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EMARKS



By DICK O'BRIEN

I had not really intended to mention it but my contract with my publisher calls for only a certain amount of space to be filled each week and being a member of the columnist's union, I feel obligated not to run over that amount. Sometimes that leaves many details of an incident under discussion unfinished. For instance I closed last week with a distinct feeling of leaving out some important details concerning the panther scare. Mrs. Mary Lynch, of Colorado City, writes in to know whether the "cat" caught me or whether it was really a panther or the wheels of a vivid imagination set in motion by the untimely hoot of a lonesome owl. To tell the truth when I got myself and the other boys half way home in that tale last week I was so tired and out of breath that I had to rest a week before I felt like finishing the story. I still think it was a panther, but do not regret that I left before I absolutely made sure. I only had the evidence of one of my five senses, that of hearing, to go by, but I am still not sorry that I did not give the others, touch, taste, smell or sight, a chance to corroborate to testimony of my oracular equipment. Just after the place where we quit last week, Burton Pritchard thought he had a bright idea, he suggested that I bring the smallest of the trio should run just behind them so if the cat attacked, the larger two would stand a better chance of handling him. But he was wasting his breath, a terrible mistake at a time when a fellow needs breath as much as we did that night. I immediately took advantage of this error and by the time he had finished his ill timed suggestion I had gained several yards and was leading the race by two good rods. We cut straight across a white cotton patch and I guess we knocked out more cotton that night than we had picked that day. We finally reached the house and literally fell on the porch gasping out our story. Our physical condition and the very earnest way we told our story must have been very convincing, for nobody laughed and nobody seemed to doubt us. After

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EVENTS TO COME

- June 19-25 — Woodlake Encampment, near Sherman.
- June 19-25—General Assembly, Camp Lueders.
- June 20-30 — Southwide Y. W. A. Camp, Ridgecrest.
- June 27-July 7—Texas Baptist Encampment, Palacios.
- June 30—Biennial Convention, United Texas Drys, Abilene.
- July 4-13—Alto Frio Encampment, near Leakey.
- July 9-14 Southwide Training Union Assembly, Ridgecrest.
- July 9-14—Ruidoso Assembly, Ruidoso, N. M.
- July 10-12—Girls' Camp, Lueders.
- July 10-16—Menard Encampment, Menard.
- July 12-14—Boys' Camp, Lueders.
- July 12-19—Central Texas Encampment, near Hillsboro.
- July 16-21—Sunday School Week, Ridgecrest.
- July 16-21 — Southwide Sunday School Assembly, Ridgecrest.
- July 22-28—Baptist World Alliance, Atlanta, Georgia.
- July 30-August 4—Milam County Encampment, Cameron.
- July 30-August 4—Foreign Mission Week at Ridgecrest.
- July 31-August 7—Paisano Encampment, Paisano Pass.
- August 7-13—District 10 Encampment, Canadian.
- August 7-17—Falls Creek Assembly, Arbuckle Mountains, Oklahoma.
- August 24-25—Association Training Union Officers' conference for Districts 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, and 17, at Abilene.
- November 3-5—State B. S. U. Convention, Hardin-Simmons U.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEADER ANNOUNCES YOUTH CAMPS

From Mrs. P. D. O'Brien, District Young People's leader, To Associational Young People's leaders in District 17. Concerning the Camp for Girls and the Camp for Boys, to be held at Lueders camp grounds from July 10 to 14.

Date for the Girls Camp—
July 10 to 12.

Date for the Boys Camp—
July 12 to 14.



MRS. P. D. O'BRIEN

In each instance registration will begin at or about 2:00 in the afternoon. Both boys and girls are asked to bring a picnic supper for the first meal, the girls Monday evening and the boys Wednesday evening, after which all meals will be served in the dining room.

Five meals will be served for \$1.00. This may be paid in cash, or home canned food such as peas, corn, string beans, pickles, jellies, preserves or eggs, bacon or butter. If the amount brought by each child is estimated at one dollar a meal ticket for the entire camp will be issued.

The registration fee for each child will be fifty cents. It will be necessary for this to be in cash in order to meet some essential expenses, which can only be paid in cash. So the entire expense per child will be only \$1.50. Since the camp buys food in large quantities it would be better if each child could pay cash for a meal ticket, but we feel sure there are many who would find it difficult to pay cash, but who can bring food to the amount of one dollar, and we want these to feel free to come on.

The full program and other details concerning the camps will be published in the West Texas Baptist soon. In the meantime if there are matters about which you want information, please write, Mrs. Dick O'Brien, Stamford, Texas.

WHY SOUTHERN BAPTISTS CONTINUE TO GROW

By L. R. Scarborough

Southern Baptists are growing steadily, surely, persistently. Last year their gains in all the lines of their endeavors were remarkable. Their financial gain in the Cooperative Program was around three million dollars over the year before. Their numerical gain was 174,000. Their gain in baptisms over the year before was 52,000. They baptized 256,000 in '38. They are paying their debts, and gained this last year in the amount that they paid on their debts. I think there was not a single cause on which we have figures that the figures of '38 do not show an increase over '37. They are gaining in unity. They are gaining in constructiveness. Their enlistment and stewardship and training forces are showing great increase and blessings.

Since it is a fact that Southern Baptists are gaining and growing, it is wondered why.

Why This Growth?

1. Would their growing unity and spirit of fellowship be a cause? I would think so.
2. Does their spirit of voluntary cooperation with each other explain their growth? I would think so.
3. Does their conservatism in their doctrinal positions, their loyalty to the fundamentals of Christ, and their

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H-SU PRESENTS PROGRAM AT LUEDERS SUNDAY P.M.

An address on the Church, the Home and the Christian College by Dr. L. Q. Campbell and a musical program under the direction of Prof. Herbert M. Preston and Mrs. Lola Gibson Deaton will be the Hardin-Simmons contribution to the West Texas assembly at Camp Lueders.

Executive vice-president Rupert N. Richardson will be in charge of the H-SU hour which begins at 8. Miss A. M. Carpenter, B. S. U. director at the university, states that a large delegation plan to leave the campus in time to attend Sunday School at the camp and will spend the day.



A. Q. CAMPBELL

Program

Overture, ensemble orchestra, Mr. Preston directing.
Intermezzo from L'Arlesienne, Suite No. 2—(Bizet), Orchestra.
Introduction, Dr. Rupert N. Richardson.
"The Publican," Van de Water;
"How Beautiful on the Mountains," (Harker), tenor solo—Aaron Grant.
The Church, the Home and the Christian College, address Dr. L. Q. Campbell.

"Moment Musical," (Schubert), orchestra.
"O Savior Hear Me," (Buck-Gluck);
"O Loving Father," (Del Riego);
"There's a Beautiful Land on High," (Johnson); triad of soprano solos, Mrs. Deaton with orchestra accompaniment.
"Many Mansions," (McKinney);
Spiritual, "I've Been Looking," (Protheroe); H-SU male quartet.

DR. SCARBOROUGH LOSES ONLY LIVING BROTHER

Friends of Dr. Lee R. Scarborough are grieving with him in the tragic death of his sole remaining brother, Will Scarborough, ranchman of Midland. Dr. Scarborough received word of his brother's critical condition while on the train journeying to carry the message of nation-wide evangelism to the Northern Baptist convention in session at Los Angeles. He left his train at Pecos and hurried to the bedside of his brother.

Funeral services were conducted at Midland Thursday morning. Sisters of Mrs. Scarborough in Abilene, Mmes. George L. Paxton, Eugene Wood and E. E. Andrews, with Mr. Wood and Mrs. H. A. Pender, niece, attended the services.

R. E. DUNHAM ACCEPTS AS DISTRICT MISSIONARY

Rev. R. Elmer Dunham, pastor at Santa Anna and active leader in District 16, was chosen Wednesday by the executive board of District 8 as district missionary succeeding Rev. J. J. Strickland who resigned some time ago to become the pastor at Park Avenue Church, Beaumont. District Eight is to be congratulated upon securing such capable leadership.

ARIZONA NOTES

Dr. H. A. Zimmerman, pastor of First Baptist Church of Albuquerque, N. M., has been elected Secretary of Baptist General Convention of Arizona to succeed S. S. Bussell who is retiring. Dr. Zimmerman expects to be on the field about August first.

The Gambrell Memorial Baptist Assembly will meet August 7-14 at Prescott, Arizona. Dr. W. F. Fry, teacher of Bible at Texas Tech, will be the Bible Teacher and Dr. Douglas Carver of Harlingen, Texas, will be Assembly pastor and preach every night.

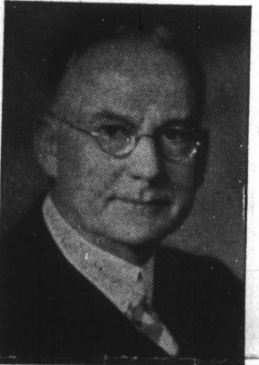
LUEDERS CAMP MEETING REPORTED OUTSTANDING



MRS. E. F. LYON
State W. M. U. Secretary
Director of Mission Study

Deeply spiritual hours, inspirational planning, uplifting song services and moving addresses and sermons are blended with interesting recreation and wholesome fun to make the annual encampment at Lueders stand out among the greatest occasions at the Clear Fork meeting grounds.

Featured occasions for the remainder of the week include a laymen's rally Friday evening and a Hardin-Simmons program Sunday afternoon.



HUGH F. LATIMER
Laymen's Field Secretary
Memphis, Tennessee

Hugh F. Latimer, Memphis, Tennessee, field secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, will be speaker at the meeting of the men, the fellowship hour of which will begin at 6. Mr. Latimer impresses even the casual acquaintance as a tremendous personality and has won the hearts of the men who have attended the assembly. The river-bank fish fry preceding the address will begin at 6:30.

An address by Dr. L. Q. Campbell and an attractive musical program will be presented by Hardin-Simmons university, beginning at 3 Sunday afternoon. The complete program appears elsewhere.



PROF. I. E. REYNOLDS
Chair of Music, Southwestern
Seminary, Sacred Music

In addition to many talented leaders from churches in this section, the encampment program presents such speakers as Dr. John L. Hill, book editor of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee; Dr. Porter M. Bailes of Tyler, camp evangelist; Rev. J. Marshall, state secretary of the Student Union; Mr. W. J. Lites, Sunday School field secretary for Texas; Dr. T. C. Gardner, state Training Union director; Prof. and Mrs. I. E. Reynolds of Southwestern Seminary department of music, Mrs. E. F. Lyon and Mrs. J. E. Leigh, secretary of the W. M. U.

Rain and threatening weather have prevented a record attendance but visitors returning from the camp say the spiritual atmosphere was never deeper.

ABILENE HOST TO B.T.U. OF ALL WEST TEXAS

At Abilene, Texas, August 24-25, 1939

Theme: Loyalty to Christ.
Expand—Enlarge—Conserve.
Thursday Morning, August 24, 1939
H. O. Rothell, Dallas, State Baptist Training Union President, presiding.
9:45—Song, Praise, and Prayer, V. N. Norsworthy, Vernon; Miss Emma Joyner, Spur, Pianist.
10:20—Address, "The Task of the Baptist Training Union," T. C. Gardner.
10:45—Address, "The Possibilities of an Enlarged Training Union," Clay I. Hudson.
11:05—Special Music by choir of First Baptist Church, Abilene.
11:10 — Address, "Strengthening Our Fores," W. A. Harrell.
11:30—Address by P. E. Burroughs.
11:55—Song and Announcements.
12:00—Address, "The Southland for



Dr. Frank H. Leavell
Nashville, Tenn.

Christ," T. L. Holcomb.
12:30—Adjourn.
Thursday Afternoon, August 24, 1939
H. O. Rothell, Dallas, presiding.
2:00—Song, Praise and Prayer, V. N. Norsworthy and Miss Emma Joyner.
2:15 — Address, "Texas and the Southwide Baptist Revival," R. C. Officers.

2:45—Conferences for Associational Officers.
1. Beginner and Primary Union Leaders, Mrs. T. C. Gardner, Dallas; Mrs. Merle McCracken, Amarillo.
2. Junior Leaders, Mrs. J. E. Lambdin, Nashville; Mrs. A. Adam-cik, Smithville.



Dr. Clay I. Hudson
Nashville, Tenn.

3. Senior Leaders, J. Earl Mead, Dallas; H. O. Rothell, Dallas; C. Aubrey Hearn, Nashville.
5. Adult Leaders, Leo E. Waite, Lubbock; H. W. Miner, Jr., Amarillo; Clay I. Hudson, Nashville.
6. General Associational Officers, W. A. Harrell and J. E. Lambdin, Nashville, Tennessee.
7. Pastor Advisers and Pastors, J. E. Lambdin, R. C. Campbell, and T. C. Gardner.
8. Choristers and Pianists, V. N. Norsworthy and Miss Emma Joyner.
4:15—General Assembly.
4:20—Song, Praise and Prayer, V. N. Norsworthy and Miss Emma Joyner.

4:25—Address, "Using the Associational Departmental Leaders," Mrs. J. E. Lambdin.
5:00—Adjourn.
Thursday Night, August 24, 1939
Rev. J. I. Carlidge, Eastland, presiding.
7:00—Song, Praise and Prayer, V. N. Norsworthy and Miss Emma Joyner.
7:15—Conferences for Associational Officers.

1. Beginner and Primary Union
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LOVED PHILANTHROPIST BURIED AT BIG SPRING

Burial services for Mrs. Mary Phillips, lovingly known as Aunt Molly, were held Sunday afternoon at East Fourth Street Church, Big Spring. Pastor W. S. Garnett and Rev. S. B. Hughes of Abilene, former pastor, conducted the services.

Mrs. Phillips and her husband, the late Hart Phillips who died in 1935, had a large part in the erection of the attractive building for the Big Spring church.

Mrs. Phillips died Saturday at the Hendrick Memorial Hospital following several years' illness. Since last September she had reserved a room at the hospital where she could go for rest and treatment. Two weeks ago her condition became critical.

Born Lucinda Hardin October 4, 1866 in Georgia, she came to Texas when still a girl. There was extensive oil development on the couple's Glasscock and Howard county ranch holdings in 1928 and 1929, and in 1930 they moved to Big Spring.

The two were instrumental in providing college education for a number of young people at Hardin-Simmons university and Mrs. Phillips endowed a Bible chair there in memory of her husband.

She also established the crippled children's ward at the Hendrick Memorial hospital; provided for a Baptist mission in Bahia, Brazil, and contributed to the support of the Baylor hospital in Dallas.

PREXY PAYS TRIBUTE TO 'AUNT MOLLY' PHILLIPS

This tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Hart Phillips of Big Spring was read at the funeral of Mrs. Phillips Sunday afternoon by Dr. Rupert N. Richardson, executive vice-president of Hardin-Simmons University.

This great concourse of people has assembled for the purpose of paying its last tribute to Mrs. Hart Phillips, known to all of us as "Aunt Mollie,"

woman is one of the early pioneers in the territory contiguous to Big Spring. She and her, now, sainted husband wrought and served in a way peculiar to few pioneers who made this country what it is. Neither she nor her husband had the advantages of higher education. However, they were blessed with a super-abundance of practical common sense, but, greatest of all, they dedicated their lives early to the Prince of Peace, whose spiritual leadership passes all understanding.

These two friends journeyed the years together in that peculiarly close relationship that ought always obtain between a Christian husband and a Christian wife. During these many years, there was no cause, local or remote, that possessed real merit, that did not receive their commendation and support.

They loved their home. They loved their family. They loved their church. They loved both home and foreign missions. They loved the orphans. They loved those sick and in distress in hospitals. They loved the cause of Christian education and they sought to make all of these adjuncts of God's Kingdom richer in those spiritual values that cometh alone from Him, who is the author of every good and perfect gift.

"Uncle Hart" and "Aunt Mollie" will not be with us any more in the flesh. However, through their benefactions to loved ones and to mankind, they will live until Christ comes again. They were spared to live their span of three score and ten years and their bodies, according to God's plan, began to show signs of disintegration. This is God's way. How blessed it is for the world to be blessed with saints like these, who make such contributions in service and benefactions, as to hasten the coming of their Lord.

It would be selfish for loved ones and friends to call "Aunt Mollie" back, if it were within their reach. It would be selfish for friends to want her to remain here and suffer when God has chosen that she come up higher. She has joined "Uncle Hart," and other loved ones who placed their faith in Christ Jesus and is now and will forever bask in the sunshine of God's eternal youth. May all of us view this seeming tragedy in the spirit of one who makes no mistakes and rededicate our lives to his service in that way, that will enable us, in the end, as with these now saints, to hear the plaudits, "Well done good, and faithful servants."

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PREPAREDNESS

This is the day of preparedness. Our nation in pouring the billions into motorized armies, super-powered fleets, and swarming squadrons in the air.

It is also the day of preparedness in the war against Rum and Ruin.

War in Europe or the Pacific can be, and please God, may be avoided. But the war for civic righteousness is inevitable. Day by day the fearful hour approaches when we must fight, not with bullets but with ballots.

When that day comes, all the barrage of the big guns will go to waste if, when the drumfire is still and zero hour is at hand, the doughboys of our ranks are disorganized and unready to go over the top.

This battle will be won, if it is ever won, not in the engagement on election day but as the forces of decency are marshalled in prayer meeting and in personal contact.

Tomorrow is our day if we prepare.

COLLEGE

Are you planning college for that boy and girl? Is it worth the sacrifice of parental self-denial, of the precious years of youth?

Well, after a survey of 41,000 college graduates, the Bureau of Education reveals that 60 percent of them have never been unemployed at any time, while only 2 percent have ever been on relief. At the time of the survey, 96 percent of the men and 93 percent of the women had employment.

These statistics cover groups from all sorts of colleges and all sections. Reports from placement officials of denominational colleges of the Southwest lead one to believe that percentages of their alumni would be much higher.

There must be reasons for this. Some of them are set down here. Only the ambitious remain for four college years. To be sure there is an occasional scion of wealth who goes to college just because it is the thing to do and in one way or another he eventually slides through. These are never unemployed as long as dad's money lasts and if it goes, the inherited stuff which produced the wealth, and the college lessons, unheeded but absorbed, usually have an opportunity to assert themselves.

Again, in the Christian college, the ideal of service is upheld. Students are impressed that life is greater in giving than in getting. Dr. Brooks used to reiterate that education is learning to do gracefully the thing you most don't want to do.

Education is not an encyclopedic accumulation of knowledge. Ten years from college very few teachers can conjugate a foreign verb or work a theorem in abstract mathematics. But they have minds trained to attack and solve difficult problems. And they have the quality of persisting toward an appointed goal.

After learning how to study, the greatest value of college is fellowship. One of the chief reasons why there are so few college graduates unemployed and an insignificant fraction of those from our church schools on relief is that they are enabled to rise by the help of their friends.

It is worth the sacrifice, if you are sure of the school.

POWER

This is preeminently an age of doing. The urge of the time is to be constantly doing something, and whether it is worth while or not is most often an afterthought. When we make a new acquaintance the first question that arises about him is not, Who is he? or, What is he? We invariably ask, What does he do?

So when we think of the Great Commission at all, one puts the emphasis upon the going; another upon the preaching and a third upon the baptizing?

It is extremely easy to visualize these verbs of action. There is also the tendency for them to feed the human ego, for here is something that I can do, with stress upon the I, although in reality a poor attempt is usually the outcome of our doing.

The major emphasis in this important mandate is, we believe, upon the preamble, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Unless we are cognizant of and in harmony with that divine power, our going is only a casual exercise; our preaching an empty sound; and our baptizing a meaningless mockery.

We read the passage with haste to stress the human activities involved, and often ignore altogether the dynamic declaration which gives life and driving force to the Commission. We neglect to realize the power which our Elder Brother has placed at our disposal.

Sometimes in the flood, the storm, the unseen winds, and the endless might of the pounding waves, we get a faint glimpse of the power of the Almighty. But as we must form our conception of the vast deep from the waves within our narrow horizon, so we can imagine the illimitable power of God from the gleams which come within our experience.

We throw a switch and turn to our uses the power of the lightning. We envision the day when a twist of a dial may bring on the waves of the ether power to do our bidding. Yet we are so engaged in things that we can do that we fail to bring ourselves in tune with the Power Plant of the universe when it is our privilege to be the medium of that divine spark which alone can give purpose to the deeds of our bodies and our brains.

News Notes

Evangelist Hyman Appelman will be in a meeting with First Church, Sweetwater, June 25 to July 9. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Riddle of Abilene will assist with the music.

Arrangements are being made to seat sixty thousand in the Atlanta stadium for some of the sessions of the Baptist World Congress July 22 to 27.

Plan to attend the convention of United Texas Dries at Abilene, Friday, June 30.

Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Donath, missionaries to Africa, spoke at Berger on Wednesday evening.

Laymen's Fish Fry at Lueders Friday evening, June 23.

"Unless we become a missionary force we will become a missionary field."

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Payne of the First Church, Gladewater, will have charge of the music at Memorial Mission, El Paso. Rev. Pat Johnson will do the preaching.

Mrs. S. J. T. Williams of Abilene is in El Paso visiting her son, Finlon, who is a student in the College of Mines.

The Northern Baptist convention is holding its annual meeting in the Shrine auditorium, Los Angeles, June 20 to 25.

Remember June 30—dry convention at First Baptist Church, Abilene.

Board-Wilbarger association has joined the growing number which have planned definitely for a revival in every community.

Rev. Wm. H. Joyner is now in a revival with First Church, Ingleside, where Rev. Z. E. Parker is pastor. He will next be in his second meeting with Pastor Sam Taylor and First Church, San Saba.

Hardin-Simmons hour at Lueders begins Sunday afternoon at three.

Dr. W. K. White of Okinoma City is leading in a revival with Pastor E. S. Hutchinson and Trinity Church, Houston.

San Jacinto Church, Amarillo, has maintained a standard Training Union for ten years. Deacon W. S. Savage has been director during all this eventful period.

The Arkansas Baptist Assembly will be in session at Siloam Springs June 27 to July 6.

Rev. Loyd E. Brown of Lovington, N. M., led that church in a fruitful revival recently.

Rev. Chas. Tarrance, pastor at Fairview, Jones association, is leading the singing and Rev. Elmer D. Holt is preaching in a meeting with Pastor Clint Irwin at Vaughan, N. M.

Mrs. George F. Elam and family visited at Newcastle while Mr. Elam, B. T. U. secretary for New Mexico, attended Student Union week at Ridgecrest.

Plan to attend the dry rally at Abilene, Friday, June 30.

Missionary A. C. Donath spoke at First Church, Lubbock, Sunday evening, June 18.

The Boys' encampment for District 9 is being held at Ceta Canyon this week. The girls met there last week.

Rev. Manley Reynolds, pastor at Jourdan, with Mrs. Reynolds are assisting Pastor T. C. Mahan in a revival at Sintou. They were with that church last year in a fruitful meeting.

The T. C. Gardners, senior and junior, led in a great youth revival at Corpus Christi last week.

Superintendent E. M. Collier of Hendrick Memorial Hospital with his family is vacationing with relatives in Missouri.

PLEASANTON REVIVAL

An outstanding revival in the Pleasanton Church, Rev. W. L. Rogers pastor, was recently led by Rev. and Mrs. J. Manley Reynolds. Business houses closed and the school excused all who cared to attend. There were thirty conversions including several parents and one man of seventy. There were seven conversions in one morning service which was taken up entirely in testimony and confession.

GROWING DRY SENTIMENT REVEALED BY HEADLINES

DALLAS, TEXAS. — Under the leadership of Bishop H. A. Boaz dries in Texas have launched a determined fight to bring prohibition back to the Lone Star State. Jeff Davis, Executive Secretary to the United Dries, states that of the four local option elections held since January 1, three have been won by the dries.

Connecticut Tightens Liquor Control HARTFORD, CONN.—Reversing a trend toward liberalization of the liquor laws of Connecticut which has been evident since repeal, the General Assembly is tightening the controls on liquor vendors.

Mothers Object to Post Offices in Liquor Stores ALHAMBRA, CALIF. — Three of the five postal substations are located in stores selling liquor, and the protest has been made by mothers who don't want their children to visit liquor stores when they send them to buy stamps.

Little Girl in New Shoes Killed by Drunken Driver TORONTO, CANADA. — Proudly wearing the new shoes her daddy just bought her, and carrying a note her mother gave her to get an ice cream cone Verna Groves, 4, walked out of her home on Rosethorn Ave. early last night.

Five minutes later her crumpled little body was carried into the house. She had been hit by a two-ton truck, driven by a man under the influence of liquor.

Kentucky Has Enormous Bootleg Ring COVINGTON, KY. — Testimony of Kentucky Revenue department agents indicated that a large bootleg ring was operating out of headquarters here. The contraband has been sold in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, West Virginia and other states, the agents said.

Drys Win Smashing Victory in Missouri Legislature ST. LOUIS, MO. — Drys won a smashing victory when they defeated a bill which would have authorized permits to all fraternal, civic, church benevolent and charitable organizations to sell either 3.2 or 5 per cent.

Another group of bills was to break down the Sunday closing law, and a third group of bills would have the liquor traffic into what is now known as dry territory by issuing a license to any place in the state. All these bills were defeated.

Two Kentucky Counties Vote on Local Option, July 1 LOUISVILLE, KY. — Nicholas and Harrison counties will hold local option elections on July 1st, and the dries hope to make both of them dry by a good margin. The wets are putting up a stiff fight.

The dries declare they will continue their fight in Kentucky until they get what they want. So far they have put 48 counties in the dry column.

Texas Dries Demand Return of Prohibition

One-fifth of United States Crime Committed by Persons Under DECATUR.—Judge James C. Davis of this city made the startling statement that one-fifth of the crimes committed in the United States last year, costing \$14,000,000 were committed by persons under 21 years of age, while 70 per cent were committed by persons between 18 and 35 years of age.

TEXAS TRAINING UNIONS CONTINUE TO STUDY

The month of May was a good one for the Baptist Training Union members of Texas. They received 8,020 diplomas and seals, a gain of 1,959 over the same month last year. The total number of awards issued to Texas Baptist Training Union members the first seven months of this convention year is 47,172, a gain of 8,685 for the same period last year. It is interesting to note that there were more diplomas and seals issued to Texas Baptists during the month of May than were issued to the following states combined:

Arizona	97
Arkansas	959
Florida	1,029
Illinois	531
Kentucky	1,358
Maryland	81
Washington, D. C.	26
Mississippi	1,417
New Mexico	313
Oklahoma	1,585
Total	7,396

Total number Training Union awards issued to Texas members during May, 8,020.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

June 25, 1939

By Hight C Moore

PAUL REVIEWS HIS LIFE

Read 2 Chronicles 11:16 to 12:10; Philippians 1:12-24; 3:7-16; 2 Timothy 4:7, 8. Study Philippians 1:12-14, 21-24; 3:12-14; 2 Timothy 4:7, 8

We have before us brief selections from Paul's letter to the Philippians, written during the second year of his first imprisonment at Rome, and from his second letter to Timothy, written during his second imprisonment at Rome shortly before his martyrdom.

1. The Progress of the Gospel (Philippians 1)

SPEAK THE WORD OF GOD WITHOUT FEAR. Notice three words outstanding here: (1) Bonds. Paul was in the Imperial City at Rome when he wrote (or dictated) this letter. He had been sent up from Palestine because of his advocacy of Christianity. While awaiting the presentation of his case to the Emperor he was kept in chains though allowed the privilege of renting a residence which afforded home comforts and opportunity for his ministry. Accordingly, relays of soldiers were kept in constant charge of the apostle. To each of these men, and to them in small groups, day by day he gave the gospel with its invitation and appeal. No doubt many of them were converted on duty while actually chained to Paul. Soon the whole Praetorian Guard, the pick and flower of the Roman military personnel, had been evangelized, many becoming Christians. Thus the bonds of Paul, instead of fettering his activities, rather furthered his aims to spread the gospel. (2) Brotherhood. Despite his bonds, the illustrious prisoner was not neglected by his brethren either in Macedonia or in Italy. To him as the founder and father of their church, the brethren at Philippi had just sent a substantial contribution, much needed and certainly appreciated, at the hand of the devoted Epaphroditus. But no sooner had the messenger of their love delivered their gift than he fell dangerously ill. Recovering, however, he returned home bearing this most friendly epistle which is treasured and taught to this day by Christians everywhere. There were also brethren beloved and loyal at Rome, who saw him, heard him, believed his message, had confidence in him, cooperated with him, ministered to him. (3) Boldness. Not all the Roman believers, but "many of the brethren in the Lord" joined in the campaign for Christ under Paul's direction in the Imperial City. With his inspiring example before their eyes they became in aim, attitude, and act "much more bold"; they spoke with care, conviction, and courage the word of God; and in giving their message there was no shadow or shrinking of fear.

2. The Life That Is Christ (Philippians 1)

LIVE THE LIFE OF CHRIST WITHOUT FAIL. The two things before Paul at this point are before us now. (1) To Live. Can there be in the large and in the long, a greater privilege than to live? That involves infinitely more than physical life. It requires spiritual life which at its peak and perfection is the Christ-life. That is, Christ indwells, infills, inspires, identifies himself with, the willing Christian. So the man who could write, "Christ liveth in me" and that our life is "hid with Christ in God" could declare "to me to live is Christ." He shows Christ's spirit, does Christ's work, accomplishes Christ's glory. His life in the flesh is therefore fruitful of good work, needful for the welfare of others, and radiant in fellowship. (2) To Die. As Paul's bonds turned out for the progress of the gospel so his death would be release into larger life. Such a personality could not be erased and eliminated by physical dissolution. On the contrary, the apostle would have purity without sin, power without weakness or worry, perfection without defect or flaw, privilege without limit or end—an eternity of fellowship with God and the good. Who does not agree with Paul that it is "very far better" when the day's work is done on earth "to depart, and to be with Christ"?

3. The Prize of the His Calling (Philippians 3)

STRETCH FORWARD TO THE THINGS WHICH ARE BEFORE. Two attitudes which were so influential in Paul's character and career are here presented with vigor. (1) The Things Which Are Behind. Grant that the past had been a strenuous and successful struggle upward. Yet

Paul saw and said he had not reached his goal, for loftier heights were ahead; he had not sculptured himself by discipline and devotion and development into the perfection he desired; he had at his best and utmost attained only in part the purpose and plan of Christ in his life; and, of all men, he felt within him the urge to "press on." Could he with profit brood or boast over the things now in the past? Not for one moment. Forget them! (2) The Things Which Are Before. The future beckons. There is the call of God in Christ. There is the challenge of duty inspiring and imperative. There is the wide open field of opportunity. There is the prize of infinite and eternal worth. Can there be more to do than the "one thing" that occupied and engrossed the apostle? Shall we not with him "press toward the mark"? Can we relax and loiter when we ought to be "stretching forward" with every fiber of our strength, every moment of our time?

4. The Crown of Righteousness (2 Timothy 4)

LOVE THE APPEARING OF THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE. From Paul's last letter, coming to us out of his dungeon at Rome, we have in a single sentence a review of his life on earth and a preview of his life in heaven. (1) Retrospect. Had not his career been one continuous conflict all the way and all the years from Damascus to Rome? Of necessity he had fought against error and errorists and for Christ and Christians everywhere; he had fought without fear or favor; he had therefore fought the good fight and a warred a good warfare. And had not Jesus upon changing him from a persecutor into a penitent charted the course he was to run and started him upon it? Never a Greek athlete at Corinth or Olympus had run his race to a finish with greater zest. Now the long hard race was over. Again, the apostle had been entrusted with gospel truth and enjoined to be faithful in its spread among the nations. To that trust he had been true under every test through the years. Surely Paul could take the backward look with few regrets. (2) Prospect. Was Paul in the inner cell of the Mamertine Prison? He could see just above him the whole heaven of effulgence for a whole eternity of bliss. There, laid up for him, was the crown of righteousness, his goal and glory forevermore. That unsullied crown would be given him in grace on his coronation day by the Righteous Judge, his Saviour and his Lord. Nor would he alone be the recipient of such a crown for the same reward by the same Lord and Saviour would be as graciously bestowed upon "all them also that love his appearing." Who of us amid life's struggle and stress does not ever and anon lift his eyes longingly heavenward to greet our returning Lord?

Gold in the Golden Text

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:7.

The fight was a good one. It was a fight from start to finish. But it was a fight for the right. And the great warrior could contemplate it with joy as he laid the armor by.

The finish was a glorious one. No Christian runner ever surpassed him on the track of life. When his head rolled from the executioner's block, the spirit of the greatest of apostles and missionaries took its flight to God.

The faith he kept and guarded and proclaimed is the faith needed in the world now. With something of the apostle's spirit and success may we keep it today!

Daily Bible Readings

June 26—Counsel of a Good Father. 1 Kings 2:1-4.

June 27—Prayer for an Understanding Heart. 1 Kings 3:5-9.

June 28—Getting More Than Asked. 1 Kings 3:10-15.

June 29—Exceeding in Riches and Wisdom. 2 Chronicles 9:22-28.

June 30—Finding Wisdom. Proverbs 3:13-18.

July 1—Vanity of Worldliness. Ecclesiastes 1:12-18.

July 2—"The Wisdom That Is from Above." James 3:13-18.

The greatest privilege that God ever gave man is prayer.—Bailes.

"If you would have less daily care, have more daily prayer."

The Contribution Country Churches Have Made to Baptists

By J. W. JENT

This is a series of significant articles on the country church by Dr. J. W. Jent, vice president of Oklahoma Baptist University. Others will appear in early issues. Dr. Jent is well known in Texas. He is a graduate of Baylor University and of Southwestern Seminary. His knowledge of country churches is no theoretical learning and his intense interest in the subject has earned him Southwide recognition. —Editor.

Much of the current literature on the country church is negative, pessimistic, discouraging. Somebody should say a word FOR the country church and I am glad the subject assigned me for this address provides the opportunity to say it.

My recent book, "Rural Church Problems," is an optimistic deliverance on the possibilities of rural churches, especially the appeal of the rural pastorate and the denominational determinism of rural church development. THE CHALLENGE OF THE COUNTRY CHURCH is the Dare of denominational DISCOVERY.

The findings of the 1922 survey are a revelation: 22,043 of our 24,904 churches and 2,193,205 of our 3,244,274 membership are in the open country or in villages of less than 1,000 population. This means that 90 per cent of all our churches and 70 per cent of our total membership is rural; that we are a RURAL DENOMINATION; the largest rural religious group in the world.

Town and city churches are relatively recent; something new "under the" Southern Baptist "sun." Practically all of our churches of the pioneer period were country churches. Many of our great State Conventions were organized in country churches. Witness the organization of the Missouri Baptist General Association, by a group of country preachers, in the old Providence church in Callaway County, August 29, 1834. A proper appreciation of country churches essentially begins with the preaching to whom we are indebted for them. The initial challenge of the country church is, therefore, the appeal of A PRICELESS HERITAGE. The country churches of the South COST SOMETHING. They represent the price our pioneer preachers paid in suffering and hardship. These heroic kingdom builders "carried on" in the cold of the winter and in the heat of the summer. Difficulties did not down them. Their fortitude fires the heart of a "red-blooded" Baptist. They forded flooded streams, preached under the trees, and planted churches in the wilds of the wilderness. They defied the devil himself in their fight for righteousness and they crossed swords with the champions of heresy in their fight for truth. They grounded our fathers in the great doctrines of the Bible; organized our institutions; and kindled the fires of evangelism and missions.

My own father is typical of these pioneer preachers. I can shut my eyes and see him with his saddle-bags on his little gray pony, wending his way across the hills to fill an appointment in a school house or little country church. Every memory of him is an abiding inspiration.

We are indebted to our country churches FOR WHAT THEY ARE; their doctrinal integrity is a Baptist tradition. Their devotion to the Bible is inspired and authoritative for faith and practice; their conservation of spiritual religion; their anchoring conservatism; their challenging courage, not only commands the respect of the religious world, but sets the standard for the churches of the twentieth century.

We are indebted to them for WHAT THEY HAVE: the rural churches of the South have a total of \$38,071,404.47 invested in houses of worship and 1,384 of them have \$3,383,036.00 invested in pastors' homes, making the total value of rural church property—\$41,454,455.47.

17,027, or 77.2 per cent of our rural churches have a Sunday school with a total enrollment of 1,318,689 and an average attendance of 825,977. 7,427, or 43.6 per cent of these rural Sunday Schools are graded and departmentalized. 681,344, or 31.1 per cent of the membership in our rural churches are enrolled in Sunday school. We are indebted to them FOR WHAT THEY DO and HAVE DONE:

(1) In Rural Evangelism: Think of the thousands and thousands of country people won to Christ in country

churches. I dare to say that most of us here were converted in a rural revival and baptized into a country church.

(2) In the Conservation of Rural Welfare: These little country churches throughout the South today are, and always have been, bulwarks of defense against the tides of wickedness which threaten the rural youth with its blasting blight of sin and shame. Country churches have "done their bit," not only in the promotion of righteousness, but in the conservation of community welfare.

(3) In the Financial Support of Denominational Enterprises and Institutions: 5,183, or approximately one-fourth of our rural churches, use the budget system of church finance. In 1922 the country churches of the South contributed \$8,480,657.64 to local church expense. 13,472, or more than half of our rural churches subscribed to the Seventy-five Million Campaign and 4,599 others contributed without subscribing. This means that 18,071, or 82 per cent, of all our rural churches participated in this great cooperative, denominational movement. They subscribed \$27,735,375.88 and paid the first three years—\$11,235,632.15.

(4) In their Contribution to Town and City Churches: Multiplied thousands of the best members of town and city churches were born and reared on a farm, led to Christ in a rural revival, baptized into a country church, and grounded in the fundamentals of personal religion by the teaching and training of rural pastors.

(5) In their Contribution to Denominational Leadership: Country churches have always been the source of Southern Baptist leadership—preachers, teachers, missionaries, and denominational workers. This is not an accident. The city is the business and industrial center of society; consequently, the youth of the city tends to become a business or professional man. In the quiet of the country, young America has time to think and a chance to hear the still voice in the inner chambers of his heart.

OUR CHALLENGE in the country church is: What shall we do with OUR RURAL HERITAGE? We cannot repudiate our responsibility for what our fathers committed to us. We dare not ignore a duty so determining. To neglect these thousands of rural churches and let them die, would be DENOMINATIONAL SUICIDE. The least we can do is to recognize and respect our rural churches. Let us be done, once for all, with the tendency to minimize, ignore, and neglect country churches; to discount rural pastors, and think of them as "just a country preacher."

What we need to remember is that these little weak, struggling churches, regardless of their size or inefficiency, are Christ's Churches. Our Lord loves them and lives in them. They deserve sympathy instead of contempt; appreciation for what they are; for what they do and have done, rather than criticism for what they do not have and do not do. We should have rural pastors on all our Boards and the annual sermon of our Conventions should be preached by a real country preacher at least once in a generation.

This multitude of country churches deserve and should have DENOMINATIONAL REINFORCEMENT. God forbid we should minimize country churches because they are small and poorly equipped; because they do not seem to do much. They are sovereign units in the Kingdom of God; outposts on the frontier of American life; hanging on and holding on where the tides of sin surge against them; where the "billows" of wild, irrational emotionalism beat upon them. These brethren are our brethren; blood bought soldiers in the ranks. They deserve and should have denominational sympathy and support. Rural church rehabilitation can never be more than a dream and a hope until we have a RURAL CHURCH DEPARTMENT in our Home Mission Board; a rural church technician in the promotion personnel of every State Convention; a reorganized, revitalized associational system committed to rural church development as its major objective; and a place for the rural church in the curricula of our colleges and theological seminaries. I plead the cause of the country church in the folly and tragedy of denominational neglect and the appeal of appalling needs.

18,000 of our 22,000 rural churches have an itinerating, part-time pastor; 15,000 of them have no Sunday school; 16,000 no W. M. U.; 17,000 no B.T.U.;

3,000 of them are almost constantly without a pastor. 14,000 of them worship in a one-room building and 5,000 have no house at all. An average of 7,000 do not have a revival meeting during the year. 5,000 give nothing, do nothing; so, they are slowly, but surely dying. 12,000 others are not really enlisted in the active life of the denomination. Only 5,000 of the 22,000 rural churches are efficient, functioning churches.

These unenlisted country churches are gold mines of wasting wealth in the Kingdom of God. Enlisting them is not only the business of Baptists, but the biggest business in the Southern Baptist Convention—the logic of denominational strategy in the evangelization of the rural South; and the ultimate realization of our denominational destiny. The rehabilitation of the rural church is a STATE MISSION TASK; A SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION RESPONSIBILITY—the dare of the denomination to discover the number, the needs, and the possibilities of these detached, unenlisted country churches; the challenge of RECOGNITION and RESPECT; a problem of CONVENTION CONTACT and COOPERATION.

The pastor is the key to denominational contact and cooperation. The way out in rural church development is, therefore, efficient rural pastors. Rural churches need to have better trained pastors than town and city churches because the technique of their task is more delicate and difficult. The right kind of rural pastor is a RURAL ENGINEER. He is not only just a good man, just as eloquent, just as efficient in pastoral administration as his brother pastor in the county seat, but he knows country life and is skilled in the technique of the farmer's task. He knows RURAL SOCIOLOGY and AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS as well as theology and ecclesiology. There are two fundamental factors in the shortage of trained rural pastors:

(1) Inadequate Support: Many seminary graduates who actually prefer a rural pastorate draw back from the necessity of "making a living" and "preaching on the side."
(2) Unsound Sentiment: The tendency to discount rural pastors because they are rural pastors penalizes the trained man who goes to the country and most preachers are human; so, they resent being rated as inefficient just because they are in the country. I know full well the sting of this sentiment because I felt the impact of it when I accepted the call of the Lancaster church in 1912.

A rural pastor's attitude toward rural life in general, and his own task in particular, is his most serious problem. Some rural pastors are sorry for themselves. They magnify their hardships and minimize their advantages and opportunities. They have never discovered the delights of country life; the economic determinism of agriculture; the charm of growing fields and blooming flowers and babbling brooks; the inspiration of the calm and quiet of the countryside; the spiritual stimulation of constant contact with nature and the consciousness of nature's God; the value of rural friendships and fellowships; the devotion of rural hearts and the undreamed possibilities of rural churches.

Ruralized rural pastors are country preachers by choice. They are rural engineers with the zeal of a missionary. Their motivation is four-fold:

- (1) The impact of denominational stewardship—a responsibility which cannot be repudiated;
- (2) The driving urge of an impelling conviction—the consciousness of a denominational mission and ministry;
- (3) The dare of the open door in the challenge of clamoring needs, the

call of fundamental far-reaching service, the lure of leadership, the appeal of rural life;
(4) The guarantee of dividends upon the investment of personality and technical efficiency beyond any other field or form of religious service in all the world.

I agree with the contention of my dear friend and former teacher, Dr. Jeff Ray: "Is it not time that our bright, successful rural pastors should cease to regard the country church as a mere station where they are to wait patiently for the call to a town church? It is all a mistake to suppose that a town offers a better field of service than a country church. The town preacher's influence may, and doubtless will be more extensive, but it is almost certain to be less intensive. He will touch more people, but he will not touch any of them so vitally. While the town preacher is touching character here and there with his finger tips, the country preacher has character in his hands moulding it."

The ultimate challenge of the country church is, therefore, the appeal of the rural pastorate as an opportunity to make the maximum contribution not only to the Kingdom of God and the denomination, but to civic life and social welfare. It is the lure of the heroic; the call of the country for red-blooded men—courageous, consecrated men. As the Bishop of Exeter sets the standard and sounds the trumpet in his dramatic poem, so say I—"GIVE US MEN" for the rural pastorate.

SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

University Baptist Church, Abilene, June 26-30, 8 A. M.-10 P. M.

Monday:
Devotional: 8:00-8:15—Roy Skaggs.
Class Periods: 8:15-9:15.
Assembly and Reports: 9:15-9:25.
Inspirational Address: 9:25-10:00—Rev. Marvin Leach.

Tuesday:
Devotional: 8:00-8:15—Miss Nora Hawkins.
Class Period: 8:15-9:15.
Assembly and Reports: 9:15-9:25.
Inspirational Address: 9:25-10:00—Mrs. J. W. Moore.

Wednesday:
Devotional: 8:00-8:15—Rev. Clyde Campbell.
Class Period—8:15-9:15.
Assembly and Reports: 9:15-9:25.
Inspirational Address: 9:25-10:00—Rev. C. A. Powell.

Thursday:
Devotional: 8:00-8:15—Rev. Arvil Richardson.
Class Period: 8:15-9:15.
Assembly: 9:15-9:25.
Inspirational Address: 9:25-10:00—Dr. E. B. Atwood.

Friday:
Devotional: 8:00-8:15—Dr. D. W. Arnett.
Class Period: 8:15-9:15.
Assembly and Reports: 9:15-9:25.
Inspirational Address: 9:25-10:00—Rev. D. G. Reid.

Teachers and Classes—
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Chinese Boat Baby—Mrs. W. S. Shaw.
Junior G. A.:
Whirligigs in China—Mrs. W. L. Bush.
Junior R. A.:
Whirligigs in China—Alvin Hattton.
Intermediate G. A.:
Daring in the Dawn—Mrs. J. L. Anthony.
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Dr. Fred Eastham, a former student of Hardin-Simmons, is pastor of First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, one of the largest and most influential churches in all of the Southwest. This church has had some of the outstanding preachers of America to serve as pastor there.

Dr. O. L. Powers was pastor of that church fifteen years. When he resigned, the church gave Rev. Fred Eastham an unanimous call. There are now 2,761 members of the First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls. The pastor, Dr. Fred C. Eastham, is sought by churches far and wide to lead in evangelistic campaigns. In 1938 he led the campus revival at Hardin-Simmons during Religious Emphasis week on the campus. He is a very popular convention speaker.

He will be one of the principal speakers at the Texas Baptist Encampment June 27 to July 7, then he will deliver the keynote address of the Texas Training Union Convention in Austin Thanksgiving Day. He is a member of the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. The Sunday School and Training Union are well organized and doing a mighty fine work in the field of religious education. Mr. E. A. Scarborough is educational director, and several others are employed to assist Dr. Eastham in the promotion of Christ's program.

NEW MISSIONARIES APPOINTED

The eleven new missionaries appointed to foreign service by the Southern Baptist Convention are as follows:
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Miss Florvne Miller, Japan.
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Book Reviews

Seed Thoughts for Sowers, by A. MacFadyen, Pastor Gorgie Baptist Church, Edinburg, Scotland. Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Pages 44; price, 35c, paper.

Compressed in this little volume are 144 outlines which can be used for the briefest devotional or expanded to a full sermon. Each outline is supported by abundant Scripture references. There is wide variety in subject matter and treatment. Alliterative subtitles and acrostics are frequent. Religious speakers will find this a useful reference book.

Sermon Seed from the Psalms, by A. MacFadyen, Edinburg, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Pages 140; price, \$1.00, cloth.

The author outlines all the Psalms, adding for every one an exegetical paragraph. In the 119th, each of the twenty-two divisions is given separate treatment.

The title is an apt selection. These are no sermons to be repeated but suggestive thoughts to be developed. Not only preachers, but those who give devotional talks and lead prayer services will find this a valuable reference book. It will also be acceptable for private devotions.

Revival—Why? How? When? A. MacFadyen, Edinburg. Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Pages 22; price 25c, paper.

This sound and timely booklet contains only four chapters: False Methods in a Revival. Dangers Associated with Revival. A Spiritual Revival. The Supreme Need of the Church. In discussing dangers, the author says, "The greatest danger is to have no revival at all."

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WHY SOUTHERN BAPTISTS CONTINUE TO GROW

(Continued From Page 1)

growing obedience to Christ's commands give a reason for their increase in numbers and growth in power? I would think so. Christ's promises for prosperity to His people are based on their obedience to His will, ordinances, doctrines and missionary program. Southern Baptists have avoided alliances on false and unscriptural grounds and at the same time have majored on a great spirit of fellowship with others with whom they cannot agree. Does this have anything to do with their spiritual prosperity and growth in all their figures?

4. Does the fact of their wonderful aggressiveness in the great teaching and enlisting agencies and their wide extension in Sunday School, Training Union, B. S. U., W. M. U. and all related agencies have anything to do with their growth? Does their increasing organization and development of their Brotherhood have anything to do with it? I would say "yes." Does the mighty work they are doing among the young people in churches and colleges have anything to do with it? I would say "yes."

5. What about the power of their schools—nearly 100 of the colleges and junior colleges and academies and three great seminaries? Aren't they might agencies of growth? These institutions have given us a remarkably fine, trained, cooperative, constructive, conservative, aggressive, consecrated, militant, evangelistic leadership. Are they not great agencies in our increasing power? I would say emphatically, "yes."

6. What about their mission program in the local churches, greatly increasing; in the associations—more than 900 of them—far better organized and greater interest; in their state organizations, in their leadership, stronger, more aggressive, better organized; in their Home Mission work, surely and steadily paying off its debts, with a constructive leadership, increasing its missionary forces, opening new fields, appointing new laborers, enlarging their work, laying a great emphasis on evangelism; with a strong leadership in their foreign mission work, great financial strides are being made, increasing their missionaries on the foreign field, strengthening in many other ways their missionary forces at home and abroad, in the face of persecution and war on the foreign fields, making great strides? Does this missionary program, with such persistence and spiritual passion, indicate a cause for their growth? I would think so.

7. What about their publicity program as a great agency of advance—their state papers, one in every state, well edited; their general boards with splendid south-wide magazines, their missionary and Sunday School literature, published by the Sunday School Board and Missionary Union, and their publication of books—a great, enlightening publicity? Isn't this an agency of great growth? I think it is.

8. What about their benevolent program—orphans, many of them, hospitals, one in nearly every state and great ones in certain centers, their Relief and Annuity Board for ministers growing with great strides, now so wonderfully organized as to bring hope to every preacher old and young, and the churches and the denominational agencies taking hold of it under great leadership? Does that not show progress, and isn't it an agency of growth? I think so.

9. One of the deepest and finest and greatest movements and explanation of Southern Baptist's growth is their passion for lost souls and their wonderful movement towards the winning of the lost in all the areas of the home land and the foreign field. From the pulpits, the denominational press, the literature of all the agencies, the pastors, the laymen, the women, the Sunday School forces, all up and down the line the message of Christ is ringing out from hot hearts and compassionate souls. Southern Baptists are evangelical, but thank God they are more, they are evangelistic and are growing more so, and have well laid plans to make a soul-winning siege to the hearts of lost men throughout the world.

10. Does not the voluntary organization of the Baptists of the world, including more than 60 nationalities, under the leadership of President Truett and Secretary Rushbrooke of the Baptist World Alliance, growing in unity, coming closer together, following the lines of conservative theology, presenting the mission causes in all lands, indicate a great reason for growth? Southern Baptists are vitally linked up with this world movement and our leaders are heartily



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in it. This world movement is going along the lines very greatly pleasing to the conservative views in theology of Southern Baptists, and I would think that this helps greatly the growth of Baptist everywhere. These things are matters not of brag nor boast, but matters of great joy and causes for great humility.

Their Major Weaknesses

Southern Baptists are not doing their best. Far from it! They are getting ready to do more. They have a deep laid purpose and a growingly-developed plan to do more.

Wherein lie some of their weaknesses?

1. Their incomplete financial system. They have greatly increased their finances in their regularity and system in the last year, but with their cooperative budget plan they have not reached more than half of their membership. They are laying great stress on systematic giving and tithes and offerings as the Bible plan of finance, but as yet they are far from the happy goal. Multitudes of our people are not yet tithing, and we will never do our best until a larger proportion of our people tithe. All of our people ought to tithe, and can tithe, and many of our wealthy people could make great offerings, and endow the institutions that greatly need it, and send out more missionaries and develop more far-reaching programs.

2. Another appalling weakness is the waste and losses we sustain in our enlisting and training forces. Those we have reached are doing great, but so many are not reached. Far too many of our people do nothing in the churches, either give or win or attend, and we are thereby losing power from our Christian service. At this point Southern Baptists must do better.

3. Southern Baptists have been great in rural districts, in the growth and development of their country churches. Aren't we now far too much neglecting these churches? We are making great gains in the cities, and I fear we are suffering great losses in the country. If we lose the cities, we lose the centers; if we lose the country, we lose the sources of our strength. Baptists must do more, and that speedily, to hold and to gain and make progress and to rebuild the lines of our denominational strength in the country churches.

4. In the light of the soft, easy-going, unionizing, compromising generation, there is great danger that we will fail to indoctrinate and stabilize by indoctrination of our young people. I would say it on the hearts of our pastors and teachers and leaders everywhere to see to it that the substantial character of our people is taken care of, by the teaching of the plain Word of God. Dr. Campbell used to say that the only way a Baptist preacher could sprinkle is to sprinkle the doctrines all around.

5. We must magnify, fortify, intensify, glorify evangelism—more intensive, more passionate, more personal, more domestic, more mass evangelism. We must rekindle the fires, reestablish our prayer lines, our preaching lines, our seed-sowing lines. We must water the seed with our tears and go in the power of the Divine Spirit after lost men everywhere.

SENTENCE SERMONS

By O. D. Henley

The loss of faith is more than the loss of freedom.

To lose one soul is a heavy loss. Better be bowed with age than rage.

A superiority complex is not a sign of superiority.

Some consider the church as a toy—they soon tire of it.

God's questions must be answered. Human importance is unimportant.

We either honor or humiliate Christ.

Those who would be good need those who are good.

He who has not helped any has hindered many.

PROGRAM FOR 1939 BAPTIST TRAINING UNION ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS AND WORKERS CONFERENCE

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Leaders, Mrs. Merle McCracken and Mrs. T. C. Gardner.

2. Junior Leaders, Mrs. A. Adamcik, and Mrs. J. E. Lambdin.

3. Intermediate Leaders, Miss Nola Hasty and Robert R. Patterson.

4. Senior Leaders, J. Earl Mead, H. O. Rothell, and C. Aubrey Hearn.

5. Adult Leaders, H. W. Miner, Jr., Leo E. Waite, and Dr. Clay I. Hudson.

6. General Associational Officers, J. E. Lambdin and W. A. Harrell.

7. Choristers and Pianists, V. N. Norsworthy and Miss Emma Joyner.

8:05—General Assembly and Song Service.

8:10—Address, "Our Baptist Conservation Program," J. E. Lambdin.

8:35—Song Service.

8:40—Address, "Loyalty to the Church," T. L. Holcomb.

9:10—Adjourn.

Friday Morning, August 25, 1939

J. Boyd East, Midland, Presiding.

8:45—Song, Praise, and Prayer, V. N. Norsworthy and Miss Emma Joyner.

9:00—Conferences for Associational Officers.

1. Beginner and Primary Union Leaders, Mrs. Merle McCracken and Mrs. T. C. Gardner.

2. Junior Leaders, Mrs. J. E. Lambdin, and Mrs. A. Adamcik.

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10:10—Song.

10:15—General Conference, Meetings and Activities, W. A. Harrell.

10:35—Song.

10:40—Address, "Adults Lead the March," Clay I. Hudson.

10:55—Address, "Making Adequate Provision for the Children," Mrs. T. C. Gardner.

11:10—Address, "Southern Baptist Youth are Loyal," C. Aubrey Hearn.

11:25—Song Service.

11:30—Address, "Forward March for the Baptist Training Union," T. C. Gardner.

11:55—Song Service.

12:00—Address, "Loyalty to Christ," J. E. Lambdin.

12:25—Song, "Onward Christian Soldiers."

12:30—"Closing Prayer."

Rambling Remarks

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supper Mr. Pritchard and some of the others took the faithful old watchdog and a shotgun and went panther hunting, but I declined an invitation to attend. I was mortally afraid we might find him. . . Ernest Keathley, also of Colorado City, writes in to to know whether we got the water bucket. I knew I neglected to take care of the water bucket angle last week, and I also remember that we neglected to take care of it that fateful night also. Burton had selected the cotton middle in which we had left the bucket, intending to pick it up in passing; but instead he kicked it up in passing and I have never seen a football player who could punt a well inflated pigskin as far as Burton kicked that bucket that night, but I had no desire to stop and cheer at the time. The next morning we found that bucket several rows over from its original location, and bent and twisted beyond use. . . For the next few days we were heroes in the community. We had to tell the story over and over, (and it grew no smaller in the retelling,) and listen to the experiences others had had somewhat similar to ours. Our very presence almost broke up the Sunday school the following Sunday, but I still agree with a statement Burton Pritchard, who now lives near Bradshaw, made that night to the effect that he was glad that that particular experience of his life was in the past.

WEST TEXAN SUCCEEDS IN NEW LOCATION

Rev. E. D. Dunlap, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Mexia, is doing a glorious work there. Recently I was with him in a fine revival. Some of the best business men in the town were converted and joined the church. Pastor Dunlap has been there ten months. He came from the First Church, Sweetwater. He is a strong preacher and a great leader. The church building is one of the best in the land. It is worth a hundred thousand dollars. Dunlap is preaching to large crowds and his organization is practically perfect. He wins many people to Christ. He is in demand for revivals and special addresses in his section of the state. Thank God for this stalwart and mighty preacher of Christ's wonderful Gospel.

LORENZO BIBLE SCHOOL

The Lorenzo Church, where Rev. Earl R. Landtroupe is pastor, reports an attendance of 127 at their first Vacation Bible school which closed June 16. Miss Bobbie Copeland of Hardin-Simmons was principal of the school and students from Wayland college assisted.

In addition to the Vacation Bible school, which awakened greatest interest throughout the town, a school for negroes was also held in the evenings. Miss Copeland also taught a Bible class in the afternoons with 13 adults enrolled.

Eleven boys and girls were converted during the school with many rededications among the Christians in attendance.

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Any church which sends the West Texas Baptist to the active membership may have space in this section for bulletin purposes, free. Write or see the editor for details. We are happy to be able to offer this service to our readers. Copy may be changed each week. The only requirement is that we cannot promise to print it

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SHEP CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Preaching Service 11:00 a. m.
B. T. U. 8:00 p. m.
Preaching Service 8:45 p. m.
We had 95 in Sunday School last preaching day with a good collection. Let's aspire to 100 for next Sunday and each Sunday following. Let our motto be, "Trust in the Lord and go forward."
Clyde Jackson, Pastor.

FAIRVIEW, JONES ASS'N.

Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.
B. T. U., 8:00 P. M.
The Bible says, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Will you pray definitely for your pastor and Bro. Holt as they work in the revival at Vaughn, N. M.? God has blessed us thus far, but we need your prayers for this needy mission field.
Bro. Clyde Jackson will make some suggestions as to how to prepare for our revival.
Charles Tarrance, Pastor.

WEST SIDE, BIG SPRING

My, what a hot day Sunday, June 18 was! 131 paid the heat no mind and came to church and Sunday school. Evening service was well attended, though hot and sultry.
Bro. E. L. Gruver will have charge of Prayer meeting two weeks later on account of singing school now in progress. Mr. Vernon Payne of East Fourth Church is our conductor. Come and learn better to sing the gospel in song.
E. E. Mason, Pastor.

SOUTH SIDE ENTHUSIASTIC OVER VACATION SCHOOL

South side Church, Abilene, enthusiastically decided to make a Vacation Bible school part of their annual program at the conclusion of their first attempt with well attended commencement exercises last Friday. Enrollment reached 170 with nine converts and seven rededications on decision day.

BUFORD, MITCHELL COUNTY

Sunday School, 10 A. M.; B. T. U. 8 P. M.
Prayer meeting Wednesday, 8:30 P. M.
Remember the associational B.T.U. meeting at Dunn, Sunday afternoon at 3 P. M. Let us have a good representation from our church.
Alvin Sweargen, Pastor.

FAIRVIEW, JONES COUNTY

A message from an evangelist to a church on preparation for a revival. John the Baptist said, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."
How—
1. Advertise. Let your people, saved and unsaved know when. The date is the third Sunday in August.
2. Organize. Form prayer groups, advertising groups; divide your territory; locate the lost. A religious census is very desirable.
3. Agonize. God's Spirit must come upon us, there must be a burden—a real compassion for lost people. There is no substitute for prayer. Heb. 3:2, II Chron. 7:14, Psalms 85:6, Rev. chapters 2 and 3.
At request of Pastor Charles Tarrance.
Clyde Jackson.

GILLESPIE

Sunday School 10:00. No preaching services this week.
Make this Sunday a good day by going to Sunday School with your lesson prepared. There was a good attendance two weeks ago.
Edward Freeland, Pastor.

Rev. Clarence A. Morton of Ballinger is assisting Pastor W. H. Barah in a revival in the Lockhart Church. Dr. E. B. Atwood of H-S-U is supplying the Ballinger Pulpit in the absence of pastor Morton.

The only thing to do about a duty is to do it.—Bailes.

We are in danger of producing a race of educated pagans.—Bailes.

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The Lord has blessed us with timely rains bringing prospects of an abundance of fruits and vegetables. We are again asking our friends to share these blessings with the unfortunate patients who come to our hospital without funds.

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

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

E. M. Collier, Superintendent

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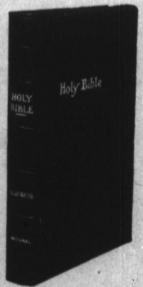
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