

WEST TEXAS BAPTIST

DARGAN - CARVER LIBRARY
S. B. C. HISTORICAL COMMISSION
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Vol. 16

ABILENE, TEXAS, MAY 23, 1940

No. 21

MISSIONARY

ESSAYS



Brother L. A. Hollis is now on the field with the North Park Church. He will lead there in a great way.

The Clyde Church extended to Brother N. A. Sanders a unanimous call to become its pastor. They are asking the Lord to lead him to accept. There is a great opportunity for service with the Clyde Church. We spent Sunday morning in service there. How we enjoyed it. We will always love them for what they are and what they have meant to us in past years. We are just praying that God's will will be done as to Brother Sanders' coming.

We were with the Clairemont Church on the second Sunday. They are praying that God will lead them to the right man as pastor. Brother Mayes did a marvelous work in the meeting there. That field learned to love him.

We spent most of the past week in Fort Worth at the Evangelistic Conference. It was a great meeting. The last account I had there had been more than 1,100 registered. They came from every section of the state. The brethren stayed in the services. Texas can't be the same after a meeting of this kind. The spirit of turning back to God is upon us and how we thank God for it. If we have ever prayed let every one of us pray for great revivals in our midst. We will be the next month in arranging meetings for the summer in this district. We have enough volunteer preachers that are ready to give their services to have at least one hundred meetings. We will give our best to reaching every unreached community. Pray mightily for us.

We have heard from several churches that made their offering to the hospital on Mothers Day. If your church failed, do it yet. It is a worthy cause.

It is time we were thinking in terms of the Lueders Encampment. The date is June 24-30. We wish every pastor would plan to come. We are going to have a great program and wonderful fellowship. The grounds (Continued on page 4)

EVENTS TO COME

- June 3—48th Commencement, Hardin-Simmons U.
- June 4—Summer session registration, H-SU.
- June 12-16—Southern Baptist Convention, Baltimore.
- June 19-27—Student Retreat, Ridgecrest.
- June 24-30—West Texas Assembly, Camp Lueders.
- July 2-12—Texas Baptist Encampment, Palacios.
- July 8-10—Girls Camp, Lueders.
- July 9-19—Ruidoso Encampment, Ruidoso, N. M.
- July 9-17—Menard Baptist Encampment, Menard.
- July 9-12—District 9 R. A. Camp, Ceta Glen.
- July 10-12—Boys Camp, Lueders.
- July 14-19—Southwide Sunday School Conference, Ridgecrest.
- July 21-26—Southwide Training Union Assembly, Ridgecrest.
- July 29-August 6—Paisano Assembly, Paisano Pass.
- August 20-23—District 9 G. A. Camp, Ceta Glen.
- August 24—Close of Hardin-Simmons summer school.
- September 2-4—Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association, Seminary Hill, Texas.
- September 4-7—B. S. U. Retreat, Seminary Hill.
- November 12-15—Baptist General Convention of Texas, Houston.
- November 21-23—Texas Baptist Training Union convention, Dallas.

DR. SCARBOROUGH GIVEN TRIBUTES IN HOME TOWN

Lee Scarborough, an Anson cowboy who left spurs and saddle nearly a half century ago to enter college, returned home yesterday.

He is Dr. L. R. Scarborough now, with a string of earned and honorary academic degrees, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, president of the Southern Baptist convention, and internationally known as a dynamic evangelist and teacher of evangelism.

The occasion for the return was homecoming services at the First Baptist Church of Anson. Dr. Scarborough was invited to preach Saturday night and Sunday morning and to deliver the commencement sermon for the Anson high school graduates Sunday evening.

Dick O'Brien, Principal Speaker

The afternoon service was planned for recognition of former members and visitors, and, unknown to the distinguished guest, Pastor L. A. Doyle had arranged for it to be turned into an appreciation service for Dr. Scarborough. The principal laudatory address of the afternoon was delivered by the Rev. Dick O'Brien, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Stamford, and former student of Dr. Scarborough in the Southwestern Seminary.

Spontaneous tributes were expressed by a number of old friends, headed by the Rev. R. D. DeWeese, a former pastor at Anson.

Father Pioneer Missionary

It was brought out in the meeting that the Rev. G. W. Scarborough, father of the Seminary president and pioneer Baptist missionary, preached the first sermon in Jones County, conducted the first Christian funeral and performed the first wedding ceremony. He helped cut the logs and build the first church house and led in the organization of the Anson Church "in front of G. W. Johnson's dugout," and was the first pastor.

When the townsfolk of Anson was surveyed, the elder Scarborough was one of a group who knelt at each corner of the public square praying that liquor might never be legally sold there. Since its organization, Jones County has remained dry.

Deeply touched by the tributes of appreciation, Dr. Scarborough responded briefly, masking his emotions in reminiscences of the pioneer days.

Ministry Answers Prayer

He told of his mother praying in his infancy that he might become a preacher, of preaching his first sermon in Abilene and his second in Anson, and concluded by quoting from the Apostle Paul, "As much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel."

Dr. Scarborough is one of the most active men of his time, regardless of age. He will fly to Philadelphia for an address Tuesday night, and back to Little Rock, Arkansas, for four days of evangelistic services and continue with a similar schedule.—Elliott Dudley, in Abilene Reporter-News.

J. A. LUNCEFORD TO HOLD SUNSET CHURCH REVIVAL

Rev. J. A. Lunceford, first pastor of Sunset Church, Abilene, will assist Pastor C. N. Gilbert in a revival meeting from June 2 to 16. Rev. and Mrs. Lunceford were to sail this month to take up mission work in West Africa, but because of the spread of the war, that sailing has been cancelled and they will go at a later date on a freighter going directly to the West Coast. He recently resigned a very successful pastorate at O'Donnell to go to the mission field. An evangelistic spirit has been mounting at Sunset with conversions at nearly every service.

CRADLE ROLL DEPARTMENT CALLAHAN ASSOCIATION

By Mrs. L. S. Henderson

The little child is sitting, where the Master placed him, in the midst of us. His training is ours. More and more we are realizing the importance of early training and as our conception grows, we think less of sentiment and more of service in connection with the cradle roll work.

Jesus said, "Suffer little children and forbid them not to come unto me; for of such is the Kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 19:14). I urge that each Sunday School in the association recognize the Cradle Roll day program, "A Charge to Keep," on May 26.

MONDAY, JUNE 3, WILL BE H-SU COMMENCEMENT



DR. FRED C. EASTHAM

The 48th commencement of Hardin-Simmons University will be held Monday, June 3. At that time 54 seniors will receive their Bachelor of Arts degrees, 30 students will receive their Bachelor of Science degrees and seven Bachelor of Music students are graduating.

The baccalaureate sermon, which will be Sunday, June 2, will be given by the Rev. Fred C. Eastham of Wichita Falls. The sermon will be preached at the First Baptist Church, at 11 o'clock.

The August commencement exercises will have 18 seniors completing their Bachelor of Arts requirements, three students will obtain their Bachelor of Science and two Bachelor of Music.

Two honorary degrees will be conferred at the June commencement. The Rev. Fred C. Eastham will have the Doctor of Divinity degree conferred upon him, and Dr. J. L. Hill will receive his Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

NEW MISSIONARY BEGINS WORK IN DISTRICT NINE

J. Lowell Ponder, Missionary, 1209 Oakland Plainview, Texas

There were sixty pastors from this district who attended the Evangelistic Conference at Seminary Hill. The spiritual momentum gained in those days will give impetus to the more than 250 meetings already planned in the district.

Saturday afternoon the Missionary was in Floydada, helping Pastor Vernon Shaw get his Vacation Bible School under way. There were a hundred enrolled Saturday. There is to be a faculty of 42 workers. They will have a fine school.

Speaking of vacation schools, we point out a single case. An energetic pastor in a half-time country church had a school. There were seven conversions, one of them a girl of 12. She went home and led her mother to Christ. Yes, they are worthwhile.

Sunday morning we supplied for Pastor Dickerson at Sudan. In the afternoon we spoke at a church dedication at Earth. They have a fine plant, a busy church, and an excellent pastor in C. T. Jordan. At night we preached at Friendship Church in Dickens County. Had a good service. They had 44 in BTU. Walter Bryan is leading this church in a well-rounded program. The Vacation Bible School starts June 10. Their goal is for an enrollment of 100. And that in a farming community. It can be done.

Rev. A. L. Shaw, Lockney pastor, supplied at Quitaque Sunday.

First Church, Plainview, began a Sunday School study course Monday night. The pastor, L. Boyd Reavis, will teach "Building a Standard Sunday School." The missionary will teach "When Do Teachers Teach." The goal is for 200.

Baccalaureate services for seniors of Wayland College were held Sunday morning at the First Baptist Church, Plainview. Pastor Reavis brought the message. An unusual thing about the service was that two fine young men were converted. The commencement exercise will be Wednesday morning. Dr. John W. Cobb, (Continued on page 4)

DISTRICT 8 MISSIONARY WRITES OF ACTIVITIES

By W. C. Harrison

As it has been some time since reporting to the district, I will write a short resume of some of my activities.

During April and this part of May, I have contacted 29 churches. Taught study course assisted by J. W. Arnett at Woody, one at Andrews, and at West Side, Big Spring. Attended two associational brotherhood meetings, one at Wastella, and the other at East Fourth, Big Spring. Assisted in organizing a Brotherhood at Pennwell, Rev. Aubrey McCauley, pastor. Their church is really alive since the fine meeting. Have attended five Workers meetings as follows: East Fourth, Big Spring, Courtney, Big Spring Association, Snyder, Mitchell-Scurry, Fairview, Lamesa. Attended Training Union meeting, Waco, and Pastors Evangelistic Conference, Seminary Hill. Was in a revival at Smith Chapel, Rev. L. A. Blair, pastor. We had a good meeting. The spirit was fine and am sure the church has been helped. Brother Blair was also assisted by Rev. C. T. Alt, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Wink. There were three additions, one for baptism. The pastor baptized other candidates that were awaiting baptism. Attended cornerstone laying at Midland, of their new \$40,000 educational building.

During this same period several churches have called pastors. Among them Colorado City First, called Rev. Arthur Travis and he is on the field. Goldsmith called Rev. Z. C. Chambliss and he is on the field. Odessa First has called Rev. John T. Key but at this writing do not know his decision. Two churches that I know of have become pastorless, namely, Payne's Chapel, Cecil Rhodes resigning. Mesquite, John W. Newsom, resigning. Lees Church is considering calling soon, if they have not already.

Many revivals have been held—Higginbotham, Wilson, Sparenburg, Ackery, that I know of in Lamesa Association. Pennwell, West Side, Big Spring, Forsan, Immanuel, Odessa, Salem, Smith Chapel, in Big Spring Association. Second Church, Colorado, Mitchell-Scurry. There may have been others that have not been reported to me.

We made the poorest showing in April that we have made this year, standing 11th. This ought not so to be. Tell me about your activities and I shall be glad to report them.

SWEETWATER ASSN. SETS VBS TRAINING SCHOOL

An all-day training school for Vacation Bible School workers has been arranged to be held at First Church, Abilene, on Thursday, May 30, announces J. D. Riddle, V. B. S. director for Sweetwater Association and District 17. The meeting will begin at 10:30 and continue till 4.

The morning will be devoted to discussions, conferences and the teaching of the manuals for the different departments. Demonstrations with children actually going through routines, and departmental planning will occupy the afternoon.

Vacation Bible School workers of Sweetwater Association are urged to come for the day and all other interested workers are cordially invited to attend.

Visitors will bring picnic lunch which will be spread together in the church dining room. The host church will furnish drink and dessert and the noon hour will be spent in fellowship.

Mr. Riddle will be assisted in the general direction of the school by Missionary J. Henry Littleton. Mmes. W. H. Haney and J. R. Fielder will conduct for Intermediates; Miss Harriet Evans, assisted by Mmes. James Alexander and C. R. Pennington will have charge of Junior work; Mmes. Samuel L. Hill and Lacy Beckham will be Primary leaders; and Mmes. R. O. Jackson, F. T. McMeans and W. P. Wright, Beginners.

DR. RICHARDSON TO REMAIN

Dr. Rupert N. Richardson, executive vice-president of Hardin-Simmons University, who recently declined the presidency, announced at chapel services Saturday that he had decided to decline an attractive offer of a position elsewhere and will remain at H-SU. Students recently staged a demonstration urging Dr. Richardson to remain.

RALEY TO HEAD LIST OF CAMP LUEDERS SPEAKERS



DR. JOHN W. RALEY



SECRETARY G. S. HOPKINS

Dr. John W. Raley, Oklahoma Baptist University president who won the admiration of a host of laymen at a district Brotherhood rally at Abilene last fall and who earned enthusiastic commendation as inspirational speakers at the H-SU Bible Conference in the winter, will be the principal speaker at the general encampment at Lueders, June 24 to 30.

Others on the one week program will be G. S. Hopkins, state secretary for Sunday School work, who will head a staff of experienced Bible school workers for the camp; Professor I. E. Reynolds, head of the music department of Southwestern Seminary, who will return to conduct classes in sacred music; and a large number of pastors and exceptional workers from the area.

Among the leaders in the B. S. U. activities of the camp will be Dr. Bill Gaddis of Baylor Medical College, Dallas. Dr. Gaddis will also be available (Continued on page 4)

DR. JAMES LEADS GREAT REVIVAL AT BEAUMONT

In a two-weeks' revival at First Church, Beaumont, led by Dr. E. S. James of Vernon, there were 94 additions, including 59 for baptism. There were 32 other professions in a special Sunday School service who have not yet united with the church.

In the regular services conducted by Pastor J. Ralph Grant during the month preceding the revival, there were 58 additions, most of them coming from the Sunday School.

Educational director A. C. Head states that, in his opinion, Dr. James is in the front rank with the large group of the great preachers of the South who have appeared in that church in the 16 years of his service there.

JOY HOMER TO SPEAK AT WMU CONVENTION JUNE 10

Miss Joy Homer—the youngest daughter of the famous prima donna, Madame Louise Homer, and Mr. Sidney Homer, a noted American composer—will be the guest speaker of the W. U. annual meeting in Baltimore on Monday night, June 10. For several months the name of Miss Joy Homer has become increasingly well known as she has ardently spoken and written in behalf of the starving Chinese. Last year Miss Homer was in China, traveling into almost every section and getting close-up views of the vast devastation wrought by the Japanese invasion. Miss Homer has the responsible position of being feature writer, radio and platform speaker for the Church Committee for China Relief.

ISSUES OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE CONFRONT BALTIMORE CONVENTION

By L. R. Scarborough

The Southern Baptist Convention meets in Baltimore, Maryland, June 12-16, with certain other auxiliary meetings coming earlier. The Convention will open at 9:30 Wednesday morning, June 12, in the auditorium arranged for it. This convention has matters of weight and significance which will be presented and reports of great importance submitted and discussed. The meeting ought to be greatly inspirational, informational, educational, constructive, far-seeing and of perpetual importance to the Kingdom of God and the people called Baptists.

Who Should Go

Baptists by the multitudes ought to go. Baltimore has large hotels, apartment houses and an auditorium with great capacity and comfort, accessible to the hotels. We will receive a great welcome. It is hoped that the pastors will give due publicity in all the churches, elect messengers from all the churches, according to the constitution, and go and lead their people in adequate crowds to this annual assemblage of our Southern Baptist people. If possible, every pastor ought to go, attend all the sessions, take part in the business of the Convention and receive blessings to carry back to his own people.

In addition to the reports from all the Boards, institutions, commissions, and committees, the Committee on Order of Business has provided some hours of inspiration and noble men and women will address the Convention and the crowds that come. The business of the Convention ought to have the attention of large groups of messengers and great profit ought to come from the consideration of these matters of great concern to our denomination. Besides these, certain matters of unusual importance will come before us.

Important Matters

The report of the committee of 13 appointed to frame the answer of the Convention to the invitation to join the World Council of Churches will be presented. The committee agreed on the report at a meeting in April, with all members present, and this report, submitted to the papers by the chairman of the committee, Dr. George W. Truett, will be in the denominational papers very soon. It is hoped that the brethren and sisters everywhere will carefully and prayerfully read it, and that those who desire to discuss it before the Convention meets will have opportunity given to them by the papers to do so. The whole question should be faced in the light of the committee's report, the conditions we face in a confused world, the principles and policies of Southern Baptists and in the interest of the Kingdom of God and the salvation of a lost world. The Committee on Order of Business has given good place and good hour and good time for this report. The committee, as well as the offers of the Convention, are anxious that Southern Baptists assembled in (Continued on page 2)

WEST TEXAS CHURCHES IN TRAINING U. CLUBS

Through an oversight a number of West Texas churches which have announced goals for Training Union awards were omitted from the printed list distributed at the recent associational officers meeting at Waco, states J. D. Riddle, president of the Training Union convention of Texas. Prominent in the list of these churches is First Church, Breckenridge, which has set a goal of 400 awards for the year, ending November 1.

Members of the "250 Club" from District Eight included the First Churches of Lamesa, Midland, Big Spring, Snyder and Immanuel Church, Odessa. District 17 churches in this club include University and South Side of Abilene, and First Churches of Stamford, Eastland, Sweetwater and Cisco.

Those setting the goal of 100 awards at the district conventions include Rotan, Elmdale, Sardis, Albany, Cisco East Side and Caddo in Seventeen; Andrews, Stanton, Forsan, Wastella and Five Mile in Eight.

Several small rural churches have set goals of 50 awards. Included in these are Desdemona, Stith and Pleasant Hill.

West Texas Baptist

Published on Thursday of each week at 241 Hickory Street, in the interest of Kingdom Work in the West.

R. E. DUDLEY Editor

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Single Subscription, per year \$1.00
Clubs of five or more, per year 75c
May be paid quarterly if Church designates a Club Treasurer to remit quarterly
Budget rate, where church treasurer remits for each resident family in the church, per month05

Entered as second class matter December 5, 1924, at the post office at Abilene, Texas, under act of March 3, 1879.

Address all mail to West Texas Baptist, P. O. Box 1560, Abilene, Texas.

A SON OF THE WEST

It is doubtful if any man has gone out of West Texas who has laid so deep an impress upon his time as Dr. Lee R. Scarborough. Considered only as an evangelist, he would have an important place in any country or time.

But it is in his position of leadership and influence at the Southwestern Seminary that he has put the stamp of his fervent evangelism upon the thousands of young preachers who have passed through his classrooms. These have gone out in the same flaming spirit and he now preaches every week, not to thousands of individuals, but to thousands of congregations around the world.

In addition to that, men who once learned at his feet have been called to the leadership of other seminaries in Northern states and in foreign lands. Thus, the soul-winning impulse which has dominated the life of Dr. Scarborough in being multiplied in the spreading centers across the globe.

Other hosts who were never in his classrooms have, through the spoken word or printed page, come into the orbit of his dynamic personality and have been inspired to deeper consecration in Christian service.

This is what the grace of God can do with one cowhand who wholly surrenders himself to be a Gospel messenger. The West is honored in the service rendered by her son.

URGENT BUSINESS

It has been said frequently but not often enough for many of our people to believe that it is anything more than the outcry of an alarmist—It has been said, and it is true, that unless a great mass of our population is reached for Christ they will fall, and possibly drag the rest of us with them, into the pit of Communism.

It is urgent that we reach these people, not in this generation, nor in this decade, but in the imperative and imminent now.

They, that is great numbers of them, can be reached. That has been amply demonstrated in this very field. Some of the most fruitful evangelistic efforts in the Southwest have been carried on in communities where a large percentage of the people are unemployed or only partly employed and among people who have never formed the habit of attending religious services.

But wherever such mission work has been undertaken, active opposition has arisen from sources which are definitely friendly to communistic tendencies. Communist organizers do all in their power to discredit the missionary and to ridicule his work, knowing that every convert who is genuinely and sincerely won for Christianity is utterly lost to the Red cause.

This is not said in reference to the great industrial areas of the North and East. We do not have direct, personal information about them. Nor is the reference to peoples of different racial ideals and alien tongues, though reliable reports indicate that these, too, are hotbeds of subversive and anti-Christian activity.

We are now talking of the situation as it exists in the little cities of West Texas. Here we have, and not only in the cities but even in the smallest towns, great numbers of people who have been uprooted from all that once seemed stable and secure. Many of them are tractor refugees, displaced from farm life. Others such as teamsters, horse-traders and various laborers have had their occupations swept aside in the tides of a changing age.

Nearly all of them are bewildered and distressed. Many are embittered and ready for the first agitator with a cure-all theory or a scheme for revenge. The only antidote for such a state of mind is the saving knowledge of the Lord Christ Jesus, which alone can lift men out of "an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set their feet upon a rock."

Foreign missions are very important. If enough had been done in that field in time, we might be living in a different world today. But here is a matter which will not wait. Just as public opinion in America has unified on the proposition that our country must be defended without regard to the cost, so the strong churches must find ways to carry the Gospel message, sympathetically, and in all its purity, love and hope, to those who are being sought out as disciples by the apostles of destruction and despair.

Any other course will be no less suicidal than it would be for rich America to sit idly without adequate defenses. Planes, ships and guns may be able to fend off an enemy without, but only Christ can save us from the wiles of an enemy within.

MISSIONARY OR MISSION SECRETARY?

Texas Baptists have seventeen of the hardest working men that are to be found. They are laboring under the title of District Missionary. Their work, however, is more of a promotional nature than a strictly missionary activity.

We are not at all wrong in calling them missionaries. But the very word arouses visions of constant evangelistic effort, which is impossible for them to do if they carry on the various promotional activities which are laid upon their shoulders.

There is a very positive need for this evangelism and it should not be neglected. Perhaps we ought one or more missionary evangelists in each district in addition to a mission secretary for that area.

News Notes

First Church, Lubbock, which has just lifted a long-standing debt, will open contributions for a new building fund on June 2. In the meantime, they are installing a new air-conditioning system in the old structure.

C. A. Burgess, revival singer, has moved from Colorado City to Abilene, with mail address at the H-SU station. He still has some open dates for summer revivals.

Rev. J. H. Ballard has been called as pastor at Neill Church. He is a student at Hardin-Simmons.

There were 47 additions to Sam Houston Church, Tyler, in a recent revival in which Evangelist S. B. Hughes of Big Spring did the preaching. Baptism was administered by Pastor L. R. Smith to 36 converts.

There were 39 additions, 36 for baptism at Mabledean in a revival with Rev. E. G. Gregory of Archer City assisting Pastor Jacob Still.

It has been announced that Rev. W. Clyde Hankins of Field Street Church, Cleburne, has resigned to take up work as an independent missionary in Brazil and will sail with his family in July.

Pastor B. M. Jackson of Enid, Oklahoma, and T. P. Haskins, assistant secretary of Oklahoma Baptists, will receive degrees of Doctor of Divinity at the Oklahoma Baptist University commencement May 24.

Rev. E. D. Dunlap of Polytechnic Church, Fort Worth, is evangelistic chairman for District 12.

Rev. J. H. Ballard has accepted the call of Neill Church for the second and fourth Sundays. He is available for other service on the first and third Sundays of each month.

Rev. Clyde Campbell is conducting a study course in soul winning at Sunset Church, Abilene, in preparation for their summer meeting. The course will be followed by a religious census of that section of the city.

Rev. Fred A. Porter supplied at Cleburne May 19. He reports a good day and aroused interest following the revival conducted by Rev. Joe R. Mayes.

Dr. H. E. Dana, president of the Baptist Seminary at Kansas City, with four of his faculty members recently spent several days preaching in Denver churches. They used a similar plan at Omaha previously.

Dr. W. M. W. Splawn, member of the Interstate Commerce Commission and former president of the University of Texas, will be speaker at the alumni banquet at the commencement of Baylor University. Ray L. Dudley, Houston publisher, will speak for the alumni at the ground-breaking exercises for the \$200,000 Student Union building which will be a gift from the ex-students.

Dr. J. Ralph Grant, pastor of First Baptist Church, Beaumont, will preach in an August revival at Anson, where he was formerly pastor.

Pastor Carroll Holtzclaw reports a fine study course at Caddo with 54 enrolled and practically all earning awards.

Rev. W. M. Lawrence has resigned at Thalia and is open for service in the pastorate or evangelistic work.

Pastor S. L. Tidwell of Potosi will spend most of the summer in evangelistic services. He has some open dates at this time in July and August.

The homecoming date for Sardis Church in Fisher County has been changed from June 16 to June 30, which is the fifth Sunday.

Rev. John T. Key, brilliant young pastor of Canton who thrilled a large audience at the San Antonio convention last fall, has accepted a call to become pastor of First Church, Odessa. He is a nephew of W. T. Patterson, Abilene.

Curtis D. Owen of Abilene will leave Saturday with Mrs. Owen and their son for Beaumont, where he will be director of music and education in South Park Church, Rev. J. J. Strickland, pastor. He will superintend a Vacation Bible School which opens Monday.

Debt payments of the Home Mission Board in 1939 amounted to \$159,585.15.

SENTENCE SERMONS

By O. D. Henley

A friend draws us up as well as out. God made you for somebody. Those who accuse others excuse themselves.

An idle mind makes a busybody. Habits easy to get into are often the hardest to get out of. Distrust leads to disgust. Wrong is always loud spoken. The good are humble.

Life consists mainly of marks and remarks.

Every real joy includes the happiness of more than one. What has been today will not be tomorrow.

Love cannot be improved upon. Love suffers willingly, but never wilfully causes to suffer.

The very worst put self first. Love works and worries. Faith enables us to stand what we can't understand.

A broom is a good thing. He who serves self satisfies Satan. The worthy are missed.

No soul was made to stand alone. Every wound makes a soul more mellow or harder.

A STRANGE SCHOOL

Our church will conduct a very strange school May 27-June 7.

These are some of the strange things about it:

The teachers do the studying. The pupils do not have any books. The church furnishes the materials and all the pupils have to do is come. The program includes drills, songs, stories and handwork for both boys and girls.

The lessons are presented in such form until they are more interesting than play. There will be one or more outings or picnics for those who attend the school.

This interesting, fascinating and strange school is called the Vacation Bible School.

It is conducted for the boys and girls of the Beginner, Primary, Junior and Intermediate Departments.—First Baptist Chimes, Sweetwater.

Issues—

(Continued from page 1)
The Convention and those at home shall have full knowledge of this whole matter and abundant right to express their views in a constructive way and in harmony with the importance of the matter and the needs of the Kingdom of God.

President's Representative to the Vatican

Another matter of great significance that is likely to be presented to the Convention is the matter of the President's appointment of his representative to the Vatican. Certain matters of significance are involved in this. Southern Baptists have a right to express themselves and to have the Convention pass on such matters as shall please our people and meet their responsibilities in this matter.

Another matter which is quite likely to come to our attention at this Baltimore Convention is the matter proposed by the editors of the Baptist papers in the South. They will quite likely make some vital suggestions, resolutions and reports concerning the important matter of increasing the circulation of our Baptist papers. The denomination should face this matter with open minds and courage and with a disposition to do something about it.

Emphasis on Stewardship

The Convention also will likely face suggestions concerning an emphasis upon stewardship in the coming year and years of the Convention's life. I am not certain in what way this matter will come, but it is a question of supreme importance and the Convention ought to face it. And if they can put such emphasis upon this great doctrine and practice as to bring our people nearer to the Bible conception of stewardship, then it would be well and ought to have their attention.

Another thing we must keep in mind is that while we have made great advances in evangelism it is a perpetual task and the Convention should put persistent, continuous emphasis upon a crusade of soul-winning. Our efforts ought not to be bounded by conventional resolutions, but we must come to see that it is a part of the eternal task of our people, growing out of the commission of Jesus Christ, his commands concerning it, his great example in it, his preparation made for it in his program, and the opportunities offered everywhere.

I would call our people to prayer for this coming Convention. It is hoped that it will be one of our greatest sessions, one of our most constructive, forward-looking, determined and well-guided efforts to glorify Christ and bring in his eternal kingdom.—The Baptist Program.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson for May 26, 1940

By Hight C. Moore

JEREMIAH ANNOUNCES THE NEW COVENANT

Read Jeremiah 31

Study Jeremiah 31:31-37

Here is a spiritual message from Jeremiah and his countrymen in captivity. He was writing as "the prophet of individual religion." Though they had broken their ancient covenant, sealed at Sinai with tables of stone, he declared that God was ready to enter into a new covenant with them. Let them personally and as a people covenant with each other and with God who still put his law first in their hearts and then in their lives. Thus they will outlast the immobile sun and stars and the mobile sea; and they will outreach a topless heaven and a bottomless earth. Truly the God of infinite might and mercy is to each individual who accepts him the God of the new heart and the new life.

1. The New Covenant Given

THE ANNOUNCEMENT includes several phases and features of the new covenant which God has given. Of course God is central in it all. (1) God Revealing. Does he seem to be hidden? Yet he is here. Do we think of him as in the dark? Still he is never distant. We have disobeyed, but he has not departed from us. Indeed he draws high in the moment of need and makes his presence known. God's greatest revelation is the revelation of himself. (2) God's Reaffirming. Here is a promise that glows like a double rainbow on a retreating rain cloud. It is the promise of a new covenant. God is ready to make it with Israel and Judah notwithstanding their many sins. The clarity and the certainty of it are conveyed in the reaffirming Word of God. (3) God Reminding. What of the covenant God had made with Israel in days of old? Under it God had delivered the oppressed Hebrews from the shackles and servitude of Egypt, and had led them through the wide and weary wilderness, and finally had settled them in the land flowing with milk and honey. Though again and again they had broken the covenant, yet Jehovah was as tender with them and as faithful to them as a devoted husband. They thought of the tie as merely external and they regarded the obligation as binding upon the race rather than upon each individual. They must know better! (4) God Renewing. The new covenant is specific and spiritual rather than national and ceremonial. God's law is to be put in the inward nature of each person so that he will have it written in his heart where it will be regnant in his life. Only on such a basis can that partnership be formed whereby God will be their God and they can be his people. (5) God Regenerating. It is not enough for the divine law to be recognized in legal statutes. It is entitled to more than mental assent to its providence. Not until it is set up in the soul as a vital factor in personal life can it become effective in the life of the world. One must have a religious experience before his life can be animated by the spiritual motive. (6) God Restoring. The good news of the new covenant is the good news of salvation. It culminates in the knowledge of Jehovah which means knowing him directly and then obtaining his knowledge. And so at length everybody from the least to the greatest may know God as Savior and Lord. The highest knowledge is knowledge of the Highest and fellowship with him is following supreme. (7) God Remitting. The new covenant is completely effective; for iniquity is forgiven as though it had never been committed and sin is so thoroughly blotted out that it is divinely forgotten.

2. The New Covenant Guaranteed

THE ASSURANCE involves the divine guarantee of certitude and security under the new covenant.

The Purpose of God. Men may falter and fail and fall, but God is immovable and unswerving. He announces the divine program and points the better way, but if men are false and faithless his program will nevertheless prevail. God's purposes are unchangeable and eternal.

The Power of God. Who set the sun in the midst of the planets and their satellites and enthroned him as king of day? Who gave the moon her celestial glow and queenly splendor, and lighted the stars to illumine the night? Who at will stirs and stills the sea? Who made and maintains every atom and activity of the illumitable universe; and who manages every force and manipulates every law in the natural world? None but the eternal and omnipotent God!

And can he not guarantee absolute safety?

The People of God. Extinction is out of the question. Survival is definitely decreed. The good will survive the luminaries of day and night.

Enter Into the New Covenant

A Covenant with the Lord. "The Lord of hosts is his name."

A Covenant of Love. "I took them by the hand—I was an husband unto them."

A Covenant of Loyalty. "I will be their God."

A Covenant of the New Heart. "In their inward parts, and—in their heart."

A Covenant of the New Life. "My covenant they brake—they shall be my people."

A Covenant of Knowledge. "They shall all know me."

A Covenant of Fellowship. "Every man his neighbor, and every man his brother."

A Covenant of Forgiveness. "I will forgive their iniquity."

A Covenant of Security. "If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath."

A Covenant Everlasting. "A nation before me for ever."

GOLD IN THE GOLDEN TEXT

I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.—Jeremiah 31:33.

God is speaking, the God of justice and power, the God of grace and goodness. God's law is the topic, the law indeed that punishes sin, but the law, too, that saves the sinner from the penalty and power of sin, saves him to a good life on earth, and saves him in heaven for ever. The law of love and light and life must be put in each human heart, must be enshrined and engraved there, by the hand of God before it can regenerate the heart and renew the life and bless the world. With God's law in each of their hearts God's people will go forth "conquering and to conquer."

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

May 27—The Useless Vine. Ezekiel 15:1-6.
May 28—Salt and Light. Matthew 5:13-16.
May 29—The Test of the Tree. Matthew 7:16-20.
May 30—The Blight of Barrenness. Mark 11:12-14.
May 31—The Fruits of Dissipation. 1 Corinthians 10:6-7.
June 1—Conduct and Destiny. Matthew 25:34-46.
June 2—Moral Contrasts. Psalm 11:1-6.

PROGRAM

59th Anniversary and Homecoming Day, First Baptist Church, Baird, Sunday, May 26

10:00 Sunday School, W. T. Payne, superintendent.

10:45 Recognition of Visitors.

11:00 Welcome Address, Judge B. L. Russell.

11:15 Devotional, A Former Pastor.

11:30 Congregational Singing; Special Music; Soloists, Roy Baughman and Mrs. W. D. Estes.

11:30 Anniversary Sermon.

12:30 Lunch at Church.

2:00 Song Service.

2:30 Testimony and Fellowship hour, led by a former pastor.

3:00 Address, Rev. Henry Littleton, District Missionary, District 17.

3:30 Special Music: Roy Baughman, Mr. Warner, Mrs. W. D. Estes.

4:00 Sermon, A Former Pastor.

4:30 Recess.

6:45 Special B. T. U. Program in auditorium of church (Intermediates).

7:30 Song Service.

8:00 Devotional.

8:20 Sermon, Rev. Dick O'Brien, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Stamford.

Note: This program subject to change. We do not know exactly those who will be present and available for various parts. Every former pastor present will be given definite place on program.

BAIRD HOMECOMING SET FOR SUNDAY, MAY 26

Baird Baptists will celebrate their 59th anniversary next Sunday, May 26, in an all-day preaching, singing, praying, fellowship, and dinner-on-the-ground occasion. Former members and former pastors and friends are invited to share with us the joys of the day.

This invitation is to you personally and we would be happy if you could attend this service.

A. A. Davis, Pastor.

A Tribute to the Mothers Of Countries at War

By Nelle Downing

We have just observed another day in which we paid homage to the Queens of our land—our mothers! They have been praised through the words of poets, lilting tones of musicians, by the tongues of great orators, and by this special day marked on our calendars as Mothers Day. Our thoughts turned to phrases of admiration, adoration, and love for them, and we remembered them with something very special and suitable to show that we had not forgotten. But somehow, with many of us, our thoughts turned also to those mothers of our neighboring war-stricken nations.

Mothers of War! Mothers Day. What did it mean to them? Those brave women who are the mothers and wives of soldiers. What a role they are playing in this great drama. The role of two—of both parents! How great will be the applause for them when the final curtain "rings down"—or will it all be only for the heroes of battle? Surely not, for though we here on earth fail to recognize their bravery and courage, God on High will smile upon them with His blessings.

A mother today in Europe—what a task it must be! Her heart heavy—living in fear—the fear of a message that might leave her to continue forever to play the role of both father and mother to her children. As the curtain of evening falls and the day is ended, what an empty, yet burdened heart she must take to her God asking for his mercy and guidance. Her day has been spent in soothing a crying child whose fear of the planes overhead and their destructive carryings had become unbearable; helping a poor, struggling family whose home had been burned before them; hearing the agonizing cries of the wounded whose unfortunate plight had been that of a target for the enemy—hearing their cries and aiding them; sharing her "rationed" food with the needy; and gathering her own loved ones together—hurrying to shelter as the warning signals are given—speaking brave, courageous words to her children, assuring them of safety and of God's love for them, and all the while praying that again God might be merciful and keep them safe.

And when the days are dark with the heavy sounds of guns and shrieking bombs, perhaps she doubts God and her faith in Him begins to ebb away. For would not a God of love and mercy put an end to all this; bring her loved ones from the battle field; and let peace reign over them again? Had she not read from His Holy Word that He is just and merciful? Surely, surely, a just and merciful God would lay His Hand upon this torn and broken world and say "Be made whole again." And then when the air is clear and quietness prevails, she feels His Presence for He has known of her questioning and doubt and in His mercifulness has come to clothe her in a cloak of His unfailing love and understanding. And so in true love and knowledge of His wisdom, she is brought back with a stronger faith than ever, remembering the words from His Book, "Though you slay me, yet shall I trust thee"—

uttering them with reverence. He must surely be the strength and hope of the mothers in that world of fighting for a lost cause.

So as we paid tribute to our own loving mothers on her day—may we now, also praise the Mothers of War. Let us keep a prayer in our hearts that they might continue in courage, strength, love and honor, and that the cause for RIGHT will be victorious. May we pray fervently that God will be merciful and direct us not into the paths of hatred and strife, but into the paths of righteousness and love for our fellow-man. For love in our hearts for one another, peace will reign over us. If we love in true Christian fellowship, it will not stop with our actual neighbors, but shall extend across our boundaries—bringing back the love of our neighboring countries—bringing back peace instead of destruction. In keeping the fires of love burning deep in our hearts for our brothers and for our God, we may rest assured that there will not be articles written for our own mothers as "mothers of war."—"The Dragon," Draughton's Business College.

Students Told to Prepare for Future

"Let the best come from your lives. Just one string is enough when under the touch of a master's hand," Dr. John W. Inzer, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Asheville, N. C., told the Hardin-Simmons University students in an address at the daily chapel hour today.

Dr. Inzer, classmate of Dr. R. N. Richardson, executive vice-president of H-SU, when both were students in the then Simmons College, was one of the organizers of the American Legion, and was once elected its national chaplain by acclamation. "You boys and girls have veritable diamond mines in your hearts, but you must work and study. Peter and John were unlearned, back-country fishermen, but they were heard from because the Master came into their lives, and because they responded," the distinguished visitor told the H-SU student body.

Dr. Inzer was paying his first visit to the campus since he delivered the commencement address to the 1921 graduating class. The college conferred an honorary divinity doctorate on him at that time.

DRASCO ORDAINS DEACONS

Four deacons were ordained by Drasco Church Sunday, May 19. They were Johnnie Herrington, R. O. West, Eugene Virden and J. B. Davis. Deacon Herrington, father of Johnnie, is inactive because of age and ill health.

The presbytery was composed of Deacons Sanders of Hatchel, Patterson of Lawn, Woodfin of Pumphrey, W. I. Taylor of Tuscola and Ovalo and Harold Russ of Drasco and Hatchel. The church is expecting to have added life because of the new leadership of these young men, all of whom are under 33.

FRESHMAN DELIVERS COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Duyane Parker, freshman student at H-SU, delivered the commencement address to the seniors of Benjamin High School, May 12. Parker, a 19 year old ministerial student, graduated in the '39 class at Benjamin. A sister, Ina Fern Parker, was one of the class members. His text was Paul's prayer to the Philippians in the first chapter, 9th through 11th verses.

B. S. U. GROUP AT HYLTON

A group of B. S. U. students from Hardin-Simmons University held services at Hylton Sunday, May 19. Those presenting the program were: Song leader, Howard Johnson; chalk talk, Francis Landers and H. C. Burrus; devotional, Charlyne Good and Garnett White; message, Duyane Parker.

A large crowd attended the service.

OLIVER PLUMBING CO.
Sure, Satisfactory Service
New Installations and Repairs
774 Pine Dial 4552

Gatlin Barber Shop
953 N. 3rd
Modern Equipment—Air Conditioned
Hair Cut 35c Children 25c

Noted Alumni of Hardin-Simmons

By Jack Gardner

REV. JOHN W. INZER INTERNATIONAL FIGURE



JOHN W. INZER

It was in 1921 that the Rev. John W. Inzer, D. D., was elected National Chaplain of the American Legion by acclamation, as a tribute to him for his past service to the organization.

His first connection with the Legion arose through his being asked to represent Alabama at the first caucus held in St. Louis, May, 1919, where he remarked that the various factions seemed unable to get together. This led him to make a speech which appeared to allay all criticism, and figured greatly in bringing the Legion into being. Because of that speech he was drafted, along with Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., to become national speaker for the Legion. He served in this capacity from May till December, 1919, at which time he retired from Legion work to become pastor of the First Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

He was only 29 years of age when he became pastor of this outstanding church. At Chattanooga, Dr. Inzer remained for just over ten years, having the satisfaction of seeing the opening of the great new building as a result of nine years of effort, during which the Sunday School reached the mark of 1,200, and the church was crowded at practically every service, the church becoming known as "The Church with a Cordial Welcome."

On the tenth anniversary of Dr. Inzer's pastorate, the calendar of First Church, Chattanooga, under the heading of "Some Interesting Facts," called attention to Dr. Inzer's work of the past ten years, showing that when he first came to the church in 1919, the membership was 1,097, including active and inactive, and that during the pastorate of Dr. Inzer, 2,397 had joined the church. In 1919 the church budget was \$25,000; in 1929 it was \$65,000.

Soon after this, Dr. Inzer received a unanimous call to the First Baptist Church, Montgomery, Alabama, and went there January 1, 1930.

First Church, Montgomery, has a membership of 2,500, the largest in the city. It has a beautiful house of worship costing \$250,000. While Dr. Inzer was pastor of this great church, his sermons were broadcast every Sunday morning over WFSB to multiplified thousands all over that section. "After seven successful years as pastor at Montgomery, Dr. Inzer became pastor of the First Baptist Church of Asheville, North Carolina, March 1, 1937. This is also an outstanding church and Dr. Inzer has had very successful and happy years in his present pastorate. Dr. Inzer is very much in demand for revival work and also for special addresses, commencement occasions, and so forth.

Dr. Inzer is the son of Perry Monroe and Margaret Smith Inzer, and was born January 6, 1890. He was educated at Savoy High School, Simmons University, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and holds the degree of D. D. conferred by Simmons University in 1921.

He was pastor of the South Avondale Church, Birmingham, Alabama, for four years through 1917. After five months as pastor at Dauphin Way Church, Mobile, Ala., he resigned to become a chaplain in the United States army with rank of First Lieutenant, where he remained until March, 1919. During 1921 and 1922 he was national organizer of the American Legion. He has served as member of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, a trustee of the Tennessee Baptist College, and is past national chaplain of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. The family name was originally spelled Ensor. Dr. Inzer has twice visited his distant relative, Dr. Cecil Arthur Ensor in London, and they

LAMESA ASSOCIATION CONDEMNS LIQUOR ADS

Inasmuch that we as Baptists have said in our Church Covenant that we will refrain from the use and sale of intoxicating liquors, therefore;

It is resolved by the Workers Conference of the Lamesa Baptist Association, meeting with the Baptist Church at Gail, May 19, 1940, that we go on record as condemning the advertisement of all beers and liquors by members of our churches in the newspapers.

It is further resolved that a copy of these resolutions with the request that they be printed, be sent to each of the papers published in the bounds of the Lamesa Baptist Association, and to the Baptist Standard and the West Texas Baptist.

Workers' Conference, and Executive Board of the Lamesa Baptist Association. J. William Arnett, Sec'y.

Book Reviews

Religion a Factor in Building Texas, by John A. Held, A. M., D. D., Litt. D. The Naylor Company, San Antonio. Pages, 164. Price, \$1.60.

Out of a rich background of experiences with the many faiths and nationalities of whom he writes, the scholarly Dr. Held has brought a panorama of the coming and the pioneer efforts in Texas of Spanish and Polish Catholics; of German, Norwegian, Swedish, Danish and Wend Lutherans; of Anglo-American Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians and others.

Defining religion as "The aspiration of the soul for God and for fellowship with God," the author devotes two chapters to delving into theories of religion and its origin and manifestations. The remainder of the book is historical.

Many authorities in the literature of several tongues are quoted. An extensive bibliography is included. One hopes that this is only the introductory to a more extended account of the beginnings, struggles and growth of the various creeds which have left their imprint upon the people of Texas. Dr. Held is ably qualified to give us that account.—E. D.

DONATIONS ACKNOWLEDGED BY MEXICAN MISSION

Rev. J. M. Sibley, pastor of First Church, Sweetwater, and Missionary M. R. Gonzales, wish to express through the medium of the West Texas Baptist their sincere appreciation to churches and individuals who made contributions toward the entertainment of the session of the West Texas Mexican association at Sweetwater, May 2 to 5.

"Since some of the offerings were grouped," writes Pastor Sibley, we may not have a record of each church and therefore would appreciate knowing if any church has been omitted.

Churches listed are:
Abilene, First, food and cash.
Abilene, South Side, food.
Abilene, Immanuel, food.
Abilene, Temple, food.
Abilene, University, food.
Elmdale, food.
Lawn, cash.
Capps, cash.
Tye, food.
Nolan, food.
Blackwell, cash.
Sweetwater, Lamar Street, food.
Sweetwater, First, food and cash.

have the ancestral line unbroken back to the Twelfth century.

Dr. Inzer is from the Schenk family of North Carolina on his mother's side. His great, great grandfather, Michael Schenk, came from Lancaster, Penn., to Lincolnton, N. C., in 1798 and built the first cotton mill ever built in the South. Many of his relatives are still cotton manufacturers.

Dr. Inzer was married to Miss Marie LaMitis Smith of Sylacauga, Ala., December 31, 1918. Mrs. Inzer was educated at Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C. She has made a reputation for herself as a poet. They have no children.

In 1934 Dr. and Mrs. Inzer made a trip around the world. Their first objective was to see the world and visit our mission fields. Dr. Inzer also spoke for the Rotary International all the way from Tokyo, Japan to Cairo, Egypt.

One of the chief accomplishments of the Home Mission Board teacher-missionaries on Negro campuses is in directing the student activities of more than 9,000 students enrolled in the schools where they teach.—Noble Y. Beall.

DOCTRINAL

"KEEP THE ORDINANCES" (1 Cor. 11:2)

By Wm. S. Dixon, Dallas

This is a command, and a reminder to each of us, and to our Baptist Churches in the Southland that, in this day when some moorings are being destroyed, there are some things which we should not change, or neglect to observe.

Jesus gave the ordinances to His early Church, and in simple faith in His word and obedience thereto, we should "keep the ordinances as I delivered them unto you."

What Are They?

There are two ordinances, and only two, that were given to the early Church, namely, baptism and the Lord's Supper. The first one, baptism, is a picture of His death, burial and resurrection. "Buried with him by baptism unto death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead, . . . even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4). More than a picture, it suggests also the changed life and walk of the born-again soul.

The second one, the Lord's Supper, is a memorial of His death, and also a prophetic forward look of His promised return. "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do SHOW the Lord's death TILL he come" (1 Cor. 11:26).

How Given?

Both were divinely given, and we are commanded in the Word of God

to "keep the ordinances as I delivered them unto you." Both were church ordinances, used in the church and under its commands and authority, and not for private activity outside of church direction. We have no right to change them.

Who Engaged in Them?

Since they were given to the church which is a body of baptised believers, only believers engaged in either of them. There is no record in Scripture where an unbeliever or a non-believer ever was baptised. This answers immediately "baby baptism" and eliminates it as un-Scriptural. But there are many New Testament statements where a believer was immediately baptised, as a witness of a born again experience, and as an act of obedience on his part.

At the first institution of the Lord's Supper in the upper room (Matt. 26:26) only baptised believers were present, every one of whom was baptised by John the Baptist or his disciples, therefore all baptised by a Baptist.

The eleven (Judas had left the room) and Jesus only were present at the first Lord's Supper. We have no right to change either of these divinely-given ordinances as they were given to us. "Keep the Ordinances!"

WILL OUR COUNTRY HAVE A DICTATOR?

By Edward B. Jenkins

Plutarch, the ancient Grecian historian, in summing up the reign of Caesar said, "In the year of war Julius Caesar took 800 cities by assault, conquered 300 tribes, fought pitched battles at different times with three million men, and one million men were slain, and another million were taken prisoners.

The first dictator of the world was Julius Caesar, and the first dictator of our time is Mussolini. Of himself he said, "I am the superman incarnate, even as Napoleon of whom I secretly believe am the incarnation, who was the heaven-sent messenger. I, like Napoleon, am law-giver as well as war-lord. I am the State."

Yes, our country will be under a dictator. He will be the anti-christ who will be dictator of the whole world. Of him our Lord said to the

Jews: "I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not; but if another come in his own name, him ye will receive" (John 5:43).

A recent revival in the Mexican Baptist Church, Austin, in which Home Board Missionary Matias C. Garcia of San Antonio preached, brought forty into the church by baptism and six by letter, according to Rev. I. E. Gonzales, missionary at Austin.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

STATE LEGISLATURE

Joe Humphrey, Abilene
SHERIFF, TAYLOR COUNTY
W. T. McQuary, Abilene
TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR, TAYLOR COUNTY
R. S. Walker, Abilene
COUNTY CLERK, TAYLOR CO.
Miss Vivian Fryer, Abilene
Clarence Darden, Abilene
(Political Advertising)

Burton-Lingo Company

Lumber and Building Material
Paint and Wall Paper

825 N. 2nd

Phone 3132

HENDRICK MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Controlled by Texas Baptist General Convention



The Hendrick Memorial Hospital is the only Baptist or Protestant Hospital west of Fort Worth. It is strictly modern in every detail, has the highest rating given by the American College of Surgeons, maintains a first class Nurses' Training School, and has the largest body of medical workers in West Texas to serve you.

Since we have the only Church hospital in West Texas, let it be known for its scientific skill, its service to the poor, and its testimony for Christ. Your gifts will help.

E. M. Collier, Superintendent

Let Us Bind Your Old Bible

If you have an old Bible that needs rebinding we can make it as good as new for you.

We re-sew and bind in best Bible leather your old book for \$2.50. Other bindings \$1.50.

Read what one of our customers voluntarily said of our work:

The Abilene Printing & Sta. Co., Abilene, Texas.

Gentlemen:
You will find enclosed my personal check for the sum of \$3.00 to cover the rebinding of two books, which books I received a few days ago, and I am more than well pleased with the nice substantial work rendered. I can cheerfully recommend you for such high class work.

Yours truly,
C. W. BOOTHE.

Box 27, Dimmitt, Texas.

We Guarantee Our Work

Abilene Printing & Stationery Co.
BOOKBINDERS

Box 1560 Abilene, Texas

Christian Education at Hardin-Simmons University

By E. B. Atwood

Roger Babson is quoted as saying: "We feel strongly that the small college in the small community is very much better than a large college. A school that is little known outside of its own environment will usually do more for your children than one with a national reputation. We also recommend colleges which have been founded and are now being watched over by one of the church denominations."

If it is true that Christian colleges do more for young people than the larger institutions perhaps it would not be amiss to ask for a bill of particulars. Just what do we find in the Christian school? It has been clearly shown in preceding articles that the aims and ideals in the Christian school are different. Here the aim is on the development of character rather than the development of skills. Too many parents and students look upon an education as a means of acquiring some skill that will prepare for a trade or profession and afford some personal advantage in the struggle for life. Such a view is pagan, not Christian, and if some means is not found to counteract this tendency our nation will revert to heathen ideals and principles.

We may say that the purpose of an education is four-fold: (1) To acquaint the student with the world in which he lives; (2) to train him to think and arrive at sound judgments; (3) to develop skill in some profession as a service to humanity; (4) to cultivate within the soul a sense of the appreciation of values. It is in the field of values that the Christian school attempts to major. Stress is laid on higher values—the appreciation of the true, the good and the beautiful. Since it is spiritual values which are highest, it is in the field of spiritual values that Christian education puts the main stress.

No one would intimate that state schools do not appreciate and aim at higher spiritual values, but in the nature of the case the smaller, Christian schools whose religious teachings are not restricted by constitutional limitations have a great advantage here. In the first place there is a closer personal touch and personal supervision in the smaller school. Students and teachers know each other and enjoy a more intimate personal fellowship than is possible elsewhere. And this personal touch is perhaps the most important thing in the educational process. Some one said many years ago that his idea of a college was Mark Hopkins on one end of a log and a student on the other. The teacher is of more importance than equipment and wealth and variety of curriculum.

Again, the atmosphere in a Christian school is positively Christian. The whole organization and program of work are planned and aimed at the encouragement of a positive Christian life. The daily chapel service in which students and teachers come together to sing a hymn, read a passage from the Bible and engage for a few moments in prayer has an immeasurable influence on the lives of students. Then there are the daily prayer meetings. In H-SU there is a prayer service every morning at 7:30 managed and directed by the students themselves. Here many young people daily sit together in heavenly places in Christ; and here they are growing and developing strength for places of leadership. Besides the morning assembly there are prayer groups in all dormitories just before time to retire in the evening. Of course these meetings are not compulsory, but they are well attended and often by students who are not Christians. It is a source of inspiration and strength to a faltering Christian to have a friend come by to say, "Don't forget your daily Bible reading," or, "Come and go with me to the prayer meeting."

We should not overlook the fact that the Christian school teaches Bible and religious education as a part of its regular curriculum. Every student in H-SU is required to take two courses in Bible. This means that the student must spend three hours per week for nine months in a study of the most important book in the world. Such classes are usually opened with prayer and it would be difficult to measure the spiritual influence of such courses on the lives of the students. Besides the required courses there are many electives in this department so that those who desire to do so may major in Bible and religious education. Thus the Christian college becomes a specific training ground for all those who plan to give their lives to direct Kingdom service.

Then we ought to mention the specific religious organizations on the campus of the Christian school. There



DR. E. B. ATWOOD

is the B. S. U. which is now functioning on all campuses in the South. It is an organization for the coordination of all religious work in the institution. Representatives of Sunday Schools, Training Unions and churches cooperate with this religious council in an effort to enlist every student in church attendance and religious work. Retreats are held for these leaders and a sincere effort is put forth to make Christ real on the campus. The coming of the state officers to visit the campus gives great impetus to this work. Besides there are the Ministerial Council, meeting once a week; the Mission Band, composed of those who have volunteered for foreign mission work with other students who feel called to special service; the Y. W. A. with its weekly meeting; and the extension work committee which sends out groups of Christian students to various churches and communities. These groups carry on mission work at the county jail, in destitute sections of the city and do a vastly important work in soul-winning throughout the adjacent territory. Hundreds of converts are won to Christ each year through the work of these young Christians. Where else except in a Christian school are students encouraged and enlisted in the work of soul winning?

There is space for the mention of one other, the fifth feature of a Christian school. I refer to the annual college revival. It is the practice of all Christian schools to set aside one week during the long term for a college revival. The chapel hour extended to slightly more than the customary 30 minutes is devoted to evangelistic preaching in which direct appeal is made to the students to dedicate their lives to the service of Christ. Usually most of the non-Christian students are led to profess faith in Christ and many others rededicate their lives to God and often to some special service. In addition to the chapel hour a service is held in the chapel in the evening preceded by prayer meetings of both faculty and students. These usually have separate meeting places. Who can begin to measure the importance or results of these college revivals?

This year on Hardin-Simmons campus we experienced one of the most gracious revivals we have witnessed anywhere. Secretary J. W. Marshall of the state B. S. U. led the revival and did the preaching. There was no undue emotionalism or high pressure methods, and yet from the very beginning long lines of students came down the aisles at almost every service to surrender their hearts to Christ and to rededicate their lives to His service. Scores became Christians and began to lead the prayer meetings, and give testimonies for Christianity. The whole tone of the school was changed. Truly it was a heavenly experience. Again we ask where but in a Christian school will the student meet such experiences.

It is in such an atmosphere and amid such activities that Christian character is encouraged and developed. From the Christian school go forth most of our Christian leaders. Its graduates are serving God and humanity as foreign missionaries, as ministers of the Gospel at home and abroad, as Christian lawyers, doctors, business men and teachers throughout the land. And because of such results Woodrow Wilson could say: "The Christian college is a lighthouse of Christianity."

New Missionary—

(Continued from page 1)
head of the Bible department, will deliver the address.

For the benefit of some readers who do not know, District 9 starts on the north with Hereford and Canyon, running to Post, O'Donnell and Seagraves on the south. It begins on the east with Spur and Matador, running west to New Mexico, with Lubbock and Plainview in the heart of it. Yes, it's a great district; with a host of fine preachers, and the grandest bunch of people on earth. (Hi, Henry).

A Cappella Choir In Sunday Concert

The A Cappella Choir will present a program at a special sacred concert in the University Baptist Church, Sunday evening, with special numbers rendered by the girls and boys quartets. Martha Rigney, Joan Hall, Connell Taylor, Jerry Armbruster, Carlton Chapman, Elizabeth Duck, and Malcolm Maley will present solos.

Jane Meskimen will be accompanist on the piano, Jack Dean will play on the organ. Mrs. Lola Gibson Deaton is director of the group.

A similar program will be presented in the First Baptist Church on May 26.

Raley to Head List—

(Continued from page 1)
for first aid in case of accident and Hendrick Memorial Hospital will have an emergency unit on the ground in charge of an experienced nurse.

Among the amusement attractions will be the new nine-hole municipal golf course at Lueders which offers playing privileges to all in attendance at the camp. The course is about a mile from the grounds.



PROF. I. E. REYNOLDS

The best swimming hole in the middle section of the Clear Fork of the Brazos was obtained for the camp when the Lueders city park was added to the camp property last fall. New stone bath houses are under construction and the swimming will be the most attractive and convenient of any meeting of the Lueders encampment.

Speakers for vesper services on the river bank each evening will be pastors of the area, with a different speaker bringing a message each evening.

Hamlin Church has a commodious stone clubhouse and several new stone cabins are being privately erected on the grounds, which are in better condition than ever.

Missionary Messages

(Continued from page 1)
are in good condition. Some new buildings are being built. You who own cottages should see about your roofs. Many are in bad repair. We will have more to say next week concerning the camp.

Let every church make her Mission offering this month.

WMU WILL HAVE FAMOUS SPEAKERS AT BALTIMORE

Dr. Leslie B. Moore of New York will address the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting at Baltimore, at 11 a.m. Sunday June 9. Mrs. W. J. Cox will be heard in the afternoon and Mrs. Charles A. Wells of New York will speak in the evening. Miss Joy Homer will speak Monday night on conditions in China. Mrs. E. F. Lyon, W. M. U. secretary for Texas, urges messengers from this state to reach Baltimore in time to hear these choice speakers.

CUNNINGHAM & OLIVER

Attorneys-at-Law
Citizens Bank Building
ABILENE, TEXAS

F. H. A. LOANS

See Us for Your Requirements
ABILENE SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION

R. G. COGDELL

PLUMBING—HEATING
AIR CONDITIONING
846 Pine Street Telephone 6322

TEXAS TRAINING UNION MARCHES STEADILY ON

By T. C. Gardner

The first thirteen days in the month of May were glorious days for the Baptist Training Union organizations of Texas. There were during these thirteen days, 6,166 Training Union diplomas and seals earned by Texas Baptists. This brings the total number of awards earned this convention year up to 49,192.

When one takes into consideration that during the year of 1938 Texas Baptists received 50,123 awards and that the first six and one-half months of this year Texas Baptists received 49,192 awards, one's heart is made to rejoice over the speed that the Training Union forces are marching in this anniversary year.

There are now 200,476 Training Union members in Texas. All of these members should be engaged in soul-winning activities during the summer. We suggest that during vacation time many training schools be conducted where only soul-winning books may be taught. Some of the soul-winning books for the several Training Union departments are given below:

For Juniors, "Living for Jesus."
For Intermediates, "Witnessing for Christ."

For Young People, "Winning Others to Christ."

For Adults, "The Fine Art of Soul-Winning."

All of these books should be ordered from the Baptist Book Store, Slaughter Building, Dallas.

LAYMEN'S MASS MEETING PLANNED FOR EARLY '41

Plans are taking shape for a statewide mass meeting of laymen to be held in Dallas early in 1941. R. E. Springer, state leader of laymen announced last week at a joint meeting of district Brotherhood presidents and district missionaries, which was held in Fort Worth preceding the annual Evangelistic conference.

Speakers of nation-wide reputation are being enlisted for the occasion, which is expected to be the greatest gathering of Baptist laymen ever held in Texas.

TRAINING UNION REVIVAL IS SUCCESS AT TAOHOKA

Miss Clara May of Wilson, Texas, recently conducted a very fine Training Union revival in the First Baptist Church, Tahoka. During the revival, four new unions were organized and four departments were completely set up.

Miss May is giving her time to Training Union work in the Plains section of Texas. She is a fine teacher, a splendid speaker, and a superb Training Union worker. Churches that secure her services are indeed fortunate.

Rev. George Dale is the pastor at Tahoka, and Miss Nella McElroy is the Training Union Director.

The F & M Bank

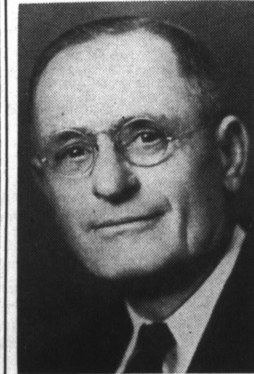
ABILENE, TEXAS
Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

F. H. A. LOANS

No Commission to Finance New Loans
COMPERE & COMPERE
Established 1891
300 Citizens Bank Bldg. Phone 4344

C. L. DARDEN

In Taylor County 26 Years



Candidate For
COUNTY CLERK OF
TAYLOR CO.
Your Vote and Influence Earn-
estly Solicited.
(Political Advertising)

CHURCH BULLETIN SECTION

DRASCO

The services of last Sunday are a challenge to us. Surely we will accept the challenge and prove ourselves worthy to be called Christians.

We have our Training Union organized so that everyone has a place to serve. We have a real asset in our new deacons. Let us be praying and working for our Vacation Bible School, beginning June 16.

Remember the way Gideon and his men won the victory for the Lord: every man stood in his place round about the camp.

Harold Russ, Pastor.

HATCHEL

There were preaching Saturday night and Sunday. We urge our people to attend all services, it is very important. Were you at Sunday School last Sunday? If you were not, do you have a reason for staying away? Surely, now of all times, we should be faithful to the last man.

Harold Russ, Pastor.

CROSS ROADS AND PLEASANT VALLEY

We had a nice time at Cross Roads Sunday, the attendance was good and the interest fine. Monday, May 27, we start our VBS. The first week we will meet with Sardis Church and the next week with Cross Roads. The two churches will have their preaching services together the two Sundays of the school, the first Sunday in June will be Cross Roads day and the second Sunday will be Sardis day. I just know we will have a grand time.

This week I will be with Brother Hardesty in a meeting at Sweedonia and will likely have two weeks of that. We will appreciate any help from any one. Pray for us, come to see us and attend the services, just an away to help; we will like it.

Next Sunday at Pleasant Valley we have some mighty important matters and all are urged to be in the services Sunday morning. There will be no service there Saturday night. I will be in the meeting at Sweedonia, but we must have our Sunday morning services and look after the things for the near future.

Joe R. Mayes, Pastor.

SARDIS

T. H. Alcorn, pastor.
Meeting dates, 2nd and 4th Sundays.
Sunday School, 10 a.m., J. S. Woodson, superintendent.

Training Union, 7:45 p.m., E. S. Keisler, director.

W. M. S. Mondays, 2:30 p.m., Mrs. Cecil Parks, president.

Brotherhood, 7:45 p.m. Friday after 2nd and 4th Sundays, J. F. Upshaw, president.

Teachers and prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:45 p.m.

R. A.'s and G. A.'s meet every Monday, 7:45 p.m.

Daily Vacation Bible School last week in May and first week in June.

Home coming all day, dinner on the ground, 3rd Sunday in June.

Soul-winning is a cause big enough to challenge the best in the life of youth.—Roland Q. Leavell.

SWIM

at the
AMERICAN LEGION SWIMMING POOL
Expert Life Guards on Duty all the Time

FULLERTON'S
PAN DANDY BAKERY
All Kinds of Bread, Rolls and Cakes
1915 S. First Phone 5070

Emmette Chandler

GENERAL INSURANCE
509-10 Mims Bldg. Dial 5665

DIAMONDS, WATCHES, CHINA
SILVER AND GLASS
W. C. FISHER
Jeweler and Optometrist
"Over A Quarter Century"
126 Pine St. Tel. 5785

E. S. CUMMINGS
Attorney-at-Law
Citizens Bank Building
ABILENE, TEXAS



Properly Pasteurized Dairy Products
Milk — Ice — Butter — Ice Cream
"They Taste Better"

Enjoy Life This Summer at H-SU

Hundreds of young folks in Texas will soon be receiving their high school diplomas. Many will make plans for college in the fall. Others will go to school this summer.

Hardin-Simmons University is ready to offer this, and every summer, training toward graduation for those who want to start their college training now.

As well as training for those who want to meet requirements for higher grade teaching certificates, and to conform with the State Department of Education programs. Special stress will be laid on school administration and supervision.

COURSES OFFERED IN MANY FIELDS

Experimental and "Student Teaching Laboratory, Well Staffed—First Term

Recreation: Soft Ball, Swimming, Golfing, Movies, Roller Skating, Tennis, Picnics

School Five Days a Week—Saturday and Sunday Off
Tuition Reasonable

Send Post Card for Summer Session Bulletin

If Interested, Inquire About Our Student Loan Funds

Founded in 1891—Golden Jubilee, 1941-'42

DR. R. A. COLLINS

Summer Session Director

Hardin-Simmons University

Abilene, Texas