

## RAMBLING E M A R K S



By DICK O'BRIEN

Last week I had more to write about and less time to do it than at time since this space filling column came into existence. In fact I had exactly no time at all to give to it. I think one of the best compliments I have had on the column came accidentally from the lips of Ewing James, of Vernon, yesterday when he absent-mindedly remarked that he missed my remarks last week. . . . I am writing the remarks this week in a room of Fort Worth Hall on Seminary Hill. I find the atmosphere more conducive to profound theological thought than to the usual type of material that falls from the tips of my fingers through the medium of this mechanical contraption called the typewriter. But I am especially inspired by the fact that, of all unlikely places to find readers, I have found two right here in the Seminary. Mr. and Mrs. Kimbrough, who have been here as far back as I can remember tell me that they read the column each week. Don't look now, but confidentially they told me that Dr. Jeff D. Ray reads it also. I do not have a disposition to investigate this as it might turn out to my embarrassment. . . . Dr. Tom Taylor, of Howard Payne, suggested that I look through the files of the West Texas Baptist and select some twenty or thirty chapters of these remarks and publish them in permanent form. This morning I asked my cell-mate, Willis J. Ray, district missionary of the San Antonio district, what he thought of the suggestion, and he said worse things were being printed. But when I pressed him for an example he could not think of one, so I feel a little let down. Besides I understand that books by Baptist authors do not always turn out to be best sellers. For further information see Treasurer George J. Mason. . . . It is grand to meet up with old friends. This week especially here on Seminary Hill, where we served a three-year term back in the twenties, it is great to meet the fellows who were here then and many others whom we have met since the school days. . . . While a student here I bought a used Corona typewriter. It gave me ten years or more of faithful service, and I traded it in on a new machine. Imagine my surprise when I lifted up a postal card on a table in Charlie Dossey's room this morning, and there was my old Corona. I asked Charlie for the privilege of producing the remarks on it this week, and here we are sweating together again. I think the memory would have been sweeter if I had borrowed a machine from someone else. Willis J. has just asked me if I would sign a paper for him swearing to certain things contained in it as being true and correct. I told him

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## FLOYD COUNTY WORKERS CONFERENCE

June 7, 1938. With Ralls Baptist Church, W. R. Derr, Pastor

- Theme: "Evangelism."  
10:00 Song Service.—R. E. Campbell.  
10:15 Devotional.—Rev. F. M. Wiley.  
10:30 Evangelistic Opportunities in Our State.—Rev. L. E. Kent.  
10:55 Reaching the Multitudes for Christ.—Rev. C. E. Roark.  
11:20 Announcements.  
11:25 Special Music.—Ralls.  
11:30 Sermon.—Rev. C. R. Joiner.  
12:10 Lunch.  
1:30 Executive Board and W. M. U. Meetings.  
2:00 Song Service.—Fay Hart.  
2:15 The Kind of Singing Needed in Our Revivals.—Rev. Vernon Shaw.  
2:35 The Kind of Preaching Needed in Our Revivals.—Rev. W. H. Jackson.  
3:55 Inspirational Address.—Rev. H. C. Bristow.

## SWEETWATER FIRST BUILDING MORE ROOM

Work was begun this week which will provide a second story on the east wing of First Church, Sweetwater. The addition will be about 20x50 feet and will house a new Intermediate department of the Sunday school. The work is supervised by W. L. Hampton, local contractor, and the pastor, and workmen are hired by the day. A similar addition to the West wing was built two years ago. A few weeks ago the addition was decided upon and a committee appointed to raise a building fund. The work is beginning with approximately enough cash on hand to pay for the undertaking.

In addition to the new rooms, work is progressing on renovating and redecorating the Sunday school rooms in the church basement. Volunteer workers are spending evenings in doing this work. Distinctive color schemes have been worked out for the different departments. The dominant shade in the Cradle Roll department will be pink, the Primary department, green; Beginners, blue; and Juniors, orchid.

In addition to redecorating the walls and woodwork, new linoleum has been laid on the nursery and Cradle Roll floor, one new bed and four new mattresses have been purchased and a complete line of new toys are being selected.

The growth of the church has been such that every available nook in the building is occupied. One class has arranged a room under a stairway and others utilize a hall, securing privacy by means of swinging partitions. Classrooms in the Men's Department can quickly be changed into an assembly by means of an ingenious movable partition.

## WORKERS CONFERENCE FISHER COUNTY ASSN.

To Be Held With McCaulley Baptist Church, Monday, June 20, 1938.

- Theme: "Evangelism."  
10:00 A. M. Inspirational message, "Authority for Evangelism." Matt. 28:18-20.—A. L. McDaniel.  
10:20 Jesus, the Model Evangelist.—O. D. Henley.  
10:40 Paul's Prayer for the Lost.—D. G. Reid.  
11:00 God's Concern for the Lost. John 5:16.—J. C. Parks.  
11:20 Sermon.—C. E. Dick.  
12:00 Lunch.  
1:00 P. M. Board Meeting.  
1:30 Evangelizing the Mexican People in Our Territory.—A. L. Ortiz.  
1:45 The Layman as a Soul Winner. Acts 8:5-8 26-40.—Geo. McBeth.  
2:00 God's Estimate of a Lost Soul. Matt. 16:26.—James Alexander.  
2:20 How God Uses Women to Evangelize. John 4:5-42.—Mrs. D. L. Swint.

- 2:40 The Rewards of the Soul Winner.—J. H. Skiles.  
3:00 Sermon.—E. D. Dunlap.  
Adjournment.  
8:00 P. M. Sermon.—C. E. Dick.

Immediately after adjournment visitors will be received by pastor and Mrs. John P. Hardesty in the newly constructed pastor's home. All friends will be cordially welcomed, and the names of all who have aided in making the new building enterprise possible will be read (but not the amount given by each) as an appreciation for their generous help in providing a well appointed home for the pastor and his family, not only the present pastor, but for all future pastors who may serve the church. And this is an open and cordial invitation for every one, regardless of whether you have shared in the construction of the building or not, to be our guests on this occasion.—Jno. P. Hardesty, Pastor.

## PAUL COUNTS BECOMES WORKER AT PARK HEIGHTS

Paul Counts, teacher in Sweetwater schools, has accepted a call as educational director of Park Heights Church, San Angelo, and has taken up his work there. Mr. Counts has been B. T. U. director and leader in the Adult department of the Sunday school of his church. His wife and mother have been very active in church work and their places will be hard to fill. The First Church, Sweetwater, and the West Texas Baptist congratulates Park Heights Church upon securing so consecrated and able a worker.



Pastor E. D. Dunlap

## Sweetwater Church Fetes Pastor Dunlap

### SIXTH ANNIVERSARY MARKED BY RECEPTION

Honoring the sixth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. E. D. Dunlap, the W. M. U. of First Church, Sweetwater, will hold open house at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Z. C. Steakley, 919 Josephine, Thursday, June 2 from 8 to 10 P. M. Honor guests will be Pastor and Mrs. Dunlap and Miss Ione King, five years church secretary.

In the house party will be the honor guests, the host and hostess, the W. M. U. circle chairman and their husbands, including Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Horatio Bardwell, Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Kirgan, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Ullom, Mrs. S. W. Taylor, and all W. M. U. committee chairman.

Mrs. P. L. Ullom is chairman of the program committee, but the nature of the program is kept for a surprise. This is the second time the church has honored the pastor's anniversary with a reception, the previous occasion being observed at the church.

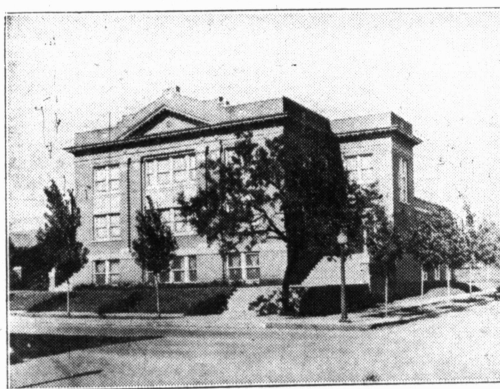
### SWEETWATER BROTHERHOOD ADOPTS R. A. S

The live an enthusiastic Brotherhood of First Church, Sweetwater, of which R. H. Taylor is president and Dr. H. W. McIntire is Brotherhood director, is not only sponsoring a Junior Brotherhood, composed of high school boys, but they have also undertaken the sponsorship of both the Junior and Intermediate units of the Royal Ambassadors.

As is well known, the R. A. work is a project of the W. M. U. and the counterpart of the Girls' Auxiliary. For some reasons, the work was not thriving in the Sweetwater Church until it was adopted by the Brotherhood. It is now a live and well attended organization. Pastor Dunlap and the members are highly pleased with this new departure and heartily commend the plan to other churches where the Royal Ambassador organizations do not function properly.

"We find," says Pastor Dunlap, "that our boys are pleased to have the men take an interest in their affairs and follow their leadership readily, in fact, enthusiastically."

## First Church, Sweetwater



## COAHOMA CONTINUES BUILDING

Without any special occasion, Sunday school attendance at Coahoma broke all previous records on Sunday, May 22. This is one of the results of the challenge forward movement in that church.

"We are in the midst of a building program," writes Pastor N. W. Pitts, "but our money was about out. So far, we have built with little money and lots of faith. At the close of our morning preaching service one

of our members asked to say a few words. He told how much he had already put in, which was by far the largest gift, but challenged the congregation by promising to give \$50.00 a month if the congregation would raise a like amount. This challenge was immediately met by many sacrificial gifts, and the service ended with a great spiritual atmosphere. So we are going right on this week, putting on the roof and starting up with the brick walls.

## SIX YEARS OF STEADY GROWTH

During the past six years, 953 members have been received into the First Church, Sweetwater, 311 of whom have been for Baptism. Of this number, 201 were received during the past year, 40 of whom were baptized. There are now 1250 members of the church, 939 of whom are residents of Sweetwater. There are 919 enrolled in the Sunday school and 192 in the B. T. U. A total of \$67,368.92 has been contributed by members during these six years, \$7,067.10 of which went to outside causes.

Although the church voted last October to double the payments on the building loan and since that time \$100 weekly has been paid instead of the \$50 formerly set aside, regular contributions exceeded budget requirements for the first four months of this year. These added contributions have been used to pay insurance premiums on the church property for three years in advance.

A preferred item in the church budget is \$83.33 monthly to the Co-operative program. District missions and Mexican missions also have an important part in the budget.

**Vacation Bible School**  
Prominent in the program of the church is the daily Vacation Bible school. Successful schools have been held for the past two years with 115 being enrolled in 1937. Plans are under way for a larger and more useful session of work this summer.

In addition to the program of building an addition to the church building, both the pastor's home and the church edifice have been painted on the outside this spring and both buildings have been partly redecorated on the interior.

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## SWEETWATER CHURCH SUPPORTS MISSIONS

Two missions projects in the city of Sweetwater are fostered by the First Baptist Church of that city. One of these projects is to reach white people in the western part of the city and the other is a Mexican mission.

Rev. Ernest Hollis is superintendent of the new mission in West Sweetwater. The Church has rented a dwelling and the Superintendent lives in part of it and part is used for worship. Mr. Hollis is engaged in doing mission work throughout that part of town.

There is a thriving mission Sunday school with an enrollment of 55 and 40 in attendance last Sunday.

Money is being raised at this time to purchase lots and erect a building which will house the activities of the mission. It is expected that a church will eventually be established to care for the spiritual needs of this section of Sweetwater but First Church is committed to maintaining the work as a mission arm of the church until such time as a self-supporting congregation can be organized.

The Mexican mission is maintained cooperatively with the Sweetwater Association. Associational Missionary to Mexicans, Donaciano Bejarano, preaches every other Sunday in Sweetwater. Recently a member of First Church, Sweetwater, gave \$170 to complete the mission building, which is well equipped for mission work.

An arm of First Church has been extended to the Mexican mission and on Sunday, May 22, six members were admitted, five of whom were baptized. Mrs. F. D. Coalson is Superintendent of the Mexican mission work.

## SCIENTISTS ON ALCOHOL

In their book, "Our Environment—The Living Things in It," George C. Wood, chairman of the department of biology and general science at the James Monroe High School, New York City, and Harry A. Carpenter, specialist in science in the Rochester public schools, Rochester, New York, make the following statement:

"We now know that alcohol is barred from athletes, at least while in training; to baseball players; to public service employees; to railroad and steamship employees—in fact in any place where strength, endurance, courage, and dependability are at all times required. The risk is too great to follow any other course of action. Said Jess Willard, at one time the world's champion boxer, 'You can't be strong and well unless you live right!'"

## MISSIONARY E S S A G E S



By B. N. SHEPHERD  
Missionary, District 17

The Preachers Evangelistic Conference opened Monday night, at the Seminary, Fort Worth, with 1,100 present, as many as was here at any time last year, says Dr. R. C. Campbell. Many more here today and many others will be here.

Professor I. E. Reynolds started us off by leading in singing several of the great old hymns interspersed by some of the most earnest prayers one ever heard.

Dr. J. Howard Williams, pastor of the First Church, Amarillo, brought the first message, "The Revival Needed Today." He was at his best—our hearts were stirred.

When Dr. R. C. Campbell preached we were challenged. He, it seems to me, is God's man for the hour. God knew what He was about when He lead the State Board to ask him to stay in Texas and lead us in this great task of soul-winning. His challenge is that every preacher and singer here and in Texas, win 100 souls during this year. New resolutions were made.

When time came for all this large group 'to go to bed' it was revealed that the people of Fort Worth and Tarrant county have everything ready for our comfort.

Tuesday A. M. found many here who had not arrived last evening. Again we could feel the Spirit of the Lord permeating the crowd. Dr. L. R. Scarborough stirred our souls, as he always does, as he spoke on "God's Love as Revealed in His Word."

Every speaker seems to be at his best. While Dr. Hudgins was speaking on, "God's Love As Revealed in His Provision", and brought out the attitude of the world toward God's Provision by giving His son, a preacher who has been studying and preaching for 35 years said, "I had never seen all that before. That is the way the Lord is leading."

Dr. E. S. James, Vernon, brought one of the most outstanding sermons I have ever heard on, "God's Keeping Love." That cultured, consecrated young man has already become a truly God empowered, outstanding preacher.

No one ever found finer Christian fellowship. I am having a good time enjoying this fellowship, but I am really having a good time seeing the others enjoy such fellowship. We are growing in grace. I feel that every church which has paid its pastor's expenses, has made a good investment.

During this day we have been graced by hearing the president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. L. R. Scarborough and also the president of the Texas State Baptist Convention, Dr. J. B. Tidwell.

We note that many of the pastors are pastors of the country churches—three to one from the larger churches. Well, all of them formerly were pastors of rural churches earlier.

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## BOOK STORE MAINTAINED IN CHURCH OFFICE

Feeling the handicap of not being able to secure religious volumes readily, the First Church of Sweetwater has established a book store in the office of the church. The initial capital for the venture was donated by a member who specified that after an adequate working capital accumulated, profits should go to church causes. Paid employees of the church act as sales force. Hundreds of Bibles and other useful books have been supplied to members and six sets of commentaries were sold at Christmas for use of teachers.

An open church office is now maintained for the first time in the history of the church. This is a service to members which no other church in the city has undertaken.

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### AS WE SEE IT

Coordination of denominational activities, friendly independence in interdenominational relations, and Southwide evangelism are three decisions of the Southern Baptist Convention which stands like Saul, son of Kish, among the host of important matters which came under the consideration of the Richmond session of that body.

With the spirit of the resolutions adopted by the Convention on these questions, the West Texas Baptist is in hearty agreement. Briefly, we will discuss each of the three reports.

### COORDINATION

In regard to the matter of overlapping denominational activities, the report impresses one as the cautious feeling of footway by one who is uncertain of his ground. It is probably true that the committee does not know the answer to the problem. We hope that is no great fault for it is one of which this editor is guilty.

But the fact that the situation is openly recognized as a problem, and that recommendations are made which magnify the church and tend to coordinate all subsidiary activities toward the great ends of enlisting all Baptists and of reaching the unsaved is a constructive step. We had as well admit that in places there has been too much of a tendency to work for an organization instead of working for Christ.

Recommendations of the report include the formation of a Church Council to formulate an integral and comprehensive church program and to coordinate the work of all church agencies. It also urges all Southwide Boards and Activities to send representatives to regular meetings which will look into the question of correlation of all programs and objectives of the denomination. We hope these recommendations will be followed in the wise spirit in which they were conceived.

Existing agencies for the enlistment and development of church members have grown with the years into great spheres of usefulness, and back of all steps that have been taken has been reason and prayer. To rush in with half-baked ideas and demands for this or that organization to contract part of its activities would be to wound consecrated workers and to engender hostilities which a lifetime would not overcome.

Wisely, the Convention accepted the report of the committee, the substance of which is that we make haste slowly, that the bulk of the problem be referred to the source of all earthly power among Baptists, the local church, to be worked out according to individual needs.

### UNION MOVEMENTS

The reports of Dr. Truett's committee on International Relations was the statesman-like assertion of the principles which we expected to come from that committee. No true Baptist church is ready to surrender its independence to any body or being, civil or ecclesiastical, save to Christ alone.

But this independence should never be allowed to degenerate to boorishness. It should not be allowed to prohibit Christian courtesy and cooperation with any who name the name of Christ in any cause which our interpretation of the scriptures will allow. If we expect to spend Eternity in Heaven with others than Baptists, this earth is a good place to practice friendly relations with them.

Baptists will remember that those in attendance at our associations and conventions are not delegates but messengers and have no authority to bind the churches or to speak for any other than themselves. Whenever a Baptist church delegates its sovereign authority to any man, giving him power to place binding obligations upon the church, it ceases to be a Baptist church and becomes an ecclesiastical body of other than New Testament Baptist faith. On this we are all agreed.

But holding steadfastly to that position does not preclude Baptists sitting in conference with leaders of other faiths and entering into friendly discussions with them. Perhaps some Baptist participation of that sort will be of value, both in making our position understood, and in restraining wholesale organic union at the expense of bitterness and dissension when the energy could better be expended in engendering a spirit of love and of cooperation in matters upon which we find ourselves agreed.

### EVANGELISM

Upon the program of Southwide Evangelism there, surely, can be dissension. Any Missionary Baptist must rejoice that the saving of lost souls in our homeland, which is becoming increasingly pagan, is the prime object of our cooperative efforts for the coming year.

All will thank God that our leadership is in the hands of the most zealous of the evangelists of our generation. Surely God was in the selection of the two men best fitted to be the lead team of this great movement. We can all team up behind Dr. Scarborough and Dr. Leavell in the great mission of bringing home the gospel to the lost.

But these leaders alone cannot do the work. They can point the way and they will pull more than their share of the load. But conquest for Christ calls for much of heart-searching prayer, much sifting of our own lives, much of living closer to the Lord.

"If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

### CONVENTION SINGER



J. D. Riddle

### CLOVIS ENTERTAINS SUNSHINE STATE B.T.U.

Central Baptist Church at Clovis will be host to the New Mexico state B. T. U. convention June 7, 8, 9. Among the speakers and conference leaders will be Dr. John L. Hill and Secretaries W. A. Harrell and Auber J. Wilds of Nashville, State Secretary S. S. Russell of Arizona and Rev. J. William Mason of Memphis, Texas.

Convention music will be directed by J. D. Riddle, Educational and Music Director of First Church, Abilene. Mrs. Riddle will be convention pianist and Mr. Riddle with his son and two daughters will render special quartet numbers. Mr. and Mrs. Riddle will also conduct Intermediate conferences.

The State Pastors' Conference will have a missionary and evangelistic session Wednesday afternoon. A highly inspirational occasion is planned for this hour.

Associational eliminations and state contests in sword drill and other events will attract a large number of Juniors and Intermediates from over the state.

It is expected that a number of B. T. U. workers of West Texas will attend sessions of this convention.

### CISCO ASSOCIATION

By H. D. Blair

Rev. Judson Prince, Pastor of the First Baptist church of Cisco, is now doing the preaching in a revival meeting in Fields Street Baptist church of Cleburne.

All of the pastors of the churches in the Association except three, are attending the Evangelistic Conference at Seminary Hill this week.

District Missionary B. N. Shepherd brought to the East Cisco Baptist Church a splendid message last Sunday night.

Central Baptist Church, Ranger, has disbanded, and have disposed of its church property.

Pastor N. A. Sanders and Gorman church will on Wednesday evening, June 8th, ordain three deacons.

Parks Church is going on in a great way under the fine leadership of Pastor A. B. Mosley.

### OBSERVATIONS DURING A REVIVAL

By Dr. E. S. James

When 250 persons agree to pray daily from bended knees and in an audible voice there is never any question about the ultimate results.

When the Holy Spirit does the convicting and Jesus does the drawing it is still possible for men to come even from the balcony to make a surrender.

When a church has its best revival services on the last day of the meeting it can reasonably well expect the revival spirit to continue many days.

Those who do personal work in the homes are rewarded in the public profession of penitents.

There is no substitute for the Gospel in sermon and song. The results abide.

When sinners surrender their wills they find it possible to trust Jesus for full salvation.

Those who live the Christ-mastered life find it possible to win others to Him.

Those who determine they will not surrender find that God respects their wills.

Crowds gather when Jesus is in the house.

Metamorphosis. — "Your husband has a new suit."  
"No, he hasn't."  
"Well, something's different."  
"It's a new husband."—Kansas City Star.

## News Notes

Pastor Albert T. Douglas and the Calvary Baptist of Bakersfield, California, were blessed with a gracious revival in May. Dr. George W. McCall of Dallas preached for the meeting. Miss Blanche Rose Walker, who is doing mission work at Bakersfield, says of Dr. McCall, "A blessed preacher of the Gospel, humble, happy, keen of intellect, full of power, used of God."

In a local option vote in Abilene and Taylor County in Texas recently the wet forces were defeated five to two. This seems on the face of it to be an expression of appreciation on the part of the citizens of Abilene for the great body of students attending the Colleges and University there. It is estimated that these students spend not less than \$1,000,000,000 annually in Abilene.—Baptist New Mexican.

The Buckner Bible Class of First Church, Vernon, had 188 men in attendance at a class banquet last week.

Rev. Grady W. Metcalf has resigned at Mexia to accept the unanimous call to the First Church, Temple. Pastor Metcalf leaves a debt-free church at Mexia where he baptized over 300 converts during his four years in that pastorate.

Pecan Grove Church, San Saba Association, Rev. John P. Cundiff, pastor, has 65 resident members. Recently they enrolled 67 in a B. T. U. training school and 41 took examinations. Sunday night following the course 85 registered in the B. T. U. Five people converted during the course were baptized into the church.

In addition to the Preachers' Evangelistic conference at the Southwestern Seminary this week, a similar evangelistic session is being held for Negro Baptist preachers at Bishop College, Marshall. There are approximately 425,000 Negro Baptists in Texas alone.

There were 111 additions to the Church at Tomball, near Houston, in a recent revival conducted by Rev. Graves Darby. Only six months ago the same evangelist held a revival with this church resulting in 84 additions.

Dr. M. E. Davis, head of the Bible department of Howard Payne College, delivered the address to the graduating class of Miles High school.

Southern Baptists gained in everything last year except in number of preachers. There were more churches, more Sunday schools, more baptisms and more missionaries. It would be interesting to know, in this connection how many churches changed from one-fourth to half-time and from one-half to full time, thus increasing the need for preachers.

Rev. Aubrey Short of Forsan is in a meeting with Pastor E. E. Mason and the West Side Church at Big Spring.

Pastor W. R. Derr of Ralls visited relatives in Abilene last week.

Rev. Chas. A. Powell of University Church, Abilene, was the principal speaker at the Sunday school workers meeting of Zones 1 and 2, Sweetwater Association. He discussed the events of the Southern Baptist convention. Superintendent Robert S. Hays of South Side Church, Abilene, presided over the meeting, which had 46 in attendance. The group will meet June 26 with Pastor Tatum and the North Park church.

An enthusiastic Brotherhood was organized in Temple Church, Abilene, last week. Seventeen enrolled at the first meeting.

### EVENTS IN OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY

C. C. Andrews, Baird, Texas

Who was it that told a certain king, "What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?" And what was the occasion?

I Samuel, 15th chapter. Note. The reader will be edified by reading the Bible story in connection with the questions found in this column each week.

It matters not if you lose your reputation as long as you retain your character.

Always in Gear.—"My wife is very irritable; the least thing sets her off."  
"You're lucky at that, mine's a self-starter."—Answers.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For June 5, 1938

By Hight C. Moore

### SERVING BY PERSONAL DEVOTION TO CHRIST

Mark 14:3-11, 27-31

Golden Text: She hath done what she could. Mark 14:8.

Personal devotion to Christ was displayed in love's noonday glory by Mary's anointing of him at Bethany; in hate's midnight gloom by Judas' bargain for his betrayal at Jerusalem; and in faith's temporary eclipse by Peter's denial of him during his trial before the Jewish authorities.

#### 1. Fragrance of Personal Devotion

The Perfume of the Anointing by Mary shows the fragrance of personal devotion to Christ. (1) The perfume of devotion arose from the loving act of Mary in that beautiful home scene at Bethany. Jesus and the Twelve were at table in the house of Simon the leper, whom Jesus doubtless had cleansed. While the meal was being served or at its close, Mary took an alabaster flask containing a very costly perfume of pure spikenard, broke it, and poured its contents on the head of Jesus. It was an act of ardent love for the Lord who, she felt, was soon to enter the shadows. It was a perfume that still pervades the house of humanity. (2) The acid of avarice was manifest in the criticism of Judas. Indignantly addressing his fellow disciples, he censured the anointing as absolute waste. Why had not Mary sold this perfume for three hundred denarii and turned the money over to the poor? Some of the disciples thoughtlessly joined in the criticism, but Judas had a motive, as John points out: He was treasurer and thief, for if the price of the perfume had gotten to him, it would have gotten no further. (3) The aroma of appreciation exhaled in the defense of Jesus. He shielded the devoted woman from her critics. He commended her act as a good work. He declared its timeliness, since he was soon to go while the poor would always remain. He praised her for doing what she could. He accepted the anointing as advance perfume for his burial. He promised that in all the world this good deed should be told wherever men preached the gospel. How Jesus appreciated the anointing!

#### 2. Falsity in Personal Devotion

The Plot of the Betrayal by Judas exhibits falsity and failure in personal devotion to Christ. He had been with Jesus for three years and never a flaw did he find in his Master. He held a post of honor among the Apostles. Doubtless he joined his companions in working miracles and preaching the good news. But Satan dwelt in his heart and he was never a true disciple. He knew that the Jewish authorities at Jerusalem had for months sought to slay Jesus. Not until Tuesday of Crucifixion Week did their purpose take form when they bargained with Judas to betray him. The demon in Judas had been aroused at Bethany on Saturday evening when Jesus defended Mary against his criticism. So he "went unto the chief priests" (probably in personal interview with Annas) and to their joy agreed to deliver Jesus into their hands for thirty pieces of silver. Then he rejoined the circle around Jesus awaiting a convenient hour and seeking the first opportunity to betray the Lord. Was there ever such falsity?

#### 3. Faltering in Personal Devotion

The Prediction of the Denials by Peter forecast faltering in personal devotion to Christ. On that night of nights Peter was astounded when Jesus told him what he would do before daybreak. Yet follow the apostle from midnight to about three o'clock in the morning of Crucifixion Day. We hear him boasting that he would never stumble on account of his Master though others should fail and fall, and that he would die before he would deny his Lord. We see him arming himself with a sword in order to be ready, as he thought, for any emergency. But he was a sound sleeper in Gethsemane while Jesus prayed in agony. Yet he was a furious fighter when Judas appeared with an armed guard to arrest Jesus, for he attempted to behead the high priest's servant. And he was a faraway follower as Jesus was taken back to the city for the trial. The arraignment before Annas was preceded by Peter's first denial (which was simply a careless statement) and followed by his second and third denials (the one compromising and the other confirmed) within the hour or so before the cock-crowing. But the look of the Lord brought him to his senses and sent penitential tears gush-

### ing hot down his cheeks.

#### Personal Devotion to Christ Pleases Him

(1) Personal Devotion Preparing. "An alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious." Mary's perfume was worth a laborer's wages for nearly a year. No doubt it was the most valuable thing in the house. And it was secured on purpose.

(2) Personal Devotion Pouring Out. "She brake the box, and poured it on his head." Ought we not to give Jesus our very best? Nothing else would satisfy Mary. Will anything else satisfy Christ? Let the flask be broken, the precious contents poured over the sacred head, and the room be filled with the odor. It is not waste to "waste" on Jesus.

(3) Personal Devotion Criticized. "There was some that had indignation—they murmured against her." See the face of Judas cloud at what he saw. How he wished he could handle the funds that flask would bring! Greed and envy are yet in the earth. Hear the bitter words roll off the tongue of Judas. He cared not for wounding Mary, disturbing the company, or detracting from Christ. He was a covetous cynic.

(4) Personal Devotion Commended. "She hath wrought a good work on me—She hath done what she could." The critics may rage, but Jesus appreciates. He knows what it costs us to give him our best. When Jesus speaks for us, we are hardly sorry that Judas spoke against us. How safe we are with Him as our Defender!

(5) Personal Devotion Interpreted. "She is some aforehand to anoint my body to the burying." Sometimes our good is evil spoken of, as Mary learned that evening. But how her good work glows under the interpretation of Jesus! The memorial of Mary goes along with the gospel in its world-girding work. Thus shines a good deed in a darkened world.

(6) Personal Devotion Under Fire. "All ye shall be offended." It was an hour of darkness, physical and spiritual. Jesus was fettered and in the hands of his foes. His followers had scattered. Everybody seemed against him. The Jews had determined on his death. The traitor apostle had betrayed him. The Roman governor was soon to send him to Golgotha. If ever he needed a friend, it was then. How ignominiously Peter failed him!

(7) Personal Devotion Compromising. "The sheep shall be scattered." The first denial was hardly more than the shake of the head and a mumbled undertone. But it was a denial. An honest confession of Christ right then might have accomplished much. Peter seems not to have joined John after entering and certainly he did not stand close to Jesus. He drifted into the group about the fire. Therein he blundered.

(8) Personal Devotion Faltering. "Thou shalt deny me thrice." What a chance Peter had to testify! It was dangerous, no doubt, but glorious. How Peter to his dying day must have regretted his decision! To resist Satan is to honor Christ. It was the hour of Peter's sifting. His faith did not fail, but the flesh did.

(9) Personal Devotion Remembering. "Before the cock crow twice." When the Lord turned and looked upon Peter, the swearing apostle collapsed instantly and utterly. That look of injured love penetrated the marrow. Then he remembered the warning word of Jesus. He saw what he had done. He knew that Jesus knew—and cared!

(10) Personal Devotion Restoring and Restored. "I will go before you." In bitter, burning, blessed tears Peter found his soul. He had strayed and sinned, but in his heart of hearts he loved and trusted and served the Lord.

### Daily Bible Readings

May 30—Mary's Gift of Love. Mark 14:3-11.

May 31—Peter's Boast. Mark 14:27-31.

June 1—Zeal Born of Love. Phil. 2:12-18.

June 2—Love Shown in Deeds. I John 3:16-19.

June 3—A Prayer of Love. Eph. 3:14-21.

June 4—Love to Christ Pre-eminent. Matt. 10:32-39.

June 5—A Song of Devotion. Psalm 116:1-14.

### SENTENCE SERMONS

By O. D. Henley

Happiness is preferable to fame. We more often say what we choose than choose what we say. When man acts without reason, he does that which a brute may do. Evil thoughts precede evil actions.

# W. M. U. DEPARTMENT

## MISSIONARY WRITES OF CONDITIONS IN CHINA

By Miss Blanche Rose Walker

My heart seems bombed today. Word comes that yesterday grand old Kaifeng City, my home-town in China, was horribly bombed. But that was not the worst. The desecration of our women and girls by Japanese soldiers was unspeakably full of horror.

Dr. Harris and our lovely Josephine Ward and Addie E. Cox had not been heard from, but they must have made their escape as they had been expecting the Japanese for some time.

The following letter from Daniel Lee, son of Pastor Lee of Kaifeng, reveals the preparation at our Drum Tower church for the wholesale slaughter of those who had no way of escape.

This lad is a very true and tried Christian.

Blanche Rose Walker.

My Dear Miss Walker:

How are you, my aunt? Do you like me call you this name? My mother told me that when I was a little boy I called you "Aunt," and true, you like my aunt.

I think of pray for you every day. My mother do as me also. I wish that God bless you and take care of you evermore. All of us in Drum Tower Church wish that you come back Kaifeng. We want see you again when the war that is between China and Japan stopped.

I now tell you about Kaifeng. The alarm box often makes sound to show that Japan's airplanes shall come to Kaifeng. Pray for our China, please.

We sing, "God will take care of you, thru every day—" to the sad refugees in our church yard. How glad I was! I can hear your words "I can see you" with my heart!"

written in your letter to Peter Lee. I now can see you in my own prayer.

My mother goes always to visit the members. Now I have grown taller and stronger and I think you want to see me very much, so send you my picture. Do you like it? Is there much mistakes in my letter? I have so poor English words.

Give my love to your Big Sister. Your loving pupil, Daniel Lee.

### ROSCOE VOTES DRY

Precinct 5 of Nolan County, which includes Roscoe and the communities of Champion and Wastella, refused to permit the return of legal beer by a vote of 3 to 1. This heavy majority will count mightily when the county-wide election comes up. Rev. James N. Easterwood is pastor at Roscoe.

Truth cannot win when creeds are of more concern than character and when party loyalty is made the test of good citizenship.

## BRAZILIAN CITY HAS OVER 1000 IN SERVICES

By Missionary Harley Smith

The Lord is blessing the work in Porto Alegre, Brazil, in a most marvelous way. The winds of opposition and destruction seem to help the work of God go forward.

There were more than a thousand in the various Sunday Schools in Porto Alegre and vicinity last Sunday. Perhaps this is the largest number that we have ever had in the Sunday Schools at any one time. We are trying for this number as a goal for each Sunday before the end of the year.

On the first Friday of April there was organized a workers meeting in the Central Church of Porto Alegre. We are now to have these meetings on the First Friday night of each month in a different church of the city. It is hoped that this movement will bring great blessings to the cause of the Master.

There were seven baptisms in the Central Church of Porto Alegre during the month of March. Our Sunday School and church services are being more largely attended all the while. There are a great number of interested ones attending the services. Decisions are made for Christ in every service.

God greatly blessed the visit of Drs. Dodd and Taylor. They will be long remembered in this section for their noble service to the cause of the Master.

The churches have begun their programs for the observance of Mother's Day on the Second Sunday in May. There are always special days and days of profit and blessing to the cause of Christ here.

Please do not forget to pray for us in the blessed task of evangelization here in far South Brazil.

### SOUTHEAST ABILENE MISSION GROWING

Twenty new members were enrolled in the Sunday school at the new Willow street mission of the First Church, Abilene, bringing the enrollment up to 77 and an attendance last Sunday of 72. In other words, all who enrolled returned the next Sunday except five.

The Mission Sunday school is carried on the records as a department of the First Church Sunday school and by virtue of that fact, J. D. Riddle is general superintendent. However, there are workers from other churches, notably Temple Church.

At an All-Church Social at the Mission last week there were 85 in attendance. The building is also used as headquarters of a new troop of Boy Scouts which meets Monday evenings under the direction of Scoutmaster Chas. L. Lashley.

# The Kinship of Christian Character to Good Citizenship

By T. C. GARDNER, Dallas, Texas

Webster says, "A citizen is an inhabitant who enjoys the freedom and privileges of a city, town or place in which he resides; the freeman of a city, town or place has distinction from a foreigner, or one not entitled to its franchise." Webster also says, "In a general sense, a citizen is a native or a permanent resident in a city, town or country. In the United States, a citizen is a person, native or naturalized, who has the privilege of exercising the franchise."

The Father of our Country, George Washington, said: "If the citizens of the United States are not free and happy, the fault will be entirely their own."

Citizenship includes practically all of our relations with others: in town, city, state and in the nation itself. The results of our decisions in our capacity as citizens affect our business, our schools, our homes, our industries, our factories, and even our personal lives. Certainly it is important under any form of government. It is tremendously important in a democracy. There the franchise enables every citizen to give his own opinion as to the candidate to be elected, the policy to be adopted and, at times, even the issue to be decided. The moment when the citizen casts his ballot is the moment of the year when he does the thing of supreme importance so far as his chance to affect the state is concerned. All his talking before or after that moment acquires meaning or proves his insincerity in the light of what he then does. If a man talks like a Christian and votes like a pagan, his talk is froth. If he belongs to a church between election days but to some questionable political gang when he votes, his religion has become "sounding brass" or a "clanging symbol." The act of voting in a democracy is the act whereby a man delivers the full weight of his influence on either the right or the wrong side of pending issues. The most of those issues have large social bearing and large moral implications.

If a man's religion has no meaning for that kind of a moment, it is without value either as religion or as an effective force for moral living; it is salt that has lost its savor and good for nothing but to be trodden under the foot of men.

### Indifference—American Citizens' Besetting Sin

One of the things that distresses me most is not the badness of the bad but indifference of the good. Many good people are not applying their goodness to political situations; they do not think in moral terms when they act politically. Many good people call politics unclean and thus comfort themselves for leaving it alone without stopping to realize that in a democracy when the good citizens will not, then the bad citizens can. Good citizens allow the showing of questionable moving pictures, the establishment of road houses, the operation of slot machines, all of which undermine the home. Good citizens have permitted a literature that have permitted a literature that to be distributed has put a premium on lust and crime, a literature that distorts the ideals of life for every youth that reads it. And yet, good citizens go on their way indifferent to it or helpless in the presence of it.

### Responsibility of Christian Citizens

It has been said that the American citizen regards citizenship as a privilege instead of a responsibility; that the majority of American citizens think of politics as a place to get something rather than an opportunity to use their influence for the right control of civic affairs. One is regarded as "tops" who can get favors from government officials that the common man cannot. The same one "chuckles" when the judge tears up the tag for parking over-time or when the building inspector gives him special permission to erect an "out-lawed" building in a restricted district. The thought of citizenship merely to obtain favors or privileges is a most dangerous idea. At present many American citizens are drawing heavily on our government instead of making a worthy contribution toward it. The dole system has always had a tendency to encourage people to accept privileges and shirk respon-

sibilities. Organized citizenship in a democracy is the group operation of the machine of control. It creates privileges but it involves responsibilities. It is the realization of the responsibility involved that is the mark of the moral element in the citizenship concept; it is the absence of that realization that is the mark of a diseased condition. That which made America great at the beginning was the stress on citizenship not as a privilege but as a responsibility.

### The Place of Christianity in Citizenship

If any one group is more responsible than another for the restoration of the finest quality of citizenship, it is that group composed of Christian men and women. Jesus taught that selfishness is one of the greatest sins; that power should be exerted for the blessing of others; that we are saved to serve; that if we avoid responsibility and try to save our lives, we lose them; that Christians are to be the light of the world, the salt of the earth. If Christian people with a perfect Savior to guide them do not feel the responsibility of making their influence and leadership count for righteousness and fair dealing through government, who will? We do not need to mobilize the church's constituency into a political bloc nor the Christian churches into a political party; but every church should so effect every person coming under its influence that every individual member's idea of citizenship should be the highest and the finest. Christianity is the motivation for right thinking, right living, and heroic Christian service. The same Christian spirit that inspires one to think Christ-like thoughts and seek to live the Christ-like life should inspire that one to hold up the highest possible standards in city, state, and national governments.

### Democracy grows best in a soil fertilized by religion. This is doubtless true because democracy, like religion, is based on faith in the individual soul. Autocracy seems to grow best in the soil from which religion is being eliminated. A study at present of the conflict between Totalitarian and Democratic philosophy has at least led to the above conclusion. What can an individual citizen do to raise standards, preserve the ideals, and save the institutions of our country? To answer that question, we need to go back and study the ideals, standards and programs of our forefathers. They were religious men. They had a sturdy faith in God. They did not depend for their strength upon machinery nor the gadgets of a prolific scientific age for they had none. Nor did they depend upon the ability of their minds alone, but in the last analysis, their dependence was upon Divine guidance. Our forefathers not only believed in God, professed a faith in Him, but they also expressed their belief and faith by the lives they lived and the service they rendered. They not only lived like Christians but they also worked and voted like Christians.

When I visited the land of Egypt last summer, I was impressed with the ruins of a vast civilization. I sailed upon the Nile; stood in the ancient castles and mosques; wandered through the columns of the temples; rode through the valley of the tombs of kings; gazed upon the great Sphinx, the silent face of the centuries; and stood by the great pyramids near Cairo. At that time I thought of the historic phrase often on the lips of scholars, "Egypt, the mother of civilization." In it all I could see a nation that had drifted away from Christian principles, a citizenship separate and apart from Christian standards and ideals. I could see men and women marching away from God and away from the church. Then I remember that someone had said that the civilizations of today may be classified into five zones of thought:

First: The Far West—slumbering thought

Second: The Near East—awakening thought

Third: Europe—confused and battling thought

Fourth: Great Britain—advancing thought

Fifth: America—expanding thought

If the above classification is anything like true, it is for America to take the world into her arms and life humanity up into the Christian light. American friendship and Christian citizenship should develop a dynamic leadership that will lead the world. Society must be saved from the top down. The body must be saved by the brain. The man must be saved by the mind. Society must be saved by the saint—the Christian citizen. The people who call themselves

# Hardin-Simmons News

## HONOR GRADUATES NAMED AT H-SU, WED.

William Hall Preston, Nashville, Tenn., assistant secretary of the Southwide Baptist Student Union was commencement speaker at the 46th graduating exercises of the university. President J. D. Sandefor awarded diplomas and Dean Julius N. Olsen presented medals and awards.

Highest honors in the graduation of 92 members of the Hardin-Simmons class of 1938 went to Misses Francine Merritt, Santa Anna, and Louise Toombs, Abilene, who received the award of Summa Cum Laude. Other honor graduates were: Agnes Bentley, Abilene; Loyal E. Brown, Abilene; Dorothy Sue Collins, Abilene; Charles Wm. Dickson, Fort Worth; Marjorie Dobbs, Abilene; Wm. Rees Gaddis, Alamogordo, New Mexico; Ruth Hemphill, Coleman; Douglas Kelly, Monroe, La.; Wilma Richardson, Abilene; Amelia Spiers, Piquette, Miss.; Francine Wright, Abilene; and Laverne Yeargan, Abilene.

Among other honors conferred at the commencement exercises were: Julius Nelson Olsen Medal to the graduate with the highest honors, Francine Merritt, Santa Anna; The Minter Medal, highest scholarship for the year, Pauline Judd, Elmdale; Wm. H. Atwell Medal, essay, Clarence W. Dawson; A. M. Carpenter Art Medal, Billie Cotton; Suella Lacy Art Medal, Jack Cartwright; C. M. Presley Band Medal, Buster F. Horn; E. C. Eley Band Medal, Buster F. Horn; Beth Compere; W. C. Friley Medal for excellence in Science, William Rees Gaddis; Dictionary for Freshman Honors, Grace Elizabeth Compere; Players medals, Paul Hensley and Frances Thomas.

## AUDIO-VISUAL TEACHING ATTRACTS EDUCATORS

Indications are that the largest enrollment in the summer session of Hardin-Simmons University will be in the course in audio-visual education. Superintendents from as far away as Haskell and Mitchell counties are planning to bring their teachers daily to the University for instruction in these courses.

Classes are scheduled to meet at

Baptists have a marvelous opportunity at this time to make a contribution to American citizenship by winning our boys and girls to Christ and then training them in Christian doctrines so that they will put service above themselves and go forward with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Those planning to enter the Senior Oratorical Contest, sponsored by the State B. T. U. convention, will do well to study this splendid article.—Editor.

7:00 A. M. but time may be changed to accommodate the majority of those enrolled. The regular day for registrations is June 2 but enrollment in this popular course will be accepted as late as Wednesday, June 8.

The department has ample facilities and library for the course and prominent speakers on visual education will appear before the conference groups. The latter part of the first term of six weeks will be given to demonstration of visual aids and equipment to which teachers are invited.

Teachers who wish to qualify for certificates will have the opportunity to do practice teaching in the laboratory school under the direct supervision of members of the faculty in the department of education.

## LABORATORY SCHOOL DRAWS MANY PUPILS

J. F. Dixon, principal of the elementary school at Rochester, will be principal of the Laboratory school of the department of Education in Hardin-Simmons University summer session. Mr. Dixon is a graduate of North Texas Teachers College and a graduate student of H-SU.

Registration for pupils who plan to take elementary work in this school will be on Saturday, June 4, and classes will begin Monday following. Special attention will be given to children who need drill in reading, spelling, arithmetic and penmanship. Enrichment courses will also be offered in social sciences, literature, art and music.

Broad recreational activities, including swimming will be offered. All work will be directed by experienced degree-holding teachers. These instructors have been selected because of classroom success along chosen lines.

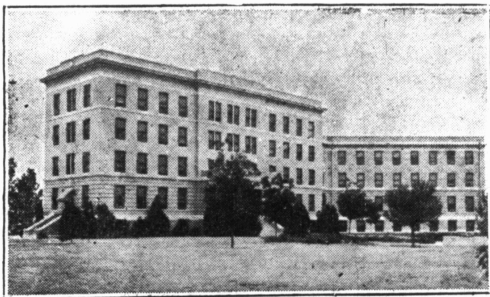
Enrollment will be on two plans. Pupils who wish to do review work may enroll for the first six weeks with a tuition of \$5. Those who wish credit for semester work will enroll for eight weeks with tuition fees of \$6.50. Classes will meet six days weekly from 8 to 12:30.

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### MARIJUANA, MENACE TO YOUTH

By Sam Malone in the Seminole Sentinel

A recent press dispatch out of Pittsburgh calls attention to 'Marijuana, foster parent of murder, sex crimes and holdups, which has become a nation-wide menace to the youth of America and a source of never ending worry to law enforcement agencies.

This cheap weed, growing wild and uncultivated in thousands of fields and vacant lots, presents one of the most difficult problems the law enforcement agents has ever had to contend with. The adaptability of the weed to any soil and its cheapness make it a constant menace in every city and state in the Union.

Its abundance brings it within the price range of everyone — including school children, who are anxious to show their friends they can "take it," without realizing the harm they are doing themselves—or their companions. For as little as 15 cents a cigarette the crafty "smuggler" worms his goods into the hands of thrilled high school students who then sneak behind barns and buildings and "boldly" smoke the "reefers" as a taunt to their more timid playfellows. So deadly are the effects of the weed the federal government itself is engaged in a battle to stamp it out at its source. Under federal narcotic experts in Washington, groups of police from the various states are receiving training which will help them in their task of wiping out the source of the evil weed.

Since its introduction in the United States during the World war, some of the nation's worst crimes have been chalked up against it. It damages the user's mind, and physicians maintain that the continual user will eventually become insane.

In the state of New Mexico recently over half of all the crimes committed within its boundaries were blamed on marijuana.

#### PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES—

Friday, June 3—

F. T. N. Woodward, evangelistic worker, Wuchow, Ks., China.

Saturday, June 4—

Bertha Tooms Maer (Mrs. W. Q.), educational worker, Castilla 185, Temuco, Peru.

Sunday, June 5—

Alice Speiden Moore (Mrs. Wm. Dewey), evangelistic worker, 93 Via Boncompagni, Rome, Italy; Esther A. Olsen, evangelistic worker, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, Africa.

Monday, June 6—

Dr. H. Glenn Walker, medical worker, Baptist Hospital, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, Africa.

Tuesday, June 7—

Mary R. McCormick (Mrs. Hugh P.), educational worker, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, Africa. (Now on furlough at Summit, Mississippi.)

Wednesday, June 8—

Leola Smith Brothers (Mrs. L. Raymond), evangelistic worker, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, Africa.

Thursday, June 9—

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wilson, home missionaries to the deaf, 4511 1-2 Bryan Street, Dallas, Texas.

#### A BAMBOO PIPE ORGAN

In a small, old church near Manila, Philippine Islands, relates Missionary J. Walton Moore, is the only organ in the world with pipes of bamboo. In keeping with the hand-made organ the furniture of the church is of the rustic type, but the music, say Mr. and Mrs. Moore, is sweet and beautiful.

Las Pinas Church in Rezal Province was constructed in 1762. More than half a century later a friar, Father Diego Cera, came to the church and found it without an organ. In 1818 he began the work of building one. He first selected the bamboo stalks and to prevent a species of insect called the bamboo bug from destroying his work, the reeds were buried for six months in the salt sand of the seashore. After three years of labor the organ was completed with 950 pipes of bamboo.

Twice in the last century the organ was severely damaged, once by an earthquake and again by rains following a typhoon which unroofed the church. This unique organ has been fully repaired in keeping with the original construction and is an object of especial interest to tourists.

The reason there are so few great leaders is the fact that most of us qualify as followers.

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#### LAMAR STREET PASTOR



Rev. T. J. Sparkman

### LAMAR STREET CHURCH GROWING AND BUILDING

Pastor T. J. Sparkman recently concluded his first year with Lamar Street Church, Sweetwater, with a record of 86 additions to the congregation, 44 of whom were baptized. During this time over \$2,500.00 has been expended on the church building and all phases of the work have moved forward.

Some years ago Lamar Street Church began a new structure, constructing a basement where they continued to worship through depressed years. Within the past year, work was begun on the main story of the house, with construction going forward on the pay as you go plan. At the present rate of progress, within two or three months this floor of the church will be sufficiently complete for use, with all new construction paid for.

In addition to the main auditorium, the new part of the building will contain a pastor's study and seven Sunday school rooms. The basement will be used for banquets and for an assembly room.

Beside the house of worship, the congregation owns a neat parsonage with three lots between it and the church. The total value of the church property was recently appraised at \$20,000.00.

Plans are being made for a revival as soon as the new auditorium is ready for occupation.

Although there are 380 names on the church roll, there are only about 300 resident members, who are distributed in 100 families. Recent high attendance in the Sunday school was 180, with 80 in B. T. U. The church has active work in the W. M. U. and the Brotherhood, and encouraging progress is being made in these departments.

#### SIX YEARS OF STEADY GROWTH

(Continued from page 1)

During the past six years the equipment in the church office has been developed from an old table and a worn typewriter to a large, room equipped with desk, counter, filing cabinet, a safe for records, a desk for workers, complete office tools and shelving for the church book store.

#### Revivals

Nine revivals have been held in the church during the service of Pastor Dunlap. One was held by Dr. George W. Truett, another by Dr. Marshall Craig with Harry P. Wooten directing song services, and two by Evangelist C. Y. Dossey with Singer Joe Trussell. Others were held by State Evangelist W. Y. Pond, Rev. C. E. Hereford with Prof. I. E. Reynolds, Dr. C. R. Shirer, Rev. Winston Borum, and a young peoples revival conducted by Luther Holcomb and Jack Gardner.

Training schools have been conducted by Secretary G. S. Hopkins and a staff of workers for each department, Miss Helen Gardner, E. Earl Mead, and Miss Grace Conn, now Mrs. R. R. Rodgers.

Among visiting speakers have been Dr. L. R. Scarborough, Secretaries R. C. Campbell, J. Howard Williams, and T. C. Gardner and many others including Dr. J. B. Tidwell, H. E. Dana, E. B. Atwood, N. A. Moore and M. E. Davis.

One of the most difficult things to recover, once it is lost, is faith and confidence and trust in a fellow man. Strange, when common sense tells how valuable these things are in human and business relationships, that some men will sacrifice them for a trivial personal advantage. — Miles Messenger.

### WAR BABIES

By The Committee on Relief in China

Hundreds of "war babies" are being born every night in refugee camps, in vacant lots and on sidewalks among the destitute and homeless war victims of Shanghai. Most of the babies have a brick pavement for their cradle and a piece of newspaper for their swaddling clothes.

Each morning, a pitiful procession of mothers bearing their new-born line up at improvised clinics and hospitals. They beg for small-pox inoculation, milk and American cod-liver oil. If a crib or basket can be found in any of the baby shelters in the Settlement, the mite is taken in. But many must be refused for lack of room.

Wrung by the anguish of these war babies, groups of foreign women are busy making additional shelters for them. One group of American women have turned their club rooms into nursery dormitories and in addition are utilizing unused bedrooms in private homes and in schools which they are fitting with cribs and cots.

Nursing care for the tiny charges is being supplied by volunteer service. Many of these foreign women who are bathing dozens of war babies and making milk formulas for them, come from homes with a staff of six or eight servants, and are the wives of prominent business and professional men in the International Settlement. A few are giving their whole time to it.

#### MISSIONARY MESSAGES

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God seems to be placing so many of His best preachers in His smaller and rural churches. Why not? Jesus bought all of His churches with His own blood. I wish the readers could see them as I do now, sitting in the choir loft in this building. They are as fine as the finest.

Pastor E. D. Dunlap, First Church, Sweetwater, is to begin his seventh year next week. These have been fruitful years as you see from the editor's story. When a church grows to the size of this one in a fast growing town it often becomes the hardest of all churches. One reason is that some of the members do not keep up and appoint themselves as a committee to "Hold Things Down."

That good church, I am sure, will soon have an educational director to lead out into greater service. The talented pastor is a truly successful evangelist. I know the church is proud of him. The church is winning souls beyond its borders when it sends him out as it often does. That is one of the joys and privileges of a church and her pastor. May this fine combination of this pastor and church have as successful, and ever greater, for the next six years is our prayer.

Brother O'Brien reports splendid progress in the church at Stamford.

After about a quarter of a century of outstanding service, Pastor M. A. Jenkins and the First Church, our Mother church of the West, goes marching on to greater and greater heights of service.

W. D. Green is to preach at Rule next Sunday.

Brother C. D. Curtis, formerly a student in H-SU, but now of Johnson City, Texas, told me that he is the only Baptist preacher in his county. He has ten meetings arranged and is asking for some help.

Pastor J. R. Mayes and his church at Baird are to begin a two-weeks meeting next Sunday with S. L. Tidwell of H-SU. Let us join in prayer that it shall be a true revival.

Brethren, be sure to remember the camps and Camp Lueders—Girls, on July 6-9; General Camp, July 18-29; Boys, August 8-11. Pray for the camps and attend them. Last year we had one of our best soul-winning opportunities. The 77 who were saved went back all over the district to be a blessing to His cause, perhaps, over a greater territory than any other meeting.

#### RAMBLING REMARKS

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He could not have made the request at a more appropriate time, for if you are not in a mood to swear after thirty minutes with a twenty-years-old portable, then your oath would be worthless in any court. I heard a man say this morning that the preaching of a certain brother did not have any body to it, and it would be useless to add that he does not have any body to listen to it.

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### UNUSUAL AUDITORIUM IN OPEN AIR

Sunday evening preaching services at First Church, Sweetwater, are held throughout the summer months in an attractive outdoor meeting place on the church property. A lot to the rear of the church edifice is enclosed on the other three sides with a hedge. The ground, which is well sodded, has been terraced in such a manner as to provide an inclined floor for the audience and elevations for the pulpit and choir. A weatherproof box houses a piano for the season.

A most unusual feature of the outdoor auditorium is the plan of lighting. It is a well known fact that the usual plan of stringing lights is expensive but carries the penalty of attracting bugs. The Sweetwater plan, which Pastor Dunlap discovered during a revival meeting, is to use orange colored lights. Experimentation proved that the insects are less attracted by orange than by any other color. While this plan reduces the illumination to some extent, it also makes possible open air services in comfort.

### THE MARVELS OF GOD

By REV. EDWARD B. JENKENS Pastor First Baptist Church, Rutherfordton, N. C.

David Livingstone, the great missionary to Africa, whose body lies in Westminster Abbey in London, discovered the Victoria Falls in 1855, and named them after the Queen of his country. They are a mile and a quarter wide, and suddenly drop into a chasm 400 feet deep. These falls are two and a half times as high as Niagara, and surpass our famous falls in grandeur. Every minute 80,000,000 gallons of water drops from a height greater than from the top of St. Paul's Cathedral in London. These falls are almost in the heart of Africa, and for centuries were never seen by the eyes of white men. Livingstone was the first white man ever to look upon them.

God's marvels are revealed in nature. Mountains are God's thoughts piled up. Spreading lakes reflect His smile. Blooming flowers radiate the perfume of His love; and golden sunsets portray the riches of His grace.

David, gazing upon the starlight skies of a Syrian blue, announced: "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork" (Ps. 19:1).

### BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF SPANISH BAPTIST WORK IN NEW MEXICO

J. B. Parker

If one could take his stand on a high mountain in New Mexico with the ability to take in at one glance all of the Spanish Baptist work in New Mexico from the time of Hiram Read before the Civil War to the present time, he would see:

More than a hundred Baptists in the state at the beginning of the Civil War.

Baptist work closed at the close of the war.

Baptist work taken over by the Methodists and other denominations. Spanish Baptist work reopened at the beginning of the 20th Century.

One lone Baptist, Blaz Chavez, lived across the long period from pre-war times and helped reopen the work closed in the 20th Century.

Northern Baptists making some

### PALACIOS CAMPAIGN

To Texas Baptists. Dear Friends:

The campaign to raise \$20,000 for the Texas Baptist Encampment started Sunday, April 3, and will close June 28, at the time the encampment opens its session at Palacios.

The trustees of the encampment opens its session at Palacios.

The trustees of the encampment have suggested that the names of all churches, together with the amounts contributed, be printed in the Baptist Standard, The Gulf Coast Baptist and The West Texas Baptist. The report will be made by associations and districts; therefore, I hope every church in every association will send a worthy contribution in at once. Please ask that the checks be made payable to the Texas Baptist Encampment and mailed to the State B. T. U. Department, 708 Burt Building, Dallas.

I sincerely hope that every church in Texas will make a worthy contribution to the encampment.

Meet us in Palacios, June 28-July 8. Your friend, L. L. Silkenen, Pres. Texas Baptist Encampment.

progress until their work closed in 1912.

Southern Baptists during the 2 1-2 past decades making some progress, though nothing to boast of.

A little more than 500 Spanish Baptists scattered over a large state, more than half of them as sheep without a shepherd.

A strong Spanish pastor in Albuquerque.

An efficient veteran Spanish missionary in the Pecos Valley.

A hard working zealous Spanish preacher working in the lower Pecos Valley, though not supported by any Board.

A missionary of the Foreign Board giving part time to work with Spanish people in the state.

An Anglo-Saxon missionary who speaks Spanish, doing general work over the state.

Some lay preachers and some young men doing work with Spanish women and children.

And as the negro spiritual goes, all of us are "Standing in the need of prayer."—Baptist New Mexican.

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