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LUEDERS ENCAMPMENT TO BE HELD JUNE 22-28



Scene at Lueders Encampment Grounds, Showing Large Tabernacle

THIRTEENTH SESSION OFFERS INTERESTING AND VARIED PROGRAMS

It was in the summer of 1923 when the first session of the Central West Texas Baptist Encampment was held on the Clear Fork of the Brazos River near Lueders. It was a small affair at that time as far as equipment and buildings were concerned, but the crowds were large and the characteristic West Texas spirit of enthusiasm was dominant.

Twelve years have rolled by since that time and the thirteenth session is to be held June 22-28. In these twelve years over \$15,000 has been spent on the grounds for the accommodation of encampment visitors. Business Manager Henry W. Littleton of Hamlin states that much work is being done at this time, putting the grounds into the best condition they have ever been in for an encampment.

As we scan back over the brief history of this institution, several men's names stand out prominently as leaders in promoting the enterprise. They are Col. R. L. Penick of Stamford, who has served as president and business manager, C. M. Caldwell of Abilene, who has served in like capacity, Walter Jackson, now of Houston, who played a prominent part in the progress of the institution for several years, and Pastor Henry W. Littleton of Hamlin, who has perhaps put more time, energy and money into the camp than any other man.

Last year the encampment faced a crisis. Brother Littleton got right into the breach and led in the raising of around \$10,000 in cash and bankable notes, and it is expected that the institution will be out of debt within the next year or so.

The encampment program this year will be held from June 22 to 28. Dr. E. D. Head of Houston and Dr. J. B. Tidwell of Baylor University will be the main encampment speakers. J. D. Riddle of the First Church, Abilene, will direct the recreational activities and Prof. and Mrs. I. E. Reynolds of the Southwestern Seminary will direct the music.

As will be seen from the program schedule published in this issue of the West Texas Baptist, the program will be changed from the usual order. Much time will be given to recreational activities. On each evening during the encampment a denominational speaker will bring a message. The Sunday afternoon program, as usual will be given over to a program by Hardin-Simmons University, at which Dr. J. D. Sandefer will bring an address.

At the Sunday program the B. T. U. activities will be directed by a B. T. U. leader, and the Sunday school activities by R. A. Springer.

CLYDE CHURCH IS MAKING PROGRESS

Sunday was a good day in the life of the Clyde Baptist Church. The attendance and interest in each department of the church work was the best since the present pastor has been on the field. The attendance in the Sunday School was the largest of any during the years of the depression.

Last week the B. T. U. department of the church had a training school. Interest and attendance increased each night during the week. 36 were enrolled. Some 27 awards will be granted. During the fall months the church plans to join the other churches of the Callahan Association in an Associational week B. T. U. study course.

During the month of June the church will have 23 West Texas Baptist and 29 Baptist Standards coming to the church membership. There are 67 women enlisted in W. M. U. work and, in addition to their regular work, they are canning thirty dozen jars of food for Buckner's Orphan Home. Recently they sent the home a box.

The Laymen are also finding their place in the life of the church in supporting a worthy church program in Kingdom work. The Brotherhood has some 25 men enrolled. Along with their other work they are sponsoring a movement to repair the present church building at a cost of some \$600.00. Sunday there was one addition by letter. And one is to be baptized in the near future.

J. S. Tierce, Pastor.

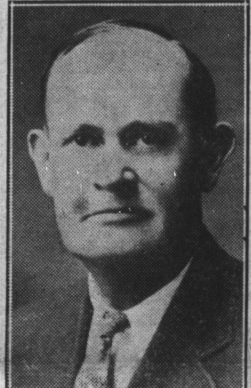
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

This is the time for Vacation Bible Schools. Sylvester and Roby in Fisher counties are planning theirs in July. It is hoped that many other churches in the District will also have one of these most valuable schools.

Camp Officers



Judge L. H. Welch, Breckenridge, President



Rev. J. Henry Littleton, Hamlin, Business Manager

Camp Speakers



Dr. J. B. Tidwell, Waco, Bible Teacher



Dr. E. D. Head, Houston, Camp Pastor



George J. Mason, Denominational Speaker



R. A. Springer, Sunday School Worker

TO DIRECT MUSIC AT ENCAMPMENT



To the left is a picture of Prof. I. E. Reynolds, head of the music department of the Southwestern Seminary, who, with Mrs. Reynolds, will have charge of the music of the Lueders Baptist Encampment.

Executive Board President Calls Baptists to Prayer For Selection of Secretary

Our Pastors Requested To Call Their Churches To Prayer

The Executive Board of the Texas Baptist General Convention, and Texas Baptists, whose servants those composing the board are, face an immediate emergency which calls for most humble and earnest prayer.

Our dearly beloved Secretary, Dr. J. Howard Williams, who has led Texas Baptists so faithfully, unselfishly and wisely, has resigned to enter upon the important and strategic pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Amarillo, Texas, which resignation will leave, at the end of June, the Executive Board without a secretary, and our Texas Baptist forces without a secretarial leader. It is with deep sorrow we part with our beloved leader, but we bow to the manifest will of God.

Only the short space of one month will intervene before the beginning of the annual meetings of the Associations. A little more than two months following, will come the meeting of the Convention. It is therefore, as all our beloved noble Texas Baptist people will readily see, imperative that the vacancy left by Dr. Williams' resignation be filled without delay. June 11th is the day set for the

meeting of the Executive Board to take up this highly important, and deeply responsible matter. There must be one consideration, and one only, namely, to find the man of God's choice. We must know His will, and walk in a plain-divinely marked path before Him. Through prayer we shall find this path. There are many noble brethren among us wholly capable of filling this position of high honor, and heavy and exacting responsibility, but in the wisdom and choice of God, there is but one man. To him the path of prayer must, and will, guide us.

On behalf of the Executive Board, I am earnestly requesting our noble pastors that they call their people in all the services of their churches from now until June 11th, to join us in prayer; that they lead their congregations in public prayer; that they enjoin upon their praying people the great importance of earnestly remembering the Board, both in family worship and private devotion, to the end that this group of their servants in Christ may be divinely guided to the man upon whom the Lord has laid His hand for this office.

Earnestly yours,
Millard A. Jenkins,
President of the Board.

MEMORIAL CHURCH OF STAMFORD IS SUCCESSOR TO WEST SIDE CHURCH

In January, 1905, young Frank Groner, a lawyer of Jacksboro, having surrendered to preach, attended the Mid-Winter Bible Conference at Simmons College, Abilene. Rev. J. P. Siler, a colporteur holding membership in the First Baptist church of Stamford, was also present and heard him make a talk. He decided he was God's man for the pastorless church in Stamford. Hence he went home and immediately called the pulpit committee together and insisted they invite young Mr. Groner to preach the following Sunday. He was called as pastor and for nearly seven years did such a monumental work that after seven more years as pastor of Columbus Avenue Church, Waco, he was elected State Missions Secretary of Texas Baptists, serving ten years.

While in Stamford Rev. Frank Groner built one of the strongest churches in West Texas at that time, which erected one of the first brick buildings and one of the nicest and most commodious then in West Texas. For, remember in 1908 when Stamford church was built Abilene had only one Baptist church and they were still worshipping in a frame building. From 1907-1911 Dr. Groner and his church sponsored the West Texas Baptist B. Y. P. U. Assembly, which brought Bob Jolly to Texas and some of the strongest denominational leaders, such as Drs. B. H. Carroll, J. B. Gambrell, Geo. W. Truett, F. C. and F. M. McConnell, T. B. Ray, S. J. Porter, and S. P. Brooks to West Texas, using some West Texans destined to become outstanding, among them Rev. L. R. Scarborough, Rev. J. P. Boone, Rev. G. M. Dawson.

No church can grow and prosper which is not missionary, both at home and abroad. Rev. Groner led his church to make large gifts to missions. One year when she gave \$1000 to State Missions it was such an unusual gift as to receive recognition in the State Convention. (Continued on page 2)

ANSON FIRST CHURCH ORGANIZED IN 1880 BY G. W. SCARBOROUGH

By JOHN R. HUTTO
What is now the First Baptist church of Anson was organized under the name of "New Providence Baptist Church of Christ" under an arbor in front of the dugout the summer of 1880, the home of J. K. Johnson, on land now owned by Dr. D. L. Stephens about two miles southeast of town. The following people constituted the charter membership: Rev. G. W. Scarborough and wife, T. S. Tipton and wife, N. B. Brown and wife, A. J. Scarborough and wife, J. W. Johnson and wife, A. J. Carr and wife, and Lucy Jane Spraberry. G. W. Scarborough was the first pastor and A. J. Carr was the first church clerk.

Another Baptist church was organized at Truby Mound—tradition has it under a mesquite tree—with G. W. Scarborough, Miss Ada Scarborough, A. J. Scarborough and wife and daughter, Emma, and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Elliott and daughter. These names were furnished the writer by Mrs. Charlie McCargo, the daughter of Rev. G. W. Scarborough, a few years before her death. We are not dependent on word-of-mouth evidence of the existence of this church as the following notation is found in the minutes of the Anson Baptist church, dated Sept. 2, 1883, (pages 26 and 27): "Bro. G. W. Scarborough came forward and presented himself for membership, and stated that he was in the organization of a church at Truby Mound and that the church at that place had recently disbanded with the understanding that each member should have their original letter, and that he had failed to get his letter, it having been misplaced by the clerk. Bro. Scarborough was received into full fellowship of this church, as his statements had been corroborated by other brethren of that church." This statement alone should clear up the long dispute as to which organization was the mother institution of (Continued on page 2)

ENCAMPMENT PROGRAM

Main Speakers

Dr. E. D. HEAD - Houston
Dr. J. B. TIDWELL - Waco

Recreation

J. D. RIDDLE - Abilene

Music

Mr. and Mrs. I. E. REYNOLDS - Fort Worth

ENCAMPMENT SCHEDULE—JUNE 22-28

8:00-8:40	Sunday School Conference— Adult led by _____ R. A. Springer Young People _____
8:40-9:20	B. S. U. Class _____ Woodson Arnes Dramatic Class _____ Marion Marchman Music Class _____ I. E. Reynolds Story Telling Class for Children _____ Mr. A. N. Hathaway
9:20-9:45	Intermission.
9:45-10:25	W. M. U. Classes— W. M. U. _____ Mrs. J. R. Fielder Y. W. A. _____ Miss Maybelle Taylor Int. R. A. and G. A. _____ Mrs. B. L. Lockett Jr. R. A. and G. A. _____ Mrs. D. C. Fulkerson Subbeams _____ Mr. A. N. Hathaway (All W. M. U. classes to use Mrs. B. L. Lockett's new book)
10:25-11:05	B. T. U. Classes and Conferences— Young People and Adults _____ T. C. Gardner Int. B. T. U. _____ Miss Cone King Junior _____ Miss Clara Welch Primary _____ Mrs. W. M. Joslin
11:05-11:20	Song and Announcements—
11:20-12:15	Bible Exposition _____ Dr. J. B. Tidwell Lunch.
1:30-4:00	Recreation, under direction of _____ J. D. Riddle
4:00-5:30	Swimming. 6:00 Supper.
6:30-7:15	Music Class _____ I. E. Reynolds
7:15-7:35	Song and Devotion.
7:35-8:15	Denominational hour.
8:15-8:20	Special Music.
8:20-9:00	Sermon _____ Dr. E. D. Head 9:00 Play hour, directed by _____ J. D. Riddle

SPEAKERS FOR THE DENOMINATIONAL HOUR

Monday Night	Geo. Mason
Tuesday Night	E. M. Collier
Wednesday Night	Tom Taylor
Thursday Night	J. C. Hardy
Friday Night	Dr. Hal Buckner
Saturday Night	Pat M. Neff
Sunday Afternoon	Hardin-Simmons University
Sunday Night	Mixed Chorus led by I. E. Reynolds

SUNDAY SERVICES—B. T. U.

B. T. U. Director to be Supplied.

SUNDAY SERVICES—SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Superintendent _____ R. A. Springer

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICES

Hardin-Simmons University
Address _____ President J. D. Sandefer

RECREATION—PLAY—ENTERTAINMENT

The play program of the camp will have a definite place in the daily schedule of activities. It is the purpose of the committee to plan such a varied program of play, recreation and entertainment that every one from the babies to the grandparents can find something they like.

The daily schedule calls for Directed Play from 1:30 to 4:00 each day. Swimming from 4:00 to 5:30 each day, and a Mass Social each evening from 9:00 to 10:00.

1:30-4:00	Soft Ball Tournament. Organize as many teams as possible. Carry on a regular schedule. Horse Shoe Tournament. As many teams as wish may enter. Washer Pitching Tournament. Free for all entrants. Hiking parties, Tennis, Croquet, and other games.
4:30-5:30	Swimming—Men and boys separate from women and girls. Diving contests, swimming marathons, etc.
9:00-10:00	Mass social activities. The socials conducted at this period will demonstrate how a big crowd can be cared for in a party if the occasion demands.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

J. D. Riddle, chairman; Rev. J. S. Tierce, Mrs. J. E. Burnam, Miss Katrina Moore.

SOME FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW

GROUND

The grounds will be in good condition for the Encampment this year. The weeds are growing this rainy weather, but we will use some hoers before the Encampment begins.
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LUEDERS BAPTIST ENCAMPMENT

The time has about rolled around for another session of the Lueders Baptist Encampment. The program, which appears in this issue of the West Texas Baptist, should attract a large number of attendants from all over this section of West Texas. We understand that the churches in District 8 are going to be well represented at the encampment. It will be noted that most of the afternoons will be devoted to recreational activities, the morning services to conferences and study and the evening services to denominational and evangelistic efforts. The cafeteria is to be under the management of Mr. Reece Walker of Abilene, who had charge of this department last year greatly to the delight of those taking advantage of this place to eat on the camp grounds. Mr. Walker has a cafe just off the Hardin-Simmons campus.

Business Manager Henry W. Littleton is to be congratulated upon the success that has come to the encampment under his leadership for the past few years. It seems assured now that the indebtedness will be paid within a few months and that permanent improvements will be added from time to time.

Begin now to make your plans to attend the Lueders Baptist Encampment, June 22-28. We know of no better way of spending a week of fellowship, recreation and spiritual upbuilding.

TIME TO AWAKE

The editor has received a manuscript of the commencement sermon delivered before the graduating class of Hardin-Simmons University last Sunday morning by Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Abilene. The sermon, which is a ringing challenge to the youths of this generation to face the challenge of the communistic tendencies of the day, will be published in next week's issue of the West Texas Baptist.

It is encouraging to note the interest that is being aroused by church leaders of America in the anti-communistic movement that has been started recently. On August 10-16 there will be held at Asheville, N. C., a National Conference of Christian Ministers to formulate plans to combat communism in America. This conference should be largely attended and our church leaders should attack the problem in all seriousness. A meeting is also being held in Abilene today, the purpose of which is to arouse the church people in this section to unite in a fight against the spread of atheistic and communistic teaching in this country. Congressman Thomas L. Blanton has been waging a fight in Congress over this danger, which is doubtless more real than most of our people think.

ASSO. S. S. WORKERS IN MEETING AT ANSON

The Jones County Association of Sunday School held a meeting at Anson on Sunday afternoon, May 31, with some seventy-five people present. This was the first successful meeting that had been held in the way of promoting the Holcomb plan of work in the association.

At a previous meeting, the writer had been elected as superintendent, and associated with him at a former meeting, Rev. Orville Richardson of Hardin-Simmons University was elected Associate Superintendent, and Miss Martha Roland of Anson was elected as secretary. At the meeting on May 31, the following departmental officers were elected: Cradle Roll, Mrs. D. W. Gray, Beginner, Miss P. W. Day, Primary, Mrs. Gracie Fielder, Junior, Mrs. D. O. Gray, Intermediate, Miss Bertie Agnew, Young People, Miss Elva Greenway, Adult, to be supplied, Home Department, Miss Lillie Dutton, Vacation Bible School Leader, Rev. C. D. Owen.

By a rising vote the workers present entered into the work enthusiastically. Some banners will be purchased and the last Sunday in each month is the date for the meeting, which will be held monthly. Plans are large in the minds of the leadership in this work in Jones county, and hopes are high for doing some effective work.

Most cordially,
P. C. WILLIAMS,
S. S. Supt., Jones County.

REPORTS GOOD REVIVAL

Closed a two weeks' revival at Swedenia, a school community about eight miles north of McCauley, last night. Results: ten public professions, four for baptism received into our McCauley church, and one by letter. The entire community was blessed, and Christ's cause greatly advanced. This is one of the best of our rural communities.

Bro. Edwin Johnson and Miss Bill Millsap led the song service and played the piano, respectively. Both are members of our local church, and both rendered efficient service. Many of our local congregation attended the meeting and rendered encouraging help.—John P. Hardesty, Pastor.

FISHER COUNTY EDITION

The next issue of the West Texas Baptist will feature the Fisher County Association. Practically every church in the association will be represented in the edition, due to the fine cooperation of the churches.

ELMDALE BAPTIST CHURCH

We had two good services Sunday, May 17, and a baptismal service in the afternoon. Three were baptized. Five have been baptized this year. Since our pastor, Bro. Finis Williams, has been with us, we have had two conversions, three uniting with the church by baptism and nine by letter. Our young pastor and his wife, who have been with us only three months, are leading us in a fine way. Mrs. Williams is actively engaged in the W. M. U. work and has organized a Y. W. A.—Pauline Judd.

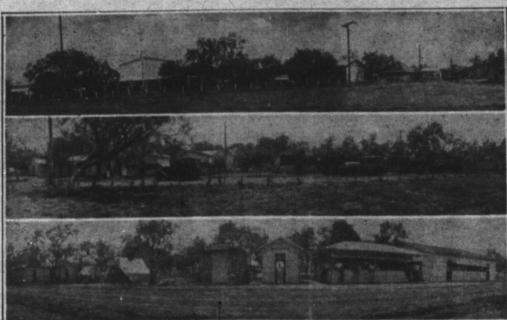
SKETCH OF REV. P. C. WILLIAMS' MINISTRY

Rev. P. C. Williams, pastor of the Memorial Baptist church, Stamford, is one of thirteen children, nine boys and four girls, of Eld. J. A. and Mrs. Georgia Williams of Blenville Parish, Louisiana. Elder Williams was a Primitive Baptist preacher and spent some thirty years in the ministry of that faith.

He Stamford pastor grew up on the farm in the sand hills of his home parish in north Louisiana, and during the time of his finding his place in the world, engaged in various pursuits, including saw-milling, cross-tie and post business with Long-Bell Lumber Co., clerking in a general merchandise store, teaching school and the last line of work just before entering the ministry was employment as bookkeeper and assistant cashier in Bank of Ringgold, Ringgold, Louisiana, which line of work was for a duration of seven years. It was from this line of work that he came when he entered the ministry.

Rev. Williams was licensed to preach by the First Baptist Church, Ringgold, Louisiana, on September 5, 1925. On January 1, 1926, he entered the College of Marshall as a student in both the academy and college departments. In June, 1927, he graduated from College of Marshall, entered Baylor University the same summer, from where he graduated December 1, 1928, but is listed in the spring class of 1929. In January, 1929, he entered Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary from which he graduated in July, 1931, with Master of Theology degree.

During his college and seminary days as a student, he was pastor of Cedar Springs and Travis churches in Falls County, and Manor in Travis county. On leaving the seminary in 1931, he went to be pastor at Venus, in Johnson county, on September 1, 1931. On November 1, 1933, he went to be pastor at Glen Rose, whence he moved to Stamford on January 23, 1936. The work at Stamford is at the present showing good progress.



LUEDERS ENCAMPMENT SCENES

Gleanings from District Eight

REVIVAL TO START AT CARR JUNE 12TH

With Willis J. Ray, district missionary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas in co-operation with the Baptist churches are arranging revivals in every school house community in the district where there is not a church. District Eight covers thirteen counties. Two years ago there were 124 revivals held in the district with more than eight hundred conversions.

Starting Friday night, June 12, Rev. W. J. Pitts of Abilene will start a revival at the Carr school house northwest of Westbrook. Brother Pitts is pastor at Shep and Nolan in Taylor and Nolan counties and is a former pastor of Bronte. He is a very successful pastor-avangelist and the people of the Carr community will be blessed by his visit to their community.

Farmers are always busy and some people want to be busy when a revival is in progress but woe to that man who is too busy to take time to think of his soul's welfare. The missionary is securing the school house meetings during June and early July because all the best preachers are busy in church revivals during the last of July and all of August. Then, too when people sacrifice to go to church they always get a blessing. God has been good to send the rains and the crops are growing fine thus people should be in the spirit to praise God.

MISSION REVIVALS IN COLORADO

The three mission revivals in Colorado are well in to the second week and at Tuesday noon there had been sixty-one professions of faith in Christ. The mission meetings are being promoted by the First Baptist Church with the Rev. P. O. O'Brien leading, assisted by the visiting preachers: H. B. Naylor and Willis J. Ray of Big Spring, A. A. Watson of Conahome, O. D. Welch and Reginald Carraway of Plainview. The meetings will close next Sunday.

REVIVAL AT CONOWAY

The Rev. H. B. Naylor of Big Spring will start a revival at the Conoway school house next Friday evening, June 12th and continue for ten days. Rev. Naylor is pastor the Baptist church at Payne for half-time and gives the rest of his time to the Westside Baptist Church at Big Spring. He is a very capable and forceful preacher and for the past two weeks has been in a revival at the Tabernacle in Colorado. Rev. Naylor was at one time a successful business man having lived in the larger cities of Texas at which time he tasted of the dregs of sin—and now since being made a new creature in Christ is as zealous in opposing sin.

ALEXANDER OF ABILENE TO CONDUCT REVIVAL AT ITAN

The Bible says there is a time to plant and a time to reap; a time to laugh and a time to mourn; a time for feasting and a time for fasting. There is also a time for a man to think upon his way and be saved from the curse of sin. A dear friend was looking forward to July to go win a loved one to Christ—but alas, it is too late, the loved one has just gone out into eternity. Rev. James Alexander of Abilene is a deeply spiritual preacher and preaches God's word with conviction. He is a man forty-five years old who answered God's call to the ministry two years ago and is now in Hardin-Simmons University and pastoring churches around Abilene. He will start a ten-day revival meeting in the Iatan school house on Friday evening, June 12th. The public is extended a cordial invitation.

Missions in District Seventeen

J. D. Brannon, Missionary

CHURCHES CALL PASTORS
The Aspermont church in Stone-wall Association, has called the Rev. J. B. Rowan, formerly pastor at Quannah. He has accepted and has moved on the field.

The Peacock church in Aspermont Association has called the Rev. Sidney Cox, who formerly lived in that association but who has recently been pastor in New Mexico.

In Haskell Association, the Cottonwood church called Rev. Orville Hindon, of Hardin-Simmons University, last Sunday night. The Missionary preached that night and moderated the conference.

Rev. L. D. Crumpler has accepted the call of the Prairie View church in Jones County.

COURSE IN DRAMATICS AT LUEDERS ENCAMPMENT

Miss Marion Marchman, of the Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, will teach a course in Dramatics at the Lueders Encampment. The value of a course of this type will be beyond estimation. Sunday School teachers, B. T. U. and Y. W. A. leaders. Many pastors will want to take this course. Certainly many young people will be interested in this work.

Miss Marchman comes highly recommended by the Seminary faculty to do work in this department.

She will also help with the social hour of impromptu programs at the close of the preaching hour each evening.

TWO FINE YOUNG PREACHERS TO DO ASSOCIATIONAL WORK

Rev. Thurston Rock, a recent graduate of Hardin-Simmons, and who has completed two years in the Baptist Bible Institute, will

work in Haskell Association this summer. He will teach training courses in both Sunday School and B. T. U. work, hold revival meetings in both churches and mission points, supply for pastors who need to be away from their pulpits on Sundays. He will help promote Vacation Bible Schools, and help get the Associational B. T. U. organization in tact.

The churches in which he works will be expected to take an offering for him, and whatever they raise will be satisfactory. Of course pastors who use him as a supply will pay him for this service also. You need his services for any department of work write him in care of Rev. W. D. Green, Knox City. If you know of mission points that need a revival please help him arrange for one.

Brother Rock is an excellent young preacher, consecrated, capable, enthusiastic. His father is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Phoenix, Ariz. He has a brother pastor in Houston. He is dependable in every way, don't fear to use him.

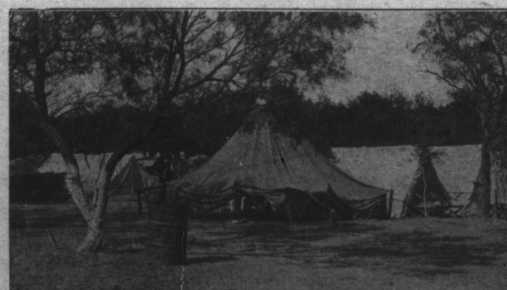
MURRAY FUQUAY WILL WORK IN JONES COUNTY

Rev. Murray Fuquay, who graduated this week in Hardin-Simmons University will spend his summer in Jones county working the same as Brother Rock in Haskell Association.

Brother Fuquay has an excellent personality, is a good preacher, deeply consecrated, and can do any type of work needed in the small or large churches.

It is hoped that many of the churches and communities will use him in both training courses and revivals. Write him in care of Rev. J. H. Skiles, Stamford.

The Missionary takes pleasure in recommending these two young men to the highest degree. They will render a great service.



CAMP SCENE AT LUEDERS

ANSON FIRST CHURCH ORGANIZED IN 1880 BY G. W. SCARBOROUGH

the present First Baptist church of Anson.

The first church records obtainable today of the New Providence Baptist church of Christ are dated from Jones City, May 15, 1881. They relate the ordination of P. S. Tipton to the gospel ministry. The ordination presbytery consisted of Rev. G. W. Scarborough as moderator and A. J. Carr as clerk. Others members of the presbytery were J. J. Elliott, G. B. Granberry, and A. J. Scarborough. After the ordination of Rev. Tipton he sat in a second presbytery which ordained M. B. Brown as a deacon of the church. A minute of a week later, May 21st, shows P. S. Tipton as the pastor of the church. A minute of June 11, 1882 shows that the resignation of "Elder" Tipton, as ministers in those days were called, was accepted. At the same conference the church called Rev. G. W. Scarborough as pastor. This minute also related that "Bro. W. F. P'Pool and wife, Sister S. F. P'Pool, presented themselves as members under our watchcare till they shall procure their letters and when presented to us in their regular order and read in conference, shall become members with us in full fellowship." "The minutes of the next conference show that the letters were received. As the minutes of the church show, the Anson Baptist church possibly never had a more devoted member than W. F. P'Pool.

All minutes till the latter part of 1882 refer to the church as the "Missionary Baptist Church of Christ at New Providence." Evidently the growth and naming of the town of Anson began to impress them. It was no longer Jones City but Anson. The minutes began to note in 1883, "The Missionary Baptist Church of Christ at this place." On March 31st, 1883, the name was changed from New Providence to Anson. In the same minute the notation is made, "that we adopt for our declaration of faith the Declaration of Faith of the Red Fork Association." Abilene at that time was in the Red Fork Association. On July 5, 1884 the church voted to send a petitionary letter asking admittance into the Red Gap Association which was to convene on the first Sunday in August. Evidently Red Fork and Red Gap are the same, simply a mixing of terms. G. W. Scarborough, L. M. Hinds, and W. J. C. Graham were appointed to represent the church. On August 3rd, 1884, the minutes relate that the church appointed W. J. C. Graham and W. F. P'Pool to represent the body in the Baptist State Convention which was to be held at "Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, on the fourth Sunday in August, 1884."

Human nature is no doubt just the same, but Baptist practice has undergone a change in the last fifty years. During those days church membership carried with it a dignity and responsibility not common today. The "Covenant and Rules of Decorum" adopted March 1, 1883, forbade the members to engage in dancing, drinking, and the use of profane language. It was declared that, "Any male member who shall absent himself for two or more church meetings shall give reasons for such delinquency." On Sept. 6, 1884, Rev. G. W. Scarborough introduced the following resolution which was readily approved: "Resolved that we will abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage."

The following resolution appears in the minutes of January 3, 1885, "Whereas there is a growing practice in our midst which is productive of much evil to the piety and spirituality of our members, namely, dancing, for it is evil and only evil in its tendencies, since it cripples the influence of churches, dwarfs the piety of young Christians and hinders the salvation of sinners, and hence, whatever thus hinders the great work for which Christ, our blessed Savior, gave his own precious life is a sin against him who is the great Head of the church."

Resolved, that if any of the members of this church should be so far led astray as to give their influence to this modern social evil by permitting its practice in their homes, or houses, should engage in it in any way whatever, it shall be considered a public offense against the cause of Christ, and shall be dealt with accordingly."

The church did not hesitate to dismiss members for dancing, swearing, drinking, fighting, and even dishonest dealings of man with man. Neither was there given any special respect or favors. Men and women, even the ministers, were called to answer for their acts. At each conference, which was usually held on Saturday, the peace of the church was called for. If there was any lack of harmony among the brethren an opportunity was given for a reconciliation. This often took place. The church was not over arbitrary in her acts. All members were dealt with patiently before final action was taken. Acknowledgments were called for at conference meetings. In the November minutes of 1885, "Acknowledgments were called for and Bro. Rowan Green stated to the church that he had been guilty of using profane language and expressed his sorrow for same and asked the church to forgive him."

Another minute relates that Judge C. P. Woodruff appeared before the church and made apologies for fighting. The fight had taken place in the courthouse about some matters pertaining to his profession. The minutes of November, 1886, "Charges were preferred (Continued on page three)

MEMORIAL CHURCH OF STAMFORD IS SUCCESSOR TO WEST SIDE CHURCH

sides large gifts to State, Home, and Foreign Missions.

Another outstanding work of this church during Dr. Groner's pastorate was the establishing of a mission point in the west part of town. From this mission as a seed cultivated through the years, enriched the past eighteen months by the Elizabeth Jackson Circle organized in July 24, 1933, and later by the Baptist Brotherhood, organized in September, 1935, there is growing what promises to be an outstanding Co-operative Missionary Baptist church in Stamford, the history of which church this article chronicles.

Rev. Groner was influenced in getting Rev. J. P. Siler appointed City Missionary for Stamford under the State Mission Board who paid part of his salary for the six years he served. In the late summer of 1910 a tent was erected in West Stamford and a two-weeks revival held, later an open tabernacle was erected. Then it was boxed up and a permanent mission established. That winter it was organized as the Second Baptist church. Several years afterwards the name was changed to West Side Baptist Church. Rev. J. P. Siler was pastor for six years.

Only two of the charter members, Mrs. Ella Stockton and Mrs. J. A. Brooks, are active members today. Among the earliest members if not charter members, were Mrs. Henry McCauley, Stamford, Mrs. W. I. Peters of California, Columbus Hargrove of Abilene, Mrs. Wilson of Fort Worth and Miss Alice Keeling who survive besides Rev. J. P. Siler who is now justice of the peace at Plainview. Others who have passed to their reward are Mrs. J. P. Siler, Mrs. S. H. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Green, Mrs. J. P. Keeling, Mr. and Mrs. Heflin, and Judge Pool.

Among the pastors were Rev. Joe Mayes, pastor of Baird now, was pastor during four years while in Simmons College, and he did an outstanding piece of work. Rev. Arthur Burroughs, deceased, who as a young man had been one of the highest honor graduates of Baylor University. During his pastorate his old father, also a Baptist preacher, living with him, passed away. The older man was also father of P. E. Burroughs, Educational Secretary of our Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn. Rev. W. T. Priddy of Anson was ordained by this church and was its pastor twice. Rev. J. H. Sibley and Rev. Joel Grimes also served. T. M. White who resigned October 23, 1927. T. L. Kilpatrick was called January 22, 1928, and was also pastor at Lueders. On September 1, 1928, he was called for full time and built the church up, but after his resignation a number of members moved away and the church waned. However, a small group very faithfully carried on for a year or more, but four or five years of complete inactivity followed.

Two Smith brothers who attended the church as small boys, one named Roy, are preachers on the Plains now. Henry Walters was ordained by the church.

Probably in answer to the prayers of Mrs. Ella Stockton, Mrs. J. A. Brooks and Mr. W. L. McCann (the latter having been a member consecutively since 1924) an interdenominational mission work was begun in the pastorless inactive church on the first Sunday in November, 1934.

A dozen co-operative Baptists without a church home, more than half were members of Elizabeth Jackson Circle, became interested in building a Sunday School and later in reviving the church. All the Sunday School officers and teachers were Baptists except one and the Sunday School Board furnished the literature the first quarter of 1935, having used old literature the first two months. Gifts were received for placing 40 Bibles in homes where there were none. The Sunday School officers were Lillias Penick, superintendent; J. T. Medlin, secretary; Mrs. Ella Stockton, Home Department superintendent; W. L. McCann, chorister; Mrs. W. H. Wright, teacher of Adult Women; Sam Crawford, teacher of Adult Men; Miss Georgia Thornton, teacher of Young People; Mr. George Hudson (who has moved away), teacher of Intermediate Boys; Mrs. Willis Monzingo, teacher of Intermediate Girls; Mrs. J. T. Medlin, teacher of Junior Girls; Mrs. B. F. Moore (who has since passed away), teacher of Junior Boys; Mrs. Thelma Nelson, daughter of J. K. Brady, teacher of Primaries. The record attendance was reached the first Sunday in January, 1935, with 120 present. Mrs. Wright had several conversions in her class, evangelistic fervor was burning bright. The need for a church organization was keenly felt with people being saved and no church for them to join. Hence Rev. W. T. Priddy of Anson, a former pastor, was secured for a twelve days revival in 1935.

The Elizabeth Jackson Circle of Jones County W. M. U. had been organized July 24, 1933, with twelve charter members, composed of the following Co-operative Baptist women: Mrs. Edgar Miles, president; Mrs. Morris Hicks, vice president; Mrs. F. B. Ramey, secretary-treasurer; Mesdames J. T. Medlin, W. E. Dobbins, B. F. Moore, R. V. Colbert, B. F. Moore, W. H. Wright, S. S. Callicote, Mrs. Sam Crawford, who was later elected president, and Miss Georgia Thornton.

March 11, 1935, Rev. W. T. Priddy and Rev. J. H. Skiles met with

them and the possibility of organizing a church was discussed. They voted to foster the move, but later it was decided to open the doors of the then existing church and revive the West Side Church.

On March 15, when three members, W. L. McCann, Mrs. Rhodes and Mr. Louis Deweese, were present (probably seven other members in town) the doors of the church were opened and the following thirteen united with the church: Deacon and Mrs. W. E. Dobbins, Deacon and Mrs. J. T. Medlin, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Miles and son, Edgar Martin; Mrs. B. F. Moore, Deacon and Mrs. W. C. McDaniel who have moved to Haskell since Mrs. Ella Stockton and Mrs. J. A. Brooks, (both had been out several years) and Lillias Penick. Over half the Sunday School not being Baptist were lost. This church of less than 25 members called Rev. J. H. Skiles of Stamford, pastor of two half-time churches, New Hope and Tuxedo, to add the pastorate of West Side church to his duties, although he was unable to be with us on Sundays. He preached every Tuesday night. And the church got Dr. N. A. Moore of Simmons to supply the pulpit twice each Sunday, usually with Simmons student preachers. Those coming offensively were Rev. Murray Fuquay and Joe Self. The church voted to give one fourth of all money collected to the Co-operative program and gave \$46 to Buckner Orphans Home. The majority of the Sunday School had not been Baptist and hence were lost when the school was revived. There were only 36 present in S. S. the first Sunday of the revived church. The average attendance from then until they moved to the auditorium was 52. The last Sunday in the old church, 43. The next Sunday at the auditorium 45 of the 115 present had come from West Side Sunday School. A Sunday School Training Course was taught by Rev. L. A. Doyle of Anson in Building a Standard Sunday School with 13 awards. Seven teachers and officers held Sunday School diplomas with a seal. At the same time a mission book was taught to Primary and Juniors. All points but one on the Standard of Excellence were reached. Miss Theda Moore was elected Primary S. S. teacher in place of Mrs. Nelson who moved to Bryan. Also Jr. B. Y. P. U. leader. Mrs. Robert Purify was elected Beginners teacher and also Sunbeam leader.

The annual report to the Association September 12, 1935, showed 4 additions by baptism, 24 by letter or statement, total membership of church 38. Sunday School enrollment, including Home department and Cradle Roll, 170. Junior B. Y. P. U. 20, Adult Union 15, W. M. S. 20, Y. W. A's. 6, Jr. G. A's. 9, Mrs. J. T. Medlin counselor, Jr. A. 5 but inactive (Mrs. Miles had left several months), Sunbeams 25. Total W. M. U. 65. Total Mission gifts for seven months, \$200.20.

One Y. W. A. and 3 B. A's. had been sent to camp in the summer by the W. M. S. Some Mexican Mission work had been done which resulted in the conversion of three—one a young man, Luis Gloria, who felt the call to preach and attended the Mexican Bible Institute at Bastrop of which Paul Bell is superintendent.

Probably no church ever had sweeter fellowship nor came any nearer always doing their best than that seven months' surely ever lived closer to the Master in prayer for there was little in a material way to depend on the future would have been dark except for the promises of God; but as was as bright as these promises. After all they were in the midst of a great mission field with these promises of God what more could a church ask? And the members had consecrated everything to God's service. This work would have been impossible if the Medlins, Miles, Mrs. B. F. Moore and Theda and Miss Georgia Thornton had not had cars consecrated to God.

God's spirit was also working with a large group of men who organized a Baptist Brotherhood out of which grew a Sunday School which organized at the City Auditorium October 13, 1935, with 47 present. They planned first just to organize a Down-town Men's Bible Class but their wives and children wanted a place to attend Sunday School also.

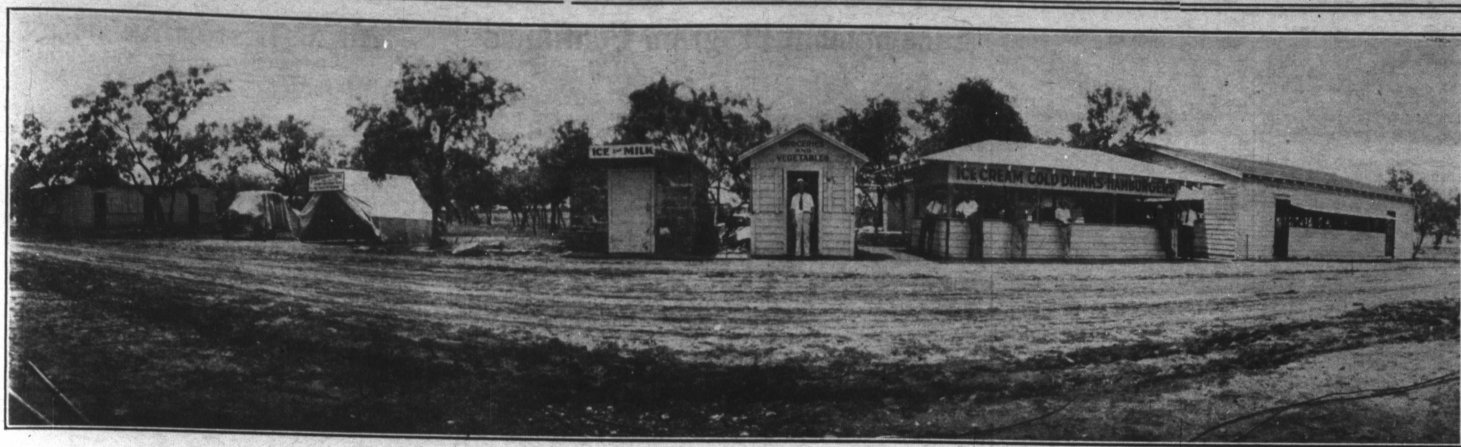
J. K. Brady was elected superintendent, Miss Alaine McDougle, secretary. The next Sunday the West Side Baptist church moved to the Auditorium and joined their forces

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WILL LEAD ENCAMPMENT RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES



C. H. Riddle, Abilene



Lueders Encampment Scene, Showing Confectionery and Cafeteria

ANSON FIRST CHURCH ORGANIZED IN 1880 BY G. W. SCARBOROUGH

against Bro. M. H. Rhodes for allowing dancing at his house. A committee consisting of W. F. P'Pool, J. W. Oden, and J. C. Grayum was appointed to "labor" with Mr. Rhodes. The next minutes disclosed that the house referred to, though owned by Mr. Rhodes, was not under his care at that time, hence the charges were dismissed. "Saturday before the first Lord's Day in June, 1886, J. O. Kean stated to the church that he had been drinking to excess, made his acknowledgments and was forgiven. In the January minutes of 1887, "Bro. G. W. Scarborough stated that Lee Scarborough had become of the opinion that he had never been regenerated and asked that he be excluded from the church, which on motion was accordingly done." This action of the father requesting the dismission of the son from the church on the grounds referred to shows how careful the church was to maintain a converted membership. This same "Lee" was later converted and has become possibly one of the greatest personal soul winners in all our land.

On July 1st, 1883, Thomas D. Goodwin and wife, Mariah, joined the church by letter. Mr. Goodwin came as an ordained deacon. At this conference A. J. Carr resigned as church clerk and Thomas D. Goodwin was elected in his stead. At the same meeting the church voted to ordain L. M. Hinds to the "gospel ministry." On August 5,

1883, George A. Scarborough and his wife, and M. F. Scarborough joined on letter from the Middle Bosque Baptist church in McLennan County. On June 3rd, 1883, Rev. A. H. Johnson—to most all old-timers known as Dr. Johnson—was invited to preach on each third Sunday. At this conference the first committee was appointed "to select a lot in the town of Anson for the purpose of building a Baptist church." It was some time, however, before the lot was purchased and the house built. On October 7, 1883, John M. Hanna and wife, Nannie, joined the church on a letter presented from Bethel Baptist church, Kentucky. On December, 1883, Rev. G. S. Kinnard was called to the pastorate of the church. As an indication that the church was a little "hardshelly" at that time, on Feb. 2nd, 1884, it was voted to discontinue the use of the organ in public worship. This action was later rescinded. On June 21, 1884, the church called Bro. R. A. Sublett as its pastor. He accepted on condition the church pay him \$300 in addition to the help that was expected from the Home Board. The church asked \$600 of the Home Board. As an indication that the country was settling pretty rapidly, on September 6, 1884, J. O. Kean and wife joined on baptism. M. H. Rhodes and wife and daughter, Alma, joined by letter from Clarksville, Tenn., and Byard P'Pool and mother joined by letter. On Oct. 4, Jennie Buie joined by baptism. On Oct. 5, 1884, Bro. John D. Reeves and wife, Nannie, joined by

letter from Milford, Texas. With the exception of a short time this couple, has been members of the Anson church since that date. The following quotation shows that the church regarded that members who pledged to support the work financially should be held responsible to their promises. "That we believe under our financial condition that it would be imprudent and hurtful to let off male members until they have at least paid their part of the church expenses." In July 1885 a meeting was held at which 28 united with the church. The following are some of those who joined: W. A. Spraberry, Emma Martin, R. L. Penick, W. B. Reeves, Rufus Rhodes, Dora M. Potts, L. W. Hollis, Eva Hollis, Lee Scarborough, J. S. Goodwin, C. P. Woodruff, Annie Nail, Waddie Carr, C. A. Scott, Tom Owen, George Starks, and Tom Penick. On Feb. 28, 1885, "Sister Willie Potts came forward and related her Christian experience and was approved by the church as a proper subject for baptism and after baptism will be received into all the privileges and rights of the church." On the first Saturday in September, 1885, G. P. Glazner and wife, A. A. Glazner, joined on promise of letter from "Keys School House." G. W. Boyd, H. A. Boyd, and Alice Boyd joined on promise of letters from Navarro County. On Oct. 4th, 1885, Hec. A. McEchin was received by letter. At the same time, "Bro. J. W. Webb reported that there had been four additions to the arm of this church extended to Spring Creek." They were William Parker, Elizabeth Parker, Sarah C. Parker, and E. J. Bailey. This was the beginning of New Hope Baptist church. On the first Saturday in November, 1885, the church instructed that the charter be recorded in the county clerk's office. On the first Sunday in Jan., 1886, A. H. Kirby and R. L. Penick were ordained as deacons of the church. In June, 1886, Rev. R. A. Sublett resigned and the church voted to send a letter of appreciation concerning his services to the Texas Baptist Herald. At the same meeting they assumed a pledge of \$25 that the delegates had made for Home Missions. On June 6, 1886, A. H. Kirby was elected church clerk. L. M. Hinds and B. F. Buie were appointed tellers of the election. All of his minutes which are written in the finest Spencerian hand are models of neatness. On July 31, W. J. Girard was elected as supply-pastor. In March, 1887, Rev. G. W. Scarborough acting as moderator, the church called S. H. Blair as pastor. At the same conference it was voted to organize a Baptist Sunday school and A. H. Kirby, John F. Ferguson, and J. C. Grayum were appointed to solicit money with which to purchase literature. On the first Saturday in April, 1887, Dr. L. W. Hollis was elected church clerk. On the first Saturday in June, 1887, J. Bland, Marylett Bland, and Robert Bland united with the church from Eagle Spring, Texas. At the same time "Sister" Bland was elected church organist and "Brother" John F. Ferguson was elected her assistant. On the first Saturday in September, 1887, the church voted to ratify the action of the deacons in employing J. C. Grayum as janitor at a salary of \$2.00 per month. In February of the following year the church agreed to disburse with the janitorship and depend on voluntary help to keep the church. W. F. P'Pool volunteered to take the first month. In March, 1888, R. L. Penick and wife were granted letters of dismission from the church. At the same time R. H. Stovall was received by letter from Cleburne. In May a committee was appointed to hang the church bell.

The following is a list of pastors of the church agreed to by Rev. J. D. Reeves, in the order named: G. W. Scarborough, P. S. Tipton, G. W. Scarborough, Prof. Kinnard, Sublett Blair, missionary of S. A. Caperton, Henning, J. A. Moore, G. W. Smith, J. D. Reeves, A. C. Dixon, J. D. Reeves, A. Ward, J. H. Edmonds, J. H. Pace, R. H. Adams, A. S. Allbright, P. N. Evans, M. C. Bishop, R. D. DeWeese, W. T. Hamor, G. W. Thomas, Ralph Grant, and L. A. Doyle.

In the records of the church there is no definite information as to the exact date of the construction of the first house of worship. But from the information from those who were actually living during those days, as well as from suggestions in the minutes, it is definitely known that the building was constructed in 1886. The present church building was constructed during the pastorate of Rev. J. H. Pace, in the year of 1909.

HODGES CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED BY REV. WILLIAM REYNOLDS

The Hodges Baptist Church, located on the old Anson-Abilene highway, about half-way between the two places, was organized by Rev. W. M. Reynolds about forty years ago. Some of the charter members of the church were Brother Britain and family, Ruff West, J. N. Neighbors, and Sister Harris and daughter.

The church has had seventeen pastors. They are G. W. Reynolds, J. M. Reynolds, Thos. Estell, C. Rister, J. D. Kennedy, A. L. Maddox, G. R. McGraw, A. L. Johnson, A. T. Douglass, A. R. Meadows, R. C. Pender, W. K. Horn, G. W. Scott, Houston Scott, J. J. Gentry, Perry King, H. H. Summers, and the present pastor, C. D. Owens, who has been with the church about eight months.

The present membership of the church is about 135, with 100 enrolled in the Sunday school. Lee Welch is superintendent of the Sunday school.

The Hodges church has one of the best church buildings in the Jones Rural Association. There is a large auditorium, with a basement equipped for Sunday school rooms and several rooms on the upper floor.

Rev. C. D. Owens, pastor of the Hodges church, was converted and united with Corinth Baptist church at Sharon, Tenn., when sixteen years old. Was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1893 by Second Baptist church of Jonesboro, Ark. Ordaining council consisted of Revs. Minton, Joiner, and Hunter.

After graduating from High School he attended school at Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Ark. He served the following churches as pastor, in Arkansas: Second church, Jonesboro; Pigott, Silome Springs, and Dewitt. In Texas: Whitney, Clifton, Garland, First Church, Ennis; Second Church, Marshall; Mt. Calm, Center, Rusk, Bishop Street, Houston; Port Isabel, Ed Couch, Mercedes, Hodges and Cedar Gap, present pastorate.

He served as State Evangelist in Arkansas under employment of Executive Board of Arkansas Baptist Convention. Was missionary of Union Baptist Association, including territory of Houston and Galveston. Was also missionary of Sweetwater and Jones County Associations.

While pastor at Rusk he was employed as Bible teacher in Rusk Baptist college. Among those in his Bible class was Dr. W. R. White of First Church, Oklahoma City. Rev. R. E. Day, First Church, Big Springs, Rev. E. S. Hutchinson, Trinity Church, Houston, Rev. L. D. White, Magnolia Church, Beaumont, and J. Ernest Stack.

Several years ago he served as missionary of the Sweetwater Association. After resigning this work he went to the Rio Grande Valley where he served churches for several years. At present he is associated with the West Texas Baptist as field representative. He is doing this work in connection with his pastoral work.

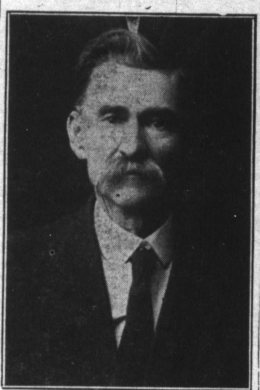
ALPINE

Brother Buren Sparks is doing the preaching in the revival with the Toyah Church. We are expecting great blessings from the Lord during these services.—Foy O. King, Pastor.

SYLVESTER BUILDS NEW PASTOR'S HOME

The Sylvester Church is now in the process of building a new pastor's home. It will be a six room building, next door to their new beautiful church.

REV. J. D. REEVES WAS A RESIDENT OF JONES COUNTY SINCE 1883

Rev. J. D. Reeves
Pioneer Jones County Preacher

In the death of Rev. J. D. Reeves, Jones county has lost one of its faithful church leaders. Brother Reeves died recently at the home of a son, Charlie Reeves, in the Anderson Chapel community. The funeral services were held at the First Baptist church at Anson with Rev. L. A. Doyle in charge, assisted by Rev. I. N. Alvis of Haskell, Rev. Sam Morris of Stamford, and Rev. C. A. Powell of Abilene. Interment followed in the Mount Hope cemetery, where Rev. R. D. Carter dismissed the ceremony with a prayer.

Rev. George Reeves, one of the sons, led in prayer at the ceremony at the church.

Bro. Powell discussed the life of Brother Reeves as a friend, a Christian and a preacher. He had known the deceased for many years. The Rev. Mr. Morris compared Brother Reeves' life with that of St. Paul. Mr. Alvis, who has retired from active work in the ministry, had known Brother Reeves from the time he was ordained 44 years ago, went with him to Louisville, Ky., 43 years ago, the two rooming together while they attended the Baptist Seminary at that place. Their lives have been very closely associated in the ministry in this part of West Texas, and his address was full of pathos and emotion. He paid homage to his departed friend as a Christian preacher and as a good man, saying that he was known as a conservative preacher while he, Alvis, was of the "progressive" type or aggressive.

Bro. Doyle, in his remarks, stated that he appreciated two outstanding qualities of the deceased—he manifested and expressed his love for his pastor and all others, and never felt constrained to criticize the work of others.

The honorary pallbearers were the members of his Sunday school class and ministers. Active pallbearers were his grandsons and grandsons-in-law, Reeves Blackstock, Stamford; Quincy Reeves, Channing; Buford Kennedy, Oran Dean, Horace McLaren, and Arch Herndon, Anson.

Special music consisted of a quartet by C. J. Thompson, L. B. Westmoreland, Miss Essie Anderson and Fred Bennett.

Brother Reeves was born in January 6, 1849, in Arkansas. He came to Texas at the age of three years and first settled in Cass County, then moving to Navarro, from there to Ellis and then to Jones County on December 3, 1883. In Cass county he and Miss Nancy Powell were married January 14, 1869. Eight children were born

to them, one dying in infancy and two in later life. The surviving children are: Charles Reeves, Anson; J. S. Reeves, Anson; W. Bruce Reeves, Wichita Falls; the Rev. Geo. W. Reeves, Overton, and Mrs. Nannie Blackstock of Anson. Mrs. Reeves preceded him in death on March 5, 1934. Mr. Reeves was buried by the side of his wife in Mount Hope cemetery.

Bro. Reeves bought land the day he arrived in Jones County, which he still owned at the time of his death. The land is situated in the Anderson Chapel community about three miles west of Anson.

Mr. Reeves was first called to preach in 1890 at the Prairieview Baptist church, later serving three and one-half years as pastor of the Anson church. Other churches he served were: Bethel, nine years; New Hope, sixteen years; Fairview, two years, and Anson again for a period of three and one-half years, and Hanna, Oak Grove and others.

"Brother Reeves," as he was known by everybody, was the oldest known preacher in Jones county and was also the oldest in point of citizenship. He truly ranked among the pioneer ministers, although his work never started until in 1890.

PRAIRIEVIEW CHURCH ORGANIZED IN 1888

The Prairie View Baptist church in the Jones County Association was organized in 1888. Dr. A. H. Johnson led in the organization. Some of the charter members of the church were, Rev. J. D. Reeves and family, Eagen Smith and family, P. R. Smith and family, and Brethren Brown, McClips and Alexander. The following twenty-five preachers have served the church as pastors:

A. H. Johnson, J. D. Reeves, L. H. Edmonds, Cooper, Strickland, W. T. North, A. J. Leech, D. D. Johnson, Walker, D. G. Wells, G. W. Scott, E. H. Scott, F. A. Pope, Johnson, G. O. Summers, Ellis, J. Ralph Grant, N. J. Westmoreland, Kelly Barnett, J. J. Gentry, G. I. Fulgham, and the present pastor, L. D. Crumpler.

The Prairie View Church ordained Rev. J. D. Reeves, pioneer Jones County preacher who died a few days ago. This church also ordained Brother N. J. Westmoreland, who was reared in that community. He is at present in the Southwestern Seminary.

The Sunday school has an enrollment of 60, with Brother H. W. Jenkins as superintendent. The present pastor, Brother L. D. Crumpler, was called to the ministry in 1924, and has been pastor of churches in Jones County since that time. At different times he has been a student in Hardin-Simmons University. He is pastor of the Prairieview and Noodle churches, and is making his home in the Prairieview community where he is rendering a worthwhile service to his church and to the Southwestern Seminary.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following political announcements are subject to the action of the Democratic primary election to be held in Taylor County in July:

For District Clerk, Taylor County: (Miss) Belle Wellborn
For County Clerk, Taylor County: E. D. (Dean) Davis.
(Miss) Vivian Fryar.
For County Judge, Taylor County: A. A. Heathington.
For Assessor-Collector, Taylor Co. W. P. Bounds.
For Justice of the Peace: James Gray Bledsoe, Precinct 1, Place 1.
For Congress, 17th District: Thomas L. Blanton (re-election)

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Riddle, Abilene

MEMORIAL CHURCH WEST SIDE SUCCESSOR

and, thus under the direction of District Missionary J. D. Brannon they worked until December 22 they called Rev. P. C. Williams, pastor of Glen Rose. This new organization voted to give one-third to the Cooperative program, sending the first month \$100 in October for State Missions to the Dallas office. When these three groups, West Side, Elizabeth Jackson Circle and Baptist Brotherhood, came together it was a real family reunion and rare fellowship,

harmony and peace prevails as well as a deep consciousness of God's leadership though every step of church building. A spirit of prayer prevails the atmosphere of every service. On January 23 the new pastor and his wife and 3-year-old daughter, Carolyn Beth, moved. A pastor's home having already been purchased, which is being paid for in monthly installments. January 26 to February 9 Rev. J. D. Brannon held a revival which resulted in 125 additions in spite of the worst weather for several years. Deep snows and the inconvenience of

having to move two nights out of each week, on Sunday, February 2, the doors of the West Side church were opened and 100 joined that day. Not often a church has 100 additions in one day. The membership totaled about 165 at the close of the meeting. At present it is 185, with six awaiting baptism.

The church officers are T. A. Upshaw, treasurer; J. T. Medlin, clerk; Mesdames Warren, B. Tayman and C. M. Lester, pianists. choristers, Felton Underwood and C. M. Lester. The deacons are: F. A. Upshaw, chairman of board; J. T. Medlin, J. K. Brady, T. A. Upshaw, J. T. Medlin, E. P. Miles, W. R. McCann, C. E. Brownfield, R. L. Penick, J. D. Rambo, and W. E. Dobbins.

The Sunday School officers are J. K. Brady, superintendent; Miss Olive McDougle, secretary; C. M. Lester, principal of the grammar school, teacher of the men's Bible class; Mrs. G. G. Flournoy, teacher of Friendship class; Mrs. W. H. Wright, teacher of Light Bearers' Class and Mrs. C. M. Lester of Daughters of Ruth class. Mr. Lee Walker, athletic coach for the high school, teacher of Young Men. Mrs. George Smith of the Co-Ed class for young people; J. T. Medlin, teacher of Intermediate boys; Mrs. C. R. Sims, teacher for Intermediate girls; Felton Underwood of Junior boys; Mrs. Lula Richards of Junior girls; Mrs. McKinney Gamblin, primary superintendent teachers. Mesdames Sam Crawford and Maurice Hicks, Mrs. A. L. Foster, Beginners superintendent. Mrs. P. C. Williams, teacher. Mrs. T. A. Upshaw, Home Department superintendent with Mrs. F. B. Ramey as assistant; Mrs. Eugene Yates assisted by Mrs. Coy Upshaw as Cradle Roll superintendents.

Mr. Paul I. Summers is B. T. U. director; J. T. Medlin, president of Adult Union No. 1; Mrs. R. L. Tolbert of Junior Adult Union; Miss Theda Moore of Senior B. Y. P. U.; Mrs. Bob Garner, counselor of Intermediate B. Y. P. U.; Mrs. Eugene Yates, counselor of Junior B. Y. P. U.; Mrs. C. E. Brownfield of Primary union. B. T. U. enrollment 90; average attendance 45. Study courses for each union were held May 18-22 in the manuals.

Mrs. J. T. Medlin is W. M. U. president; Mrs. F. B. Ramey, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. J. H. Welton, Personal-Service chairman; Mrs. W. E. Dobbins, Benevolence chairman; Miss Georgia Thornton, Stewardship chairman; Mrs. Sam Crawford, Missions chairman; Mrs. P. C. Williams, Publicity and is succeeding Mrs. E. P. Miles who is moving to Sweetwater, as mission study chairman. Mrs. J. W. Stevenson, Education chairman; Miss Lillias Penick, chairman of Periodicals and Young People's Work and Y. W. A. counselor.

Mrs. R. L. Tolbert, Intermediate C. A. counselor; Miss Fay Humphrey, assistant; Mrs. C. E. Brownfield, Junior C. A. counselor; Mr. C. E. Brownfield and Mr. Paul I. Summers, R. A. counselors; Mrs. C. B. White, Sunbeam leader, assisted by Mrs. M. E. McDonald; Mrs. W. H. Wright, teacher of Bible; Elizabeth Jackson Circle; Mrs. P. C. Williams, Bible teacher for Helen Bagby Circle; Mrs. Warren B. Tayman, chairman of Helen Bagby Circle (for younger women); 2 Sunbeam, 3 Junior G. A., 1 Combination Junior G. A. and R. A., 2 Y. W. A., and 3 W. M. S. Mission Study classes have been held the past year. They sent the Senior High School class to Simmons University on Senior Day and sponsored picnic for seniors at the Lueders Park.

The past month the Full Graded W. M. U. has averaged 112 in attendance each week. The week May 10-17 was as follows: W. M. S. 26, Y. W. A. 4, R. A. 30, Int. G. A. 17, Jr. G. A. 17, Sunbeams 21, leaders 6, total 121. Few churches could excel this record.

The old West Side Church is being used for Mexican Mission work by the Mexican Missionary, Mr. Epanoso of Jones and Fisher Associations.

There are six subscribers to the 100,000 Club. 34 to the Baptist Standard, 15 to the West Texas Baptist.

This church strives to have all the earmarks of a missionary soul-winning church.

After the pastor came a yearly budget of \$352.00 per month, or \$4,224.00 per year, was adopted. \$900.00 of this is for the co-operative program.

The building committee consists of the deacons and Mr. Warren B. Tayman and George J. Smith. They have plans for a \$15,000 church building which will be built to take care of every department of a modern Graded Departmental Sunday School and will fill all other needs having an auditorium to seat 600 people, a banquet room and kitchen. Sunday, May 17, the church voted to purchase the lot on southwest corner of E. McHarg and Ferguson streets in front of the Stamford Inn and one block east of the public square. More than half of the cash has already been raised. The name was also changed from West Side Church (name no longer appropriate) to Memorial Baptist Church, since it will be a memorial to the group of men and women who chose to stand true to their convictions as to main theme for their lives; men and women who have been saved by faith in Christ, and are to be a lighthouse from which will go the light of Gospel, truth to all the world.

The pastor, Rev. P. C. Williams, is unquestionably God's man for this church for he is very strong in pastoral visits and has won a place in the hearts of his members as well as the respect of all the community. He knows how to heal broken hearts and encourage disheartened people and this supplies an especial need at this time.

Encampment Program Continued

WATER

We are happy to say to you that the water this year is as good as the best. Stamford has a new purifying and softening plant and the water is as clear as a crystal and as soft as you will find anywhere. This has been one of our major problems but we feel sure that we can say to you that it is as good as the best. The well is in good condition, but we think you will use hydrant water.

THE BUILDINGS

We have some good news for you about the buildings. Many of you know the tabernacle has always leaked. Mr. Matthews of Albany gave a suggestion as to how this could be stopped at a minimum expense. We have tried it out and can say to you that the Tabernacle does not leak any more. We have a new roof on the Cafeteria and we can eat in the dry this year.

Many have wanted to know about renting cottages. There are none for rent. We are trying to work out an arrangement whereby we can sleep a number of men and also women in separate buildings if they can arrange that way. For instance a man, his wife, a son, and daughter, in one family. The man can sleep in the men's building, the wife in the woman's building, the son in the boys hut and the daughter in the Y. W. A. hut. We think that we can arrange for a large number in this way. We might have to ask for \$1.00 each for man and wife to help us pay for some extra expense.

One dollar for the entire time of the camp.

EQUIPMENT

We will have cots for rent. \$1.00 for the camp or 25 cents per night. If you are going to want a tent get it at home if possible. If you want to rent a tent from the camp write J. Henry Littleton, Hamlin, Texas, and make your reservations. They will cost \$4.00 for the entire session. This is important for we do not want to bring to the grounds any more tents than we will use. Bring your pillows, linens and blankets for they are not to be had on the grounds.

MEALS

Meals will be served under the management of the Camp for the full time beginning Monday evening for supper for \$4.50 (four dollars and fifty cents). There will be twenty meals served. We expect to give good substantial food. If any profit is made it goes to the camp treasury. We hope many of you will take your meals with us. It is the only way we can break even. Single meals will be 30 cents. Sunday meals will be 40 cents.

CAMPING OUT

There will be a shade tree for every one who wants to tent out and do your own cooking. Everything will be done for your convenience that it is possible for us to do.

IMPORTANT

No group of young Ladies or young Gentlemen will be allowed to camp on the ground unless they are properly chaperoned, and in every case they will be expected to observe all rules of the Encampment.

HUTS

We have the Lilas Hut for girls. There is no extra expense for our young women to stay in this hut. The above is true about the boys hut.

REGISTRATION

Each one is asked to register and you cannot vote unless you have registered. The registration fee is 25 cents. This is so small that we hope every one registers. It will help the camp maintain itself.

CAUTION

No literature of any kind can be distributed on the camp grounds without the consent of the management. No peddling, of any type of commodities will be permitted on the grounds.

Everyone attending will be expected to attend the services of the camp, especially is this true of the evening services. You will not be permitted to loiter on the grounds during the church services.

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