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H.-S. U. Commencement To Be Held May 28 To June 2

Ends Third Of Century's Work

Dr. Julius Olsen, head of physics department of Hardin-Simmons, who this year is winding up a third of a century of work for the institution. Born in Chicago, Ill., in 1874, Dr. Olsen came to work at H.-S. U. in 1902.



Educator Receives Office Equipment As Anniversary Gift

Hardin-Simmons university recently paid tribute to Dr. Julius Olsen, who this semester completes his thirty-third year of service in the school.

One student from Dr. Olsen's physics department for each of his thirty-three years here was given opportunity of contributing to a fund which was used to completely re-equip and re-finish the office as an anniversary surprise to the educator.

Walnut furniture was installed in the office, which had previously received a complete reworking. The installation included a walnut desk and swivel chair, a secretary's desk and chair, three walnut side chairs, book case, filing cabinet, rug, telephone, and desk accessories.

Dr. Olsen was introduced to his new office home at 9:30 a.m. by members of the university faculty and ladies of the Round Table, an organization made up of wives of faculty members. Mrs. Olsen was also recognized in the presentation and was given flowers by Mrs. J. E. Burnam, who is second in point of service to Mrs. Olsen as a "faculty wife."

The following chapel program was given in honor of the couple: "An Ideal Teacher," Dr. Clinton Adams; "The Professor and his Wife," President J. D. Sandefer; solo, "When We Come to the End of a Perfect Day," Mrs. Lola Gibson Deaton; presentation of "third of a century" gift, Professor H. R. Arrant.

Dr. Olsen came to Hardin-Simmons directly after graduating from Yale in 1902. Dr. O. H. Cooper was president of the university at the time, and being a Yale graduate, he sent to his Alma Mater for a man to serve in the physics department.

Unmarried at the time, Dr. Olsen came to Texas and took the position, returning at Christmas time to be married to Mrs. Olsen. They have made their home in Abilene from that date.

Degrees of the physics department head run as follows: B. S., Bethany college, 1898; Ph. D., Yale, 1902; Sc. D., Bethany college, 1922; Graduate study in Berlin, Germany, and Cambridge, England, 1905-06; Kansas university, 1915; Colorado university, summer, 1920; University Wisconsin, 1925; present position since 1902.

Sixty-two years of age, Dr. Olsen was born in Illinois in 1874.

Dr. Jeff Davis, head of the United Drys [illegible] in Texas, preached at the First Baptist Church, Snyder, Sunday morning in the absence of Pastor Lawrence B. Hays, who with his wife and Pastor E. D. Dunlap and wife of Sweetwater, attended the Southern Baptist Convention at St. Louis. Dr. Davis is a former pastor of the Snyder Church.

H.-S. U. EXES WILL HAVE THEIR ANNUAL BANQUET MAY 28TH

Three thousand issues of the News Flash, Hardin-Simmons University Alumni and Ex-students publication, were mailed members of the ex-association last week. The latest edition of the Flash features stories on the annual banquet to be held on May 30 at 8 p.m. in the Wooten hotel.

[illegible] program which will include talks by Dr. D. M. Wiggins, president of the School of Mines, El Paso, and W. B. Irvin, superintendent of the Perryton public schools, has been announced by the program committee. Dr. Wiggins was until the last year dean of students at Hardin-Simmons, and Irvin served as a member of the education faculty at the university last summer. Both are Hardin-Simmons graduates.

Foy Is Toastmaster

Toastmaster for the affair will be Raymond Foy, Dallas, city advertising director of the Dallas Morning News and a Hardin-Simmons alumnus.

Feature of the entertainment period will be the presentation of an one-act version of Ibsen's "Ghosts" by a cast from the department of speech directed by Mrs. Nora Levy, instructor in the department. The production was given at the annual collegiate one-act play contest at Houston several weeks ago and its star, Edelweiss Jenkens, won first honors for girl performers.

Music will be furnished by a university orchestra and other musical numbers will be given by students from the school of fine arts.

To Elect Officers

Following the banquet and entertainment period, election of officers for 1936-37 will be held. Present officials are: president, Solon R. Featherston, Wichita Falls; vice-president, Lacy Beckham, Abilene; and secretary, Mrs. H. A. Pender, Abilene.

June Graduates to Attend

Special invitations have been extended the June graduating class to attend by Featherstone and Mrs. Pender, attendance chairman. Graduates in the June class may secure tickets from Mrs. Pender or Frank Junell for 50 cents, one-half of the regular price, the other part being paid by members of the ex-student association.

Theme of the banquet is to be the "Onward March of Hardin-Simmons." Honor classes will be the "sixes," groups which graduated in 1896, 1906, 1916, and 1926. One member from each class will make a short talk. Other class reunions will be held during the day. The class of 1934 has scheduled a meeting for 4 p.m. in the Wooten hotel.

Free rooms and entertainment will be furnished members of the honor classes by the Abilene group of the ex-association.

Second Commencement Feature

The banquet will be the second fea-

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Program For Class of 100 Will Be Held June Second

Commencement Program

Following is a schedule of commencement activities at Hardin-Simmons University:

Thursday, May 28—Garden party for mothers and friends at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandefer, sponsored by the Round Table. From 6 to 8 in the evening.

Saturday, May 30 — Annual Alumni and Ex-students banquet at the Wooten Hotel. Eight o'clock. Reunions in the afternoon of various classes. Special reunions of classes of 1896, 1906, 1916, 1926.

Sunday, May 31—Baccalaureate sermon at First Baptist Church, Dr. Millard A. Jenkens. Cowgirl reunion. Missionary sermon by Rev. C. A. Powell at the University Baptist Church. Open house at Fine Arts building beginning at 3 o'clock.

Monday, June 1—Sunrise breakfast at Buffalo Gap by Cowgirl exes.

Tuesday, June 2 — Commencement exercises. Hon. Edward F. McFadden of Hope, Arkansas, class of 1913, main speaker. Awarding of medals and degrees and important announcements.

The forty-fourth annual commencement of Hardin-Simmons University will begin Tuesday evening, May 28, with a garden party for mothers of students, and friends of the institution at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandefer, and the concluding program will be on Tuesday morning, June 2, at which time commencement exercises will be held for about 100 graduates of the June and August classes.

On Saturday, May 30, the Alumni and Ex-students banquet will be held at the Wooten hotel.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Dr. Millard A. Jenkens at the First Baptist Church on Sunday morning, May 31. The missionary sermon will be preached Sunday evening at University Church by Rev. C. A. Powell.

On Sunday afternoon an open house for the entire institution will be held at Caldwell Fine Arts building, beginning at 3 o'clock. The art exhibit of the university, under the direction of Misses A. M. Carpenter and Suella Lacy will be on display. Special music will be furnished during the afternoon.

The Monday program will include a sunrise breakfast at Buffalo Gap by the Cowgirl exes.

Summer Session

The Hardin-Simmons summer session will begin June 5, and will offer many new courses. Dr. R. A. Collins, head of the department of education will be director of the session.

Beginning with this summer, the university is to offer a Bachelor of Science degree, with a number of new courses in the field of education. One of the principal new features of the term this summer will be a demonstration elementary school on the [illegible] available to teachers taking work in the department of education.

S. S. AND B. T. U. ASSOCIATIONAL RALLY

To Be Held With Merkel Baptist Church Sunday, May 24th [illegible] at 3:00 P. M.

J. M. Cook, associational Sunday School superintendent.

J. D. Riddle, associational B. T. U. director.

3:00—Song Service, Finis Williams and H. Virgil Reynolds.

3:15—Outline of the Sunday School Board Five Year Enlargement Plan, J. M. Cook.

3:35—Presentation of Associational Officers (one minute each), J. M. Cook: Rev. J. H. Dean. Abilene, associational superintendent; Charles McLaughlin, Abilene, secretary-treasurer; Rev. H. A. McHenry, Blackwell, Zone No. 1 leader; Rev. Joe Self, Jr., Abilene, Zone No. 2 leader; Mrs. E. M. Francis, Abilene, adult superintendent; Mrs. E. D. Dunlap, Sweetwater, Y. P. superintendent; Mrs. C. E. Walker, Abilene, Jr. superintendent; Mrs. Joe Self, Merkel, Primary superintendent; Mrs. J. R. McGraw, Abilene, Beginner superintendent; Mrs. J. R. Wilkison, Abilene, Cradle Roll superintendent; Rev. Roy Young, H.-S. U., Vacation Bible School; Mrs. J. H. McLaughten, Abilene, Extension Department.

3:50—Official Music, Finis Williams and H. Virgil Reynolds.

3:55—Outline of Associational B. T. U. Work, J. D. Riddle.

4:10—Presentation of Associational B. T. U. Officers (one minute each) J. D. Riddle: Miss Emma Joyner, Merkel, secretary-treasurer; Mr. Lyman Bartee, Abilene, Zone No. 1 leader; J. Z. Haverty, Sweetwater, Zone No. 2 leader; Mrs. Lee Kincaid, Abilene, Beginner-Primary Department director; Mrs. Curtis Walker, Abilene, Jr. Department director;; Mrs. N. W. Pitts, Abilene, Intermediate Department director; Miss Iona King, Sweetwater, Sr. Department director; Mrs. J. L. Winter, Merkel, Adult Department director.

4:20—Open Discussion.

4:30—Benediction.

Pastors, superintendents, teachers, B. T. U. leaders and sponsors, and others interested are urged to be present at this first joint meeting.

The mission band of Hardin-Simmons presented a most impressive mission play at our Sunday morning service, May 10, at Plasterco. We are happy that they came our way. Blessings on these fine young people. The same group travelled some 80 miles in the afternoon to be with the Lawn Baptist Church Sunday evening.—E. R. Mathis, pastor.

Vandercook Will Be Head Of Band Camp And Summer School

Unusual Music Retreat Will Combine Recreation And Study

Announcement has been made by school authorities of a music recreation camp to be held at Hardin-Simmons university August 21 through September 3, inclusive, to be taught by teachers from the Vandercook School of Music in Chicago.

This two week retreat offers an opportunity to combine music study with a healthy outdoor vacation. The school is open to anyone, and is to be taught by H. A. Vandercook, president of the school which bears his name, H. E. Nutt, secretary of the institution, and three other teachers from the organization. Courses will be offered in interpretation, conducting, methods of teaching brass and reeds, drill classes, two bands, private lessons, harmony, and arranging. Athletics will be combined with the study of music.

MINISTER'S COUNCIL ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

In the last meeting of this semester the Ministerial Council elected officer's for next fall semester. The closing message was given by Dr. N. A. Moore, on taking inventory and restocking.

Following officers were elected: president, Willis I. Taylor; vice-president, N. W. Pitts; secretary, Claude Gooch; treasurer, Dick Griffin; chorister, J. William Arnett; pianist, Mrs. N. A. Moore; reporter, Melvin Byrd; B. S. U. representative, Harris T. Ray; parliamentarian, Dr. E. B. Atwood; sponsor, Dr. N. A. Moore; and speech critic, Mrs. E. B. Atwood.

Evangelist John W. Newsom, 105 Hanover St., Weatherford, Texas, is to be with Pastor W. T. North at Texico, New Mexico, for a month meeting beginning May 24. Brother Newsom has an open date or two for the summer. Get in touch with him if you want an "old time meeting."

Dr. J. D. Sandefer Sends Greetings To Ex-Students and Friends



I am taking this opportunity to extend to all of our patrons and friends a most cordial and urgent invitation to attend a part or all of our 44th Commencement Season at Hardin-Simmons University, for We are closing one of the best years, in many respects, that we have had, and we are always happy to have our friends visit the institution and see it in action. We are grateful for the co-operation and kindly consideration our friends have given us, and realize fully that without our friends we could not accomplish that whereunto we have set our hearts. The major programs for Commencement include the alumni banquet on May 30, the Baccalaureate and Missionary sermons on May 31, and Commencement on June 2. Be present at any or all of these occasions. You will be thrice welcome.

Sincerely yours,

J. D. SANDEFER, President.

Royal Ambassadors, District 17 Will Camp At Lueders June 8-11

FISHER COUNTY WORKERS MET AT SYLVESTER

The Fisher County Workers Conference met Monday with the church at Sylvester, with Pastor D. G. Reid of Roby as moderator. The devotional was led by Brother Winston Blaine.

Rev. J. P. Hardesty of McCaulley brought a fine message on "The Missionary Message in the Book of Romans."

Pastor John T. Taylor of Rotan spoke on "Extracts from the Lives of Great Missionaries." During the message interesting letters were read from Missionary A. C. Donath and wife and J. C. Pool and wife of Nigeria, Africa.

Rev. R. H. Howell of Abilene brought a splendid missionary message at the 11 o'clock hour.

After the lunch hour, Brother Mack Richardson of Abilene led an interesting devotion.

Following the business meeting the writer spoke in the place of Brother J. D. Reid, whose subject was "Growing a Messionary Church."

The Mexican mission work in the association was discussed. Brother R. Gonzales, Mexican missionary, is doing a constructive work in Fisher County.

The next workers Conference will be held with the Hitson Church.

—C. D. Owens.

Rev. Avery Rogers, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Gorman, preached the baccalaureate sermon for the Gormen high school seniors last Sunday morning. There were 31 in the graduating class.

The third Royal Ambassador camp for District 17 will be held June 8, 9, and 10 at Lueders Encampment grounds. The camp opens Monday afternoon, June 8, and closes after noon Wednesday, June 10. All boys, 9 to 17 years of age, are eligible. They do not have to be members of an R. A. chapter to attend the camp. Each group of boys must be accompanied by an adult, preferably a man.

Each boy is to pay a registration fee of 50 cents, bring 75 cents worth of specified food or pay 75 cents for food. A list of food may be secured from your district or associational Young Peoples chairman. Each group of boys is to bring a picnic supper for Monday evening. Wherever possible we urge the W. M. S. to help make it possible for the boys in their churches to attend. The cost is very small for a three-day outing.

Each boy is to bring his Bible, swimming suit, cot, bedding and any playground equipment he wants to bring.

We are fortunate this year in having as our mission speaker Miss Blanche Simpson. She is on a furlough from South America. She appeals to boys and has a message worth driving miles to hear. Brother J. D. Brannon, our own missionary, will bring our evangelistic sermons. Other pastors and workers in our district will assist on the camp program. We have the best group of workers of any district in Texas.

Plans are being made for recreation. There will be supervised play every hour the boys are not in services. Rev. J. S. Tierce of Clyde is chairman of recreation, bein gassisted by Rev. J. L. Ponder, Rochester, Rev.

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HARDIN-SIMMONS COMMENCEMENT

The West Texas Baptist is glad to feature in this issue the 44th annual commencement of Hardin-Simmons University. The occasion will also mark the close of the twenty-seventh year of the institution under the presidency of Dr. J. D. Sandefer, and a third of a century of service for the school by Dr. Julius Olsen, literary dean and head of the science department.

The officials at Hardin-Simmons are preparing an elaborate program for commencement, and they are extending to alumni, ex-students and friends of the institution to be present for at least some of the closing programs.

It will be gratifying to friends of this great educational institution to know that Hardin-Simmons is closing a successful year and faces the future with the brightest prospects in all its history.

ON THE FIELD

The editor had the privilege of preaching in the pulpit of the First Church, Midland, in the absence of Pastor W. F. Borum, who was attending the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. This church is planning a building program for the immediate future, which calls for a $60,000 expenditure on remodeling the present auditorium, and building an educational building.

At the evening hour we brought the baccalaureate sermon for the graduating class of the Seminole high school. It was at Seminole that the editor began his work both as an editor and as a preacher. It was a great joy to renew friendships made over 20 years ago in that section. W. F. Markham has been pastor at Seminole for several years, and he has done a good work in that section of the Panhandle.

WHAT SHOULD PREACHERS PREACH?

Some weeks ago Wilbur Helm, secretary of Methodist Conference Laymen, Chicago, issued a dynamic statement in regard to the preacher's message. We sincerely believe that the great majority of church people go to church to have their souls fed by the preaching of the Word of God. If the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, warm from the heart of a God-called preacher, will not draw people to the House of God, nothing else on earth will draw them there.

Some years ago a high official in a certain denomination came to a town to conduct a meeting. At a conference with local church leaders, he asked them what subjects they would like for him to discuss during the meeting. One of the members, a hard-boiled business man instantly replied:

"Discuss h—l, preacher—we do not want you to discuss anything. We want you to preach the Gospel—feed our souls on the bread of life—tell us of our meanness, and hold up a high standard of Christian living."

We are quoting below from the Methodist Laymen's statement on preaching:

One of the most important questions confronting Americans today is whether the pulpit and religious press are to stress economic and political discussions about mankind in the mass and neglect and emasculate a virile and heart-searching spiritual message to the individual, which many of us are old-fashioned enough to believe must always be its chief duty.

If that is not so, the church is only duplicating the work of clubs, forums, economic societies and secular publications; and might as well close its doors.

It would seem that the inspiration to impart the spiritual message dies down in proportion as the economic urge increases, and that the latter in the hands of amateurs can very easily deteriorate into unsound theories.

It is tragic to think of a minister using the short hour a week available to him for reaching the hearts of men, in discussing economic subjects with which his hearers are bombarded all during the week and about which they likely know more by actual experience than he does, or at least have done as much sound thinking; instead of giving them Scriptural reproof for their personal shortcomings, or comfort and quiet of heart in these days of heavy strain and worry, or courage to hold fast to honor, character and the great verities of the Christian teachings.

Will increasing numbers of ministers fail their people because of the lure of radicalism at this most critical time?

I am trying to believe that somehow, once again ministers will return as one man to the preaching of true and undefiled personal religion. If this could come about the church would without doubt become the most powerful influence in the world.

PROTECTED BY THE SEAL

A very beautiful example of the use of a seal was given in Budapest during the Roumanian pillaging of that city, after the disintegration of the Hungarian territory by means of the treaty of Versailles. I have copied from an official manuscript: "When the Roumanian army found nothing more to pillage, it proceeded to ransack the Hungarian National Museum, which contained invaluable treasures of art and documents of interest. The Roumanian soldiers were ready to break in the door. But in the meantime the American mission heard of the intended damage, and an American general hurried to the museum and placed the United States seal on the door, warning the Roumanians what breaking that seal would mean. Thus the Hungarian National Museum was saved." There you have the seal placed on the door for the consecration of all the American power to protect that museum. That is exactly what Jehovah does for you and me. He seals you with his Spirit, consecrating him omnipotence to protect you.—The Moody Church News.

Church Music

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

I. E. Reynolds

No. 24. *GOD THE GREAT ARTIST.*

If God saw fit to make a place for music in His worship;

If God sa wfit to give us a Hymn Book so high in ideals and standards as Psalms;

If God saw fit to leave us such worthy examples of music programs;

If God saw fit to give us more references in His Holy Word for the preparation of sacred musicians than for the preparation of any other Christian worker;

If Christ saw fit to endorse the music, the Psalms, which the Lord had given to His chosen people, the Hebrews, and use it here on earth;

If Paul saw fit to endorse and use music in his ministry and to enjoin us in two of his epistles "to teach and admonish each other through Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs";

If James saw fit to mention the Psalms in his epistle;

If the early Christian church saw fit to make use of the Psalms;

Then—Does it not behoove the Christian churches today to make more of music programs than they do, and should we not hold up the highest ideals and standards in types and character of music instead of stooping to use music in our churches, which is akin to the popular music of the street of today?

God is the Creator of all things. He created all things beautiful. He is a Lover of beauty. He is the Author of system and orderliness. He gave us music that it should have a great place in the service of worship of Him. He placed a beautiful music program in the Old Testament, vocal and instrumental. He provided an elaborate music program in the house of worship, which He planned and built. He supplied a classic hymnal, the Psalms, which is for His chosen people—the Hebrews. He made provision for instructors, both in vocal and instrumental, for the music program in the Hebrew worship. Christ was a Song Singer; during His ministry here on earth a song (Psalm) was sung at the Lord's Supper. Christ worshipped and taught in the synagogue on the Sabbath day. Paul enjoins his people to speak, teach and admonish one another through songs, hymns and spiritual songs, making melody in their hearts, singing with grace in their hearts and Christ dwelling in us richly. James says—"When sick pray; when merry sing songs." Church music is the most used of any part of Christian service. Next to the preaching it is the most vital, most effective, has the greatest influence but it is most neglected and most abused.

Devotional Thoughts

THE CROSS BEARER

The Cross of Jesus Simon bore
On the way to Calvary;
His shoulders eased that awful load
Which Christ had borne for me.

What privilege to bear that Cross!
Fate thrust him in the way.
The burdened Christ was thus relieved;
The Cyrenian had his day.

God help me bear my daily cross,
And know this is my day,
When I might others bless and help
Along Life's rugged way.

—Zech Ford Bond.

THE PHYSICIAN'S SOLUTION

A workman had trouble with his eyes. He went to see a doctor who said: "There are two cataracts growing over your eyes, and your only hope of recovery is to go to Dr. ——. I would advise you to go at once, and take plenty of money with you, for the fee will be heavy." The man had twenty pounds in the bank, which he had been saving for a "rainy" day. That day had come. He drew it out and went to see the specialist. After examining his eyes, the specialist remarked: "I am not sure that you can pay the fee. I never accept less than 100 guineas." "Then I must go blind and remain so, for I have only twenty pounds," said the man. But the great doctor replied: "You cannot come up to my terms and I cannot come down to yours, but there is another way open to us—I can perform the operation gratis, and that is what I am willing to do." So fallen man cannot come up to the conditions laid down for him in the divine law, and God cannot in his righteousness and holiness set aside the law and accept even the best that man could give. There was another way open: God found a way through the Lord Jesus Christ to pay the penalty of man's sin and give him the free gift of salvation through faith in his Son.—The Moody Monthly.

THINK OF THESE THINGS

C. C. Andrews, Baird, Texas

"Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God."

This is one of nineteen conditions that will prevail in the last days that Paul in the third chapter of his second letter to Timothy, calls "perilous times."

It does not take a close observer to see that we are approaching, or have already come to these days.

"By lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God" he means those pleasures that are harmful to us, either in body, character or influence, and not the pleasures we have from wholesome recreation and helping others.

How much better the world would be, and how much comfort it would bring to multiplied thousands, if, instead of throwing away our time and means for unprofitable pleasures, which abides only for a moment, we give our time and means to something which abideth forever, the pleasure of helping the poor and needy in their affliction.

Jesus said: "If we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, care for the stranger, clothe the naked, visit the sick and comfort those in trouble, then we have ministered unto him."

Let us in some way, help somebody today. May our lives read, "Lovers of God more than lovers of pleasures."

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By HIGHT C. MOORE

May 24, 1936

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Read Luke 20:1 to 21:38. Study Luke 20:45-47; 21:1-9, 34-36

1. Building Sincerely (Luke 20)

In the Temple at Jerusalem on Tuesday of Crucifixion week, occurred the last conflict between Jesus and the ecclesiastics, who united against him and did their utmost to compass his destruction. First, his authority was challenged, but he transfixed the challengers upon a dilemma from which they could not free themselves. Then he uttered three parables of warning: The Two Sons, the Householder, and the Marriage Feast. The Jewish rulers then raised three insidious questions concerning tribute, the ties in the resurrected life, and the great commandment of the Law, but they were repulsed each time and put to final rout by his unanswerable question. The rupture between Christ and the nation was now consummated in the eight woes of the philippic against Pharisaic hypocrisy (Matt. 23). Retiring then from the inner Temple to the Court of Women, he saw and praised the widow's gift of two mites, received the message from the Greeks, for the third time heard the Heavenly Voice, and afar saw the conquest of Satan through himself the uplifted. Then for the last time the Lord of the Temple left the Temple of the Lord.

Interest in building for the future inspires building sincerely. The sanctimonious Scribes, now so vehemently attacking Christ, were no models and Jesus said so plainly in everybody's hearing. They desired to appear in the long robes worn by priests and princes on festive occasions. They loved to be greeted in the crowded market places as the country religious leaders. They loved to occupy the chief seats in the synagogues where they could be recognized as prominent in the congregation. They abused the liberality of the devout widows who contributed to their suport or the trust of dependent widows who needed their aid. The long prayers they made in public were a poor mask for their insincerity. Before men they should be held up as a warning and before God they should stand and would stand to receive the greater condemnation because of their hypocrisy and insincerity.

2. Building Sacrificially (Luke 21)

Investment in building for the future involves building sacrificially. After the conflict with the Jewish authorities in the Temple, Jesus retired to the area known as the Court of the Women and took his seat over against the treasury which consisted of several receptacles for gifts to the several objects indicated on them. Here, sickened by the emptiness of Jewish formalities, Jesus witnessed a beautiful deed that must have cheered his aching heart. To their credit there were many rich people who came and cast in large offerings, though some of them doubtless gave ostentatiously. But in the group of givers there came a poor widow bearing in her hands the smallest gift acceptable in Temple worship. Only two mites, each worth only about one eighth of a cent or [illegible]. It was her best, and it was her all, for not another coin was left in her purse or in her home. Seeing that act of amazing liberality, Jesus called his disciples and declared that the widow's gift was greater than that of any others who out of their abundance were giving more money. Evidently her gift was measured in his sight by the sacrifice it caused her and by the amount of heart she put into it.

3. Building Serenely (Luke 21)

Impetus in building for the future implies building serenely. There stood their majestic Temple built of marble and gold, adorned with precious stones and costly gifts, world-famed for its beauty and apparent durability. But when some spoke of it with pride, Jesus predicted its utter overthrow so that not one stone should be left upon another in the sacred structure. Later in the day the disciples asked Jesus when the prediction would be fulfilled, and what sign would precede its fulfillment. Then he delivered his great discourse, "The Last Things" (see Matt. 24 and 25) on the destruction of Jerusalem and the end of the world. He began with a warning against false Christs who would arise and prophesy the end. Then he calmed the terror they would feel upon hearing of wars and tumults, thinking the end of the nation and of the world was at hand. Within 40 years Jerusalem fell before Titus and the Temple was completely destroyed. Yet Jesus had pointed out the spot of calm in the cyclone so that his followers could survive and build for the future.

4. Building Successfully (Luke 21)

Instruction in building for the future indicates building successfully. Widening the horizon from the fall of Jerusalem to the end of the world, Jesus urges readiness and vigilance. (1) "Take heed to yourselves." Take care of your heart out of which are the issues of life. Do not overload and suffocate your moral nature by gratifying physical appetite to any degree of gluttony or drunkenness. Think of the suddenness of the Lord's coming which will surprise many as if caught in a secreted snare. Keep yourself in personal and in perpetual readiness. (2) "Watch." Be vigilant not only when portents threaten, but at every season. Watch and pray; for supplication keeps vision clear, and trains the eye heavenward. Then in nearer view you may make your escape from earthly perils (as the disciples escaped from Jerusalem before its fall) and in farther view you may stand accepted and approved before the Son of Man when he returns in glory.

Home Daily Bible Readings

Monday—Building a Strong Body. Daniel 1:8-16.
Tuesday—Developing the Mind. II Peter 1:1-8.
Wednesday—Enriching the Soul. Ephesians 6:10-20.
Thursday—Practicing Self Control. I Corinthians 9:19-27.
Friday—Abstaining from Strong Drink. Proverbs 23:12-21.
Saturday—Laying Up Treasures in Heaven. Matthew 6:19-26.
Sunday—Building for Eternity. I Timothy 6:11-19.
Devotional Reading—I Timothy 6:11-19.

"MORE TOLERABLE" NOT ENOUGH

It is not enough, if you would help a prisoner, to go to him and say, "Friend, I came to instruct you, to amuse you, to help you to pass the time." What he wants is not to make his captivity more tolerable, but to be set free. And our Lord came to make us free.—The Sunday School Times.



W. M. U. DEPARTMENT

Mrs. E. B. Atwood, 2110 Grape Street, Abilene, Texas, Editor

Annual Garden Party for Mothers of Hardin-Simmons Students

The Round Table Club of Hardin-Simmons University will hold its annual garden party for mothers of students at the home of President and Mrs. J. D. Sandefer on Thursday evening, May 28, from 6 to 8 o'clock. All mothers of students, including those residing in Abilene and elsewhere, are invited to call between the hours designated.

Letter From Our Scholarship Girl

Seminary Hill, Texas
May 6, 1936.

Dear W. M. U. Mothers on Mother's Day:

Since returning from Abilene, I have been quite busy. We are now in the midst of taking our examinations. I intended to write the first part of the week but have been delayed as there is so much to do. I enjoyed my visit to Abilene so very much. I was so glad to meet old friends and to see face to face those that are new friends. I felt so much at home with you. I felt we had a good meeting. His power could be felt and such a good spirit prevailed. Mrs. Leigh is visiting in the training school and we were talking last night about the good meeting. She was quite pleased with the meeting.

In thinking of Mother's Day my thoughts have gone out to you as well as my own dear mother. Let me express again my deep appreciation for your help and kindly deeds.

There's love in these lines,
That's real and true,
And there's more
In my heart for you.
Mothers Dear.

Your training school daughter,
LUCILE.

1936-1937

Recommendations of Methods and Finance Committee of Dist. 17, of Texas W. M. U.

I. (1) We recommend that the associational auxiliary presidents, in consultations with their society presidents, set the goal for their co-operative program for their respective societies, urging that each Woman's Missionary Society keep a careful record of amounts contributed, marking same month by month on point 3 on the Society Standard of Excellence.

(2) We further recommend that each society give a 10 per cent increase over the amount given last year to the Co-operative Program.

II. We urgently recommend that each local and associational treasurer fill in space on quarterly report blank the amount given to the Co-operative Program during the quarter by her W. M. U. This information may be obtained from the church treasurer.

III. (1) We recommend that the district chairman of Benevolence urge her associational chairman to secure the co-operation of the women in the Baptist churches in their associations to take a free will offering, with a goal of $1.00 per member, on Mother's Day, this fund to be used for charity work in the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, Abilene.

(2) And that under the direction of the district chairman of Benevolence each associational auxiliary continue to set apart two months of the year, according to convenience, in which to prepare and send needed groceries and linens to the above mentioned sanitarium.

IV. (1) We further recommend that the district give a scholarship and a half ($375.00) to the Southwestern Training School, Seminary Hill.

(2) That this scholarship be given to a girl in District 17, preferably a Hardin-Simmons graduates, or a Margaret Fund girl.

V. We recommend that the associations that have unpaid apportionments for 1935-1936 on scholarship for Southwestern Training Schol strive to pay these deficits by May 15, 1936.

VI. Again, we recommend that the district continue the payment of the $14.00 for the Louisville Training School scholarship.

VII. We recommend that the district accept the $100 apportionment for the Education Fund for foreign students.

VIII. We further recommend that stress be placed on the payment of 50c per member, if possible, for the district and associational expense fund, the amount to be divided equally for district and associational expenses, this to be paid in October and February.

IX. We recommend that the expense of district young people's leader and stewardship awards continue to be paid from the district expense fund.

X. We recommend that the district establish a general fund to be known as the Hardin-Simmons Student Fund. This fund will take the place of the various funds now existing in the different associations, and the goal for this general fund for the present year will be $1,000.

XI. We recommend that the local missions chairmen strive to enlist every member of the W. M. U. in contributing to the 100,000 Club.

XII. We recommend further that the district accept an apportionment of $300 for Mary Hardin-Baylor College.

XIII. We recommend that camps be held at Lueders Encampment grounds some time during the summer for the young people's organizations, the dates to be decided upon by the district young people's leader.

XIV. Since the West Texas Baptist has offered to the women through its columns all the space necessary for the promotion of their work in the district, and has offered an attractive subscription club rate of only five cents per month for the paper (ten or more members to a club), we recommend that this offer be accepted; and that efforts be made to organize subscription clubs in each of the local societies in the district. We also urge that societies take advantage of this means of giving publicity to their women's work by sending in regular reports to the paper.

XV. We recommend that each association contribute $2.00 to the Baptist Bible Institute Scholarship, New Orleans.

XVI. That June 2 be designated as a Day of Prayer and Study, using the new book "Christ's Gift to the Churches" by Mrs. Ruth Carver Gardner, and that a special offering be made for Ministerial Relief.

XVII. That the splendid schools of instruction conducted by Mrs. J. E. Leigh be continued through the various districts.

XVIII. That the district endorse and support the enlargement program of Buckner Orphan's Home as presented at the annual meeting by Dr. Hal Buckner.

XIX. Finally, we recommend that the district invite Miss Maybelle Taylor to work with the Young Peoples organizations during the summer vacation, her expenses to be paid by free-will offerings to be taken in the various churches where she serves.

MRS. D. W. ARNETTE,
MRS. H. J. HANKS,
MRS. W. C. ASHFORD.

DISTRICT 17 ROYAL AMBASSADOR CAMP

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Roy Shahan, Rule, Rev. Fred McPherson, Jayton, and Rev. O. M. Jones, Sylvester. No boy can afford to miss the fun they are planning.

A full program will appear in the next issue of the West Texas Baptist. Be sure to watch for it and read it.

Make plans to bring a group of boys to the camp. If you cannot stay the entire time we urge you to visit us at any time and see our work. Visitors are urged to come.

Last year we had 325 boys and men. We want more this year. Will you send your boy? If you will, he will have three days of wholesome fun and deep religious inspiration. Will you help us make this the greatest boys camp in Texas? It will be if you will do your part.—Mrs. J. B. Buckley, Y. P. chairman of District 17.

H.-S. U. EXES WILL HAVE ANNUAL BANQUET MAY 28

(Continued from page 1)

ture of commencement week, the first being a garden party for parents of students at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandefer Thursday, May 28, sponsored by the Round Table. Baccalaureate and missionary sermons will be given Sunday, May 31, with commencement exercises to follow on Tuesday, June 2. Homecoming for Cowgirls will be held on Sunday, May 31, and Monday, June 1.

COWBOY BAND LEASES BUILDING FOR STAY AT THE CENTENNIAL

Hardin-Simmons University students have been assured of a place to stay at the Texas Centennial exposition in Dallas this summer with the purchase of a three-story colonial home by the Cowboy band.

G. B. Sandefer, band manager, returned last week from Dallas where he leased the Phi Chi fraternity house on the Baylor University medical campus, 3609 Gaston Avenue. Members of the band will be quartered in the house during the Centennial where they are to be featured in concerts and with Col. W. T. Johnson's world championship rodeo.

"There will be about fourteen rooms available for Hardin-Simmons students each day during the summer," Sandefer said. "These rooms will be rented at a minimum fee to students or friends of the university. During July we will have some sixty places available while the band is away on tour."

The house is located ten blocks from the main entrance to the exposition. Free parking will be accorded students who stay there. With the small number of rooms available in the Centennial city during the exposition, it is certain that the house will be filled throughout the summer.

Students who plan to spend a day or more in Dallas this year are advised to make reservations before leaving school with J. T. Haney, secretary-treasurer, or by writing Sandefer at 3609 Gaston Avenue, Dallas.

The house will also serve as headquarters for Hardin-Simmons Alumni and Ex-student activities at the Centennial, Solon R. Featherston, president, has announced.

Quartets Go To Tri-State Meet

Voice students, girls' and boys' quartet, will go to Dallas to represent Hardin-Simmons university in the Tri-State music contest, to be held at the Centennial exposition June 10-13. The students, who will enter the contest, were winners in the West Texas Music Teachers association contest, which was held in Abilene during the last week of April.

Etewanda Riddle, coloratura soprano, will enter the 18 year old division. Dorothy Sue Collins, mezzo soprano, and Mildred Jenkens, contralto, will be the 20-25 year old contestants.

Aaron Grant, lyric tenor, will enter the 18 year division, while Wilson Gilbert, tenor, and James Harold Stowe, dramatic tenor, will enter the 19 and 20-25 year divisions, respectively.

Girls' quartet, composed of Etewanda Riddle, Dorothy Sue Collins, Ruth King and Daisy Mae Cagle, and the boys' quartet, Aaron Grant, James Harold Stowe, Pete Shaw, and J. L. Dickson, will enter the quartet divisions.

News Notes

Rev. J. I. Gregory, pastor of Highland Heights Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, will lead in a revival meeting and vacation Bible school to be conducted by Pastor O. L. Savage and the First Baptist Church, Coleman. The Bible school will be held during the day and the evangelistic services in the evening.

Pastor P. D. O'Brien of Colorado preached the baccalaureate sermon for the senior class of the Loraine school on Sunday, May 10.

Rev. C. D. Owens, field representative for the West Texas Baptist, attended the Jones County Workers Conference Tuesday morning. A splendid program was rendered. Rev. H. D. Blair, missionary of the Cisco association, brought a message at the morning service on "Encouragements That Encourage." Arrangements were made for the completing of the data for the Jones County Association Centennial edition.

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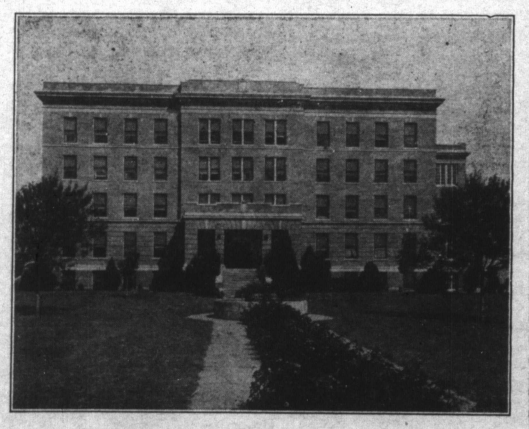
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E. M. COLLIER, Supt.

Missions in District 17

J. D. BRANNON, Missionary, 2126 Swenson St., Abilene, Phone 6415

Report For April, 1936

CALLAHAN ASSOCIATION

V. W. Tatum, Cross Plains

Admiral	$
Antioch	3.65
Atwell	
Baird	5.60
Belle Plains	
Clyde	9.73
Cottonwood	
Cross Plains	4.00
Denton Valley	2.60
Dressy	
Dudley	1.00
Eula	
Oplin	
Potosi	19.09
Putnam	3.00
Scranton	2.00
TOTAL	$50.67

100 per cent in churches giving for first six months.

CISCO ASSOCIATION

H. D. Blair, Cisco

Albany	$67.99
Bluff Branch	1.00
Breckenridge	75.50
Caddo	3.75
Carbon	
Center	
Cisco, East	
First	78.73
Desdemona	8.85
Eastland	23.00
Gorman	10.00
*Ivan	
*Leon	
Long Branch	2.19
Mangum	2.85
Midway	2.00
Moran	12.25
*Necessity	
*New Hope, No. 1	
New Hope No. 2	2.41
New Hope No. 3	.95
Nimrod	3.00
Olden	
Okra	
*Parks	
Pioneer	
Pleasant Hill	7.60
Pueblo	
Ranger, Central	
First	
Rising Star	59.00
Sabina	2.00
*Staff	
Union	.75
TOTAL	$363.82

*Indicates no gift for year to date.

FISHER ASSOCIATION

D. G. Reid, Roby

Barron View	$
Bethel	
Cross Roads	
Gannon	1.00
El Paso	
Highland Home	7.63
Hitson	5.00
Liberty	1.00
Longworth	18.00
McCaulley	13.49
Newman	1.50
North Roby	
Plasterco	5.00
Pleasant Valley	
Pledger	
Roby	30.25
Rotan	92.20
Royston	
Sardis	4.00
Spring Creek	2.20
Sylvester	14.25
TOTAL	$175.52

100 per cent in churches giving for first six months.

HASKELL ASSOCIATION

W. D. Green, Knox City

Bethlehem	$
Brushy	2.59
*Cottonwood	
*Curry's Chapel	
Gauntt	
Gillespie	14.11
Goree	4.59
Haskell, First	42.27
Howard	5.50
Knox City	5.35
Munday	
New Hope	1.74
O'Brian	
Pinkerton	
*Post	
*Rockdale	
Rochester	10.36
Rule	57.21
Sagerton	2.00
Smith Chapel	2.00
Sweet Home	
*Tanner's Point	
*Weaver	
Weinert	
Weston	
TOTAL	$147.72

*Indicates no gifts for year to date.

JONES COUNTY ASSOCIATION

L. A. Doyle, Anson

*Amity	$
Anson	49.80
Avoca	
Bethel	15.00
Boyd Chapel	2.00
*Compere	
Corinth	3.30
Delk	
Fairview	
Flat Top	
*Friendship	
Golan	8.10
Hamlin	44.27
*Hannah	
Hawley	1.00
Hebron	1.34
Hodges	
Lueders	5.80
Mt. Pleasant	
New Hope	1.00
Noodle	
Nugent	1.50
Oak Grove	3.50
Prairie View	1.00
Riverside	
Shiloh	
Stith	
Truby	
Tuxedo	
Stamford, First	
Co-op Mem.	82.14
TOTAL	$219.75

*Indicates no gift for year to date.

STONEWALL ASSOCIATION

Aspermont	$
Bulah	
Centerview	
Clairmont	4.00
Girard	1.00
Jaytown	
Johnson Chapel	2.05
Mt. Olive	
Mt. View	
Old Glory	1.00
Oriana	2.50
Peacock	
*Salt Flat	
Swenson	20.29
Valley View	
TOTAL	$30.84

*Indicates no gift for year to date.

SWEETWATER ASSOCIATION

E. D. Dunlap, Sweetwater

Abilene:	
Calvary	$
First	381.87
Immanuel	6.67
North Park	
South Side	87.08
Sunset	4.50
*Trinity	
University	53.95
Blair	1.00
Blackwell	
Buffalo Gap	
*Calvary	
Caps	28.00
*Cedar Gap	
Colony Hill	
Elmdale	5.00
*Hamby	
*Hillside	
Lawn	
*Mary Neal	
Merkel	
Mt. Olive	
*Mt. Pleasant	
Moro	3.24
Neill	4.20
Nolan	4.00
Ovalo	
Salt Branch	10.08
Shep	6.00
Sweetwater, First	50.00
Lamar Ave.	6.00
Trent	5.00
Tuscola	
View	
Tye	7.62
White Flat	
TOTAL	$664.21

*Indicates no gift for year to date.

J. HOWARD WILLIAMS.

Gleanings From District 8

WILLIS J, RAY, Missionary, Box 1291, Big Spring, Texas

Rev. C. C. Scott closed his pastorate at Westbrook last Sunday after serving the church for two years in a very profitable ministry. Bro. Scott will give his time to evangelistic work until God leads him to another pastorate. The church at Westbrook is moving as one and is seeking the Lord's man to lead them. They plan to call just as soon as God's shepherd is made plain to them.

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Rev. A. L. Teaff of the lower Rio Grande valley was a visitor at the Mitchell-Scurry Workers' Conference at Buford, Tuesday. Rev. Teaff is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University and the Southwestern Seminary. He pastored on the north plains before going to the valley. Because of malaria fever affecting his daughter's health in the valley he plans to move back to West Texas providing God leads in the opening of a pastorate to him. Bro. Teaff is happy in his work and loved by his people and is one of our most promising young preachers.

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Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Hays of Snyder and Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Dunlap of Sweetwater left early Wednesday morning for St. Louis to attend the Southern Baptist Convention.

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The East Fourth Church, Big Spring, voted their pastor, Rev. W. S. Garnett, two week's vacation in which he is to do nothing but rest. Bro. Garnett is in Fort Worth this week doing some studying at the Seminary. He has stressed such a full program at his church the past six months that no doubt the membership thought that the only chance they would have to rest would be to ask the pastor to take a rest. It is fine to keep Baptist people busy serving the Lord and then they are not tempted to spend their time serving the world and the devil.

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Rev. R. E. Day of the First Church Big Spring, was called home from a meeting in Houston last week to conduct funeral services for two of the members on the same day. Both members were faithful servants of the church and consecrated to the Lord's work. Bro. Day is to spend a week in July in Alabama appearing as the principal speaker each day on the State Sunday School convention. This is a distinct challenge and honor extended to our beloved brother.

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Rev. and Mrs. Scott Cotten lead their church in a Mother's day program last Sunday evening and it was the missionary's joy to hear the program. The house was full to overflowing and the members appearing on the program manifested a real joy in their service to the Master. This church is making a steady growth.

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The Worker's Program at Buford, Tuesday, was in keeping with the church there—above par. The church there has recently erected a new $2,000 stucco building with a roomy auditorium, beautifully decorated and seated with comfortable pews. The basement is partitioned off for Sunday school class rooms and the plant is one of the best rural church houses in the district. Rev. W. S. Brown of the Seminary is the aggressive pastor and the pastor and people are happy over their new building and growth in the church life.

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The church at Spade has called the Rev. J. C. Thomas who is teaching school in the Payne community. Rev. Thomas formerly pastored churches in the Lamesa Association. His family still lives at Lamesa. Spade is a good church and we hope to hear good reports from the work there in the future.

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The church at Looney has extended a call to Rev. E. L. Redden of Abilene who is also pastor at Pleasant Valley. The call was extended last Sunday and Rev. Redden has not yet given the church an answer. Rev. Redden is leading the church at Pleasant Valley is an unusual Christ-honoring program.

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Rev. Dean Elkins, pastor at Bethel and Champion in the M .S. Association, is having a large tent made in Dallas preparing to enter the evangelistic field in July. Bro. Elkins has lead the church at Champion in a building program recently and the attendance has increased the churches taking on new life during his ministry. We predict that Bro. Elkins will receive more invitations than he can accept in the evangelistic field and that God will bles shis ministry in a blessed way.

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Thirty-one Sunday School workers from District 8 attended the State Sunday School Conference at Dallas last week at which time they learned of the five-year program being promoted by the Sunday School Board. The purpose of this program is to reach the last church in helping them in a Bible teaching, evangelistic, enlistment program that will reach every member of the community.

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:
[illegible] (Dean) Davis.
(Miss) Vivian Fryar.

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