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MISSIONARY MESSAGES



By J. Henry Littleton

After an absence of several weeks I am back writing these notes this Monday morning. I have been out of the district for the past seventeen days, taking what some would call a vacation. I had a good time but am glad to be back to work. We spent one week at Corpus Christi. Visited at the First Church on Sunday. We then moved on to Ruidoso, N. M.

From Corpus we traveled the coast highway to El Paso. That is some trip and as you drive along you just thank God for Texas. We found the church at Ruidoso pastorless and we preached there both morning and evening. We did not have many people but they were from all parts of the U. S. We enjoyed it very much and if some man could go there for two months in the summer he could do a marvelous work in that resort town.

There are so many things to do this morning that we hardly know where to begin. Our associational meetings are just ahead of us and I am very anxious that they be the best we have ever had. Fisher County meets the third of September with the Higghland Home church. We hope every church will have a large group present for this meeting.

There are several churches pastorless just now and we will spend this week contacting them with the hope that each one will have its letter at the associational meeting. We find that we are having a fine group of pastors coming to Simmons this fall and we hope it will be possible for

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EVENTS TO COME

September 2 — Panhandle Association, Memphis.

September 3 — Fisher Association, Highland Home.

September 3-5—Pre-school B. S. U. Conference, Seminary Hill.

September 4-5 — Cochran-Hockley Association, Levelland.

September 8 — Opening fall term, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

September 9—Mitchell-Scurry Association, Loraine.

September 9-10—Lamesa Association, Klondike.

September 9-10—Staked Plains Association, Hale Center.

September 9-10—Dickens Association, Spur.

September 9-10 — Throckmorton-Young Association, Olney.

September 10—Red Fork Association, Childress.

September 10-11—Tierra Blanca Association, Hereford.

September 11—Big Spring Association, Immanuel Church, Odessa.

September 11-12—Lubbock Association, First Church, Lubbock.

September 11-12—Jones Association, Hodges.

September 11-12—Brady Association, Eden.

September 11-12—Wichita-Archer Association, Kamay.

September 12—Big Spring Association, Coahoma.

September 11-12—North Fork Association, Wellington.

September 11-12—Mills Association, Big Valley.

September 12—San Saba Association, San Saba.

September 15-17—Fall Term begins, Hardin-Simmons University.

September 16-17—Panhandle Association, Memphis.

September 16-17—Palo Duro Association, First Church, Amarillo.

September 18-19—West Plains Association, Anton.

September 18-19 — Trans-Canadian Association, Hartley.

September 22-23—Floyd Association, Matador.

September 23—Canadian Association, Miami.

LAKE BROWNWOOD JUBILEE IS MAGNET FOR BROTHERHOOD

Regardless of a showery afternoon, 400 men, representing nearly every association in District 6, and many from adjoining areas as well as more distant points, participated in the opening session of the third annual Lake Brownwood Brotherhood Jubilee on Monday evening, August 25.

Speakers for the evening included Lawson H. Cooke, Memphis, general secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South; Judge E. S. Cummings, Abilene, president of the Texas Brotherhood; R. A. Springer, state Brotherhood secretary; Missionary J. P. King of District 16, who welcomed the visitors; Hilton Stevens, Paint Rock, response; and Rev. Clarence A. Morton, Ballinger opening devotional.

Dr. J. M. Bradford, pastor at Coggin Avenue, Brownwood, made introductions. Steve Heather of Brownwood gave special music.

The Jubilee continued through Tuesday evening with other hundreds of men coming. Tuesday speakers included Dr. W. W. Melton, Baptist state secretary; Rev. Dick O'Brien, Stamford; Dr. J. W. Middleton, San Angelo; Dr. Karl H. Moore, and President Thomas H. Taylor, Brownwood.

Coleman County men furnished a barbecue supper Monday and Brown County men supplied a fish fry for Tuesday.

The Lake Brownwood Jubilee is credited with being the first such regular gathering of laymen and the plan is being used in five or six districts in Texas this year. Judge Cummings and Mr. Springer appeared Tuesday on the program at the Brotherhood rally at Alto Frio. Mr. Cooke spoke Tuesday morning at the Southwestern Religious Education conference at Fort Worth.

BAPTIST RADIO PROGRAMS LISTED FOR FIVE MONTHS

From September 8 to February 7 Baptist ministers will conduct the afternoon devotional of station KRBC for ten weeks. This is a sustaining program of the station from 2:30 to 2:45 Monday through Saturday. Members of the Abilene Ministerial Alliance are invited by the station management to take turns in conducting this program which is heard on 1430 kc.

Rev. Douglas Carver of University Church will have the week of September 8 to 13; Dr. M. A. Jenkens, First Church, September 22 to 27; Rev. Clyde Jackson, Temple, November 3 to 8; District Missionary J. Henry Littleton, November 10 to 15; convention week; Rev. Guy Lewis, Sunset, December 8 to 13; Rev. W. C. Ashford, South Side, December 22 to 27; Rev. Clyde Jackson, Calvary, December 29 to January 3; Rev. F. A. Hollis, North Park, January 19 to 21; Rev. D. G. Reid, Immanuel, January 26 to 31; Rev. James Alexander, Friendship Mission, February 2 to 7.

The pastors are expected to conduct the services on these dates or to be responsible for guest speakers.

MRS. MCLAIN TO ADDRESS STONEWALL ASSN. W. M. U.

The women of Stonewall Association are to have Mrs. J. H. McLain of Brownwood, state stewardship chairman for the W. M. U., to conduct an all-day meeting on September 2.

The Jayton Church extends, through Mrs. C. N. Gilbert, pastor's wife and stewardship chairman for the association, a cordial welcome to all who wish to come. Visitors are asked to bring a covered dish for lunch.

FISHER ASSOCIATION MEETS NEXT WEEK

The Fisher County Association will meet at Highland Home Church, Wednesday, September 3 at 9:30 A. M. Highland Home Church is near the Rotan-Hamlin road. The women will have their session on Tuesday. This is the first association in District 17. The following week Jones Association will meet at Hodges.

Church people must not lose sight of the values of youth gatherings as a means of formulating ideals and standards that will endure for life.—Gov. Stassen of Minnesota.

VETERAN MISSIONARY TO PREACH AT ABILENE



Dr. A. B. Deter, a veteran of Baptist mission work in Brazil, will preach at First Church, Abilene, Sunday, August 31. Dr. Deter is well known in West Texas, having appeared in many of the churches during his furlough years in the mission work. The above picture shows him riding a cow, one of the many unconventional modes of travel he used in reaching outlying fields in the southern part of the great South American republic.

LATTIMORE EWING CALLED TO POSITION AT LUBBOCK

Lattimore Ewing has accepted a call to serve as B. S. U. leader and education director for young people at First Church, Lubbock. Leo E. Waite continues as education director of the church. He will give emphasis to education in the adult and elementary departments and will have charge of the church finances.

Mr. Ewing became prominent in Baptist student circles while an undergraduate at Baylor University. He has served as student secretary in First Church, Denton, where he had contact with students in the state colleges there, and at Brownwood, where he has been for three years education director at First Church, adjacent to the Howard-Payne campus. He goes to Lubbock where he will be leader of the hundreds of Baptist students in Tech attending First Church.

Mr. Waite has been at the Lubbock church for over five years, succeeding J. D. Riddle who came to Abilene. Dr. C. E. Hereford is pastor. During the current associational year, which is not quite closed, the church has received 651 new members. They now have 3,600 resident members and 2,500 enrolled in Sunday School, and one of the largest and most efficient Training Unions in the state.

In addition to work with the B. S. U. on the college campus, Mr. Ewing will have the responsibility of the Young People's, Intermediate and Junior departments.

INSTRUCTION SCHOOLS ARRANGED FOR W. M. U.

Mrs. E. F. Lyon, state W. M. U. secretary, will visit Sweetwater Association September 4 and 5 to hold school of instruction in W. M. U. work. She will meet the women of the eight Baptist Churches of Abilene, Elmdale, Caps, Tuscola, Ovalo, Merkel and Tye in the Women's Department of the Education Building of First Church, Abilene, at 9:30 Thursday morning. On Friday morning she will be with the women of Blackwell, Nolan, Hylton, Trent, and Lamar Street at First Church, Sweetwater.

All officers and standing chairmen are expecte dto attend these meetings and all other Baptist women are invited, announces Mrs. C. C. Compere, associational president. All are asked to bring lunch.

B. S. U. LEADER TO TEACH IN JUDSON COLLEGE

Dr. Paul Geren, an outstanding Christian youth leader who attended Baylor University, Louisiana State University and Harvard University, taking degrees from each, will sail September 9 for Rangoon, Burma. He will be a lecturer in economics in Judson College of University of Rangoon and will work in the rural reconstruction of Burma. He expects to devote his spare time and weekends to preaching. The Judson college dates back to Ann and Adoniram Judson, first American missionaries to Burma. Geren was president of the Baptist Student Union and a speech champion at Baylor.

ABILENE WOMEN PLAN FOR STATE MEETING

Initial plans for entertaining the state convention of the Woman's Missionary Union were inaugurated at a meeting of the women of all Baptist churches in Abilene on August 21. Mrs. J. B. Buckley, president of the W. M. U. of District 17 and a vice-president of the state convention, will act as general chairman of arrangements for the meeting, which will be held in Abilene November 10 and 11, preceding the General Convention.

Mrs. L. Q. Campbell is co-chairman, Mrs. Ben D. Parker is secretary and Mrs. D. W. Arnette is treasurer. These constitute the general executive committee.

On the social program will be a tea for missionaries and other social hours. A motorcade is planned to points of interest, including the Baptist institutions in the city.

Chairmen named include:

Mrs. C. L. Prichard, luncheons and breakfast; Mrs. L. H. Beckham, registration; Mrs. L. A. Lacy, banners and signs; Mrs. O. H. Dick and Mrs. John Toombs, automobiles; Mrs. R. A. Collins, ushers and pages; Mrs. Emmette Chandler, decorations; Mrs. F. A. Hollis, checkrooms; Mrs. H. H. Ramsey, writing room and lounge; Mrs. J. R. Fielder and Mrs. Ben Manly, tea for missionaries; Mrs. B. L. Lacy, publicity; Mrs. Jim Stinson, information; Mrs. J. R. Spaulding, nursery; Mrs. M. A. Jared, rooms for officers; Mrs. C. M. Caldwell, district dinner; Mrs. O. B. Woodson and Jaxie Short, young people's activities.

CETA GLEN CAMP DRAWS MOST LOYAL ATTENDANCE

The first general encampment at Ceta Glen in many years brought an earnest and enthusiastic attendance, largely from District Ten, which sponsored the camp from August 18 to 24. Nearly every camper attended all the classes and services in which he was scheduled to participate.

Rain and threatening weather hindered attendance somewhat, but leaders envisioned an outstanding encampment for the Plains country.

The Camp Pastor was President W. R. White, with Secretary W. W. Melton preaching Tuesday. Judge E. S. Cummings, state Brotherhood president, was speaker for laymen. Mrs. J. Walton Moore, returned missionary to China, was W. M. U. leader. Other out of district speakers included Dr. G. S. Hopkins, state Sunday School missionary, and Mrs. A. Adamcik, of the Training Union department.

Rev. J. C. McKenzie is missionary in District Ten, one of the best organized in the state. Rev. Ira M. Powell of Borger is encampment president, and J. I. Payton, Canadian, encampment manager.

SWEETWATER HONORS DEPARTING WORKER

First Church, Sweetwater, honored Woodrow W. Harris, pastor's assistant, with an all-church picnic Friday evening, August 22. Mr. Harris is leaving September 1 to become education director of First Church, Columbia, S. C. Dr. R. C. Campbell, former general secretary of Texas Baptists, is pastor at this church.



Harris

Following games and the traditional family picnic dinner of fried chicken, pies, cakes and other delicious foods, at the city park, a program was given honoring the departing guest.

Pastor J. M. Sibley paid his assistant an unqualified tribute for his enthusiasm, loyalty and consecration. J. D. Riddle of Abilene spoke of his activities in the denominational work, in the association, in the district where he has served as president of the Sunday School convention, and the state where he has been a leader in the Baptist Student Union.

Elizabeth Paddock rendered a humorous resume of the life of the honor guest. Special music was given by Helen Walker, Bill Williams, Mrs. Jack Yarbrough, and J. D. Riddle. Mr. Riddle also led group singing.

Mr. Harris responded briefly to the tributes and gave a humorous musical drama. Howard McLaughlin was master of ceremonies.

HOMECOMING LAUNCHES IMMANUEL REVIVAL

A homecoming day launched the summer revival of Immanuel Church, Abilene, Sunday, August 24. In spite of heavy rains, 60 former members were recognized and four new members were added during the day's services.



Rev. J. M. Sibley

Rev. J. M. Sibley, Sweetwater pastor, and Chas. McLaughlin, music director of University Church, Abilene, are assisting Pastor D. G. Reid in the revival which is expected to continue two weeks.



Rev. D. G. Reid

The welcome address for the homecoming service was delivered by Deacon H. L. Rice with response by Mrs. John R. Spaulding. Former Pastors R. H, Williams and Scott W. Hickey had a prominent part in the services of the day. The history of the church, which began in 1908 as the Walnut Srteet Mission of First Church, was read by Judge Jas. P. Stinson of Abilene.

Dinner was served at the church for members and visitors.

Within the last three and one-half years, Immanuel Church has erected and enlarged a handsome rock building and erected a comfortable home of matching material for the pastor.

MRS. LYON WILL ADDRESS CALLAHAN WOMEN SEPT. 3

Mrs. E. F. Lyon, general secretary for the Woman's Missionary Union of Texas, will speak to the women of Callahan Association on Wednesday, September 3, at the Baird church. Mrs. W. E. Clard, associational president, urges every woman in the association to be present.

Mrs. Lyon will be in Sweetwater Association, Thursday and Friday, September 4 and 5, speaking in Abilene the first date and at Sweetwater the latter.

OLDEN REVIVAL

There were 20 additions to the revival at Olden closing August 17, with ten for baptism. Sunday School and Training attendance doubled during the revival. Rev. Lewis Steed, pastor at Rhodessa, La., preached for the meeting and Dick Reynolds of Childress led the song services. Pastor A. A. Palmer baptized 18 at the close of the meeting, including a group who were converted at the Vacation Bible School.

ROTAN CHURCH PLANS HOMECOMING DAY

First Church, Rotan, Rev. Lawrence Trott, pastor, will celebrate the opening of their handsome new building with a homecoming day on Sunday, September 7. All former pastors, members and all friends are invited.

This Changing World

". . . that those things which cannot be shaken may remain." Heb. 12:27.

By LOUIE D. NEWTON

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands — one nation, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

Archbishop Robert Emmet Lucey, of San Antonio, concluded a two-weeks School of Social Justice for his diocese last week, to which he brought one hundred and forty-seven young priests, to study "the social order for the purpose of reconstructing industry, agriculture and the professions." Among the courses taught were: "Balanced Income and Balanced Prices," "Industrial Unionism," "Federal Government and Organized Labor," "The Living Wage," "The Right to Strike," and so forth. Literature distributed: housing pamphlets, the fifth anniversary issue of CIO News, the labor encyclicals of Leo XIII and Pius XI, AFL brochures, and a Department of Labor folder on child labor. "By and large," says the press, "the spirit of the meeting was as far to the left as the thinking of the San Antonio archdiocese had heretofore been to the right." Typical comment of Mr. Lucey: "Poverty is so vast and wages so low."

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Pastor Martin Niemoller has been transferred from Sachsenhausen concentration camp to some place in Bavaria, "where he is much better off," according to a message smuggled past the German censor last week. Niemoller has been a prisoner of Hitler since 1937. He is the leader of the Protestants of Germany in their refusal to yield to the yoke of Nazism.

TEXT FOR THE WEEK
Doth not wisdom cry? And understanding put forth her voice?—Proverbs 8:1.

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Asked why the Eight Points had nothing to say about freedom of religion, President Roosevelt answered: "It is unnecessary for me to point out that the declaration of principles includes of necessity the world need for freedom of religion and freedom of information. No society of the world organized under the announced principles could survive without these freedoms which are a part of the whole freedom for which we strive."

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The British will start the third year of the war with a National Day of Prayer on Sunday, September 7. Why should not we join with them in such a day of prayer?

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Henry Ford unveiled his first plastic car in Dearborn last week. The car is made of soy beans, wheat, cotton, hides, plus a few imported ingredients (cork, rubber, tung oil and ramie). It has a standard Ford sixty chassis, engine, and wheels; but the plastic body cuts its total weight from three to two thousand pounds. The body consists of fourteen panels, formed in one-thousand-ton presses, attached to a tubelar steel frame.

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The U. S. steel industry, with RFC funds, can and is expected to expand its present capacity by 15,000,000 tons (17 per cent). This expanded production will about equal that of Britain. It will require at least nine months to build the new plants—two years to see the full program of expansion. Will that be in time?

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Last week department store sales went up 46 per cent as compared with 1940. Despite shortages in steel and

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HOW CO-OP PROGRAM FUNDS FOR SOUTH ARE DIVIDED

The following ratio was adopted for another year by the recent Convention:

Foreign Mission Board	50%
Home Mission Board	23 1-3%
Relief and Annuity Board	10 1-3%
S. Bap. The. Seminary	4 1-5%
Southwestern The. Sem.	4 1-5%
Baptist Bible Institute	4 1-5%
W. M. U. Training School	8-15%
Amer. Bap. The. Seminary	1%
Sou. Baptist Hospital	2 1-5%

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CREDIT

It is easy, in doing Christian work the only recompense for which is a "Well done," to "do our alms to be seen of men." Had you noticed that although the Master warned his disciples not to work with that motive, he did not condemn those who are prompted by the opportunity to appear in the public eye. He only commented that "they have received their reward," that is, they got what they were working for—a hand from the crowd. Possibly it is better to do good for the applause it may get than to do no good at all.

The emphasis of Jesus is on the divine reward of the approval of the Heavenly Father—"that thy Father who seest in secret may reward thee openly." The choice is that of a reward from an omnipotent Creator or the doubtful chance of praise or scorn from a few perishing mortals.

Yet, how many people do you see engaged in some form of church activity, who are not jealous that they receive full credit in the public eye for their puny efforts? People who suffer with this affliction range from nationally publicized philanthropists to unknowns who making the most feeble, tentative efforts.

In part this is not vanity and egotism, it is the purely human yearning for appreciation. For this we are often at fault in that we are generally stingy and grudging with our evidences of appreciation. Being hungry for recognition ourselves, we should never fail to be generous with deserved praise for others who are striving their best at some difficult job.

But let's not be childish enough to go off and pout because nobody has remembered to tell us what a great work we have been doing. Maybe they were just too busy with their own troubles to think of it, or maybe they simply had the kindness of heart not to tell us that our best efforts were not so good after all.

We are not doing Christian work for any mythical credit, but rather for love of One who died for us. And he has promised to reward faithfulness and will take care of any credit that we have coming.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS

This being a country in which freedom of conscience is exalted, we concede to any, whose actions confirm his words, the same right conscientiously to object to a forced participation in war that we demand in following our consciences in other matters, such as the mode of baptism or the control of the churches by the state.

Our government, rightly, has made arrangement whereby those who are classed as conscientious objectors may be excused from combatant service. To do otherwise would weaken the service by enlisting men who are determined not to fight. Two such men in a command are equal to one active Fifth Columnist. The present regulations appear to be the most liberal of any the nation has ever had at a time when an army was being raised by conscription.

We do not believe that any man's conscience has the liberty to excuse him from all aid to the country which has furnished him a home, an education, greater opportunity and greater freedom than can be found in any country on earth today. Because a man, however mistakenly, may find it against his religion to take part in a war, he should not expect other men to bare their breasts to an enemy to defend him safely in that belief.

War is not all killing or helping others kill. There are humanitarian services fully as essential and no less dangerous than manning a gun. Men, who in sonscience are unable to participate in the fighting, may serve their country in some such manner.

War is an unpleasant business under any circumstances, increasingly so with growing mechanization. But the world is full of unpleasant things. Somebody has to deal with nasty highway smashups, with brutal criminals and with mad dogs. When a powerful nation is bitten wiht a phobia and rushes about recklessly biting the innocent, the old Texian idea of a man is one who bars the path of the mad-dog, forgetful of himself.

Men are entitled to respect for their convictions but they maintain that respect only if they offer themselves for non-combatant places of dangerous service. There are conscientious pacifists and there are conscientious cowards.

THE COMMISSION

Our journal of world missions, The Commission, has set a subscription goal for 1941. The basis for arriving at estimated quotas for the states is one subscriptio for every forty dollars given in 1940 to Foreign Missions. At the end of the first six months of this year, six of the eighteen states in the Southern Baptist Convention had reached their goals. Texas is not one of these.

One reason for this is that Texas has a high quota for subscriptions to this fine magazine, due to the fact that our state, with about one-seventh of the Southern Baptist membership, gave around one-third of the Foreign Mission offering for the year.

But some of the other states, which probably did more in proportion to their wealth, have exceeded us in reading The Commission. Arizona, Illinois, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, and Oklahoma have passed their quotas, while Texas still needs 6,000 more subscribers.

With the thrilling things happening all over the world, there is no place where a half-dollar will give more interesting light on world happenings and personal adventures, no place where more of the tragedy and triumph of the enterprise of spreading the gospel message may be had than in our own mission magazine. If you are interested in missions, you must have The Commission.

NEWS NOTES

A. W. M. U.-sponsored houseparty at Baylor University for G. A. and Y. W. A. girls of Texas District 14, including nine counties, attracted 500 enrollees. It has been recognized by the Associated Press as being the largest houseparty ever held in Texas. Home missions and the racial problems constituted the program theme.

A huge oil painting copied from Heinrich Hoofman's famous "Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane" has been placed in safekeeping of Baylor University. The copy, preserving the life and attractiveness of the original was done by Count Edmund de Szaak of noble Hungarian birth. Hoffman's original of the picture hangs in St. James Cathedral on Fifth Avenue in New York City.

Assuming a role in training young men and women in understanding American democracy and making it Christian, Baylor University at Waco, Texas, has conducted a Citizenship Institute for the teen-aged youth of the surrounding country. Five hundred high school leaders attended.

Rev. R. Boyd Robertson has resigned at Sand Springs, a mission of First Church, Okemah, Oklahoma, to enter Hardin-Simmons University in the fall semester.

Rev. Roy McCorkel of Hillcrest Church, San Angelo, and Alvin Bristow, choir director of Immanuel Church, are leading in a meeting in the southeastern part of their city.

Dr. John A. Held, editor of the Gulf Coast Baptist, has been elected to honorary membership in the Eugene Field Society of Authors and Journalists.

Thirty-three students were enrolled in the Intermountain Baptist Summer Seminary at Denver, August 11 to 23, with Dr. H. E. Dana of Central Seminary, Kansas City, in charge. A similar school is planned for next summer.

Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, 715 Eighth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., urges pastors, parents and friends of Baptists or members of Baptist families who have recently taken government work at the capitol to notify him that the Baptist pastors of the city might be able to get in touch with them. It is estimated that Washington and suburbs now have a population of over a million.

Rev. Jesse B. Leverett of Silverton is leading the song service for a revival with Pastor C. M. Brister, Des Moines, N. M.

Dr. R. O. Cawker of Corpus Christi supplied August 24 for First Church, Albuquerque, following the departure of Pastor A. Hope Owen to serve at First Church, Shawnee, Oklahoma. In the two years that Rev. Owen was at Albuquerque the church had 625 additions, 183 coming for baptism.

Pastor C. C. Beaty is leading in a revival at Friendship Church, Jones Association.

Missionary H. D. Blair is preaching in a revival with Pastor B. D. DeGuire in Delk Church, Jones County.

There were 18 conversions and a number of additions to the church at Canyon, seven miles east of Lubbock, in a meeting in which Pastor J. W. Partin was joined by the Methodist pastor. Rev. Partin has been unanimously called for another year.

Rev. R. A. Scranton of Big Lake preached at First Church, San Angelo on August 24th.

The Adult Union of First Church, Sweetwater is sponsoring a study course at the Sweetwater Negro Baptist Church this week.

Rev. A. F. Turbeville of New Albany, Indiana preached at First Church, Amarillo, August 24.

On September 7 First Church, San Angelo, will have a homecoming service for those who have been away during the summer.

Immanuel Church, San Angelo, is repairing and remodeling their building, beginning with the roof and working down.

Rev. Cooper Waters, Merkel pastor, is assisting Pastor W. L. Daniels in a revival at Stith.

Aaron Grant, H-SU '39, now a secretary to J. Edgar Hoover, was guest singer at University Church, August 24th.

Recently it was stated in the West Texas Baptist that Pastor Lawrence Fitzgerald of Mexico, Missouri, would write the Intermediate Sunday School lessons for next year. Rev. Fitzgerald states that this is an error as he will write for only one quarter, sharing the honor with three others.

The Brotherhood of University Church, Abilene, has purchased a lot at North 14th and Ash, where they will erect a mission building. They already have rock on the site.

Dr. E. S. James is preaching and choir director of First Church, Vernon, is leading the singing in a mission revival in Vernon. Mrs. H. G. Cox is city missionary for First Church.

Pastor Elmer Holt of Throckmorton has conducted one revival meeting each month through the summer months, resulting in the conversion of over 50 and the rededication of 150 Christians. One young man has surrendered to the ministry and two young women have volunteered for mission work.

Evangelist Truman L. Crouch, with Curtis Owen of Beaumont, recently closed a fine meeting with Pastor C. A. Powell and the Rule Church. Rev. Crouch is now in a meeting with the Luling Church, Thomas Hodges of Alexandria, La., leading the singing. Beginning September 1, he will be at Sherman. Due to a change in schedule, he has an open date from September 29 to October 19. He may be addressed care of President W. R. White, H-SU, Abilene. Mrs. Crouch is secretary to Dr. White, having moved from Oklahoma City, where she held a similar position.

Rev. E. Douglas Carver of University Church, Abilene, will preach for a revival at First Church, Stamford, beginning Sunday evening, announces Pastor Dick O'Brien.

FAITH PAVES WAY FOR COLLEGE CAREER

By C. E. BRYANT, Jr.

This item is intended to encourage boys and girls who are dubious about entering college this fall.

We do not deny this is a time of unrest and threatened insecurity. It is a time when we cannot see full ahead, when we hesitate before launching out on a long time program.

Yet, should we not arm ourselves with faith, ambition and determination to go forth on those things which better prepare us for lives of service to our communities, our nation and our God?

The story is told of an East Texas farm lad who wanted to enter Baylor University. The family had barely enough money to get him started and the road ahead was dark and threatening. The boy had just about given up hope.

But it happened that Dr. S. P. Brooks, president of Baylor, visited the rural community church and stayed in the lad's home. After the night church service the university president started home by way of a path through a thickly wooded area. Their only light was a small lantern carried by the boy.

Dr. Brooks questioned how he dared go out on that path at night when he could not see ahead. "It's so dark up yonder, I believe there's no path at all for us and we'll be lost."

"Oh, you see," exclaimed the boy, "this lantern throws only a narrow ring of light around us, but it goes with us and lights the way as we go along."

The boy caught the lesson intended by Dr. Brooks and entered Baylor. He finished his course and now is making good in his profession. His daring has been matched successfully in thousands of similar cases.

Can't we have faith enough to believe that as long as we try, God will light the way for us?

SENTENCE SERMONS

By O. D. Henley

If we want God's will to be done, we will be trying to do it.

Making someone else feel bad is a poor way to make yourself feel good.

Our ideas of fun are funny.

Hell requires no entrance fee.

Many have "open minds" which seem to open only towards evil.

Christians are Christ's "army of occupation."

Don't let the Devil get his hands on your heart.

Jesus is public friend number one!

Many are more interested in prosperity than posterity.

Many are willing to lower morals in order to raise money.

There are more refugees than refuges.

A rejected love leaves a dejected lover.

We either change the world or it changes us.

Sunday School Lesson

August 31, 1941

JOHN URGES CHRISTIAN LOVE

Read the Epistle of John

Study 1 John 3:13-18; 4:7-21

The three epistles of John are shot through with the thought of love. First John culminates in the double declaration that God is love and he first loved us, and in the triple imperative—love God, love one another, love not the world. Second John is addressed to "the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth." Third John embodies an effectionate message to "well-beloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth."

1. The Personnel of Love (1 John 3)

LOVE IDENTIFYING is the outstanding mark of the Christian. Note:

Hate fills and features the world which includes the good in the torrent of its rage and fury.

Faith marks the believer who has passed from death unto life.

Fellowship binds all believers together in the ties of a love which proves their regeneration.

Brotherhood makes a martyr rather than a murderer. Human life is sacred in the eyes of God and man. Therefore—thou shalt not kill by sudden stroke or slow stages. Hate is the germ and source of murder. Therefore—thou shalt not hate! Revenge is often the first step to the killing of a fellow man. Therefore—thou shalt not retaliate! Love is the only counteractant of hate and corrective of revenge and murder. Therefore—love God supremely and love thy neighbor as thyself!

2. The Pattern of Love (1 John 3)

LOVE INSPIRING is seen and shown supremely in Jesus, the divine pattern of love. It was love that brought him from heaven to earth and to give his life a ransom for many. No other motive could inspire this highest act of God. From no other fountain could flow such streams of mercy to man. Think of God in helpless infancy at Bethlehem; under ferocious attack in the wilderness; striving continually with dull disciples and fanatical foes; dying horribly at last under a tempest of human hate; and pitifully laid away in a borrowed tomb. Such a life and such a death can but unveil love in its perfection before our eyes. "Hereby perceive we love!"

3. The Proof of Love (1 John 3)

LOVE EXPRESSED is a fundamental duty of every Christian. And love must be expressed not with words alone which may be as formal as they are finished and as empty as they are equivocating; not with talk which may be idle chatter with the metallic ring of the clanging cymbal; but in deeds which are loaded with love and in a sincerity which sparkles in the eye and shines in the countenance and radiates from the whole personality.

4. The Program of Love (1 John 4)

LOVE REDEEMING is the highest task in the program of love. The duty of fraternal love stands in the foreground but it is based upon, interwoven with, and enforced by divine love. Why ought we to love one another?

Love is of God. Hence, everyone who truly loves is a child of God; and as a child he knows God in an atmosphere of love.

God is love. Hence, one who does not love shows that he does not know God.

The love of God was manifested in the sending of his Son into the world that he might be the propitiation for our sins and that we might have life through him.

He loved us definitely and savingly, though we did not love him and were in rebellion against him. In view of redeeming love, the conclusion is irresistible: "We ought also to love one another."

5. The Privilege of Love (1 John 4)

LOVE INDWELLING is the richest gain in the privilege of love. Notice four things here:

Access to God. While no one has ever seen God with human eyes, yet if we love one another, God abides with us and his love is perfected in us.

Assurance from God. We know he abides in us because he has given us of his Spirit.

Activity for God. Under impulse of love and of the Spirit we see and say that God has sent his Son to be our Savior and that Jesus is the Son of God.

Association with God. Realizing the fact of the divine love and that God is love, we find that to live the life of love we must live in God and he in us.

6. The Perfection of Love (1 John 4)

LOVE EMPOWERING is the finest development in the perfection of love. If God dwells with and within us, we have a threefold power:

The power of attainment, for love thus reaches its perfection in us; the **power of confidence,** for thus we have boldness in the day of judgment; and the **power of conquest,** for complete love expels fear with all its shrinking from penalty.

7. The Philanthropy of Love (1 Jno. 4

LOVE UPLIFTING is the noblest expression of the philanthropy of love. Observe:

The **leverage** of love, for God's love to us enables and inspires us to love; the **lift** of love which reaches out to our fellow men the hand of help without hate or hypocrisy; and the **life** of love, which obeys the divine command to love God and man.

Gold in the Golden Text

Let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.—1 John 3:18.

Love. God is love. Love is the sum of all the commandments. Love is the tie that binds to God and to each other. Love him and love one another.

Love sincerely. Verbal love may be sounding brass. Oral love may be a clanging cymbal. But love in truth is of the heart and love in deed is love energetic and sacrificial.

Daily Bible Readings

Sept. 1—A Vision on the Lord's Day. Rev. 1:9-20.

Sept. 9—Toil and Patience. Rev. 2:1-7.

Sept. 3—Faithful unto Death. Rev. 2:9-11.

Sept. 4—God Knows. Rev. 2:18-19.

Sept. 5—Imperfect Works. Rev. 3:1-6.

Sept. 6—The Open Door. Rev. 3:7-13.

Sept. 7—Knocking at the Door. Rev. 3:14-22.

PARABLES OF THE LORD

Discussed By
COOPER WATERS

THE PARABLE OF THE TARES

Matt. 13:24-30

We are directed this week to another parable in the large group of parables that Jesus spoke by the seaside in one of his greatest discourses. The parable of the Tares is given in Matthew 13, verses 24-30, and upon the request of the disciples is explained in verses 36-43 of the same chapter.

A number of symbols are used. The sower of the good seeds is Jesus and the field upon which they are sown is the world. The good seeds are the Christians and the tares or evil seeds are the ungodly followers of Satan. The sower of the tares of Satan. The harvest time is the end of the world and the reapers are the angels.

As to the harvest time which is the end of the world, it may appear that either one of two interpretations could be given. Jesus was either referring (1) to his return when the tares wil lbe gathered up and cast into the fire (hell) while the saints shine forth in the millennial reign, or (2) to a judgment, in general terms, which is bound to come. Let us beware lest we strain at a gnat and swallow a camel in this interpretation. Far more important than the millenium is the judgment. This is a warning to judgment-bound people and not a lesson on the millennium.

The Parable of the Tares pictures the world as it is. There are good people growing side by side with bad people. The just and the unjust are thriving together. There are two groups in this world but each group has a separate destiny. Things will not always be as they are now. There will be an evening-up time. Those of the good seed will enjoy an eternal bliss while the tares suffer in a devil's hell.

A mother who smoked had a sick baby, and so she called the doctor. After a brief examination, he asked the nursing mother, "Do you smoke?" "Yes," she admitted. "That is what is wrong with your baby; you must either quit nursing or smoking." "Oh, dear," moaned the mother, "I guess I will have to quit nursing then."

—William H. Joyner.

Mildred Smith Writes Of Atlantic Voyage

In contrast with the tragic voyage of the missionaries who sailed for Africa on the ill-fated Zam Zam, those who went later on the sister ship, El Nil had a delightful and uneventful trip. Knowledge of the fate of the earlier passage undoubtedly placed a load of apprehension on both crew and passengers.

Sailing on El Nil were Mildred Smith of Abilene and Winters, Dr. and Mrs. H. Glenn Walker, returning to the leper hospital at Ogbomoso, Nigeria, Rev. and Mrs. I. N. Patterson, returning to Abeokuta, Nigeria; Miss Mildred Marchman of Georgia and Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Adair of Seminary Hill.

We are indebted to Mrs. J. S. Tierce, Knox City, sister of Miss Smith, for the following letter, which was written to her mother, Mrs. J. D. Smith, Winters. It was mailed from a port on the Gold Coast of Africa, before reaching Lagos, the end of the voyage.

Dearest Mommie:

I have started a dozen letters to you, but each time something happens to divert my attention from the important subject, so here I go beginning another. In all my life I have never had such difficulty in writing letters. I simply cannot put down on paper the things I should like to. No doubt I have had just too much excitement for one girl who has lived in Texas all her life and who is now having some experiences of which she has never dreamed. So in case the letter is not just what you think it should be, please excuse and I shall endeavor to do better next time.

Your last letter from me was composed on board while we were still in the harbor. To be sure much has happened since then.

I only wish that I could adequately describe our late night departure from New York. The crew worked fast and hard in order to get all the freight on board. Finally they finished, the gang plank removed, the ship motor started, and the announcement of our leaving was made by three great blasts from the whistle, horn, or whatever ships have for such purposes. Two tug boats sailed up to the ship, threw a couple of ropes on deck and then tugged us out into the water. I stood away from the members of our party so that I could witness this great and wonderful sight, not alone—but I could feel your presence more keenly away from human companions.

A cold wind swept across the deck and I found shelter near the front of the ship behind a box of freight. There I stood and looked ahead to a strange, yet beautiful sight, and looked back upon the greatest city in all the world. I cannot explain the feeling that possessed me. It must have been a mixture of a bit of self-pity, a little more of homesickness, but in spite of the terrible tug that seemed to pull at my heart, I felt the greatest and most triumphant joy that I have ever possessed in all my life. It is a night I shall never forget—no one can take the experience from me. Just before the light of the Statue of Liberty passed out of sight I went to my cabin. There I slept soundly until late next morning. I arose, opened the port-hole to find that there was not a speck of land in sight, only water.

This first day was a lovely one—quiet, calm, and serene; but on Saturday I was positively so sick that I was sure I'd never live to tell the tale. However, almost all were a little upset that day. Sunday I just rested and relaxed and since then I have not been sick at all. It is positively wonderful to be able to stand on deck, look into the blue, swaying, foaming water and not feel an inward urge to get rid of your last meal.

The nights are too lovely for words. So far we have had starlight nights. The water seemed to be studded with a gillion diamonds as it breaks against the ship. You have heard of the Southern Cross. Last night I saw the reason for this name. To the southeast in the sky we saw a star formation of a cross. It was beautiful.

Most of the passengers on board are missionaries. We have a very nice doctor and wife who are going out as representatives of the Seventh Day Adventist church. I like them very much. There are dozens of children from 3 1-2 months up on the boat. They yell like a bunch of Texas panthers sometimes too—until I feel like I am at home and all the grandkids are there, and out of humor.

Our meals are served at 7:30 a. m., 1:00 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. We have good food and in spite of its foreign accent I like it very much. However, I'd give most anything for some good Texas food once more—especially some of Mommie's cooking.

Church services are held once daily and are fairly well attended.

We have tea at 4:00 p. m., which does much to our wilted spirits.

Our cabins are not spacious affairs, but they are comfortable and affords a place for privacy and rest.

The voyage so far has been far beyond what I expected. It is not monotonous as one might think, but very interesting.

You see there are some people on here who are not missionaries, but are very nice, polite and interesting conversationalists.

I hope you are feeling well and that your eye is not giving you too much trouble. I hope you are enjoying the warm sunshine days. I must close. Give all the family my regards and remember, I love you,

MILDRED.



Share Abundance With the Unfortunate

The Blessing of Extraordinary Rains Has Given West Texas an unprecedented crop of Fruits, Berries and Vegetables.

A large portion of the surplus is being canned for a less favorable season. Already many thoughtful women have shared their canned goods with the unfortunate in their Hospital.

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PROMOTION DAY WILL BE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

By G. S. HOPKINS

Our wise pastors and superintendents are already making plans and seeing that their entire organization is adjusted to care for their school in the most effective way possible. The following suggestions are made in the interest of our Sunday schools:

Promote the present enrollment, dropping none other than those who have died, moved away, or have joined some other Sunday School. Too often some of our leaders have discarded present enrollment and enrolled anew only as pupils attend. This is done in order to purge the rolls of those who have been irregular in attendance. This practice is disastrous to the schools and shows rank indifference on the part of the school to those who need help the most. To do this indicates we would prefer to take the way of the least resistance rather than obey the teaching of God's Word. "And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." Luke 14:23. Also, Luke 15:4 "What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?"

The practice of promoting classes into existing classes invariably brings a loss in attendance. The pastor and superintendent, or if it is a department school these additional leaders, will study departments and classes closely and where needed re-group pupils and form new classes.

Teachers, or teachers and class officers, as the case may be, will visit every pupil on class roll two weeks prior to Promotion Day: (1) Correct addresses; explain to all who are to be promoted the plan of the school; emphasize the fact that your teaching is being tested and their conduct will commend or condemn it. Each teacher in the new set-up will be given the names with corrected addresses of those who they are to have, one week in advance of Promotion Day. The wise teacher will visit every one of them before the day of promotion. This method, if carried out, will insure a satisfied constituency and thus prevent a decline in attendance.

Individual registration cards in your files will be corrected or adjusted before the first Sunday in October in keeping with the pupil's promotion. New class cards will be provided in keeping with the new individual record referred to.

Because of new teachers and officers being added to the force a training school is imperative. October is South-wide Training School month. Let us urge every pastor and superintendent to catch step in the great South-wide movement.

Our state almost unanimously uses April 1 as the dividing date pertaining to promotion. For example, if a pupil is 12 years old before the first day of April, he will be in the 12-year class, but if he is 12 years old after the first day of April, he will remain in the 11-year class. This same thought maintains throughout the school.

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This Changing World

(Continued from page 1)

copper, automakers last week boosted output of new models to 45,550. A year ago, the same week, the output was 20,795. To ease the squeeze for freight cars, the Association of American Railroads urged railroads to adopt "multiple loading" schemes, increasing the load of each car. Have you been watching the freight trains go by?

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Price Controller Leon Henderson, after two weeks of wearying testimony before the House Banking and Currency Committee, lumbered back to his office last week with nothing done. Meanwhile, wholesale prices of twenty-eight basic commodities were up 50 per cent since the beginning of the war. Just before adjourning the two-week's grind, Congressman Dies charged that Henderson was no man to be bossing Americans, that he had sponsored Communistic organizations. Henderson fired back: "Dies is not a responsible member of Congress." Whereupon Congressman Gene Cox let go with the remark that Henderson was operating under an alias. No wonder the people are sick over what is going on in Washington.

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Almond, N. Y., holds a week-long horse-trading convention every August. Last week twenty thousand traders and spectators joined in the fun, traded eighteen hundred horses, averaging around fifteen years old and worth twenty-five dollars. Typical remark: "I've owned this mare a hundred times in the last couple of years, and she can't pull a kiddie car."

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Last week squads of workmen yanked down the statues of Lafayette and Pershing at Versailles, making way for other statues more in harmony with Hitler's new European order. I very well remember these statues. One wonders what they did with them.

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Rabindranath Tagore died two weeks ago in his native city of Calcutta, age eighty. Tagore is one of the greatest men of this generation, or any generation. Best known for his poems, he was also the author of numerous novels and essays of first rank. His paintings rank among the very best works in Asia. William Butler Yeats wrote this revealing sentence about Tagore when he was awarded the Nobel award: "In all his works there is one single theme—the love of God." I had the privilege of interviewing Tagore when he arrived in New York City in 1915 for a speaking engagement in this country. I shall cherish the memory of that meeting to life's latest day.

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The Missouri Supreme Court has barred the use of public tax money to support parochial schools. The decision, written by Justice James M. Douglas, was unanimous. One cannot understand how any state in the Union can allow the use of public tax money for the support of parochial schools. The sooner we meet this issue, the better.

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Assistant Attorney General W. Owen Keller, of Kentucky, has recently ruled that public tax money cannot be used to pay two teachers in a parochial school in Hickman county. Another heartening report. Other Kentucky counties are said to be using tax money for parochial schools.

ATTENDANCE REPORTS IN WESTEX CHURCHES

Sunday School attendance reported for August 17. Send reports to Box 1560, Abilene, any time during the week.

Church	Att.
Amarillo, First	1411
Lubbock, First	1044
Abilene, First	926
Wichita Falls, First	785
Vernon, First	660
El Paso, First	635
Wichita Falls, Lamar Ave.	600
Borger, First	514
Brownwood, Coggin Ave.	488
Sweetwater, First	459
Coleman, First	337
Burkburnett, First	336
San Angelo, Immanuel	315
Abilene, Immanuel	219
Cross Roads	111
Tye	59

Rev. William H. Joyner, state evangelist, is now in a revival with Pastor H. D. Martin and the South Coleman Church, Coleman, Texas.

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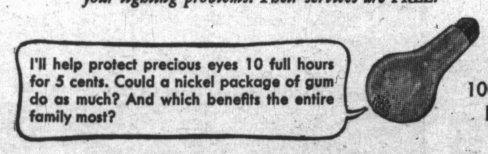


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"Bulbsnatching to me is a serious matter," explains William Steig. "When I think of millions of kids doing homework in dim light—when I'm told that one school child in five already has poor eyesight—I wonder if right-size bulbs aren't just as important as right-size shoes?"

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CREDIT

It is easy, in doing Christian work the only recompense for which is a "Well done," to "do our alms to be seen of men." Had you noticed that although the Master warned his disciples not to work with that motive, he did not condemn those who are prompted by the opportunity to appear in the public eye. He only commented that "they have received their reward," that is, they got what they were working for—a hand from the crowd. Possibly it is better to do good for the applause it may get than to do no good at all.

The emphasis of Jesus is on the divine reward of the approval of the Heavenly Father—"that thy Father who seest in secret may reward thee openly." The choice is that of a reward from an omnipotent Creator or the doubtful chance of praise or scorn from a few perishing mortals.

Yet, how many people do you see engaged in some form of church activity, who are not jealous that they receive full credit in the public eye for their puny efforts? People who suffer with this affliction range from nationally publicized philanthropists to unknowns who making the most feeble, tentative efforts.

In part this is not vanity and egotism, it is the purely human yearning for appreciation. For this we are often at fault in that we are generally stingy and grudging with our evidences of appreciation. Being hungry for recognition ourselves, we should never fail to be generous with deserved praise for others who are striving their best at some difficult job.

But let's not be childish enough to go off and pout because nobody has remembered to tell us what a great work we have been doing. Maybe they were just too busy with their own troubles to think of it, or maybe they simply had the kindness of heart not to tell us that our best efforts were not so good after all.

We are not doing Christian work for any mythical credit, but rather for love of One who died for us. And he has promised to reward faithfulness and will take care of any credit that we have coming.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS

This being a country in which freedom of conscience is exalted, we concede to any, whose actions confirm his words, the same right conscientiously to object to a forced participation in war that we demand in following our consciences in other matters, such as the mode of baptism or the control of the churches by the state.

Our government, rightly, has made arrangement whereby those who are classed as conscientious objectors may be excused from combatant service. To do otherwise would weaken the service by enlisting men who are determined not to fight. Two such men in a command are equal to one active Fifth Columnist. The present regulations appear to be the most liberal of any the nation has ever had at a time when an army was being raised by conscription.

We do not believe that any man's conscience has the liberty to excuse him from all aid to the country which has furnished him a home, an education, greater opportunity and greater freedom than can be found in any country on earth today. Because a man, however mistakenly, may find it against his religion to take part in a war, he should not expect other men to bare their breasts to an enemy to defend him safely in that belief.

War is not all killing or helping others kill. There are humanitarian services fully as essential and no less dangerous than manning a gun. Men, who in sonscience are unable to participate in the fighting, may serve their country in some such manner.

War is an unpleasant business under any circumstances, increasingly so with growing mechanization. But the world is full of unpleasant things. Somebody has to deal with nasty highway smashups, with brutal criminals and with mad dogs. When a powerful nation is bitten wiht a phobia and rushes about recklessly biting the innocent, the old Texian idea of a man is one who bars the path of the mad-dog, forgetful of himself.

Men are entitled to respect for their convictions but they maintain that respect only if they offer themselves for non-combatant places of dangerous service. There are conscientious pacifists and there are conscientious cowards.

THE COMMISSION

Our journal of world missions, The Commission, has set a subscription goal for 1941. The basis for arriving at estimated quotas for the states is one subscriptio for every forty dollars given in 1940 to Foreign Missions. At the end of the first six months of this year, six of the eighteen states in the Southern Baptist Convention had reached their goals. Texas is not one of these.

One reason for this is that Texas has a high quota for subscriptions to this fine magazine, due to the fact that our state, with about one-seventh of the Southern Baptist membership, gave around one-third of the Foreign Mission offering for the year.

But some of the other states, which probably did more in proportion to their wealth, have exceeded us in reading The Commission. Arizona, Illinois, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, and Oklahoma have passed their quotas, while Texas still needs 6,000 more subscribers.

With the thrilling things happening all over the world, there is no place where a half-dollar will give more interesting light on world happenings and personal adventures, no place where more of the tragedy and triumph of the enterprise of spreading the gospel message may be had than in our own mission magazine. If you are interested in missions, you must have The Commission.

NEWS NOTES

A. W. M. U.-sponsored houseparty at Baylor University for G. A. and Y. W. A. girls of Texas District 14, including nine counties, attracted 500 enrollees. It has been recognized by the Associated Press as being the largest houseparty ever held in Texas. Home missions and the racial problems constituted the program theme.

A huge oil painting copied from Heinrich Hoofman's famous "Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane" has been placed in safekeeping of Baylor University. The copy, preserving the life and attractiveness of the original was done by Count Edmund de Szaak of noble Hungarian birth. Hoffman's original of the picture hangs in St. James Cathedral on Fifth Avenue in New York City.

Assuming a role in training young men and women in understanding American democracy and making it Christian, Baylor University at Waco, Texas, has conducted a Citizenship Institute for the teen-aged youth of the surrounding country. Five hundred high school leaders attended.

Rev. R. Boyd Robertson has resigned at Sand Springs, a mission of First Church, Okemah, Oklahoma, to enter Hardin-Simmons University in the fall semester.

Rev. Roy McCorkel of Hillcrest Church, San Angelo, and Alvin Bristow, choir director of Immanuel Church, are leading in a meeting in the southeastern part of their city.

Dr. John A. Held, editor of the Gulf Coast Baptist, has been elected to honorary membership in the Eugene Field Society of Authors and Journalists.

Thirty-three students were enrolled in the Intermountain Baptist Summer Seminary at Denver, August 11 to 23, with Dr. H. E. Dana of Central Seminary, Kansas City, in charge. A similar school is planned for next summer.

Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, 715 Eighth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., urges pastors, parents and friends of Baptists or members of Baptist families who have recently taken government work at the capitol to notify him that the Baptist pastors of the city might be able to get in touch with them. It is estimated that Washington and suburbs now have a population of over a million.

Rev. Jesse B. Leverett of Silverton is leading the song service for a revival with Pastor C. M. Brister, Des Moines, N. M.

Dr. R. O. Cawker of Corpus Christi supplied August 24 for First Church, Albuquerque, following the departure of Pastor A. Hope Owen to serve at First Church, Shawnee, Oklahoma. In the two years that Rev. Owen was at Albuquerque the church had 625 additions, 183 coming for baptism.

Pastor C. C. Beaty is leading in a revival at Friendship Church, Jones Association.

Missionary H. D. Blair is preaching in a revival with Pastor B. D. DeGuire in Delk Church, Jones County.

There were 18 conversions and a number of additions to the church at Canyon, seven miles east of Lubbock, in a meeting in which Pastor J. W. Partin was joined by the Methodist pastor. Rev. Partin has been unanimously called for another year.

Rev. R. A. Scranton of Big Lake preached at First Church, San Angelo on August 24th.

The Adult Union of First Church, Sweetwater is sponsoring a study course at the Sweetwater Negro Baptist Church this week.

Rev. A. F. Turbeville of New Albany, Indiana preached at First Church, Amarillo, August 24.

On September 7 First Church, San Angelo, will have a homecoming service for those who have been away during the summer.

Immanuel Church, San Angelo, is repairing and remodeling their building, beginning with the roof and working down.

Rev. Cooper Waters, Merkel pastor, is assisting Pastor W. L. Daniels in a revival at Stith.

Aaron Grant, H-SU '39, now a secretary to J. Edgar Hoover, was guest singer at University Church, August 24th.

Recently it was stated in the West Texas Baptist that Pastor Lawrence Fitzgerald of Mexico, Missouri, would write the Intermediate Sunday School lessons for next year. Rev. Fitzgerald states that this is an error as he will write for only one quarter, sharing the honor with three others.

The Brotherhood of University Church, Abilene, has purchased a lot at North 14th and Ash, where they will erect a mission building. They already have rock on the site.

Dr. E. S. James is preaching and choir director of First Church, Vernon, is leading the singing in a mission revival in Vernon. Mrs. H. G. Cox is city missionary for First Church.

Pastor Elmer Holt of Throckmorton has conducted one revival meeting each month through the summer months, resulting in the conversion of over 50 and the rededication of 150 Christians. One young man has surrendered to the ministry and two young women have volunteered for mission work.

Evangelist Truman L. Crouch, with Curtis Owen of Beaumont, recently closed a fine meeting with Pastor C. A. Powell and the Rule Church. Rev. Crouch is now in a meeting with the Luling Church, Thomas Hodges of Alexandria, La., leading the singing. Beginning September 1, he will be at Sherman. Due to a change in schedule, he has an open date from September 29 to October 19. He may be addressed care of President W. R. White, H-SU, Abilene. Mrs. Crouch is secretary to Dr. White, having moved from Oklahoma City, where she held a similar position.

Rev. E. Douglas Carver of University Church, Abilene, will preach for a revival at First Church, Stamford, beginning Sunday evening, announces Pastor Dick O'Brien.

FAITH PAVES WAY FOR COLLEGE CAREER

By C. E. BRYANT, Jr.

This item is intended to encourage boys and girls who are dubious about entering college this fall.

We do not deny this is a time of unrest and threatened insecurity. It is a time when we cannot see full ahead, when we hesitate before launching out on a long time program.

Yet, should we not arm ourselves with faith, ambition and determination to go forth on those things which better prepare us for lives of service to our communities, our nation and our God?

The story is told of an East Texas farm lad who wanted to enter Baylor University. The family had barely enough money to get him started and the road ahead was dark and threatening. The boy had just about given up hope.

But it happened that Dr. S. P. Brooks, president of Baylor, visited the rural community church and stayed in the lad's home. After the night church service the university president started home by way of a path through a thickly wooded area. Their only light was a small lantern carried by the boy.

Dr. Brooks questioned how he dared go out on that path at night when he could not see ahead. "It's so dark up yonder, I believe there's no path at all for us and we'll be lost."

"Oh, you see," exclaimed the boy, "this lantern throws only a narrow ring of light around us, but it goes with us and lights the way as we go along."

The boy caught the lesson intended by Dr. Brooks and entered Baylor. He finished his course and now is making good in his profession. His daring has been matched successfully in thousands of similar cases.

Can't we have faith enough to believe that as long as we try, God will light the way for us?

SENTENCE SERMONS

By O. D. Henley

If we want God's will to be done, we will be trying to do it.

Making someone else feel bad is a poor way to make yourself feel good.

Our ideas of fun are funny.

Hell requires no entrance fee.

Many have "open minds" which seem to open only towards evil.

Christians are Christ's "army of occupation."

Don't let the Devil get his hands on your heart.

Jesus is public friend number one!

Many are more interested in prosperity than posterity.

Many are willing to lower morals in order to raise money.

There are more refugees than refuges.

A rejected love leaves a dejected lover.

We either change the world or it changes us.

Sunday School Lesson

August 31, 1941

JOHN URGES CHRISTIAN LOVE

Read the Epistle of John

Study 1 John 3:13-18; 4:7-21

The three epistles of John are shot through with the thought of love. First John culminates in the double declaration that God is love and he first loved us, and in the triple imperative—love God, love one another, love not the world. Second John is addressed to "the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth." Third John embodies an effectionate message to "well-beloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth."

1. The Personnel of Love (1 John 3)

LOVE IDENTIFYING is the outstanding mark of the Christian. Note:

Hate fills and features the world which includes the good in the torrent of its rage and fury.

Faith marks the believer who has passed from death unto life.

Fellowship binds all believers together in the ties of a love which proves their regeneration.

Brotherhood makes a martyr rather than a murderer. Human life is sacred in the eyes of God and man. Therefore—thou shalt not kill by sudden stroke or slow stages. Hate is the germ and source of murder. Therefore—thou shalt not hate! Revenge is often the first step to the killing of a fellow man. Therefore—thou shalt not retaliate! Love is the only counteractant of hate and corrective of revenge and murder. Therefore—love God supremely and love thy neighbor as thyself!

2. The Pattern of Love (1 John 3)

LOVE INSPIRING is seen and shown supremely in Jesus, the divine pattern of love. It was love that brought him from heaven to earth and to give his life a ransom for many. No other motive could inspire this highest act of God. From no other fountain could flow such streams of mercy to man. Think of God in helpless infancy at Bethlehem; under ferocious attack in the wilderness; striving continually with dull disciples and fanatical foes; dying horribly at last under a tempest of human hate; and pitifully laid away in a borrowed tomb. Such a life and such a death can but unveil love in its perfection before our eyes. "Hereby perceive we love!"

3. The Proof of Love (1 John 3)

LOVE EXPRESSED is a fundamental duty of every Christian. And love must be expressed not with words alone which may be as formal as they are finished and as empty as they are equivocating; not with talk which may be idle chatter with the metallic ring of the clanging cymbal; but in deeds which are loaded with love and in a sincerity which sparkles in the eye and shines in the countenance and radiates from the whole personality.

4. The Program of Love (1 John 4)

LOVE REDEEMING is the highest task in the program of love. The duty of fraternal love stands in the foreground but it is based upon, interwoven with, and enforced by divine love. Why ought we to love one another?

Love is of God. Hence, everyone who truly loves is a child of God; and as a child he knows God in an atmosphere of love.

God is love. Hence, one who does not love shows that he does not know God.

The love of God was manifested in the sending of his Son into the world that he might be the propitiation for our sins and that we might have life through him.

He loved us definitely and savingly, though we did not love him and were in rebellion against him. In view of redeeming love, the conclusion is irresistible: "We ought also to love one another."

5. The Privilege of Love (1 John 4)

LOVE INDWELLING is the richest gain in the privilege of love. Notice four things here:

Access to God. While no one has ever seen God with human eyes, yet if we love one another, God abides with us and his love is perfected in us.

Assurance from God. We know he abides in us because he has given us of his Spirit.

Activity for God. Under impulse of love and of the Spirit we see and say that God has sent his Son to be our Savior and that Jesus is the Son of God.

Association with God. Realizing the fact of the divine love and that God is love, we find that to live the life of love we must live in God and he in us.

6. The Perfection of Love (1 John 4)

LOVE EMPOWERING is the finest development in the perfection of love. If God dwells with and within us, we have a threefold power:

The **power of attainment,** for love thus reaches its perfection in us; the **power of confidence,** for thus we have boldness in the day of judgment; and the **power of conquest,** for complete love expels fear with all its shrinking from penalty.

7. The Philanthropy of Love (1 Jno. 4

LOVE UPLIFTING is the noblest expression of the philanthropy of love. Observe:

The **leverage of love,** for God's love to us enables and inspires us to love; the **lift of love** which reaches out to our fellow men the hand of help without hate or hypocrisy; and the **life of love,** which obeys the divine command to love God and man.

Gold in the Golden Text

Let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.—1 John 3:18.

Love. God is love. Love is the sum of all the commandments. Love is the tie that binds to God and to each other. Love him and love one another.

Love sincerely, Verbal love may be sounding brass. Oral love may be a clanging cymbal. But love in truth is of the heart and love in deed is love energetic and sacrificial.

Daily Bible Readings

Sept. 1—A Vision on the Lord's Day. Rev. 1:9-20.

Sept. 9—Toil and Patience. Rev. 2:1-7.

Sept. 3—Faithful unto Death. Rev. 2:9-11.

Sept. 4—God Knows. Rev. 2:18-19.

Sept. 5—Imperfect Works. Rev. 3:1-6.

Sept. 6—The Open Door. Rev. 3:7-13.

Sept. 7—Knocking at the Door. Rev. 3:14-22.

PARABLES OF THE LORD

Discussed By
COOPER WATERS

THE PARABLE OF THE TARES

Matt. 13:24-30

We are directed this week to another parable in the large group of parables that Jesus spoke by the seaside in one of his greatest discourses. The parable of the Tares is given in Matthew 13, verses 24-30, and upon the request of the disciples is explained in verses 36-43 of the same chapter.

A number of symbols are used. The sower of the good seeds is Jesus and the field upon which they are sown is the world. The good seeds are the Christians and the tares or evil seeds are the ungodly followers of Satan. The sower of the tares of Satan. The harvest time is the end of the world and the reapers are the angels.

As to the harvest time which is the end of the world, it may appear that either one of two interpretations could be given. Jesus was either referring (1) to his return when the tares wil lbe gathered up and cast into the fire (hell) while the saints shine forth in the millennial reign, or (2) to a judgment, in general terms, which is bound to come. Let us beware lest we strain at a gnat and swallow a camel in this interpretation. Far more important than the millenium is the judgment. This is a warning to judgment-bound people and not a lesson on the millennium.

The Parable of the Tares pictures the world as it is. There are good people growing side by side with bad people. The just and the unjust are thriving together. There are two groups in this world but each group has a separate destiny. Things will not always be as they are now. There will be an evening-up time. Those of the good seed will enjoy an eternal bliss while the tares suffer in a devil's hell.

A mother who smoked had a sick baby, and so she called the doctor. After a brief examination, he asked the nursing mother, "Do you smoke?" "Yes," she admitted. "That is what is wrong with your baby; you must either quit nursing or smoking." "Oh, dear," moaned the mother, "I guess I will have to quit nursing then."

—William H. Joyner.

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Abilene, Texas

Mildred Smith Writes Of Atlantic Voyage

In contrast with the tragic voyage of the missionaries who sailed for Africa on the ill-fated Zam Zam, those who went later on the sister ship, El Nil had a delightful and uneventful trip. Knowledge of the fate of the earlier passage undoubtedly placed a load of apprehension on both crew and passengers.

Sailing on El Nil were Mildred Smith of Abilene and Winters, Dr. and Mrs. H. Glenn Walker, returning to the leper hospital at Ogbomoso, Nigeria, Rev. and Mrs. I. N. Patterson, returning to Abeokuta, Nigeria; Miss Mildred Marchman of Georgia and Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Adair of Seminary Hill.

We are indebted to Mrs. J. S. Tierce, Knox City, sister of Miss Smith, for the following letter, which was written to her mother, Mrs. J. D. Smith, Winters. It was mailed from a port on the Gold Coast of Africa, before reaching Lagos, the end of the voyage.

Dearest Mommie:

I have started a dozen letters to you, but each time something happens to divert my attention from the important subject, so here I go beginning another. In all my life I have never had such difficulty in writing letters. I simply cannot put down on paper the things I should like to. No doubt I have had just too much excitement for one girl who has lived in Texas all her life and who is now having some experiences of which she has never dreamed. So in case the letter is not just what you think it should be, please excuse and I shall endeavor to do better next time.

Your last letter from me was composed on board while we were still in the harbor. To be sure much has happened since then.

I only wish that I could adequately describe our late night departure from New York. The crew worked fast and hard in order to get all the freight on board. Finally they finished, the gang plank removed, the ship motor started, and the announcement of our leaving was made by three great blasts from the whistle, horn, or whatever ships have for such purposes. Two tug boats sailed up to the ship, threw a couple of ropes on deck and then tugged us out into the water. I stood away from the members of our party so that I could witness this great and wonderful sight, not alone—but I could feel your presence more keenly away from human companions.

A cold wind swept across the deck and I found shelter near the front of the ship behind a box of freight. There I stood and looked ahead to a strange, yet beautiful sight, and looked back upon the greatest city in all the world. I cannot explain the feeling that possessed me. It must have been a mixture of a bit of self-pity, a little more of homesickness, but in spite of the terrible tug that seemed to pull at my heart, I felt the greatest and most triumphant joy that I have ever possessed in all my life. It is a night I shall never forget—no one can take the experience from me. Just before the light of the Statue of Liberty passed out of sight I went to my cabin. There I slept soundly until late next morning. I arose, opened the port-hole to find that there was not a speck of land in sight, only water.

This first day was a lovely one—quiet, calm, and serene; but on Saturday I was positively so sick that I was sure I'd never live to tell the tale. However, almost all were a little upset that day. Sunday I just rested and relaxed and since then I have not been sick at all. It is positively wonderful to be able to stand on deck, look into the blue, swaying, foaming water and not feel an inward urge to get rid of your last meal.

The nights are too lovely for words. So far we have had starlight nights. The water seemed to be studded with a gillion diamonds as it breaks against the ship. You have heard of the Southern Cross. Last night I saw the reason for this name. To the southeast in the sky we saw a star formation of a cross. It was beautiful.

Most of the passengers on board are missionaries. We have a very nice doctor and wife who are going out as representatives of the Seventh Day Adventist church. I like them very much. There are dozens of children from 3 1-2 months up on the boat. They yell like a bunch of Texas panthers sometimes too—until I feel like I am at home and all the grandkids are there, and out of humor.

Our meals are served at 7:30 a. m., 1:00 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. We have good food and in spite of its foreign accent I like it very much. However, I'd give most anything for some good Texas food once more—especially some of Mommie's cooking.

Church services are held once daily and are fairly well attended.

We have tea at 4:00 p. m., which does much to our wilted spirits.

Our cabins are not spacious affairs, but they are comfortable and affords a place for privacy and rest.

The voyage so far has been far beyond what I expected. It is not monotonous as one might think, but very interesting.

You see there are some people on here who are not missionaries, but are very nice, polite and interesting conversationalists.

I hope you are feeling well and that your eye is not giving you too much trouble. I hope you are enjoying the warm sunshine days. I must close. Give all the family my regards and remember, I love you,

MILDRED.



Share Abundance With the Unfortunate

The Blessing of Extraordinary Rains Has Given West Texas an unprecedented crop of Fruits, Berries and Vegetables.

A large portion of the surplus is being canned for a less favorable season. Already many thoughtful women have shared their canned goods with the unfortunate in their Hospital.

We again offer the cans to those who will fill them to aid in our charity work. Plan a Hospital Canning Day in your church.

Hendrick Memorial Hospital

Abilene, Texas E. M. Collier, Superintendent

PROMOTION DAY WILL BE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

By G. S. HOPKINS

Our wise pastors and superintendents are already making plans and seeing that their entire organization is adjusted to care for their school in the most effective way possible. The following suggestions are made in the interest of our Sunday schools:

Promote the present enrollment, dropping none other than those who have died, moved away, or have joined some other Sunday School. Too often some of our leaders have discarded present enrollment and enrolled anew only as pupils attend. This is done in order to purge the rolls of those who have been irregular in attendance. This practice is disastrous to the schools and shows rank indifference on the part of the school to those who need help the most. To do this indicates we would prefer to take the way of the least resistance rather than obey the teaching of God's Word. "And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." Luke 14:23. Also, Luke 15:4 "What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?"

The practice of promoting classes into existing classes invariably brings a loss in attendance. The pastor and superintendent, or if it is a department school these additional leaders, will study departments and classes closely and where needed re-group pupils and form new classes.

Teachers, or teachers and class officers, as the case may be, will visit every pupil on class roll two weeks prior to Promotion Day: (1) Correct addresses; explain to all who are to be promoted the plan of the school; emphasize the fact that your teaching is being tested and their conduct will commend or condemn it. Each teacher in the new set-up will be given the names with corrected addresses of those who they are to have, one week in advance of Promotion Day. The wise teacher will visit every one of them before the day of promotion. This method, if carried out, will insure a satisfied constituency and thus prevent a decline in attendance.

Individual registration cards in your files will be corrected or adjusted before the first Sunday in October in keeping with the pupil's promotion. New class cards will be provided in keeping with the new individual record referred to.

Because of new teachers and officers being added to the force a training school is imperative. October is South-wide Training School month. Let us urge every pastor and superintendent to catch step in the great South-wide movement.

Our state almost unanimously uses April 1 as the dividing date pertaining to promotion. For example, if a pupil is 12 years old before the first day of April, he will be in the 12-year class, but if he is 12 years old after the first day of April, he will remain in the 11-year class. This same thought maintains throughout the school.

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This Changing World

(Continued from page 1)

copper, automakers last week boosted output of new models to 45,550. A year ago, the same week, the output was 20,795. To ease the squeeze for freight cars, the Association of American Railroads urged railroads to adopt "multiple loading" schemes, increasing the load of each car. Have you been watching the freight trains go by?

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Price Controller Leon Henderson, after two weeks of wearying testimony before the House Banking and Currency Committee, lumbered back to his office last week with nothing done. Meanwhile, wholesale prices of twenty-eight basic commodities were up 50 per cent since the beginning of the war. Just before adjourning the two-week's grind, Congressman Dies charged that Henderson was no man to be bossing Americans, that he had sponsored Communistic organizations. Henderson fired back: "Dies is not a responsible member of Congress." Whereupon Congressman Gene Cox let go with the remark that Henderson was operating under an alias. No wonder the people are sick over what is going on in Washington.

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Almond, N. Y., holds a week-long horse-trading convention every August. Last week twenty thousand traders and spectators joined in the fun, traded eighteen hundred horses, averaging around fifteen years old and worth twenty-five dollars. Typical remark: "I've owned this mare a hundred times in the last couple of years, and she can't pull a kiddie car."

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Last week squads of workmen yanked down the statues of Lafayette and Pershing at Versailles, making way for other statues more in harmony with Hitler's new European order. I very well remember these statues. One wonders what they did with them.

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Rabindranath Tagore died two weeks ago in his native city of Calcutta, age eighty. Tagore is one of the greatest men of this generation, or any generation. Best known for his poems, he was also the author of numerous novels and essays of first rank. His paintings rank among the very best works in Asia. William Butler Yeats wrote this revealing sentence about Tagore when he was awarded the Nobel award: "In all his works there is one single theme—the love of God." I had the privilege of interviewing Tagore when he arrived in New York City in 1915 for a speaking engagement in this country. I shall cherish the memory of that meeting to life's latest day.

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The Missouri Supreme Court has barred the use of public tax money to support parochial schools. The decision, written by Justice James M. Douglas, was unanimous. One cannot understand how any state in the Union can allow the use of public tax money for the support of parochial schools. The sooner we meet this issue, the better.

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Assistant Attorney General W. Owen Keller, of Kentucky, has recently ruled that public tax money cannot be used to pay two teachers in a parochial school in Hickman county. Another heartening report. Other Kentucky counties are said to be using tax money for parochial schools.

ATTENDANCE REPORTS IN WESTEX CHURCHES

Sunday School attendance reported for August 17. Send reports to Box 1560, Abilene, any time during the week.

Church	Att.
Amarillo, First	1411
Lubbock, First	1044
Abilene, First	926
Wichita Falls, First	785
Vernon, First	660
El Paso, First	635
Wichita Falls, Lamar Ave.	600
Borger, First	514
Brownwood, Coggin Ave.	488
Sweetwater, First	459
Coleman, First	337
Burkburnett, First	336
San Angelo, Immanuel	315
Abilene, Immanuel	219
Cross Roads	111
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Rev. William H. Joyner, state evangelist, is now in a revival with Pastor H. D. Martin and the South Coleman Church, Coleman, Texas.

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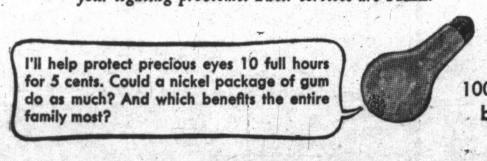


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"Bulbsnatching to me is a serious matter," explains William Steig. "When I think of millions of kids doing homework in dim light—when I'm told that one school child in five already has poor eyesight—I wonder if right-size bulbs aren't just as important as right-size shoes?"

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THE CALL OF THE CHAPLAINCY—

Growing Military Forces To Require 100 Southern Baptist Ministers Now

By Alfred Carpenter
Superintendent of Camp Work,
Home Mission Board

The first major effort in my position as field secretary of camp and community work for the Home Mission Board was to acquaint myself with the field.

For that purpose I immediately made a swing through the east coast states touching 18 camps, forts and air bases. I conferred with chaplains, line officers, enlisted men, pastors, and state secretaries. The trip was climaxed with two days in the office of the Chief of Chaplains in Washington.

All types of military centers were visited and the men were seen on parade and drill ground, while at work and in worship. A survey was made of all sorts of community centers each presenting its own problem and offering its individual challenge.

The first major impression resulting from this trip was the dire need of more chaplains to minister to the rapidly growing military forces.

Although the number of non-Catholic and Jewish chaplains has been stepped up from 129 to 1,200 in one year, the Government is calling for more. This month Southern Baptists have been asked for an additional 102; since the call, 42 have been recommended, but this still is far below the quota.

These figures do not take into consideration those reserve chaplains leaving the services for various reasons. Neither do they consider the number necessary to meet the needs of an enlarged army. Therefore Southern Baptists need approximately 100 chaplains now. In the terms of the appeal that comes to us, "We seriously need 102 qualified Southern Baptist chaplains; we need them now."

Southern Baptists, it seems to me, need to exalt the chaplain's office. Many of these men have left good pastorates to render sacrificial service. They are ministering to young able-bodied, capable men at an age most difficult for the churches to reach. A census reveals that they are reaching more men in the army for church services than the churches are reaching at home.

The chaplain is the only religious worker in direct contact with the men. He goes to the field of action with them; therefore we must exalt his office and build the program around the chaplain while he is in camp in order that the men will be under his leadership on the field of action where they need him most.

These chaplains are among God's best preachers and are making a noble sacrifice in their ministry to our men. We need to exalt their office, carry them to the throne of grace in prayer, invite them into uor homes, fellowship them sincerely.

This trip revealed to me that our government has a genuine interest in the religious life of its men. This in indicated by the millions of dollars spent in paying the salaries and expenses of around 2,000 chaplains, and maintaining the Chief of Chaplain's staff which is one of the most important divisions of our military life, and building chapels in the training camp.

One chaplain for each 1,200 to 2,000 men is provided. Six hundred chapels are in the process of building to be located on the best building sites and to be the outstanding building of the outfit. Each chapel serves approximately 2,000 men. The preaching program to be promoted here would challenge any church. No government has ever promoted such a religious program in the interest of its men as ours is now.

Because religion is not the business of our government, therefore it invites, encourages and somewhat demands the cooperant support of the denominations.

It is asking them to recommend their respective chaplains, to recognize them denominationally and support them spiritually, and to furnish those materials that the government cannot supply. These materials include Bibles, Sunday School and Training Union literature, study course books, denominational newspapers and periodicals, books of religious fiction.

Where and when needed, the denominations are expected to furnish the chaplains additional helpers to conduct, preaching missions, revivals, Bible study courses and other types of activities as the program of the camp will permit.

An unparalleled opportunity is afforded to carry the Gospel to the young men of our nation. There is a great need for more chaplains to religiously guide the men.

For this work are sought only the highest type, spiritually, morally and educationally. The age is 24 to 40. Other requirements are an A. B. and Th. B. degrees with five years pastoral experience; physically fit, morally sound, denominationally cooperative and first of all a Gospel preacher. We need men not afraid to take a long look at a hard task.

Baptists have never failed the government in time of emergency. We will not fail NOW. We stand in the gap for the Government with a Gospel that knows no geographical bounds, no political affiliations or social distinction.

Hear again the great commission, "Go Ye." Let us go now and "Carry Christ to the Camps."

WILL HISTORY REPEAT ITSELF?

We are all disturbed over the present outlook of the world situation. How far can Hitler go with his conquest and what will be the final outcome of it all? It might be of some comfort to us to consider what Emerson said a generation ago in his Representative Men about Napoleon Bonaparte, who in his day was quite as ruthless and apparently as successful as Hitler is today. He said:

"Never was a leader so endowed and weaponed; never leader found such followers. And what was the result of this vast power? These immense armies burned cities, squandered treasures, immolated millions of men. All passed like the smoke of his artillery and left no trace; he left France smaller, poorer, than he found it. France served him with life, limb, estate; but when men saw that victory meant only another war; that after toiling so desperately they were never nearer reward, or ease—they deserted. The eternal law of man and the world ruined him. By 1814, the universal cry of France, and Europe, was 'Assez de Bonaparte!'"

—Baptist Bulletin Service.

In the old saloon days women were ashamed to go into a liquor house and would occasionally go through the back door, but today girls and women boldly stand along-side the bar with me, drinking. Legalized booze is debauching the youth of the land.

—William H. Joyner.

The self-imposed restraints are the safeguards of democracy.—Gov. Coke Stevenson.



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A DRY LEADER ASKS SOME CHALLENGING QUESTIONS

By C. A. JONES

With our association close at hand and our year's work about finished, I am wondering if God will give me credit for doing anything like my best.

As president of the Fisher County Baptist Brotherhood, also chairman of the United Drys, I have had a tremendous responsibility. I find the problems and handicaps of both offices are very much the same.

A short time ago I heard a radio speaker say that "Democracy's first line of defense was the preachers and church workers." I find the pastors to be the key to the Brotherhood situation. The Brotherhood Organizer can most generally organize a Brotherhood where the pastor wants one.

I have been made to wonder why that fine group of preachers in Roby last winter elected me their Chairman of the United Drys. I have learned that with the majority it was not to cooperate with me or the dry movement.

In 1938 I was a candidate for State Representative. The preacher's first question was how do you stand on the liquor situation? I was dry, yes bone dry, and that issue defeated me, and I was not defeated by non-church members. I am wondering, brother preachers, from your cooperation with the United Drys as to how you stand on the liquor situation. Are you dry? How dry?

It takes money to fight liquor, regardless of whether you put it down your throat or put it out of town and the state.

In my county I have received a contribution from one Methodist Church and one Baptist Church, both of Sylvester, Texas.

My pastor says he is waiting until he can get a nice contribution for such a worthy cause.

At present we have the drug store saloon crowd whipped, but can we and will we keep them licked? From the earliest Bible records we find adultery and drunkenness closely associated and the past few centuries have added gambling to the list.

Some pastors tell me their best paying members own and operate these drug store saloons, others say their deacons drink their toddy, others keep this red liquor in their homes as medicine.

Brother, you are the watchman on the wall, you had better cry aloud and spare not. While in Austin last January I was privileged to hear Dr. Posey denounce the drug store saloon evil to his congregation at the First Baptist Church. I placed our cause before the legislators.

I appreciate very much the cooperation that has come from a small group and especially do I appreciate those churches who have made the winning of this battle possible, such as Brownwood First Church, Abilene First Church, and on down to the smallest rural church who have cooperated.

May God speed the day when "Old Man Prohibition" arouses from his paralytic lethargy and becomes conscious of his responsibility to the American youth.

GOOD MEETINGS AT TWO FISHER COUNTY CHURCHES

We have just closed the Pleasant Valley meeting, and a week before we closed the Cross Roads. We had been all the year getting ready and when such is the case you may count sure on a good meeting, but another thing contributed. We had two of as good preachers to help as any church needs. Brother Trott at Cross Roads surely did a good for his part in the meeting at every service, and he endeared himself to all the people there, and then another thing that helped, the people continued to pray and work. They proved themselves a great folk, and were wonderfully blest for it. This was true at both churches. Brother Maddux certainly did the job well at the Valley and the people there responded so well that the results were mighty fine.

There were 12 additions at Cross Roads, seven by baptism, five by letter, 15 by baptism at the Valley. Now I want to commend these two preachers as good helpers and I will be happy to know of any church having either of them to hold a meeting. I love the old time Gospel, have but little use for anything else. When it comes to preaching, these two brethren both preach it in the good old plain way that you can know just what they are about. God's blessings upon them in the years to come.

Our Fisher County Association meets September 3 with the High-

PROGRAM

Annual meeting of Fisher County W. M. U. Auxiliary to Fisher Baptist Association, at Highland Home Church, September 2.

9:45 Song and Prayer Service.

9:55 Devotional, Mrs. Roy Hennington, McCaulley.

10:05 President's report. Reports of local presidents. Report of corresponding secretary-treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Brown. Recognition of visitors. Announcements.

11:15 Vocal solo, Mrs. Roemig.

Address, Mrs. E. F. Lyon, state W. M. U. secretary.

Lunch—covered dish.

1:00 Devotional, Mrs. F. Kingsfield, Cross Roads.

Reading of Minutes, Mrs. J. D. Bradshaw. Business. Election of officers.

Message, Mrs. Lyon.

Message, Mrs. Buckley.

SEARCHING PERSONAL 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 go to church, help a neighbor, or to win a soul?

How do in invest my money?

Does the Lord get His tithe? Do all my dollars and dimes go for food, clothing, shelter, furniture, various enjoyments—nicknacks? How much do I spend on drinks? Am I really willing for the Lord to look over my xepense 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 that I am a real Christian? What about my car, my 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 this old 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?

These questions should search all our hearts. How does your heart react to them?

Missionary Messages

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every one of them to find church work.

Jones county Association meets the evening of September 11th and the 12th with the Hodges Church. We urge every church to have a large group present. Brother Doyle the moderator has moved from the county but some of the brethren are getting out the program and it will be a good one. If you do not receive an associational blank just write me and I will mail you one immediately.

We hated to see L. A. Doyle and family leave our district. They are God's best. Doyle is loyal to every phase of Kingdom work and no man ever had a better friend than he. Floydada has a real man, a good preacher, and one who will help in every phase of the work. May God bless both you and him.

Some of you have already noticed that our district is leading in awards for Training Union work. This is as it should be, but there is much work ahead. Let us all fall in line with Lawrence Trott and make this the outstanding year of our history. If we will follow his leadership we will. We have lost another good leader from our district in the person of Woodrow Harris. We will miss him and his place will be hard to fill but there is some one to take it. I am anxious that our Sunday School work becomes better organized for the coming of our workers in December.

If I can serve you in any way let me hear from you.

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