This is a most important meeting and all Baptist laymen are urged to attend. Preparations are being made for a large attendance.

VICTORY BIBLE CLASS TO HAVE ANNUAL BANQUET

The Victory Bible Class of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, will have its annual banquet in the dining room of the church Friday, February 14, beginning promptly at 7 o'clock.

For a number of years this has been a great occasion for this splendid Bible class. An unusual program has been arranged and a large number is expected. In addition to local members, a number of out of town visitors will be present, among them will be Bernard Bryant of Stamford, who will be the main speaker of the evening. Dr. E. B. Surface and Dr. F. M. Warren will each make short addresses also.

The music for the evening will be furnished by a number of individuals. An orchestra under the direction of Prof. H. M. Preston will play during the dinner. Some of his violin students will also play special numbers on the program. Prof. E. Edwin Young will play some piano selections. Miss Anna Morris will sing a solo and vocal duets will be furnished by Misses Maxine Higgs and Mary Frances Moore, accompanied by Miss Nona Gilvin. Duets will also be given by Misses Dorothy Jean and Geraldine Shaw, accompanied by Miss McDonald of Hardin-Simmons.

ON THE FIELD WITH HARDIN-SIMMONS PREACHERS

By J. WILLIAM ARNETT

This past week has found most of the boys in freeze-outs, on account of the weather. And also this is examination week with us all at Hardin-Simmons. And also some of the preachers have been on the sick list and not able to go to their churches.

Some that went out to their churches and appointments report that they did not have services. At Sweet Home, Brother Kirk said the weather beat them to it. Jack Badley reported no services, and the same with Nolan and Brother Pitts. Those that we know of that were sick and did not get to go are: Thomas J. Young and James Alexander.

Officers of the Ministerial Council of Hardin-Simmons University for this semester are as follows: President, R. L. Shannon; vice-president, Almon Norris; secretary, D. H. Howell; Chorister, Avery Lee; reporter, Charles Dixon.

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TIME TO CALL A HALT.

An Associated Press dispatch from Chicago this week called attention to the appalling fact that ninety-nine thousand Americans lost their lives last year by accidents. That means 271 killed every day, 11 every hour, one every six minutes; 25,000 people were injured every day. The information contained in the press dispatch was furnished by the National Safety Council. Below we are publishing the figures given in the story. We would suggest that our pastors thoroughly digest the facts given therein. It ought to put a little more "spice" into our sermons for the next few Sundays. America is certainly traveling right now at a terrific gait, and this speed mania is not heading very many people toward the pearly gates. Here is the Associated Press story. Read it and think. These startling figures tell a tragic story that should cause our people to stop! look! listen! think!

Ninety-nine thousand Americans died in accidents last year—one every six minutes.

That was the tabulation announced today by the National Safety Council.

The total bill for Americans' carelessness was added up to approximately \$3,000,000,000 in property damage, wage loss and municipal expense.

Council statisticians told the story in these grim figures: 99,000 killed; 365,000 permanently injured; 9,100,000 temporarily disabled; 271 killed every day, 11 every hour, one every six minutes; 25,000 injured every day, 41 every hour.

They noted a drop of 3,000 from 1934 but pointed out the heat and drouth of the latter year claimed 3,250 lives.

Motor vehicle crashes brought death to 37,400, an all-time high, permanent injury to 107,000 and temporary hurts to 1,170,000. Monetary loss in this bracket was set at \$1,600,000,000.

There were 31,500 fatalities in home accidents, a decrease of 9 per cent from 1934. Falls accounted for about 44 per cent of them with burns, scalds, asphyxiation, firearms, poison and cuts as other leading causes. There were 4,600,000 injuries. Monetary loss was set at \$580,000,000.

Occupational deaths totaled 16,500 and injuries 1,400,000. Their cost was reckoned at \$620,000,000. This was a slight increase but industrial activity was at a higher level. A duplication of 2,900 deaths in the automobile and occupational deaths was pointed out.

BRYAN AND DARROW.

A columnist writing in the Colorado Record, signing the initials F. B. W., in last week's issue of the Record, brought a striking comparison in the lives of the late William J. Bryan and Clarence Darrow. Bryan has gone to his reward; Darrow is waiting on the brink of the unknown for that final summons, and for this outstanding materialist it is a dark and gloomy outlook. Bryan, in the Dayton trial met the cutting ridicule of Darrow with the simple words, "I believe, I believe, I believe." Like Paul he could say, "I know whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed to him against that day." We are publishing below the splendid article from the Colorado Record:

"It was the popular thing to ridicule William Jennings Bryan for his 'monkey trial' in Tennessee which marked the close of his life. Clarence Darrow came in for a great deal of praise. Of course the double statement could be turned around. Bryan died and died gloriously with head up and with face forward. He died a Christian and with the light from another world lighting up his countenance.

In his last fight he may have been trying to stop the onward march of thought, but in his heart and mind he was defending a cause that was dearer to him than life; a cause for which he did give his life. Mr. Darrow is sitting in his rocking chair today with the sands of time fast slipping from beneath his feet. He says, "When I die—as I shall soon—my body will decay. My mind will decay and my intellect will be gone. My soul? There is no such thing." The New York Sun says: "This then is Mr. Darrow's obituary, and it is a pitiful one. A surrender of the spirit is tragic, and Mr. Darrow has surrendered. If he is a materialist he also is a defeatist, conquered by age and hugging his philosophy close to his heart as he waits for nothing." What a tragic failure! What a shipwreck of brilliant intellect! We are made to think of the old man of Ecclesiastes as he exclaims, "Vanity, vanity, all is vanity." Before actually going, however, the writer of Ecclesiastes turned to the youth of the land and besought them: "Remember now they Creator in the days of thy youth while the evils days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say I have no pleasure in them" and then "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." May the light of God's countenance even yet illumine the face of the poor old defeated man. Bryan and Darrow, Jacob and Esau, the godly and the godless. Mark the end and choose your pathway.

A HAPPY CHRISTIAN

While your salvation depends on Jesus and His finished work, and on that alone, your enjoyment of that salvation depends very much on yourself—on your holy walk with God, living daily by faith in Him who loves you and gave His life for you. Without this you may be a Christian, but you will never be a peaceful, praising, happy Christian.—Whitefield.

We all of us tend to rise or fall together. If any set of us goes down, the whole nation sags a little. If any of us raise ourselves a little, then by just so much the nation as a whole is raised.—Theodore Roosevelt.

Church Music

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

I. E. Reynolds

No. 11. Church Music Training School.

But very little of an educational nature is being done either by the local churches or our denomination to aid in developing a better church music from an educational standpoint. The writer is suggesting a type of training in the local church that he has found to be very beneficial and effective in this respect. Our churches are rapidly coming to the realization that their music programs are not on a par with the standards and ideals promoted and maintained for the preaching, teaching, and training in the churches. One prominent Southern Baptist has said, "Most families now hear the best voices over the radio and the worst in the world at the church services." Why should we be content to educate and improve in every department of our church life, and through neglect, indifference, ignorance, and prejudice, keep our music program in the "primer" class? 1st, what is the church music training school? It is a school of inspiration, demonstration, and education carried on very much in the same way as the Sunday School and B. T. U. training schools. 2nd, when and where should it be held? The time and place must be most satisfactory to those concerned, preferably at the church. It is usually best to meet each evening for a week-end beginning on Friday and running through Sunday evening, or a longer period of a week, ten days or two weeks if desired; 3rd, who should attend? Preachers, Sunday School and B. T. U. teachers and officers, and others who have to do with the building of programs, choir directors, song leaders, accompanists, choir members, and the congregation; 4th, what should the program be? Such courses as will best meet the needs in each particular church, consisting of the following subjects: classes in Ministry of Music, which is a discussion of every phase of church music, choir problems, conducting for choir directors, song leaders, and others; sight reading, and classes for accompanists. An inspirational hour of congregational singing, special music and perhaps a short lecture. 5th, the school or festival should be under the fund-direction of able leadership, local or visiting church musician who command the respect and confidence of all who should attend, musicians and otherwise. 6th, the finances should be taken care of through the local church budget or special contribution for defraying expenses of advertising and remuneration for the director. A reasonable remuneration would be an amount equal to about what would be paid for an evangelistic meeting.

Devotional Thoughts

IN NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIX

Matthew 5:44

Live to bless, and not to blight,
Scatter sunshine day and night,
Lift a burden, live to smile,
Live to make some life worthwhile.
All thy debts to others pay.
Be an exemplar day by day.
Heaven and earth are giving heed,

Live to love, and love to live,
Your full tithe be sure to give.
You'll certainly find it up on high
Where lovers and givers never die.
Live to give thus live forever
In stormy and in pleasant weather.
Thus you'll keep your heart alive
Lovers and givers always thrive.
Love and life you'll never sever;
They are forever joined together.

Live to live in courts above,
No hate, in heaven, all is love.
Thus live your life and live to sing,
In summer and winter and early spring.
Smiles are God-lie, smile all day
Smiles will drive the blues away.

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Assets: Real Estate—"An inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away" (1 Peter 1:9).
Cash in Bank—"Gold tried in the fire" (Rev. 2:18).
Liabilities—"Whosoever will may come" (Rev. 22:17).
Surplus Over All Liabilities—"Able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Eph. 3:20).

Reasons why you should insure in the King's Insurance Co.:

1. It is the oldest insurance company in the world, having been in successful operation thousands of years (Rev. 13:8).
2. It has never changed management (Heb. 13:8).
3. It is the only company insuring against loss in the judgment day fire (1 Thess. 4:14-17; 2 Pet. 3:10-12).
4. It is the only company insuring against shipwreck in the River of Death (Isa. 43:2).
5. Its policies never expire, giving holder eternal life (John 10:29; Rom. 6:23).
6. Its policies are free to all sincere applicants (Eph. 2:8).

All applicants for policies in this company come directly to the King (John 14:6).

All companies offering to insure policies after death are frauds (Rev. 22:11).

The terms of a policy in this company are: "Repentance towards God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:21; 16:31).

Address the president, "King of Kings," New Jerusalem.

—Hollenbeck Heights Announcer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By The Editor

Sunday, February 9

THE TEST OF OUR RELIGION

Luke 6:39-49

Golden Text—Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Luke 6:46. Devotional Reading Proverbs 3:13-18.

Daily Bible Reading

Monday—The Nature of Righteousness. Luke 6:39-45.
Tuesday—The Foundation of Righteousness. Luke 6:46-49.
Wednesday—The Quality of Righteousness. Luke 6:27-37.
Thursday—Righteousness and Worship. Matt. 5:21-26.
Friday—Self Righteousness Condemned. Gal. 6:1-10.
Saturday—Unrighteousness Disclosed and Punished. Matt. 7:15-23.
Sunday—The Worth of Wisdom. Prov. 3:13-18.

Space does not permit the regular exposition of the Sunday School lesson for this week. The lesson is on the sixth chapter of Luke, and the Sunday School quarterly gives a splendid outline of the chapter. The chapter deals with the Sabbath problem which was brought to light by the criticism of Christ's disciples for plucking corn and for the healing of a crippled man by Jesus.

Beginning with the twelfth verse we have the calling of the twelve apostles. Luke gives us the names of the twelve.

Following the choosing of the twelve we have the record of an address delivered to these new apostles.

In the printed portion of the lesson Jesus deals with the critics, gives some lessons about fruit bearing and warns his hearers about building on the proper foundation.

Church Announcements

FOURTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIG SPRING

Church Calendar for Next Week
Sunday—
9:45—Sunday School.
11:00—Preaching service. Subject: "Jesus as a Teacher."
6:30—B. T. U.
6:30—Bible Study for adults not in B. A. U. Subject: "The Kingdom of Heaven."
7:30—Preaching service. Subject: "Beliefs and Teachings of Seventh Day Adventists."

Monday—
3:00—All circles of W. M. S. meet at church for missionary program.
7:00—Y. W. A. program at church.
Tuesday—
7:15—Choir rehearsal.
Wednesday—
6:45—Teachers meeting.
7:30—Prayer meeting and Bible Study. Matthew 4.
S. S. Enlargement Campaign.

February 16-23
February 16-23 is our Sunday School enlargement week. During this week we are to take a complete census of the town, conduct training classes in Sunday School work, and go out to enlist those who are not in Sunday School.

The following classes will be conducted:

1. For workers with Cradle Roll and Beginners (teachers not yet secured).
2. For Primaries—teacher, Miss Callie Craft, superintendent of the primary department in the First Church, Lubbock.
3. For workers with Juniors: Mrs. R. J. Kenney, superintendent of the Junior Department, First Church, San Angelo.
4. For workers with Intermediates: Mrs. John Williams, First Baptist Church, San Angelo.
5. For young people and adults: Mr. W. J. Lites, State Sunday School worker from Dallas. Mr. Lites will be general director of the enlargement campaign.

We must have at least 100 enrolled in these classes. Every member of the church above 16 years of age should take one of these courses. This is perhaps the best faculty that has ever been assembled in Big Spring for Sunday School training work. This is your opportunity to learn from those who have had actual experience and who have been successful in their department. Make your plans to take one of these courses.

The Central Baptist Church at Hermleigh plans to have a Sunday School worker from Hardin-Simmons University, to begin a school of Sunday School administration (Sunday School revival), February 16. Under the leadership of Rev. G. W. Parks, we have completed the course of instruction begun by Miss Darnell of Wayland College, last year. We urge all who are interested in Sunday School to be with us.

There will be an ordination service at Central Baptist Church Sunday, February 16, at 2:30 P. M. There will be four deacons to be ordained. We invite you to attend.—Mrs. J. L. Fargason.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ABILENE

Pastor Returns

Our pastor, Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, is back from Phoenix, Ariz., where he did the preaching in a successful revival meeting with Pastor Rock and the First Southern Baptist Church of that city. Dr. Jenkins will be in his pulpit for both services Sunday.

Valentine Banquet.

The College Department of our Sunday School, composed almost exclusively of Hardin-Simmons students, will have a banquet at the church dining room next Monday evening beginning at 7:30 o'clock. This will be the first of two annual affairs. At the beginning of the first semester a welcome party is held for the new students, and the entertainment for the second semester will be in the form of a banquet. Rev. P. D. O'Brien, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Colorado, will be the main speaker. Music will be furnished by the university quartets. Mrs. J. E. Burnam, assistant superintendent of the department, is general chairman of the program for the banquet. Mrs. N. A. Moore is superintendent of the department.

Training School

Beginning next Monday morning a training school for the officers and teachers of the church will begin with our educational director, J. D. Riddle, as teacher. Dr. Burrough's book, "Outlines of Bible History," will be taught. Brother Riddle's plan is to give one of four books each month for February, March, April and May, with the class to graduate June 1 with the new diplomas. Two classes will be taught daily, one at 9 in the morning for those who cannot attend the evening class, which will begin at 7 o'clock. Classes will be held on Monday and Tuesday of next week and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the following week. There are 150 classes in the First Church Sunday School and the goal is 150 taking the course. Over 90 enrolled for the course 10 days before the scheduled date for the study to start.

Shep Church

The Shep Church, in South Taylor County, in spite of the inclement weather, reports a fine day last Sunday. The Lord's Supper was observed and the new individual communion sets were used for the first time. The church has increased its budget \$200 over last year. The increase is in both local expenses and gifts to the co-operative program. Brother W. L. Ray is superintendent of the Shep Sunday School. The school plans to reach the standard this year. The B. T. U. of the church is directed by Brother Carl Pillion. There are six unions, including all ages. A B. T. U. training school is planned for the future. Rev. N. W. Pitts, a student in Hardin-Simmons is pastor of this church, and the church at Nolan, in Nolan County. Our preaching services at Shep are on the first and third Sundays. The church has recently organized a West Texas Baptist Club with 50 members.

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Sin Similitudes

Sin is like the descent of a hill, where every step we take increases the difficulty of our return. Sin is like a river in its course; the longer it runs, it wears a deeper channel, and the farther from the fountain, it swells in volume and acquires a greater strength. Sin is like a tree in its progress; the longer it grows it spreads its roots the wider; grows taller, grows thicker; till the sapling which once an infant's arm could bend, raises its head aloft, defiant of the storm. Sin in its habits becomes stronger every day—the heart grows harder; the conscience grows duller; the distance between God and the soul grows greater; and like a rock hurled from the mountain's top the farther we descend, we go down, and down and down, with greater and greater rapidity.—Dr. Guthrie.

SHALL WE CREMATE OUR OLD PREACHERS, BURY THEM, OR EMBALM THEM?

(Continued from Page One)

ration voiced by the Apostle Peter at the Beautiful Gate when he said to the decrepit man, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee."

These men were Pauline in their faith. Many of them worked on their farms or small ranches all week long, and preached all day Sunday, going from place to place, horseback, over roadless plains or through virgin woods, where dangers lurked on every side.

The first home I owned was built under the umbrageous branches of a stately live-oak tree in 1880, when I was a country doctor. About the year 1860, two Baptist preachers were attacked by Indians as they passed a clump of woods near where we built our home. One was killed and died under that live-oak tree; the other, thought mortally wounded, recovered and lived for several years. These heroes of the Cross were making their way from one frontier preaching point to another, and, like the disciples of old, "hazarded their lives" for the Cause they loved.

Men like these should not in their old age be starved to death, but our Southern Baptists are starving them. I am in hearty agreement with Dr. Watts that none of them should be forced to apply to any Government agency for their bread. We should care for them ourselves. We should deal with them generously. There have been countless generousities among Southern Baptists and we have many great philanthropies, in fact and in prospect now, but it seems that all, by one accord, have forgotten our dear old soldiers of the Cross.

From its beginning I have been a member of our Relief and Annuity Board. I knew and loved Dr. William Lunsford, founder and first secretary of the Board, when he was pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Waco, over which B. H. Carroll presided with such ability and dignity for some thirty years. Dr. Lunsford was a great man, and his heart was big enough to encompass all preachers of all the South and all the world. He agonized, just as the beloved and faithful secretary, Dr. Watts, agonizes now over the needs and distresses of our old preachers.

Antedating Dr. Lunsford in his relief work was Rev. H. M. Burroughs, who founded the ministerial relief work in Texas. Upon a time he surrendered his home in Lampasas to these dear old soldiers of the Cross, and later they found refuge at Palacios, when Rev. R. T. Hanks had charge of that gracious task. One of the sons of Rev. H. M. Burroughs, in the person of Rev. P. E. Burroughs, is now a leading member of the staff of the Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville, while the pioneer work his noble father did matches on the wider scope of activities now carried forward by our Relief and Annuity Board.

There is something else to be said and Dr. Watts said it so well in the article to which I have referred that it seems a work of supererogation for me to add to the illuminating discussion he gave concerning the annuity plan of our Relief and Annuity Board. If that plan is universally adopted by Southern Baptists, it will not be long before there will be no need of carrying a relief department because automatically, through the annuity plan, all the Baptist ministers of the South will have been pre-relieved. This is one of the most far-reaching movements known among us in this behalf. It is not as well understood as it should be, but such discussions as Dr. Watts gave us in the Western Recorder of October 3 will go far toward clarifying a vitally important phase of Southern Baptist work.

George W. McDaniel, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, a native of Texas and so long the able pastor of the First Baptist Church of Richmond, Va., told me a heart breaking story concerning one of the most kindly Christian gentlemen I have ever known. Dr. McDaniel

succeeded J. B. Hawthorne as pastor of the First Church at Richmond. Dr. Hawthorne was a man of lofty spirit and princely pride. Like many of our dear preachers, he never sought to be a business man. He gave his money to benevolences and thus spent all his salary so when old age and decrepitude came on he found himself without a dollar and facing destitution. He didn't apply to the brotherhood for help, but, having become acquainted with the manager of the poor farm near Richmond when he was pastor, he applied to that institution for a home. He was preparing to go out to the poor house and spend his remaining days when Dr. McDaniel got wind of his condition and his purpose, and hurried to his bedside. The beloved pastor, until then all ignorant of Dr. Hawthorne's designs, said to him it would never in the world do for him to go out to the poor house. The dear old king of the pulpit and master of assemblies, rose up in his bed, and, with flashing eyes, said: "McDaniel, I thank you from my heart for your kind visit and your generous tender of assistance. I will accept the help you have provided for me most gratefully, but I would never have asked for it. I had made up my mind to go out to the poor farm and show to the world how a Baptist preacher could retain his Christian dignity and die in the poor house!"

There are many Baptist preachers among us who are now growing old. Some of them, like myself, are able preachers that they have ever been. At 77, I feel that I can do better preaching and more acceptable pastoral work than I could have done at any time in my life, yet I don't know of any church that has sense enough to call me. Fact is, it would have to be a pretty good church or I wouldn't accept the call anyway! What I mean is that it would have to be a co-operative church and its membership would have to be on the job of serving Christ and saving the world, or I would promptly decline to serve them.

Anyhow, we old men are not wanted. The world is turning to the fine young ministers who are emerging from our Seminaries, and quite naturally so. One day they will be old, too, and will suffer the same distresses that eat in our poor preachers now.

In the meantime, beloved brethren and sisters of the Southern Baptist Convention, we should all be ashamed of ourselves. Baptists have no sympathy with any union of church and state. As churches we would not ask nor receive help from the Government, state or Federal. We should want no exemption from the plain duty set out for us in the New Testament, and there's no plainer admonition in the sacred text than the words, "They that preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel." They should not only live of the Gospel while they are preaching it, but they should be cared for after they have become too infirm or too old to do the work that once rested on their hearts and hands.

Beloved friends and brethren, let's wake up! Let's each do more than giving two pennies a year for our old preachers!

There are many well-to-do Baptists who were led to Christ by humble ministers of the Master, and many of these dear preachers are now in the golden glow of their sunset days. Let's care for them, and care for them in a way that is becoming to men and women, who, having given their lives to Christ, are willing to make at least some small sacrifice to care for the dear old children of God's heart who have devoted the strength and flower of their years to the proclamation of the Gospel.

I'm no hypocrite; I'm going to do better myself. The woes of our veterans perennially pierce my soul. Until now, if I've been goose-stepping with the two-cent Baptist brigade, I'm going to break out of the line and loosen up! I'm going to give—hear me now!—next year I'm going to give THREE CENTS to save our old preachers from starvation if it kills every mosquito in Panama!

TABLE III—CHURCH PROPERTY OF SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, OCTOBER, 1935.

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	Does Your Church Own This House of Worship?	When Was It Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Department Assembly Rooms	Home Separate Church Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Value of Mission Chapel if Any	Value of Pastor's Home	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness on All Church Property	Insurance Carried
Abilene, First	(Miss) Ima D. Petty, Abilene	Yes	1909-1930	Brick	1,750	150	20	143	\$329,000.00	\$3,000.00	5,000.00	\$302,000.00	\$53,871.53	\$355,871.53
Abilene, University	(Miss) Viola York, 153 1-2 Pine	Yes	1917	Brick	700	81	10	71	50,000.00			55,000.00	12,000.00	67,000.00
Abilene, South Side	Jay Lee, Abilene	Yes	1925	Brick	300	12	13	25	45,000.00			45,000.00	10,000.00	55,000.00
Abilene, Immanuel	David Weldon, 2102 Pine, Abilene	Yes	1921	Wood	600	11	11	11	2,000.00			2,000.00	1,500.00	3,500.00
Abilene, Trinity	V. L. Holt, 1522 S. 5th, Abilene	Yes	1932	Wood	1,800	3	1	10	5,000.00			5,000.00	2,500.00	7,500.00
Abilene, Sunset	(Miss) Marie Kessner, Rt. 2, Abilene	No			125	7	7	7	2,000.00			2,000.00	450.00	2,450.00
Abilene, Calvary	(Miss) Frances Osborn, 1134 Victoria	Yes	1924	Wood	200	4	3	10	2,000.00			2,000.00		2,000.00
Abilene, North Park	(Mrs) G. W. Thompson, Abilene	Yes	1915	Wood	300	1	1	10	1,500.00			1,500.00		1,500.00
Blackwell	(Mrs) S. P. Smith, Blackwell	Yes	1923	Wood	300	1	1	10	1,500.00			1,500.00		1,500.00
Blair	W. Latimer, Rt. 4, Merkel	Yes	1923	Wood	300	1	1	10	1,500.00			1,500.00		1,500.00
Buffalo Gap	L. P. Johnson, Rt. 5, Abilene	Yes	1924	Wood	300	1	1	10	1,500.00			1,500.00		1,500.00
Calvary (near S.W. Tr.)	Little Lynn Rice, Sweetwater	Yes	1924	Wood	300	1	1	10	1,500.00			1,500.00		1,500.00
Cape	W. D. Blanks, Rt. 2, Abilene	Yes	1925	Stucco	400	25	7	13	12,000.00			12,000.00		12,000.00
Cedar Gap	(Miss) Carrie McBees, Tuscola	Yes	1897	Wood	200	1	1	10	1,000.00			1,000.00		1,000.00
Elmdale	Pauline Judd, Rt. 5, Abilene	Yes	1923-1934	Wood	250	18	16	16	2,000.00			2,000.00	480.00	2,480.00
Hamby	(Mrs) Jack Cannon, Rt. 1, Abilene	No	1930	Wood	250	1	1	10	2,000.00			2,000.00	300.00	2,300.00
Hill Side	J. W. Slater, Rt. 1, Tye	No	1914	Wood	300	1	1	10	1,500.00			1,500.00		1,500.00
Lawn	J. L. Grant, Lawn	Yes	1924	Lumber	150	1	1	10	1,500.00			1,500.00		1,500.00
Mt. Olive	(Mrs) Sam Sneed, Blackwell	Yes	1924	Lumber	150	1	1	10	1,500.00			1,500.00		1,500.00
Merkel	Holland Teaff, Merkel	Yes	1920-1921	Brick	600	30	7	24	30,000.00			4,000.00	34,000.00	12,000.00
Maryland	J. J. Reid, Guilan	No			200	1	1	10	1,000.00			1,000.00		1,000.00
Moro	E. Hodges, Rt. 5, Abilene	Yes	1926	Wood	400	1	1	10	1,000.00			1,000.00		1,000.00
Neill	V. L. Owens, Nolan	Yes	1905	Wood	300	1	1	10	2,500.00			2,500.00		2,500.00
Nolan	W. L. Falwell, Ovalo	Yes	1905	Wood	300	1	1	10	2,500.00			2,500.00		2,500.00
Ovalo	W. L. Falwell, Ovalo	Yes	1905	Wood	300	1	1	10	2,500.00			2,500.00		2,500.00
Salt Branch	W. L. Higgins, Rt. 1, Merkel	Yes	1906	Wood	250	1	1	10	2,000.00			2,000.00		2,000.00
Shep	I. B. Gamble, Rt. 1, Wink	Yes	1924	Lumber	300	1	1	10	2,500.00			2,500.00		2,500.00
Sweetwater, First	Isabelle Bardwell, Sweetwater	Yes	1923	Brick	700	21	7	21	115,000.00			125,000.00	35,500.00	160,500.00
Sweetwater, Lamar	(Mrs) L. J. Dyer, Sweetwater	Yes	1923	Brick	275	7	1	9	7,500.00			2,550.00	10,050.00	4,625.00
Trent	J. B. Bowers, Trent	Yes	1906	Wood	200	5	1	8	3,000.00			3,000.00		3,000.00
Tuscola	I. B. Williams, Tuscola	Yes	1908	Wood	350	11	1	11	2,000.00			2,000.00		2,000.00
Tye	I. S. Briggs, Rt. 3, Abilene	Yes	1923	Wood	300	1	1	8	2,000.00			2,000.00		2,000.00
White Flat	(Mrs) V. A. Lobban, Rt. 1, Trent	No			300	1	1	8	2,000.00			2,000.00		2,000.00
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(Miss) Ima D. Petty, Recording-Corresponding Secretary of Sweetwater Baptist Association, Abilene, State of Texas.
Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, Moderator, Sweetwater Baptist Association, Abilene, State of Texas.

Hardin-Simmons News

Enrollment Higher Than Fall Semester

Enrollment for the spring semester for Hardin-Simmons university exceeded the two days registration for the fall semester, and officials indicated that the registration would be much larger than the fall figure.

Registration began at 8:30 Wednesday morning and continued steadily throughout the day. The Thursday figure boosted the total registration and a few new students enrolled Friday and today.

Class work began Thursday morning despite the late enrollment during the latter part of the week. A late fee was assessed all students who failed to register Wednesday.

Courses of instruction in 22 departments and schools will be offered by more than 50 instructors. Expecting a large enrollment of fall semester high school graduates, administrative officials at the university have placed several first semester freshmen courses in the curriculum for the next session. January high school graduates may begin work immediately toward a degree.

Fall semester examinations which began Friday will be concluded Tuesday afternoon. Several students will complete work for graduation but will be recognized and receive diplomas at the June commencement exercises.

Only holidays for the new semester listed in the university catalogue are during the Easter recess, April 9-13.

Annual senior day exercises will be held February 22. Founder's day program has been set for April 17.

Quartet Figures In Car Smashup

En route to fill engagements in three Stephens county churches, members of the girls quartet of Hardin-Simmons university were slightly injured Sunday morning when the automobile in which they were riding overturned near Breckenridge. W. P. Cagle, driver of the car, also received minor hurts.

The machine, an airflow Chrysler sedan, owned by Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Snow, was badly damaged and was left in Breckenridge for repairs.

Members of the quartet are Etwanda Riddle, Dorothy Sue Collins, Ruth King and Daisy Mae Cagle. Miss Cagle had a severe face laceration and the other young women received minor cuts and bruises. Mr. Cagle had a severe abrasion on the right leg. He is a brother of Mrs. Snow.

The accident occurred east of Breckenridge, where the machine struck soft dirt from road grading. Occupants of the car were returned to Breckenridge for emergency treatment, and were brought to Abilene later in the day.

Richardson Talks On Annual Good Government Program

Dr. Rupert N. Richardson, vice-president of Hardin-Simmons university, was guest speaker for the annual good government program of the Abilene City Federation of Women's clubs in their meeting Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Wooten hotel.

"Our Neighbor, Mexico," was the title of the topic discussed by Dr. Richardson. In his talk, he stressed international relations, referring to the notes, which he made while on a visit to Mexico last summer.

Cowboy Musicians Slate '36 Contest

McClure Names April 10-11, Dates For High School Band Tourney

Dates for the Cowboy band's annual high school band contest have been set for April 10-11, Marion B. McClure, conductor, announced. Invitations to high school bands throughout the state will be mailed in a few days.

Returning to act as supreme judge for the contests will be H. A. Vandercook of Chicago, president of the Vandercook School of Music. In last year's contests Vandercook scored a big hit with visiting bands and directors.

Orchestras will also compete in events this year. Band officials state that a large number of loving cups will be awarded winner of all divisions. Last year's cups were the largest and most expensive ever given in a West Texas band event.

Several high school units have already signified their intentions to attend the meet. Abilene high school and Wink high school bands tied for the sweepstakes loving cup valued at \$350 last year. This award, donated by the Abilene chamber of commerce annually, goes to the best all-round band in the contest. It must be won three years in succession for permanent possession.

Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself.

The program the band has played includes: March, Gate City; Safari, Overture; Persian Market; Fantasy; March of the Toys, Nola, Ballet Egyptian, and the usual novelty numbers.

Featured entertainers making the trips are Jack Krauss, accordion; Elton Plovman, vocalist; and Johnny Regan, roper.

Big Spring Association Report

The Big Spring Association is composed of 24 churches with a total membership of 4,933 members. There were 1,027 additions to the churches last year. Of these 511 were by letter, 408 by baptism and 108 by statement.

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Officers Installed By Pricilla Helpers

New officers for the coming semester were elected at the semi-monthly meeting of the Pricilla Helpers, Jan. 23. The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. N. W. Pitts, newly elected secretary of the club.

Mrs. N. A. Moore was in charge of the program and after the regular program of Scripture reading and prayer offering, gave a brief talk on the responsibilities and duties of a pastor's wife.

Refreshments were served at the end of the meeting.

Officers that were elected were: Mrs. J. N. Arnett, president; Mrs. J. N. Easterwood, vice-president; Mrs. N. W. Pitts, secretary; Mrs. C. Jackson, treasurer; Mrs. W. I. Taylor, chorister; Mrs. J. Alexander, pianist; Mrs. R. O. Young, reporter; Mrs. N. A. Moore, parliamentarian; and Mrs. E. B. Atwood, sponsor.

Ministerial Council Names R. L. Shannon As President

R. L. Shannon has recently been named president of the Ministerial Council of Hardin-Simmons university.

Other officers chosen were: Almond Norris, vice-president; Hobson Howell, secretary; W. I. Taylor, treasurer; G. Lee, chorister; Mrs. N. A. Moore, pianist; Charles Dickson, reporter; Orval Richardson, B. S. U. representative, and Rev. C. A. Powell, parliamentarian.

Dr. N. A. Moore led the devotional after the meeting. The next council gathering will be Feb. 7.

Some people are always grumbling because roses have thorns. I am thankful that thorns have roses.—Karr.

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BENEVOLENCE REPORT

Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 1935

Callahan Association—No. talks 8; Buckner Orphans Home offerings 3, 1 trunk valued \$156; beneficiaries, 1 box. Chairman, Mrs. J. E. Green, Putnam.

Cisco Association—Buckner Orphans Home offerings 5, value \$181.53, 29 boxes valued \$380.15; W. T. B. Sanitarium 1 offering, value \$5.00; beneficiary, 2 offerings, value \$21.01, 1 box, value \$20.90. Chairman, Mrs. Graton Adams, Okra.

Fisher Association—Buckner Orphans Home 1 offering, value \$89.51, 6 boxes, value \$126.65. Chairman, Mrs. Emery Scott, Rotan, Rt. 1.

Haskell Association—Chairman, Mrs. D. Scott, Haskell.

Jones Association—Buckner Orphans Home 3 offerings, \$33.95, 4 boxes, not valued; W. T. B. Sanitarium 1 offering \$32.50; beneficiary 1 offering \$2.70. Chairman, Mrs. F. E. Tonroy, Lueders.

Stonewall Association—No. talks 5; Buckner Orphans Home 7 offerings \$57.37, 4 boxes \$37.65; W. T. B. Sanitarium 1 offering \$1.50; Beneficiary 1 offering \$1.00, 6 societies reporting. Chairman, Mrs. Gay Southern, Swenson.

Sweetwater Association—No. talks 8; B. O. H. 2 offerings, value \$492.27, 12 boxes, \$258.67, 1 shower \$26.55; W. T. B. S. 1 offering, \$22.18; Beneficiaries, 3 offerings, \$15.00, 2 boxes \$8.50. Chairman, Mrs. W. F. Joyner, Tye.

All reports on time. We gladly welcome new chairman, Mrs. J. E. Green.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. George L. Paxton,
Chairman, Dist. 17

LETTER TO W. M. U. MOTHER

Seminary Hill, Texas.
January 12, 1936.

My Dear W. M. U. Mother:

Your letter a few days ago made me very happy. I was so glad to hear from you and appreciate so very much what you people are doing for the Master. Words just cannot express my gratitude to you.

Yes, I had a very enjoyable Christmas. As my home was so far away and also I felt so definitely that the Lord had something for me to do here, I did not go home. On Christmas Eve we (the few that stayed here during the holidays) went out to the County Home. In the afternoon I was just a little lonesome, but I passed it quickly away and looked for an opportunity to help some one. After we went to the Home we found those dear old people so downhearted, forlorn, and with a look that seemed to say, "no one cares for me." In the spirit of the Christ, we sang those beautiful Christmas carols. It was so interesting to see those faces change. They were so glad we came and too, we were glad we could go and make others happy. After we left the Home we went to the Mission. As we were going I thought how wonderful it would be to win some one to Jesus on the Eve of the day we celebrate His birth. During the invitation a man of about 40 years raised his hand for prayer. I heard the Master's voice as He softly spoke to me and told me to talk to him. I uttered two simple prayers. One that the Lord would prepare his heart and the other was that the Lord would use me in whatever way He saw best. In a few minutes I saw the man was under deep conviction, but he said to me, "Lady, you don't realize that I am a great sinner." I told him that the Savior was "able to save to the uttermost those who would come to Him for salvation." Also I told him if he would come to Jesus "He would not cast him out." After talking to him a short while he told me this was his first free Christmas in ten years. I told him in spite of all his sins, Jesus loved him. In a few more minutes he said, "I will trust Christ. I mean to tell I will trust him." By that time I could see the Spirit of Christ had entered that life. I asked him to pray, supposing that he would bow his head in prayer, but instead, on his knees he went. I knelt with him. I don't believe I have ever heard such a penitent prayer. After he finished I was so happy and offered a prayer of Thanksgiving. As I looked in his face I could see such a change. I asked him if he had a Bible. He told me that he did not. I looked in my hands and all I had was my nice, precious leather back Christian Worker's Testament that was given to me by five of my dearest friends that I had been privileged to help them find God's will in their lives. What was I going to do? The Lord was

so near and again He whispered in my ear, "If you love me, you give him the Bible for me." It touched tender heart strings, but then I said, "Jesus, yes, I will." I told the man how much the Testament meant to me but I was giving it to him. He was so proud of it. He put it in his chest and said, "Oh, it is the first Bible I ever owned."

Since that time I have seen him, and he has been reading it, and it is a joy to see what Christ is doing with that life.

Last week was examination week. I do not know if ever I felt the Divine presence as much in an examination period as I did this time. It is so wonderful to know that "Our God can supply our every need." Whether we need Him spiritually, financially, physically, mentally, and whatever our need may be, He will help. Again I say, "Isn't He a wonderful Savior?"

As you go to the various associations, I would appreciate it if you would give my love to those fine Christian women.

I shall be so happy to be with you April 28 and 29. I will be praying much for our meeting.

Lots of love to all,
LUCILE.

Fisher County Mission Study Institute

The associational mission study institute of Fisher County was held in Roby Jan. 28th. Representatives were present from Rotan, North Roby, Royston, McCaulley, Sylvester, and Roby to the number of 27. Each lady brought a dish for the lunch hour. The day was a great blessing to all who attended. On account of illness only two classes were taught. Mrs. Ralph Bishop, Roby, taught, "Who Is My Neighbor?" by Mrs. A. L. Anleck, and Mrs. O. M. Jones of Sylvester taught "The People of the Jesus Way," by J. W. Beagle. Mrs. D. L. Swint, Rotan, brought a wonderful book review of "Esther," leaving the thought with us that God always keeps those who are in the right.

Mrs. S. R. Brumfield, Publicity Chairman.
(The above was written on a penny postal card and gives all the facts necessary. Will other publicity chairmen kindly "go and do likewise.")
—Editor.



TO THE PEOPLE OF TAYLOR COUNTY:

For the many kindnesses extended to me by the people of Taylor County I am deeply grateful. It has been my purpose during my tenure in office of District Clerk to carry on the work with efficiency and courtesy. I have tried at all times to give the very best service possible to the attorneys, litigants, witnesses, jurors and to all people having business in the district clerk's office. I am asking the people of this county for reelection to this office and promise them the same service as has been heretofore rendered by me and my deputies. The vote and influence of every person in Taylor County will be highly appreciated and is earnestly solicited.

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DISTRICT EXECUTIVE BOARD, W. M. U. WILL STRESS STUDENTS LOAN FUND

The following recommendation was passed at the District No. 17 Executive Board meeting in Abilene, Dec. 12, 1935. There we established a general district fund to be called "Hardin-Simmons Student Fund" to take the place of the funds now existing for the university. The goal was set at \$1,000 for this year, with apportionments as follows:

Sweetwater Association	\$400
Cisco Association	300
Jones Association	100
Haskell Association	150
Fisher Association	25
Callahan Association	15
Stonewall Association	25

I wish to urge with all the earnestness of my soul that each woman who does her very best in helping us to meet these apportionments. This money is a gift to the university to be used in aiding worthy boys and girls to stay in school who could not otherwise be in school. It arouses your sympathy to the depths to hear some fine student say "I'm going to have to drop out, and go home, as I just don't have any money to pay my fees," while his eyes fill with tears over the disappointment of not getting to continue in school. Some of these are preachers, with a wife and several children to support while he struggles to get an education.

The spring semester has just begun and many students are needing right now the assistance that this fund will give, so please give and send it in as early as possible. Some pay it through the local church budget, while others take up a free-will offering each time the society meets.

I'd like for our ladies to begin now planning for our senior high school field day here at the university which will be held the latter part of April. Let's make this one the best yet that we have had.

Sincerely,
MRS. N. A. MOORE,
Dist. Chairman of Edu.

Attendance at our services at Moro on the fourth Sunday in January was cut down considerably by the weather. Of the 24 present, six joined the church by letter. We had a nice mission offering, and plan to have such an offering regularly. We have organized a West Texas Baptist Club, and the paper is now going into every home in our church.

Rev. J. S. Tierce, for several years pastor of the First Baptist Church, Aspermont, has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church, Clyde, and will begin his work there on the third Sunday in this month. The church at Clyde is having the parsonage repainted and repapered for the coming of Brother Tierce and his family. Before going to Aspermont Brother Tierce was pastor of churches in Runnels County for several years. He is one of our most promising young preachers and we gladly welcome him to this immediate section of the district.

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HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB LEADER MAKES APPEAL

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to do in the payment of our debts have no right to expect a handful of people to continue their support of the movement, to discharge an obligation that is the obligation of all Southern Baptists. The time has come when a larger number of our people must feel some sense of responsibility in this matter.

"One of our fine laymen said to me the other day that he could see no reason why he and a few others should be expected to continue their support of the debt-paying plan when the majority of our pastors had done absolutely nothing about it. Whether he is justified in his observation or not, I will not say. I am convinced, however, that our pastors, deacons, Sunday School superintendents, leaders of W.M.U., B.T.U., and Brotherhood organizations will have to take this debt-paying movement a little more seriously if we are to continue our forward march which we have so nobly begun. So far as I am personally concerned, I pledged my support of the movement until the last dollar of the last debt on every agency owned and controlled by Southern Baptists is paid. There is no place to quit, no time to take out—we are on the march and having set our hand to the plow we will not turn back.

Your Responsibility

"It isn't a question of whether or not you can afford to support this debt-paying movement. The more important question is can you afford not to support it? I would not be willing as a pastor to take the responsibility of withholding information concerning the plan from my people. Neither would I want to withhold my own personal support and by so doing discourage the members of my church from pledging their support.

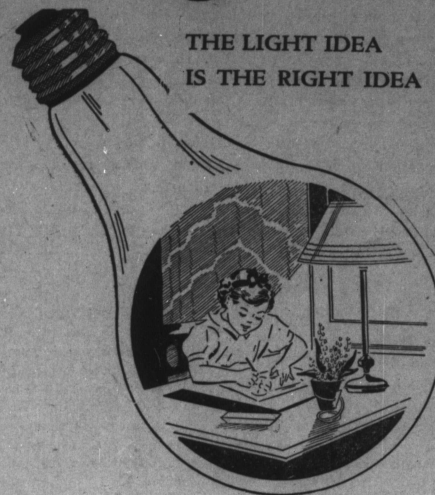
"January and February of this year have been designated as a time to promote the third membership drive. We have tried to be faithful in our stewardship in the matter of disseminating information and providing for supplies, contacting many conventions, district and associational meetings, and other large groups of Baptists. Surely the majority of our people know about the plan by now and should be sufficiently interested to make their commitments. The glorious success which has rewarded our efforts in the past, the sense of security that it has brought to the executives and boards of the agencies involved, and the promise that it will ultimately get us entirely out of this embarrassing and difficult financial situation, should lead every Baptist everywhere to want to have a part in such a worthy enterprise.

"If you have not already signed your pledge to pay a dollar a month through your own church, secure a card at once and know something of the joy of co-operation with your fellow Baptists in an effort to finish the most significant piece of work ever undertaken by the Southern Baptist Convention. Do it for the sake of these agencies involved and for the sake of Christ whose we are."

Pastor Pitts and the Shep Church held baptismal services at the University Baptist Church Wednesday night of last week, one candidate was baptized.



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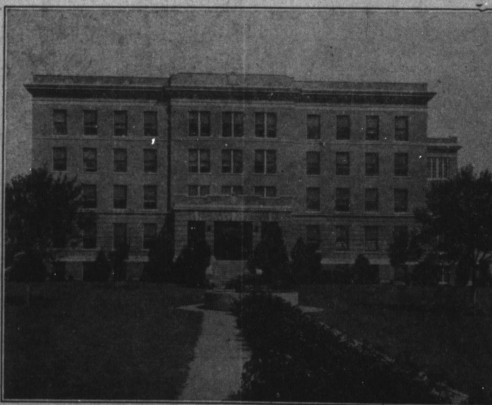
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The following announcements are subject to the Democratic Primary election to be held in July:

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