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RAMBLING REMARKS



By DICK O'BRIEN

Today I was reading a magazine whcih was issued some two or three years ago, and ran across an article entitled "The Nightmare of Being Entertained." Since preachers have to spend so much of their time in the homes of others and we have had such varied experiences in the process I decided to read the article in full. I was much impressed by the findings of the writer, but wish he might have held country revivals back in the days when you were supposed to sleep in a different bed each night and often eat at three different tables each day. In between you were expected to visit in as many homes as you could reach with a horse and buggy after the morning service and before the night meeting. In these places you were usually served water melon, cantaloupe or fruit, and expected to make a good showing so as not to disappoint the hostess. What you did to your digestion was not to be considered. . . . Several years ago in this column we had something to say about the fine art of entertaining preachers, and I feel a strong urge to add some further remarks. . . . Before we begin these comments let it be understood that people have learned much, and the preacher fares much better than in the "good old days." . . . There are many experiences which come to mind, but the one that stands out the most vividly is an incident which happened when Doris Wayne was a baby. I had gone for a revival in a rural church in the month of August, and it was a typically dry summer in West Texas. Of course I did a lot of bragging about the baby, so one old sister insisted that I send for the wife and youngster and put up at her house. She said we could have a large, cool room to ourselves, and that we could sleep as late in the morning as we wished. . . . Finally I fell for it. Boy, what a day that was when they arrived! Hot is a mild term for it. I sneeze now as I think of the stifling dust and the glaring sun reflecting from the white clay roads. I still have visions of the withered crops, the hungry cattle and the millions of grasshoppers. She showed us the large "cool (?)" room about four in the afternoon. It was on the northwest corner of the house with a huge west window with no shade on it. There was one bed, and excuse me, what a bed!! It was so hot that we betook ourselves to the east side of the house in search of shade. But the dogs, chickens, ducks, turkeys and geese had beat us to it. The only decent chair on the porch was occupied by a mother cat (did they call them "mammy cats" at your house?), and four kittens. They showed no disposition to move, and the lady of the house showed no disposition to move them. The old man and the boys brought up some water melons from the hot patch. We shared them with the above mentioned menagerie plus a million house flies. . . . We made a brave effort to act like we were eating supper and then went to church. We struggled

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EVENTS TO COME

March 17-18—District 16 Convention, Coleman.

March 31-Apr. 1—District 9 Convention, Coleman.

April 2-3—District 10 Convention, Amarillo.

April 3—District 11 Convention, Vernon.

April 7-9—State Sunday School Convention, Houston.

April 14-15—District 17 W. M. U. Convention, Stamford.

May 16-20—Southern Baptist Convention, San Antonio.

June 10-18—B. S. U. week, Ridgecrest.

June 22-28—General Encampment, Lueders.

BAYLOR COLLEGE HONORS DR. LEE R. SCARBOROUGH



Distinguished leaders from Southern Baptist groups will come in person to pay tribute to Dr. Lee R. Scarborough, president of Southwestern Theological Seminary, Seminary Hill, when Mary Hardin-Baylor honors this great religious leader at a tribute dinner, March 5.

From Dallas Dr. George W. Truett and Mrs. Truett will bring greetings on the part of the board of trustees of Southwestern Theological Seminary; Dr. W. W. Melton, executive secretary of Texas Baptist General Convention, will pay his tribute; Dr. and Mrs. B. A. Copass, Mrs. Copass expressing appreciation on behalf of the State W. M. U.; Dr. and Mrs. F. M. McConnell, Dr. McConnell bringing a tribute from the Baptist Standard; Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Watts, Dr. Watts of the Relief and Annuity Board, will speak briefly. Also attending will be the Hon. I. W. McCrary, mayor of Fort Worth, Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Carver, Abilene.

Dr. Scarborough, who is a graduate of Baylor and Yale Universities, in addition holds honorary degrees from Baylor University and Union University. First pastor of the First Baptist Church, Cameron, he later became pastor of the First Baptist Church, Abilene. In 1914 Dr. Scarborough became president of Southwestern Theological Seminary, succeeding his lifelong friend, Dr. B. H. Carroll.

Today as vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance and past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, he continues to carry on the same inspiring and excellent work that began his career at the seminary 25 years ago.

GOSPEL MESSAGE WINS MEN AT CAMP BARKELEY

In spite of rain, snow and mud, nearly 1,200 soldiers at Camp Barkeley crowded the largest auditorium in the camp to hear an evangelistic message by Dr. Fred B. Eastham, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wichita Falls. At the close of the service 57 men made a public profession of faith and 47 made definite rededications.

Preceding the preaching, sacred music was given by the Hardin-Simmons Cowboy Band, the McMurry Chanters and the Golden Girls Quartet from H-SU.

Dr. Eastham's appearance was arranged by local religious leaders within and without the camp who had learned of the successful services which he had conducted at Shepherd Field, Wichita Falls. Chaplain Leroy W. Raley was the chairman of the arrangement committee.

Dr. W. R. White, who showed deep interest in the meeting, supplied for Pastor Eastham in order to permit him to participate in the service.

RURAL CHURCH ADVANCES WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM

Cross Roads Church in Fisher Association is another rural church which is putting on a challenging program. In spite of a blizzard with snow and muddy roads, there were exactly half of the Sunday School enrollment of 118 present March 1. The February average was 74. Training Union, with 66 enrolled, had 57 present in February.

The Sunday School has attained the Standard for the fifth consecutive year. The church shares in all denominational enterprises, including the Hundred Thousand Club. Rev. Joe R. Mayes is pastor at Cross Roads, Ira Morrow is Sunday School superintendent and Mrs. Frank Kingsfield is Training Union director.

MARKED GAINS SHOWN IN TEXAS BAPTIST GIFTS

By Don Norman

Texas Baptists gave to all causes, state and world-wide, $76,674.09 more during the first quarter of this convention year than they gave in the same period last year, announces Dr. W. W. Melton, Dallas, executive secretary, Baptist General Convention of Texas. Total gifts were $320,-311.01 as compared with $243,636.92 last year.

The enlarged program of Texas Baptists, Dr. Melton said, calls for gifts of $1,200,000 during the year, or an average of $100,000 per month. Receipts during November, December, and January (the enovention's first quarter) averaged $106,770.31 per month, or almost $7,000 more than the monthly goal.

Texas Baptists have been progressive in their planning, Dr. Melton said. This is evidenced by the fact that there was placed in the budget this year $30,000 for soldier work, and $2,500 for the state's part in the current South-wide Baptist Radio Hour, which is featuring such prominent speakers as Dr. George W. Truett, Dallas; Pat M. Neff, Waco; and Senator Josh Lee (Oklahoma), Washington, D. C.

Records in the office of R. A. Springer, Dallas, convention treasurer, show steady progress for the past te nyears, with the exception of 1933. Total Cooperative Program receipts for each year during the period were as follows:

For the year 1932, $364,351.01; 1933, $310,072.85; 1934, $364,516.12; 1935, $454,855.46; 1936, $482,938.39; 1937, $601,578.20; 1938, $634,462.73; 1939, $710,272.45; 1940, $749,848.04; and 1941, $871,613.56.

SNYDER PASTOR NAMED DISTRICT 8 PRESIDENT

Pastor Vernon Shaw of First Church, Snyder, was chosen president of the District 8 Convention in session at First Church, Lamesa, last week. Other district leaders are Irby Cox, education director of First Church, Big Spring, Tralning Union director; Pastor R. Elmer Dunham of East Fourth Church, Big Spring, Sunday School superintendent; G. C. Morray, Midland, Brotherhood president; Mrs. J. M. Brhite, Midland, Woman's Missionary Society, president; and Ernest Winans, Roscoe, convention treasurer.

The 1943 session of the convention, which represents all church activities, will be held at East Fourth Church, Big Spring. More than 300 registered at the Lamesa sessions.

The convention voted to undertake the raising of $500 for additional buildings for the youth encampment at Big Spring. This ground is also the site of an annual two-day Brotherhood rally. Rev. Roy Clayton of Ackerley was named to conduct the campaign.

Rev. Shaw, the new president, preached the convention sermon this year and Pastor A. E. Travis of First Church, Colorado City, delivered the missionary sermon. Other speakers included Drs. T. C. Gardner and G. S. Hopkins of Dallas, Dr. H. D. Bruce of Midland and Mrs. B. A. Copass of Fort Worth.

Pastor E. F. Cole and the Lamesa Church entertained the convention in their beautiful new church home which was completed last fall.

MISSIONARIES FROM TEXAS LOSE LITTLE DAUGHTER

Little Ann O'Neal, small daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Paul O'Neal of Garland, Texas, died suddenly while visiting grandparents at Birmingham. Ann was a passenger with her parents on the ill-fated Zam Zam, which was torpedoed by a German raider in the South Atlantic last spring as they were en route to the mission field in Nigeria, West Africa.

The Zam Zam passengers were prisoners for weeks aboard the raider, then were transferred to another German ship which carried them to an occupied port in France. From there they were eventually returned to the United States. Although none of the Southern Baptist missionaries in the party were wounded or suffered other definite physical injury, the shock and hardships of the affair was a severe trial. Ann O'Neal is the third of the party to be claimed by death since they were returned to the states.

Brotherhood Rally Series Arranged For March 8 to 13



DR. W. R. WHITE



LAWSON H. COOKE

LAWSON H. COOKE WILL SPEAK IN DISTRICT 17

Beginning at Cisco at 2:30 Sunday afternoon, March 8, a team of Brotherhood leaders will tour District 17, making six appearances in as many days.

Heading the group will be Secretary Lawson H. Cooke of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South with headquarters at Memphis, Tenn. He will bring the closing address of each meeting. Appearing on the same programs will be President W. R. White of Hardin-Simmons University, who will deliver an address on Sleeping Through High Destiny.

The aims and the objectives of the Texas Baptist Brotherhood will be presented in an informal discussion by Judge E. S. Cummings of Abilene, presiden of the Brotherhood Convention in Texas. Accompanying the party will be District Missionary J. Henry Littleton and Hiram A. Arrant, district Brotherhood president, who will present the speakers. A quartet from H-SU will bring a message in song.

A goal of 400 men has been set for the Cisco Association meeting, which is to be at First Church, Cisco, Sunday afternoon. Judge L. H. Welch, Breckenridge, is associational president.

The meetings during the week wlil be at night, and will begin at 7:30 Central War Time. The Monday meeting will be for Callahan Association at Baird, at which 100 men are expected.

At Abilene Tuesday

E. M. Collier, Sweetwater Association president, is looking for 500 to hear the speakers at First Church, Abilene, Tuesday evening. Large delegations are expected from Nolan and Sweetwater and nearer churches in the two-county association.

The team will go to First Church, Roby, for the Wednesday evening program in Fisher Association, of which C. A. Jones, Rotan, is president. A goal of 150 has been set.

A like goal is estimated for Haskell Association, in the meeting at First Church, Haskell, Thursday evening. A. C. Pierson, Haskell, is associational president.

The tour will close Friday evening with a rally in Hamlin for both Jones and Stonewall Associations. It is expected that 200 or more men will be in attendance. J. H. Hill, Jr., of Stamford is Brotherhood president in Jones Association, and J. M. Johnson president in Stonewall.

Owing to the uncertainty of the number who would be present earlier in the evening, the plans for the rallies do not include the serving of meals.

Similar rallies are being held in all the districts of Texas, with meetings in each of the 112 associations in the state, but it will not be possible for Mr. Cooke to participate in all of them.

DRYS WILL HAVE FIELD DAY AT ABILENE SUNDAY

Next Sunday, March 8, has been designed as field day of Texas United Drys in Abilene churches, T. N. Carswell, chairman of the dry organization in Taylor County and the 24th Senatorial district, has announced.

Out of town speakers will join Abilene members in giving emphasis to the dry campaign to put alcoholic beverages out of use during the war, said Carswell.

The visiting speakers will include Dr. Jeff Davis, executive of the United Drys, Bishop H. A. Boaz of the Methodist Church; Dr. Tom Taylor, president of Howard Payne College, Brownwood; and Dean E. B. Hawk of the Southern Methodist University theological school.

"The automobile manufacturers have turned all their efforts to war production and so have many other industries. The American people soon will be cutting down on sugar consumption to join in war effort. Texas United Drys say let the distilleries make a similar contribution to the effort by making available their employes and the materials they use in making liquor to the war effort," said Carswell.

He was in Sweetwater Sunday afternoon for a city and Nolan County field day conference on the dry program.

DISTRICT 17 CONVENTION MEETS IN ROTAN MARCH 5

The annual Sunday School and Training Union Convention of District 17 will meet in one-day session on Thursday, March 5. Pastor Lawrence L. Trott and the Rotan Church will be hosts in the handsome, new building which was completed last fall.

Dr. G. S. Hopkins, state Sunday School superintendent, and Dr. T. C. Gardner, Training Union director for Texas, will address the meeting and will conduct conferences.

President W. R. White of Hardin-Simmons will bring an inspirational message before noon. In the afternoon, Pastor Roger D. Hebard of Breckenridge will bring a message on evangelism and Rev. Levi W. Price of Gorman will speak on Sunday School visitation.

The H-SU men's quartet will render special music.

The convention will begin at 10:00 A. M., War Time, and will adjourn at 3:30. There is to be no night session.

REDWINE CHURCH REVEALS GREAT SPIRIT OF GIVING

The members of Redwine Church in Brownfield Association contributed $585 in special offerings for missions and benevolences from the second Sunday in October to the fourth Sunday in February. Rev. W. P. Brian, Hardin-Simmons senior, is pastor, preaching on alternate Sundays.

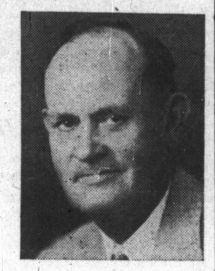
Included in the offerings were $50.61 for Buckner Orphans Home, $67.70 for the state mission Birthday offering, $75 for the Hundred Thousand Club, $86.57 for War Relief in the mission fields, and $207.67 for the Lottie Moon offering. They are planning a worthy part in the Home Mission offering this month.

In three and one-half years Pastor Brian has baptized 100 into the fellowship of this small rural church. E. W. Holloway is Sunday School superintendent.

NEWS FROM FREE CHINA

A letter, written by Dr. J. R. Saunders of Shiu Chow, China, on December 26, 1941, was received last week in Richmond. This is the first mail from free China thta has come through since the fall of Hongkong and it took over two months to make its way by air.—F.M.B.

MISSIONARY MESSAGES



By J. HENRY LITTLETON
517 Hickory, Abilene

February has been an extremely busy month. I have driven 3,580 miles. I have tried to preach 24 times. We began the month with Brother Scott Hickey and the Buffalo Gap Church in a dedication service. They tell me this is the first Baptist church building that was ever finished and dedicated in Buffalo Gap. Scott Hickey is doing an outstanding work there; we had five additions to the church that day.

The second Sunday I was with Mattson Church in a dedication service. Brother W. M. Copeland is their pastor. They have a beautiful rock building, free of all debt. That night I was with Brushy Church for a very good service.

I went to New Hope No. 3, in Stevens County, on Wednesday night before third Sunday. Preached each night and Sunday morning. At the close of this series of services they called Brother Ivey as pastor.

On Monday night the 16th I began a school of missions with the Necessity Church. We had good services through the week. Enrolled some 65 people. Brother I. J. Lloyd is pastor at Necessity and is leading in a good way.

On Sunday the 22nd, I was with the Brushy Church in Haskell County. This is a good community. The church has been without a pastor

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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.

President Roosevelt dismissed the suggestion, made some days before his fireside chat, that enough soldiers and sailors be kept at home to defend the country against attack, with these words: "We prefer to retain the eagle as it is—flying high and striking hard." Just what that sentence means, he did not altogether make clear. If we could take the offensive quickly, and take it with sufficient equipment, it would, undoubtedly, solve the problems that now harass the American state of mind; but such information as the President gave,

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Be still, and know that I am God.
Psalm 46:10

and such information as we otherwise have been given, does not justify the hope that we can take the offensive before summer, maybe later.

The first of the "three high purposes" to which the President summoned the nation was: "We shall not stop work for a single day"; and on the front page of the same paper appeared the story of at least two strikes and others threatened within the next few days.

What this country very much needs, and has needed for sometime, is more work and less talk. If these labor racketeers could be herded into a first class prison or put in immediate army service, greasing wagons and peeling potatoes, we would be through with strikes, and until we do realize that it is going to take work back at home as well as our boys sacrificing themselves in the air, on the land, and on the sea, we

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VETERAN WANTED

Believe it or not, there is one church in West Texas which is frankly looking for a pastor whose hair is not turning gray, but already grayed. Just wait, there is no need of a line forming to the right. We have no intention of publishing the name of the church. It will also be useless to write or see the editor, for in the first place, we are not in the pastoral agency business, and in the second place, they have one of the best already picked out.

While advancing years bring to some preachers, as well as a large proportion of the rest of the population, a hardening of the brain cells, there are large numbers of God's own men, whose talent and training are supplemented by maturing wisdom, who have kept their minds open and alert. Some of these men, who have had rather difficult sailing during a craze for ebullient youth, are likely to have an inning, now that great numbers of our best equipped younger men are offering themselves for service as chaplains.

We believe that if churches would get in an attitude of submission to the will of the Holy Spirit in the matter of calling pastors that they would find, when they call God's man to be their shepherd, that neither youth nor age is the big thing, rather, that there are other and more important qualifications which make the good pastor or the poor one.

THEY ARE INFORMED

On page one is a little story of the special mission offerings given by a small, half-time rural church on the South Plains. In four months they have doubled their mission contribution for the whole associational year of 1938-39, in which year they stood high in an association of generous givers.

In addition to these special offerings, they contribute regularly through the Cooperative Program and give good support to a progressive local work. A part of this fine record is due to the fact that the church is in a prosperous country. But that will not account for the wholesome spiritual atmosphere of the church. A prominent evangelist recently bewailed the difficulties attending his efforts to have a revival in one of the most prosperous communities in the state. It takes more than prosperity to make church members give. And when a prosperous community is having frequent baptisms, there is some cause worth looking for.

In this case, there seem to be two factors which stand out. Without having been on the field, we would venture to say that there is also a third, which is an enthusiastic and spiritual leadership among the local people. The other two factors are a consecrated and evangelistic pastor and a Baptist paper in the homes of the membership. It takes the two together to keep a people informed and inspired, ready and anxious to have a generous part in winning souls and revealing the spirit of the Christ, both at home and around the globe.

DEFEND BY ATTACKING

The French expected to win the war by carrying on business as usual behind a defensive line. The British thought a half-billion in elaborate equipment would defend Singapore. The commanders in Hawaii seemed to think that they were immune to attack because they were surrounded by large defensive installations. History has shown that all these were wrong.

In the face of such tragic mistakes, surely no one would think that the churches should go on the defensive for the duration of the war. Any one who is tempted to toy with such an idea should recall that a year of defensive mobilization wrecked the morale of the French army and people. Just as surely, we may expect that any effort of the churches to withdraw into a defensive shell will wreck church morale.

The Savior never started His church with any order to take a defensive position. His orders were, "Go—Go—Go—Go!" The last book in the Bible has his repeated promises "to him that overcometh" but never a word about strategic retreat.

There was never a better opportunity for the forces of Christ to take the offensive in this war against sin. The armies of evil are advancing in supreme confidence, exposing their flanks to attack with the recklessness that comes from over-assurance. Such tactics are an invitation for a counter attack; we shall be guilty of gross negligence if we fail to take advantage of this opportunity.

General Wavell is reported having said to the troops in Java: "The Japanese . . . fight better on attack than on defense, and therefore our best chance is to attack whenever we can. Attack and not defense must be our watchword." In this respect the Japanese are like the legions of sin, which are unable to withstand the cold steel of the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

To name just one example, the liquor traffic has maneuvered itself into some indefendible positions and is now vulnerable to a spirited attack. That challenging efforts to take the Gospel to lost men will bring a heartening response is indicated in the results of Dr. Fred Eastham's services in the camps. We should exert vigorous efforts to provide more such occasions.

We should attack sin promptly, not only at home, but on all fronts. In addition, we must mobilize our resources and strengthen our position so that, when other sectors are opened, we will be in a position to seize the initiative there also. When the going is hard is the time of God's opportunity. When Christ said the "gates of Hell shall not prevail" He drew a perfect picture of the church militant storming the strongholds of Satan.

NEWS NOTES

The revival at Clyde has been postponed for one week and will be from March 6 to 13 with Pastor Sidney Cox preaching. He will move on the field as soon as work is completed in repainting and redecorating the pastor's home.

Two Northern Baptist women, Misses Mary Laughlin and Stell Ebersole, of the Burma mission, were recent heroines of a Japanese air raid on "the road to Mandalay." With utter disregard for themselves, they gave first aid to victims of the bombs.

Pastor Guy Lewis has resigned at Sunset Church, Abilene, to accept the call of the church at Megargel.

First Church, Hobbs, N. M., has just had a Training Union enlargement campaign and will have a Sunday School revival March 8 to 13. This will be followed March 29 to April 5 by evangelistic services with State Secretary Harry P. Stagg preaching and Tommie Godfrey of Mineral Wells leading the song service. Pastor B. N. Shepherd is having frequent converts in regular services.

After 26 months as pastor at Columbus, Rev. J. Manley Reynolds goes to Bartlett as pastor March 15. Although Columbus is a slightly larger town, Bartlett has the larger white population and the Baptist church is much larger, being exceeded in the Bell Association only by Temple and Belton. During the residence of Pastor and Mrs. Reynolds, the building has been modernized at a cost of $5,500 and all departments of the work have been expanded.

Dr. E. S. James of Vernon is assisting Pastor P. Boyd Smith in a revival at Okemah, Oklahoma.

Superintendent E. M. Collier of Hendrick Memorial Hospital attended the annual convention of the Texas Hospital Association at Houston last week. He was chairman of the nominating and government relations committees and is alternate delegate to the convention of the American Hospital Association. Eloise Odam, record librarian of the staff, read a paper at the convention of the Texas Chapter of Hospital Record Librarian, which met at the same time.

Dr. R. N. Richardson, head of the history department at H-SU, was Texas Independence Day speaker at the Texas State College for Women, Denton, March 2.

Dean L. Q. Campbell represented Hardin-Simmons in a regional meeting at Fort Worth Saturday attended by faculty men from colleges offering government sponsored defense engineering courses.

Dr. Edward B. Jenkins will assist Pastor David I. Phillips and the Ranger Church in a Training Union campaign next week. He has just returned from a similar week at Eunice, N. M.

Rev. A. Gordon Bayless of Pampa is in a revival with First Church, Duncan, Okla.

Dr. George W. Truett was the principal speaker in the recent evangelistic conference of Missouri Baptists at Sedalia.

Rev. B. N. Shepherd of First Church, Hobbs, N. M., will lead in the spring evangelistic campaign at Tucumcari in April.

There were 35 additions to the Levelland Church and more than 30 professions of faith in the recent meeting in which Rev. Philip C. McGahey of Albuquerque assisted Pastor A. A. Brian.

Rev. R. Elmer Dunham, pastor at East Fourth Church, Big Spring, and Rev. Bill Marshall, B. S. U. secretary for Texas, are among the preachers in a city-wide evangelistic campaign in Shreveport March 8 to 22.

The West Side Mission of First Church, Sweetwater, has had 22 additions since the first of November. Among the baptisms were several adults, including two fathers, accompanied by a son. Rev. Boyd Robertson is mission pastor.

Rev. J. D. Alexander of H-SU preached at Tuxedo March 1. He is to supply the Salt Branch pulpit on March 8.

Robert Cooke Buckner, assistant to the manager of Buckner Orphans Home, has accepted a commission as captain of infantry in the United States army and has reported for duty at Fort Benning, Georgia. Arrangements have already been made to carry on his work during his absence.

Dr. George W. Truett precahed the dedication sermon for the A. & M. Baptist Church, February 22, and through the week has been preaching to the students at chapel in the morning and at the church at night.

Pastor Russell Dennis reports a good school of missions in the East Cisco Church in February, with Associational Missionary H. D. Blair leading. Dr. J. L. Moye, of the Home Mission staff, was prayer meeting speaker for this church last week.

First Church, Breckenridge, enrolled 237 in a church school of missions. In the faculty were Mrs. Chas. Culpepper, returned missionary, and Misses Charlotte Durham and Sarah Ann Strickland.

There were 50 additions to Calvary Church, Tyler, in a revival campaign led by Rev. Sidney F. Martin of Memphis. Pastor A. C. Turner baptized 23 converts. Education Director L. C. Gayle states that the evangelist preached with more power than ever before and the Lord blessed his ministry.

Rev. J. W. Bill Marshall concluded a week of fruitful services with the young people of First Church, Lubbock, at the morning hour, March 1.

Rev. L. A. Brown of Weslaco has accepted the call of the Dalhart Church and moved on the field some weeks ago.

Mrs. Chas. A. Powell, wife of the Rule pastor is a medical patient at Hendrick Memorial Hospital. She is reported making good improvement.

Evangelist Truman Crouch supplied at First Church, Cisco, March 1.

A FAITHFUL SERVANT OF THE LORD

By Edward B. Jenkins

We sat in the office and talked to a layman in one of our southern cities. When a young man he worked in a saw mill and made 50c a day. He began tithing on his same wage. This man today is a wealth man, with large business interests; and is one of the leading laymen in the Southern Baptist Convention.

For years he has been a tither and also makes large free-will offerings to the cause of Christ. He for years put a check of a thousand dollars a Sunday in the offering to his church, and made like offerings to the interest of missions in the convention.

A number of years ago we were in Japan visiting our mission stations. In southern Japan we visited a mission school for girls of our convention. We met the faculty of the school, and one of the members told us that layman paid her salary there. Today he gives all he makes to the Kingdom of God save what it takes to live on, and he lives very simply.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Malachia 3:10).

DROPPING BOMBS OF TRUTH ON FALSEHOOD

By William H. Joyner

It is false to teach that a man goes to Heaven simply because he dies for his country. There is no salvation for one who gives his life for his country if he has not accepted Christ who died for him. When a Christian dies on the battlefield he goes to Heaven, not because he was a hero, and laid down his life for his friends, but because before the bullet terminated his career, he had made peace with God through Jesus, the Savior. (John 3:16-18).

There are those who say that there is no God. This is false. You can't imagine a watch without a watchmaker. Someone has to create the watch and someone has to sustain it. Can you imagine a machine without a machinist? Machines are not in the habit of assembling themselves, without a machinist. Molders make the castings; bench workers shape them; and the master mechanics finally put them into running order. It is unimaginable and unreasonable to consider the universe in its magnificent unity, toher than the work of a marvelous Being whoce mind is beyond the concept of man. "In the beginning God . . ." "God is." Agnosticism is ruled out. It is a false philosophy.

Sunday School Lesson

March 8, 1942

DISCOVERING WHY PEOPLE DRINK BEVERAGE ALCOHOL

Read Genesis 1:11-12; 43:34; Psalm 104:14-15; Ecclesiastes 2:1-3, 10-11; Isaiah 56:12; 1 Corinthians 10:6-7

Study Genesis 43:34; Psalm 104:14-15; Ecclesiastes 2:1-3, 10-11; Isaiah 56-12; 1 Corinthians 10:6-7

Why is it that people drink beverage alcohol? As in the long yesteryears some drink because it is the custom; some, alleging that it has food value; some, claiming it to be good medicine; some, because of the thrill they say it gives; many because urged by the greedy seller; some, for the "sport" associated with it. Have we the right word to say to each of these and others? Let Moses, David, Solomon, Isaiah, and Paul speak through us today.

1. Fellowship? (Genesis 43)

IF A CUSTOM, DOES IT ENNOBLE? It was no doubt the usual Egyptian feast that Joseph gave his brothers, they seated according to their ages and he at a separate table with court associates and officers. To each of them he sent tidbits, with extras for Benjamin his full brother. The feast included a drink apparently made from "honey (v. 11) which was "grape-honey, a syrup made of grapes and diluted with water for a drink. It is still exported from Hebron to Egypt" (Dummelow). So they feasted in fraternal fellowship, brothers still in a strange land.

2. Food? (Psalm 104)

IF A PROVISION, DOES IT ENRICH? God is indeed the great Provider. He sends the showers on hills that pierce the clouds and abundant rain upon pastures, orchards, vineyards, olive groves, and fertile fields. So cattle have grass and work animals have fodder and man his food that satisfies and strengthens. But let man use aright his grain and grapes, or he will get merry only to get miserable. The alcohol he distils is certain to destroy and the wine he makes will surely bring woe. Why should the goodness of God be made to impoverish instead of enrich?

3. Thrill? (Ecclesiastes 2)

IF A TONIC, DOES IT ENERGIZE? Listen. Does one have, and ought he to have, the right to do as he pleases under the selfish motive and for selfish ends? The Preacher of Ecclesiastes tried out such a way of life and found it not only a failure but utterly unsatisfying and disappointing.

He tried **amusement.** He sought mirth. He went out after pleasure. He coveted and cultivated laughter. He aimed at a "good time" and—he had it. But with what result? He declared that mirth was mad and laughter insane and pleasure a whiff of wind.

He tried **appetite.** He determined to cheer his flesh with wine. He must have secured the choicest viands to be found and gulped them down greedily. But wine and wisdom could not dwell together long.

He tried **ambition.** He loved power as king in Jerusalem. He sought philosophy as the wise man of his time. He desired property as the wealthiest man of his day. But ambition brought him storm instead of calm.

He tried **ability.** He searched his heart. He held on to his wisdom. He saw and said what was good for his people. But his abilities could not quiet the ache in his soul.

He tried **achievement.** His labor was herculean. His works were magnificent. His portion was great prosperity. Then what? All of it pleasureless and profitless, entire emptiness and "striving after wind."

4. Gain? (Isaiah 56)

IF A TRADE, DOES IT PAY? Who are speaking? "They are greedy dogs which can never have enough . . . they all look to their own way, every one for his gain" (v. 11). And here is what the greedy liquor sellers urge and plead: "'Come, fetch the wine, Let's swill our fill!' they say; 'And tomorrow will be a rare time too, a royal day!'" (Moffatt). Does such traffic pay? Has it ever paid? Can it ever pay anybody anywhere anything of the slightest permanent value?

5. Sport? (1 Corinthians 10)

IF A GAME, DOES IT CAPACITATE? Paul writes of the ineffective, unfaithful, and evil folk of Corinth. They may have a good social and religious heritage, but they follow the faults rather than the faith of their fathers. Woes upon the past are intended as warnings for the present. Why take as our models those who displeased God by doing evil? Therefore check and crush all wrong desire. To "lust after evil things" is not only to live in vain but actually to lose life here and to live in vain hereafter. Moreover, useless men are virtual idolaters serving the gods of this world and not the true and living God. And, finally, they are self-indulgent and sensual, giving themselves over to gluttony, sloth, and vice. What must God do with useless men?

Gold in the Golden Text

Wine is a mocker . . . and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. —Proverbs 20:1.

Wine makes man a scorner. It makes him scoff at holy things. It deafens him to warning and reproof. It causes him to ridicule everything serious. He becomes insolent and intolerant.

Waywardness is the inevitable effect of strong drink. It causes its victim to stumble. It hurls him helplessly into the gutter. It shackles him and sends him to prison. He loses his liberty and often his life.

Wisdom calls for total abstinence. Beware the thrill and taste and touch of mocking, brawling wine!

Daily Bible Readings

March 9—The Winds and the Waves Obey. Matthew 8:23-27.

March 10—Power to Cast Out Demons. Matthew 8:28-34.

March 11—Healing the Blind. John 9:1-11.

March 12—Miracles Not for Show. Luke 23:6-12.

March 13—Miracles and Moral Improvement. Acts 19:11-20.

March 14—The Significance of Miracles. John 6:26-35.

March 15—God's Great Works. Psalm 111:1-10.

THROUGH OPEN GATES

By Blanche Rose Walker

This Sunday morning, December 28, 1941, we had a long-to-be-remembered Bible lesson on "The Christian's Heavenly Home." Many hearts were lifted and steadied by the study of what the Scripture says regarding this Home on High.

In the S. S. class, we talked together of our loved ones who had already gone to that Home and who, before going, had been permitted to look through and rejoice in the reality of Heaven.

God was tenderly kind to my last brother, Grady, in permitting him to "see home" e'er he went. His little family, the good doctor and friends watched and worked hard to save his life, but he said, "I am ready to go."

His face revealed deep suffering, but early Thanksgiving morning, he became quiet, looked upward, a smile came over his face—he said "Papa," three times—as though he saw him—then he went away. It seemed to be ordered of the Lord, that no one, except his son-in-law, should witness his going; the one for whom Grady had long prayed and had asked others to pray.

His son-in-law, Hubert King, seeing Grady go, realized for the first time, that there was a Home on High, and that Grady had quietly entered that Home smiling. He became deeply convicted of sin in his life; sin that would surely rob him of Heaven.

He grew very miserable at heart but the following Sunday evening found him at church, all yielded to the Lord and wondrously saved. Baptism followed the next Sunday evening.

God had used a glimpse of Heaven to convict a man of sin

THE DEVIL'S BEST TOOL

It was announced that the devil was going out of business, and would offer all tools for sale to the highest bidder. On the night of the sale they were all attractively displayed—and a bad lookisg lot they were: hatred, jealousy, envy, malice, sensuality and deceit, and all the other implements of evil. Apart from the rest lay a harmless-looking wedge-shaped tool, much worn, and priced higher than any of them. Some one asked the devil what it was.

"That is 'discouragement'."

"Why do you price it so highly?"

"Because," replied the devil, "it is more useful to me than any other tool. I can pry open and get into a man's conscience with that when I could never get near him with any others; and once inside I can use him with my discouragement in any way that suits me best. It is much worn because I use it with nearly everybody, as few people yet know that it belongs to me and that I use it to achieve my ends."

But the price placed on discouragement was so high that the devil owns it still.—Maritime Baptist.

Some people trim the Gospel to fit their notions and create bigger problems than they had.—W. W. Melton.

Oklahoma Baptist University Is Wrong In Its Selection

By R. G. Baucom

The Baptist Messenger of Oklahoma, February 12, 1942, issue carries the astounding announcement that the "seventy-two year old J. B. Tidwell of Baylor University will come to the campus next week to conduct the annual student revival." This referred to Oklahoma Baptist University. Now that is a terrible mistake, according to modern philosophy, and I am wondering what the "boy preacher" pulpit committees and churches are going to do about it. Just imagine having a 72-year-old preacher to preach to young men and women. "Let's get a young man who will interest our young people."

Before I become one of the old preachers I am writing on this subject of age. If I were an old man, the reader might say, "Sour grapes," but under the conditions this can not be done. But here is what I am thinking; some day I will begin to get old and now is the time for the young preacher to train the churches on this question for soon you will be old. What then? It will be a bitter dose, but young man, you will have reaped what you sowed unless you train the churches that the Holy Spirit has nothing to do with the call of a pastor according to age.

I once had an occasion to recommend a man as pastor to a church and the committee had a form letter written out and was sending that form letter to all who were recommended. This pastor ignored the form letter and rightly so and sent it on to me. Here are a few of the questions: "What salary do you expect? Would you accept a call to this church? Did the last two churches you serve have Standard Sunday Schools and Training Unions and did you have Vacation Bible Schools? In what activities of the church is your wife active: W. M. S., T. U., S. S.? Does she sing or play the piano? Is she a young people's worker (they forgot to state the salary they were going to pay her)? How many children have you (a preacher can have more than one wife now and some churches will call him, but woe be unto him if he has more than one or two "younguns.")? What is your age? Now these were not all the questions, but they are enough. I contend that the pulpit committee and church in this case were not looking for a God-called, Spirit-filled preacher whom the Holy Spirit might send them as pastor, for none of the above questions has any bearing whatsoever on the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Act 13:2, says: "As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, THE HOLY SPIRIT SAID, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." Not a word about age. Both these men were men of years. Sometime after this statement Paul in Philemon spoke of himself as "Paul the aged."

In many churches today the call of a pastor has boiled itself down to the same plane and basis of the hiring of a clerk. A church should go down on their knees and ask the Lord to send them to a preacher and send a preacher to them. The churches in many instances no longer pray for the Holy Spirit to send a pastor, but sits down and complacently waits for the recommendation of the pulpit committee and then is shut up to accepting the wisdom of perhaps five people and a great many times one man dominates that five, and thus one man calls the pastor. I know of one church who had such a man on the committee and who wanted a "young" man and he got his young man and that young man lasted less than a year.

The very minute a pulpit committee asks the age of a pastor that very minute the Holy Spirit has nothing to do with the call if the preacher is accepted or rejected on the basis of age. In the first place it is none of the business of the committee what the age of the preacher or his wife is. Suppose he was invited to preach and he would arise and begin with each member and ask them to give their age. He would be thought a fool.

If a committee or church sets an age limit, then I submit and contend that every person in the church past that age should either be dismissed from the church or given letters and allowed to go and organize a church where the Holy Spirit and not the age of the preacher rules them.

"A man hasn't got any sense until he is forty" has more truth than wise-crack or poetry in it. One of the great laymen of the Southern Baptist Convention said to me that a man did not reach his best judgment until he was 50. The churches who are unwise to the extent that they call according to age, are losing the very best years of the ministry and the wisest and most sensible leadership and at the same time, the most tragical thing is the loss of the deeper spiritual things of the ministry. The young preacher does not have the above in proportion to the man of years.

I do not understand Oklahoma Baptist University. I don't see why President Raley didn't have me to hold that meeting. He should know that I have more experience in handling young people than any 72-year-old preacher living, especially Dr. Tidwell. And doesn't he also know that I have more pep than Dr. Tidwell and you know it takes pep this day and time. Hear me, pulpit committees and churches: the preacher, regardless of age, who is full of the Holy Spirit will have all the pep needed. I once heard of a church who did not want an older preacher because he could not interest the young people. How could he interest the young people when they knew nothing about the Bible? All they knew was a "hip-hip-hooray" church program and they could name every one of the movie heroes and heroines, but could not name the books of the Bible. They could tell you all about the "latest sellers" in novels, but could not tell you what the writers of the Bible wrote and discussed.

But cheer up, brethren. A change is already on the way. So many of the churches have gotten bit the past few years since this popular folly got under way that they are now getting men of years and experience. The leading church of Kentucky has just called a man who is knocking at the door of 50. One of the larger churches of Mississippi has just called a man who would be called old by some pulpit committees. Still another important field in another State has called an "old" preacher. And now Oklahoma Baptist University has invited a 72-year-old preacher to hold their annual revival.

I here and now call upon all young preachers to cooperate with me in teaching the churches to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit rather than age in the call of a pastor. If the Lord delays His coming and you and I live, we will be old some day. What then? I say that Oklahoma Baptist University was right in inviting Dr. Tidwell to hold their revival for, brother pulpit committees and churches, people respect age and experience more than they do youth and ignorance, and especially is that true of youth itself.

It may be when all of us old men reach 40 or better we will have to move to Kentucky or Mississippi to be called to a church, but if they will pay our moving expenses maybe we can go. And it may be necessary for us to go to Oklahoma to get to hold a revival.

I do not think I will ever have a "youth revival" in my church, but if I do I have definitely decided to have an "old preacher" and not a young one, to hold it. I want some one who will be able to give some sound sensible, seasoned advice, backed up with enough experience that the young people will respect and heed it. Congratulations to President Raley and Oklahoma Baptist University. I here and now announce to Dr. Raley that I am going to hold the annual university revival for Oklahoma Baptist University when I reach the age of 72. So mote it me. Amen.

If we keep our faith in God, there are not enough demons out of hell to keep God's work from going forward. —T. L. Holcomb.

MISSION INSTITUTE HELD IN HASKELL ASSOCIATION

By Mrs. C. O. Davis

The Haskell Association W. M. U, met in Munday, February 17, for their mission study institute. Nine churches were represented with 50 women present. The morning devotional was by Mrs. Kirkland of Pinkerton Church, using the subject, "The Source of Our Strength."

The book of the morning was taught by Mrs. J. S. Tierce of Knox City. She took the chapter on Africa in the new mission book, "The Word Overcoming the World," using outline, notebook, and lecture methods of teaching very effectively. It was enjoyed by all. Rev. Aubrey Short of Rochester delivered the inspirational message.

Lunch was served by the women of the Munday Church.

Mrs. Bob Smith of Rochester taught the book for the afternoon. Sheused "The Story of Matsuta Hara," a book for juniors. She told the story beautifully, illustrating as she talked with a clever "picture show" made of clippings from magazines and elsewhere.

The meeting closed with a round table on problems confronting us in young people's work. Thanks were extended to the leaders and to the women of Munday.

120 Attend Banquet For Preacher Boys

Chaplain W. E. King was guest speaker at the annual banquet of the Ministers' Council and Ministers Auxiliary Monday night, February 23, at the First Baptist Church.

Chaplain King used as his subject "Over There." He was a mere lad of 16 in the other war. He pointed out that we are fighting for Christian ideals today and that we need men of courage and faith.

Throughout the program the patriotic theme was carried out. The table was beautifully decorated with red, white and blue streamers.

Program numbers were introduced by Melville Chatfield, master of ceremonies. Features included talks by Dr. W. R. White, Bill Trice, Fred Porter and Melvin Byrd. Several play skits were given by Melville Chatfield, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lasseter and J. B. Herndon. President Roosevelt's message was another feature on the program.

Special music was given by the H-SU male quartette composed of Lester Morton, Arthur Hill, Ed Williams and Dick Reynolds. Boyd Robertson gave a patriotic medley on his violin.

There were approximately 120 present. Special guest was Dr. F. M. McConnell, editor of the Baptist Standard, Dallas.

DR. WHITE IS SPEAKER FOR RUNNELS TRAINING U.

President W. R. White of Hardin-Simmons brought the closing inspirational message for the Runnels Association Training Union meeting which was held at Drasco Tuesday evening, March 3. His subject was, "The Christian's Possibilities for Growth." The opening message was delivered by Pastor Taylor Henley of Robert Lee. K. D. Watson of Wilment led the song service and special music was given by the Winters orchestra. Miss Zora Mitchell is associational director.

The darkness cannot obscure Him who is the light of the world.—Marshall Craig.

A Christian may expect success to the exact degree that he surrenders to Christ.—Chester Swor.

FEBRUARY WAS MISSION MONTH IN CISCO ASSN.

By Mrs. Pat Crawford

We feel that we have truly made February a mission month in our association. Following the Mission Institute on February 5, about 11 churches conducted schools of missions during the week of February 15-20 and there will be at least four other churches to follow later in the year. The attendance, we feel, was unusually good, considering the sickness and cold weather during the week. Definite reports will be made soon.

Brother Littleton, our district missionary; Brother Blair, our associational missionary; Mrs. J. E. Jackson and Mrs. C. L. Culpepper, returned missionaries from China; and other helpers have led our people to be more mission-minded.

Climaxing our schools of missions, Rev. J. L. Moye, Texas representative of the Home Mission Board, spent the week of February 22 to March 2, conducting services in nine churches and also preached to two Mexican groups and one Negro church. We feel sure that these services will call more of our people to deeper consecration and more earnest prayer during this Home Mission Week of Prayer.

ORDER TEN BOOKS AND GET ONE FREE

Dr. T. L. Holcomb of the Baptist Sunday School Board is very anxious for all of Texas Baptists to study the books as outlined in the Baptist Training Union study course.

When books are ordered from the Baptist Book Store request should be made to include a free copy for the teacher of the class. A cloth bound copy will be given the teacher of a Training Union class when ten or more of the same title book are purchased for class use.

EMERGENCY RELIEF HANDBOOK

Any pastor desiring free copies of a special 16-page relief handbook to use in presenting world emergency relief to his congregation should write at once to the Foreign Mission Board, box 1595, Richmond, Virginia, and indicate the number of copies he desires. Part of the appeal in this special issue will come through pictures. Write today!—F.M.B.

WMU STEWARDSHIP CLINIC HELD IN ROTAN CHURCH

By Mrs. D. O. Gray

Women of the Jones and Fisher Associations met with First Church, Rotan on February 25 for a stewardship clinic. The program started at 11:00 with the woman's hymn, "The Light of the World Is Jesus." Mrs. Tate May of Hamlin led in prayer. Mrs. N. J. Guiolet brought a beautiful chalk talk on "The Old Rugged Cross," while Mrs. O. D. Hughes sang it, accompanied by Mrs. D. L. Swint.

Mrs. J. H. McClain, state stewardship chairman, presented methods through demonstrations in organizations, committee work, records, reports, posters, young people and stewardship and gave an outline of work for the year.

For the afternoon devotional, different ones gave testimonies of tithing experiences. Mrs. J. P. McBeth of Anson sang "Come Ye Blessed" with Mary Nell Westmoreland at the piano. A Rotan group presented a skit on the 100,000 Club, written by Mrs. McClain. Fifty registered.

CHARLIE TAYLOR INVITED FOR ABILENE MEETING

Evangelist Charles Forbes Taylor, who with his brother, Larrie, has been engaged in a meeting at Brownwood, has promised to come to Abilene September 20 for a three weeks campaign at the First Church. The brothers will probably be accompanied by their father, a veteran Baptist preacher.

Dr. Taylor holds an honorary degree from Hardin-Simmons and became a naturalized citizen of the United States during one of his Abilene meetings, which were held during the '20s.

ATTENDANCE REPORTS FOR SUNDAY, FEB. 22

The following reports have been received for Sunday, February 22. Send attendance records at any time during the week to Box 1560, Abilene, Texas.

Sunday School

Church	Att.
Lubbock, First	1092
Abilene, First	1004
Albuquerque, First	851
Vernon, First	701
Breckenridge, First	636
Abilene, University	501
Sweetwater, First	390
Cross Roads	74

Training Union

Albuquerque, First	313
Abilene, First	308
Vernon, First	158
Sweetwater, First	180
Abilene, University	160
Breckenridge, First	151
Cross Roads	57

MISSION FILMS OFFERED FOR USE IN CHURCHES

Miss Mary Hunter, manager of the Literature and Exhibit Department of the Foreign Mission Board, announces that she has 21 copies of the 16 millimeter film "Feeding the Hungry" which are ready for use by Southern Baptists.

This film shows the work done by Baptist missionaries in Canton as they feed several thousand people each day. It can be used very advantageously by pastors or other Christian workers as they present the campaign for raising the Emergency Relief funds in April. The picture is short and can be shown in ten minutes. The only charge is for transportation.—F.M.B.

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ARMED MEN CHALLENGE BAPTISTS OF THE SOUTH

By Alfred Carpenter
Superintendent of Camp Work,
Baptist Home Mission Board

A request for 500 well qualified chaplains by the end of 1943 is indicative of the need which must be met by Southern Baptists. This is another missionary opportunity for our churches and soul-winning privilege for this many eligible pastors.

Recently the army asked for 103 chaplains. Sufficient endorsements are in hand to supply this request. The Navy asked for eight chaplains. This need was supplied in ten days. Our pastors are responding heroically. They must do so increasingly if the need is to be supplied.

"Trust the Lord and Tell the People"

Three hundred forty-five chaplains on duty by the close of 1942 is Southern Baptists' responsibility. Five hundred by the close of 1943 is our challenge. To accomplish this we must have, in addition to those now on duty and those endorsed recently, reasonably assured of appointment, 100 additional chaplains by the close of 1942. To assure this we must endorse at least 15 per month for the next 10 months. In addition, we need by the close of this year, an additional 155 commissioned chaplains ready for appointment to start the year 1943.

"Trust the Lord and Tell the People"

During the months ahead each individual, home, business or other enterprise, will be affected and must adjust themselves to an all-out war effort. Our churches will not escape this experience. Should they not lead the way? Of our 25,018 churches how many will be among the 500 to release their pastors for the duration? Thereby they will contribute to the greatest soul-winning missionary opportunity ever offered our churches. An encouraging word to the pastors may direct their thoughts in this channel.

This is not a call to duty nor to patriotism, as noble as these are, but rather a call to a soul-winning, missionary opportunity and should be in response to the Holy Spirit.

"Trust the Lord and Tell the People"

From July 1 to February 1 our Southern Baptist chaplains reported 6,398 professions of faith. Our chaplains are now scattered to the corners of the earth and most of them are preaching to the natives wherever they are located. Who can predict the outcome of this ministry?

The qualifications are: actively engaged in the ministry as principle occupation of life at the time of paplication; three years' practical experience, preferably in the pastorate; an A. B. and Th. B. degree or their equivalent; ages 24-45. We are authorized to accept applications, ages 45-50, same for reserve pool to meet emergencies. Our opinion is that this latter group will be called at an early date. Exemptions and special considerations are not the order of the day. Men qualified according to the War Department's requirements are called for.

"Trust the Lord and Tell the People"

At the close of 1941 Southern Baptists had endorsed 143 chaplains. Thirty-six have been appointed to duty, 50 are in process of appointment, 41 were declined by the War Department for lack of educational qualifications or failure in physical examination, 15 were approved but declined their commission. Since January 1 we have endorsed an additional 61 applicants.

"Trust the Lord and Tell the People"

HOUSTON PASTOR WRITES FRIENDS IN WEST TEXAS

We have just received the West Texas Baptist, which we look for each week as a boy when away from home looks for a letter from mother an ddad, for we are always anxious to know what the home folks are doing. I suppose, if the Lord never calls us back to the west, we will always think of it as home. Well, after all, when one spends 40 years in one place he has a right to call it home.

I bless God, as I pen these words, I an close my eyes and see hundreds of people in West Texas, and call them by name, whom I love as dearly as anyone ever loved a father, mother, brother or sister.

We are anxious to know everything that is going on at home. We even read Rambling Remarks, but please don't let Dick know about it. If you do, he will boast about having six readers.

Our hearts were made sad when we noticed the home-going of our dear friend and brother, C. R. Joyner of Spur. May God bless his dear family in this hour of loneliness and grief, is our prayer.

W. D. GREEN.
3014 Liberty Road,
Houston, Texas.

This Changing World

(Continued from page 1)

are going to keep on losing this war. We can't pay our way out of this mess with high taxes. We've got to go to work in the factories, fields, and everywhere else. And, lest someone leap to the conclusion that I have forgot the main thing, let me say once again that we must pray as well as pay and persevere.

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There are six hundred and fifty thousand 1942 automobiles piled up in warehouses, under guard and lock, and Mr. Leon Henderson carries the key. He will issue some one hundred and thirty-five thousand of these new cars for government use, ration some of the others to Latin American trade, and hold on to the rest of them.

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"American tourists visiting Mexico can obtain all the new tires they need," says a news story in the New York **Times**. A Mexican dealer is quoted as saying: "They don't wear as long as your American tires, but neither do they cost as much." When Mr. Henderson was told about this story from Mexico, he immediately issued this statement: "No one may bring new tires or tubes into the United States except under express authority of the OPA."

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Russia and Turkey are complaining, in bitter terms, about the lag in lend-lease aid; and the Army and Navy are seeing to it that all the goods they can get their hands on go to the United Nations. Washington commentators declare that a bitter behind-the-scene battle is now under way, and one writer adds: "It looks as if the unified command of the U. S. needs a little more unifying."

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Mounting unrest is noted among the Negroes of the country over the question of participation in the armed forces and in defense jobs. There are thirteen million, five hundred thousand Negroes in the United States, and of this number eight hundred thousand are unemployed, which is 20 per cent of the unemployed population, whereas the Negroes represent only 10 per cent of the total population. It is estimated that there will be approximately three hundred thousand Negroes in the armed forces by the end of 1942, or 8 per cent of the armed forces. Many labor unions refuse membership to Negroes, which means that they are barred from defense jobs. The CIO does admit Negroes, but in many instances they are barred by local jurisdictional edicts.

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E. Stanley Jones, writing in the current issue of **The Christian Century**, quotes a Negro educator as saying: "I am worried about my people in this national crisis. I was in a movie theater when 'America' was sung. The white people sang with fervor, but I noted the silence of the Negroes—they did not sing."

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Senator Walter F. George, in his notable Atlanta address on February 22, said that we might see Japan declaring war on Russia this spring. This significant statement from a man who is in position to know, is affirmed by foreign correspondents, particularly in Asia. They say: "Japan is ready to strike Russia." The question emerges: Is Hitler directing the military movements of Japan? This is entirely too long a story for these brief paragraphs; but I may suggest that we will do well to keep a close watch on the statements of Major Ott, German ambassador to Japan, and very close friend of General Yamashita, who commanded the victorious attack upon Singapore.

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Dr. William Temple, Archbishop of York, becomes Archbishop of Canterbury on April 1. Generally regarded as furthest-left primate the Church of England has ever had, Dr. Temple will, undoubtedly, stand solidly for the pronouncements of the Malvern Conference and other ultra-liberal views which he has consistently advanced. His father was Archbishop of Canterbury. He suffers from gout.

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Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke writes in the London **Times**: "About 98 per cent of the twelve and three-quarters millions of Baptists in the world are found in countries and dependencies of countries which are at war against the Axis powers. This does not take into account the Baptists of Russia."

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Dr. Everett Needham Case, 40, son-in-law of Owen D. Young, and assistant dean of Harvard's Graduate School of Business, was last week elected president fo Colgate University (Baptist). Like his predecessor, George Barton Cutten, Case is a gentleman farmer.

CHARITY AID CONTINUES COMING TO HOSPITAL

The following gifts to the charity fund of Hendrick Memorial Hospital have been received since the last published report announces Superintendent E. M. Collier:

First Church, Breckenridge, $10.25; W. M. U., Lovington, N. Mex., $4.41; University Church, Abilene, $22.64; Earth Baptist Church, $8.65.

Lamar Street Church, Sweetwater, 6 towels, 1 pr. pillow cases, 1 sheet; W. M. U., Avoca, canned goods; Miss Maxie Banner, Abilene, 7 pillow cases.

Woman's Missionary Union, University Church, Abilene, $1.25; Tye Church, $1.00.

Southside Church, 2 sheets, 8 towels, 6 wash cloths, 2 prs. pillow cases.

Tye Church, 4 jars green beans, 6 blackeyed peas, 3 jars jelly, 6 wash cloths, 3 towels.

W. M. U., University Church, Abilene, 5 sheets, 20 towels, rags, 12 pillow cases, 17 wash cloths, 1 dresser scarf, 2 cup towels, 22 jars fruits and vegetables.

Merkel W. M. U., 32 towels, 7 prs. pillow cases, 8 bath cloths, canned goods.

North Park Junior R. A., Abilene, 5 wash cloths, 2 towels; North Park W. M. U., Abilene, 10 towels, 2 prs. pillow cases; North Park Intermediate and Junior G. A., Abilene, 17 wash cloths.

PROGRAM

Workers Conference, Sweetwater Association, With Elmdale Church, Thursday, March 12th

Rev. W. A. Strickland, pastor.

Subject: The Baptist Association as a Missionary Movement.

3:00—Song and devotional.

3:15—The Beginnings and Work of the Baptist Association, Judge R. C. Crane, Sweetwater.

3:40—Special music, Hardin-Simmons Quartet.

3:45—The Present Day Association and Its Work, R. E. Dudley.

4:10—Presentation of Denominational Work, Rev. W. C. Ashford.

4:20—The Texas District Mission Program, Rev. J. Henry Littleton.

4:40—Announcements and recognitions.

4:45—Music, Hardin - Simmons Quartet.

4:50—Missionary Sermon, "Go Ye Into All the World," Rev. Miles B. Hays, Stamford.

5:30—Intermission.

6:00—Board meetings.

6:45—Supper and Talent Parade.

Training Union Program

Theme: Growing in Knowledge.

7:30—Song Service, Song Leader, Bob Lawrence, Hardin - Simmons. Pianist, Emma Joyner, Sweetwater.

7:40—Devotional.

7:45—Associational program discussed, Rev. Cooper Water, Merkel.

8:00—Departmental meetings:

Growing in Knowledge of Union Work.

General officers: Pastors, general directors, associate directors, and secretaries, Jaxie Short.

Adult Conference, L. D. Boyd.

Young People's Conference, Gracie Knowlton.

Intermediate Conference, Emma Joyner.

Junior Conference, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dodson.

Beginner and Primary Worker's Conference, Mrs. Lee Kincaid.

Beginner and Primary Children.

8:40—Music and report of churches.

8:50—Special music.

8:55—Sermon, Chaplain L. W. Raley.

EULA IMPROVES BUILDING

The Eula Church in Callahan Association has remodeled their building, refinishing and redecorating the interior and putting a rock veneer on the outside. All this work has been paid for and in addition the church has brought a piano.

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TWO ASSOCIATIONS HAVE TRAINING U. CAMPAIGNS

The Mitchell-Scurry Association is planning an association-wide Training Union campaign for the week of March 8-14. All churches within the association are urged to have training schools during this week. Mr. D. V. Merritt of Snyder is the associational director, and is very anxious for all churches to cooperate during this association-wide campaign.

The Lamesa Association is planning for its association-wide Training Union campaign the week of March 15-20. Mrs. R. O. Feather, who is connected with the State Training Union Department as an approved worker, will give general direction to the associational campaign and teach in the First Baptist Church, Lamesa, that week. Mr. Stansell Clement, the associational Training Union director, is urging all churches within Lamesa Association to cooperate and have a training school during that week. Pastors and directors of the churches in the association are asked to get in touch with Mr. Clement to get full plans for the campaign.

On Sunday afternoon, March 15, there will be an associational rally at First Baptist Church, Lamesa, at which time Mrs. R. O. Feather will be presented to the group and definite plans set forth for the week's work, together.

Rambling Remarks

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through a service infested by mosquitoes and blister bugs and innumerable candle flies under flickering gasoline torch lights, while Doris Wayne fretted and squirmed and begged for what all of us wanted but were too courteous to demand. . . . Then the real trouble began, we all tried to sleep in that one bed. It was musty with neglect, swayed crazily toward the center, was as hot as an oven and lost two slats before midnight. What happened after that I do not know, I am sure I was not asleep but was unconscious from sheer exhaustion and aggravation. About 5 o'clock the next morning that old lady and her husband arose and started the process of getting the family up. All the yelling and scolding and quarreling you can imagine went on there for an hour. Then the old lady started getting breakfast. You never heard such door slamming, and pan clanging, and coffee grinding, and cat kicking, and china rattling as went on in that kitchen, while we were being permitted "to sleep just as late as we wanted to." . . . I really intended to relate another experience or two, but the mere memory of that one has given me a headache. So I think I will take a headache pill and go to bed.

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Book Review

A Star at Midnight, by Wallace Bassett, D.D., Broadman Press, Nashville, Tenn.; 183 pages, $1.00.

A book of 23 sermons, each one packed with the meat of the Word. Thirteen of them are from the 11th chapter of Hebrews. Timely indeed, it is when the world seems to be going to bits, that our minds should be called to the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith. Dr. Bassett, himself one of the freat preachers of our day, has, in these sermons done this in a masterful way. The nine that follow cover a wide range, each complete in itself. The author knows what he wants to say, and knows how to say it. "Preach the Word" has been his guiding pulpit star, and accounts for the great congregations that have through the years waited upon his ministry and the vast numbers he has won to Christ.—M.A.J.

101 Expository Sermon Outlines, by E. P. Aldredge, M. A., D. D., Baird-Ward Press, Nashville, Tennessee, 124 pages, 50c. As a book of suggestions for the preacher and Christian worker, its "price is above rubies."

I had begun preparation for a Sunday night evangelistic sermon, when I took up this book to glance through itit. My eyes fell on Chapter IV. The Blood of Christ. I had just the suggestion with the Scripture texts all there that I wanted.

Its comprehensiveness shows the author to be a man of deep insight and clear understanding of the Scriptures, and a master of sermon outline. The marvel is that one could pack so much in one small volume.

—M. A. J.

One Thousand Sentence Sermons, by O. D. Henley. Printed privately. Copies may be secured from the author at Sylvester, Texas, or from the West Texas Baptist, price 50c.

This is a composition by the pastor of the Baptist Church at Sylvester, Texas. Many of these sentences express spiritual insight and wisdom. They show that the author has done some good thinking. They ought to help any Christian who would read them. I commend them to thoughtful reading on the part of our Baptist people.—W. T. Connor, Seminary Hill, Texas.

Christ and not Cain must rule the earth.—Pat Neff.

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Missionary Messages

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for more than a year. I think they will call in the near future. If I am not mistaken, there is a good future for this church.

I have attended all seven of the workers conferences in the district. I have never attended better conferences than these were. They have all been well attended, and the spirit was good everywhere.

We have written and mailed out more than twelve hundred cards, letters, and programs during the month, besides sending the West Texas Baptist to some 240 people. We, and when I say we, I mean Mary Alyce Martin, your secretary, have worked out a complete directory of the leaders in the various churches of the entire district, giving you their names and addresses. The West Texas Baptist was kind enough to publish this directory in the past week's issue. I think you will find this very helpful if you file this for future reference. To have done all these things would have been humanly impossible if it hadn't been for the help of this young lady. I think the district as a whole will appreciate her work more and more. I want here and now to thank every church and individual that has made possible the program that we could carry under this enlarged budget in our district.

The Baptist Standard of this past week carried the gifts from the churches to the Cooperative Program for the first three months of this year. There were many churches of our district that have not given. Let's not allow the month of March go by without making an offering to missions.

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