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H-S.U. HOME COMING CELEBRATION SEPTEMBER 20

MRS. MARY C. HARDIN CLAIMED BY DEATH AT BURKBURNETT HOME



Mrs. Mary C. Hardin, wife of John G. Hardin, whose name this university bears, died at her home in Burkburnett September 5. She was 76 years old.

A pulmonary hemorrhage caused her death.

Mr. Hardin was in Dallas for a clinic treatment when he learned of the death of his wife.

Burial was in the Burkburnett cemetery. The funeral services were attended by President J. D. Sandefer and the Hardin-Simmons university quartet, which sang several selections.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardin had contributed generously to the endowment fund of Hardin-Simmons university, and in return the school had been named for them. Their gifts exceeded $1,000,000.

Other institutions which the pioneer couple have helped financially include Abilene Christian college; Baylor university, at Waco; Mary Hardin-Baylor College for Women, at Belton; Wichita Junior College, at Wichita Falls; Buckner Orphan Home, at Dallas; and the Baylor University Hospital, at Dallas..

Mrs. Hardin's last visit to the university campus was made shortly after the gift to the school two years ago. She was unable to accompany her husband here when he came for the Senior Day program the past April 27.

Mrs. Hardin came to Nestorville, where Burkburnett now stands, to teach school in 1886. Later she married Hardin. Already wealthy when the oil boom started, the couple collected millions from oil royalties.

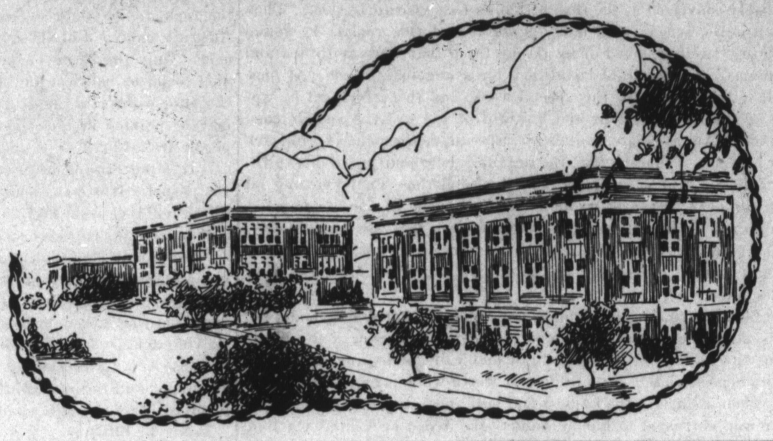
LEES BAPTIST CHURCH CLOSES REAL REVIVAL

Evangelist and pastor Ben Ferguson is in his second revival meeting with the Lees church where he has been pastor for the past year. In his first meeting there were 55 additions to the church. He has had 115 to unite with the church during his first year as pastor. He is now in his second revival meeting with the church. The meeting started off well. There were seven conversions and three additions, a total of ten the first day of the meeting on Monday night a man about 30 years old was converted. He was the only unsaved person in the services and he was gloriously saved. Brother and Sister Ferguson are loved by both saint and sinner.

The people gave a demonstration of their love to them last night at the church in giving them a birthday shower. They received many nice presents and a nice lot of groceries and many good things to eat and a real nice birthday cake.

When Brother Ferguson came on the field as pastor the church had a union Sunday School. He has led the Sunday School to reach the Standard and to win the Sunday School efficiency banner of our Association. He led the church in putting on the B. T. U. study courses and now we have one of the best B. T. S. in the country. He also has led the church in building a nice church building with only $266.56 against it. We are hoping to soon have all indebtedness paid off and a pastor's home built. Brother Toney Baker gave the land for the church building and is now ready to give the church the ground for a pastor's home.— Mrs. Lee McClaren, Church Clerk.

CAMPUS SCENE HARDIN-SIMMONS UNIVERSITY



Missionary Describes Horrible Flood Conditions In China

In a statement issued a few days ago Dr. Charles E. Maddry, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention reveals the heart-breaking conditions that exist in the region of Tsining, Shantung, China.

"In my recent visit to Frank Connel in Tsining, Chantung, China," said Dr. Maddry, "I sat for five hours and heard delegation after delegation from the four counties comprising Brother Connely's field, tell of their needs. All day they were pleading for re-inforcements and for more missionaries. I had promised to send more missionaries as soon as possible. Now comes the news of this awful flood that breaks one's heart. I give you the letter of Frank Connely just as he wrote it. He is one of our great missionaries:

"Dear Dr. Maddry:—No doubt the papers in the States have carried some news of the tragic flood conditions here in our field. My heart breaks as I look out on the tragedy which faces us on all sides. For the past two days I have been traveling by boat over our motor roads looking at the field so I could see with my own eyes the tragic conditions. It is terrible to ride over the great motor roads, covered with many feet of water and see village after village completely wiped out, with no place to stay. Never in my life have I seen worse conditions than we are facing. The Yellow river has swept acrossour entire field, inundating every thing. The water varies from three to ten feet deep. This entire country to the west is one vast ocean, the only thing tall enough to stick out above the water is the tall cane used for food and fuel. As it averages about twelve feet tall, it sticks out of the water. Every other kind of grain is completely buried in the water. Many villages on the edge of the flood waters have succeeded in building dykes around their villages and saving themselves but their farm land is completely buried. So, they have saved their lives from flood only to face starvation during the coming months. Other villages are completely washed away.

"Refugees are flooding through this city at the rate of two thousand per day. Tens of thousands have already passed through. They are the most pitiful sights you ever saw. Little children ten years old, trudging through the country with a baby brother who is worn out with travel, on their tiny backs. Old women and young girls hobbling along on their tired bound feet, almost ready to drop. But with death chasing them from the rear, they plod on. Homes, grain and all possessions are entirely wiped out. It is too terrible to look at.

"As you know, our work covers the four counties of Tsining, Kia Siang, Kuyeh and Yuingcheng. These are four of the worst flooded counties.The other counties to the west are about as bad. But we must face the fact that our own four counties are the worst hit. The great county seat walled cities have saved themselves by using their city walls as dykes, stopping up the four gates with sand

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SCHOOL MEN URGE FULL COOPERATION OF ABILENE CITIZENSHIP

In a joint statement issued last week to the citizens of Abilene and Taylor county, heads of the three higher institutions of learning and the High School, of the city urge the full cooperation with the officials of these institutions and with the officers in making the environment here what it should be for the hundreds of students coming here for training.

The statement follows:

To the Citizens of Abilene and Taylor County:

We, the undersigned, conscious of the responsibilities resting upon us, respectfully and urgently appeal to our local and countywide citizenship to lend us and the officers of our city and county every possible constructive cooperation during the school year about to begin, to the end that sons and daughters of those patronizing our local institutions find Abilene to be what we have said to them it is,—"the cultural and religious Athens of the West." The standing of our citizenship in the thinking of people throughout Texas and the Southwest is what we offer here intellectual, social, and religious advantages peculiar to no other city of our size in the entire land.

It behooves us, therefore, clothed with these vital responsibilities to contribute individually and collectively to the ends herein set out. We must all admit that conditions have never been what they should be, and they are not here nor anywhere else now what they should be. However, there are noticeably lapses in the morale now among practically all of our people both old and young, and as Christian men and women with opportunities for service commensurate with our equipment we challenge ourselves and you to a new and worthwhile consciousness to these conditions, and give no less than 100 per cent of the best that is in us to the end that we make Abilene and Taylor county a place for fathers and mothers to rear and educate sons and daughters where it is difficult for them to go wrong and easy for them to go right.

We school men pledge our officers and you nothing less than our very best. Our best is poor enough for our children and our neighbors' children, and to the ends herein set out we dedicate every impulse and energy of which we are capable.

Your servants,

R. D. GREEN,
Superintendent Abilene Public Schools.

C. Q. SMITH,
President McMurry College.

JAMES F. COX,
President Abilene Christian College.

J. D. SANDEFER,
President Hardin-Simmons Univ.

Education is the greatest single enterprise the American people have in common. It touches more people at more points than any other function of government.

VARIETY IS FEATURE OF ARTIST COURSE AT HARDIN-SIMMONS

Students of Hardin-Simmons university will be treated to a variety of entertainment this year on the artist course.

The greatest explorer of modern times, the secretary of labor in the Roosevelt cabinet, an internationally known pianist, and the most noted of ballet troupes will appear in the university auditorium throughout the year.

Frances Perkins, secretary of labor in the presidential cabinet, is scheduled for a December lecture; while Admiral Richard E. Byrd will probably be here in January for an illustrated lecture of his adventures at the South Pole.

The Monte Carlo Ballet with a cast of 106 and a 30 piece symphony orchestra will be presented February 5. The Ballet is famous for its interpretation of the Blue Danube and other masterpieces.

Josef Hoffman, called the greatest pianist of our time by Samuel Chotzinoff of the New York Evening Post, will appear in recital February 27.

Hoffman electrified Europe at the age of five. He is equally well known and loved in Europe and the United States.

WORK IS BEGUN ON THE NEXT BRONCO

The 1936 Hardin-Simmons yearbook, the Bronco, will be the largest the university has ever attempted to give the students.

The book, according to editor Morrow, will exceed the 1935 edition by 50 pages. The color scheme will also be a new feature of the book, three colors being used instead of the usual two.

It is the desire of the editor to have a more representative group of students pictured in the annual than ever before, and to help accomplish this end a table has been placed near the registration office, so students may sign for their pictures as they enter school. The price of the pictures has been lowered this year from $1.25 to $1.00 for three views.

Freshmen should understand that the book is paid for by their activity fee and is given to them in the spring without further cost, and should take advantage of the low rates to have their pictures placed in it, Mr. Morrow said.

Work is already well underway on the 1936 copy and it is hoped that it may be in the hands of students by the latter part of March.

The editor urges all students interested in doing staff work to meet him in the Bronco office which is located on the third floor of the Science hall.

Students owning cameras may secure films at the office and have them developed free if they allow the editor to use the prints.

University's 44th Session Will Begin On Sept. 17th

RADIO PROGRAM WILL PRESENT S. B. STUDENTS' WORK

A radio program presenting Southern Baptist Student work will be given Sunday night, September 15, over WSB, the Atlanta Journal's powerful 50,000 watt station, according to announcement this week by Edwin S. Preston of Atlanta. Dr. Frank H. Leavell, Secretary of Southern Baptist Student work, will be the principal speaker on a program which will include several students, some appropriate musical numbers of unusual excellence and a closing news feature. The time of the broadcast is 8:30 to 9:00 Central Standard time. The Atlanta Baptist Student Union is sponsoring this broadcast.

The program is intended to encourage students to line up with churches in the college communities and to remind parents and members of college churches of their privilege and opportunity in dealing with the student life as the new school year begins.

SENIOR DAY PROGRAM BRINGS MANY STUDENTS

Many of the freshmen who are entering Hardin-Simmons university this fall were visitors on the campus at the annual High School senior day which was held the past April 27.

The observance of the senior day was begun in 1934, and the 1935 delegation included about 4000 seniors from 65 high schools throughout West Texas.

The annual high school band contest which is sponsored by the Cowboy band of the university was held in connection with the senior day exercises, and many of the members of the high school bands are entering Hardin-Simmons this fall to become members of the Cowboy band.

REPORTS GOOD MEETING

We had a fine meeting at Nolan. Twenty additions, eleven coming by baptism and eighteen on promise of letter or statement.

The church was greatly revived. Bro. Dean Elkins did the preaching and he preached the Word with power. There were a number of rededications, many from adults, and I feel the church will go forward in a good way now.

On August 25th, a week following the close of the meeting there were three additions and Brother Clebert Jones surrendered to preach.

Brother W. P. Kirk of Abilene has been in a meeting at Sagerton the past two weeks. This church has had no building for six years, and most of this time has been pastorless, but the Lord was with us. Ten were added to the church for baptism and eight by letter or statement. The church is planning to build soon, and call a pastor.—N. W. Pitts.

NOTES FROM NEWMAN CHURCH

The Newman community in east Fisher county, closed its meeting last week. Brethren W. I. Taylor and Berry Baker did the preaching. Good interest was manifested on every side. Five were baptized into the local church and one was added by letter. and several were united with the neighboring Methodist church.

After the meeting, the church extended a unanimous call to Rev. James Alexander of Abilene, Texas, and he accepted and will begin the work at once as pastor. The time is the third Sunday in each month.—

DO YOU KNOW?

That we had 544 missionaries on foreign fields seven years ago? Today we have only 388 missionaries.

That fifty of these are past sixty-five years of age?

That one hundred and twenty-two are at home on furlough?

That only 266 are on the field today?

That twenty-five of these are studying the language?

Annual homecoming for alumni and ex-students of Hardin-Simmons university will be held in Abilene Sept. 20, Solon R. Featherston, association president, has announced.. Wooten hotel will be headquarters and all meetings of the group will be held there.

Although officials have not planned any definite program, Lacy Beckham, vice-president, said that all exes will meet at 3 o'clock at the hotel and make plans to attend the Cowboy-Texas Tech football game in a body that night. Beckham is being assisted in making arrangements for the affair by Leroy Jennings and members of the Abilene alumni organization.

Badges will be given all alumni and ex-students upon their arrival in Abilene. A registration booth will be located at the entrance to the football stadium and at the hotel.

Originally scheduled for Nov. 11, the annual meeting was moved up after hundreds of letters had been received asking that it be held in conjunction with the Cowboy-Texas Tech football game.

Exes have been asked to arrive in Abilene early enough to take part in the giant parade which will be held downtown prior to the game. Delegations from the different towns have been asked to decorate cars or floats for use in the parade.

Members of the ex-students organization will be honored between halves of the game at which time Raymond Foy, Dallas, Hardin - Simmons graduate, will deliver a five-minute talk over a public address system. Other exes will also be asked to make short talks.

Reserve seat tickets for the game are now on sale at Weeks Drug Store in the Hilton hotel or may be secured by writing to the business office of the university.

Although plans are not complete, the Cowgirls, university pep organization, will also have a meeting during the day for former members.

The Cowboy club will also hold a session, J. Owen Green, Abilene, president, has announced as will the H-S club.

RETURNS FROM MEETING WITH NEW MEXICO CHURCH

Rev. H. H. Summers, pastor of Potosi Baptist Church, has returned from a meeting at Tres agunas, New Mexico. He reports a good meeting and a good trip. Visited with relatives while there. After the meeting he traveled some 25 miles and preached at a man's house in a community where they did not have a church. This is in the central western part of New Mexico in a mountainous region, sparsely settled, and the people there are anxious to hear the gospel preached. People came from many miles around in wagons, by horseback, and some in cars to hear the sermons.

Brother Summers filled his regular appointment at Potosi last Sunday.

HASKELL ASSOCIATIONAL WMU MET WITH RULE CHURCH

The W. M. U. of the Haskell Association met in Rule, Texas, on Tuesday, September 3, 1935, in their annual meeting. We had good reports from all presidents and chairmen. Each church in the association was represented. Lunch was served in the basement of The First Baptist Church.

Mrs. J. E. Leigh, our State Corresponding Secretary, had charge of the afternoon program, after a short talk she conducted a round-table discussion on our work.

We were glad to have our District President, Mrs. R. M. White, of Abilene, Texas, with us.

We were sorry to have the resignation of Mrs. Ware of Rule as young people's leader.

The report of the nominating committee was adopted, Mrs. J. R. Whatley of Haskell, President; Mrs. Jim Crawford of Haskell, Treasurer; Mrs. Joe M. Averitt of Knox City, Recording Secretary; all local presidents—vice presidents.—Mrs. Joe M. Averitt, Recording Secretary, Knox City, Tex.

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WELCOME TO ABILENE

Next week the city of Abilene, our Baptist churches and Hardin-Simmons University will welcome several hundred young men and women to our midst. In this issue we are fostering the opening of Hardin-Simmons on September 17-18 and the Homecoming program on September 20. One of the main events of this program will be the football game between Hardin-Simmons and Texas Tech of Lubbock. Several thousand friends and ex-students of the university are expected on that day. In this issue many of the business men of Abilene are extending their welcome to the students. Read these ads and then visit these merchants. Abilene has many fine progressive business men and they are always anxious to serve the hundreds of students coming to the city to receive their education.

MARY C. HARDIN

The daily press last week recorded the home-going of Mary Hardin, wife of John G. Hardin, of Burkburnett. In her death the city of Burkburnett and the Baptist cause in Texas have sustained a great loss. The Hardins during the past few years have given away millions of dollars to Christian education and benevolence. These gifts have come at a time when our educational institutions were hard-pressed financially. This timely aid has put new life and new hope into those who love the cause of Christian education, and eternity alone will reveal the good that has been done by this goodly couple. Mrs. Hardin was modest and unassuming in her Christian life. In a time of great need she has, with her husband, graciously broken the alabaster box and the odor of the ointment has overflowed the halls of our educational buildings and the hearts of our people. Like the Mary of old she has shown her gratitude to her Lord and Master in a bountiful service to humanity, and especially to the youth of our country who will enjoy the fruits of their generosity in the form of Christian training in Christian schools.

THE SCHOOL PROBLEM

Within the next few days thousands of young people over the land will leave the home environment and go away to school. We are afraid too many of our parents fail to realize the tremendous importance of selecting the right school for their children. Under the very best of present day environment, the pathway of our young people are beset with manifold temptations and dangers. Many parents will not choose Christian schools because they feel that they will be able to save a few dollars by sending to state supported schools. Perhaps it is true that a few dollars will be saved in the course of a year's schooling, but did you ever stop to think what these few dollars will buy in a Christian school? The Christian schools offer to our young people a Christian environment where the ideals of Christ are magnified. In these schools a half hour each day is set aside for public worship, where songs are sung, prayers are offered and messages by outstanding leaders in Christian thought are brought. Once a year a season is set aside for revival efforts during which time an earnest effort is make to win every student to Christ. And alone with all this the student in the Christian school receives his training from Christian teachers who help guide the thoughts of those committed to them through the dangerous shallows of modern thought. Certainly it would not profit very much if parents should save a few paltry dollars and in so doing have the faith of their boy or girl wrecked, Sam Jones said he had rather have a boy or girl of his in heaven learning ABC's than in hell reading Latin and Greek, and Sam Jones was right about it.

QUEEN VICTORIA AND HANDEL'S "MESSIAH"

The closing festivity of Queen Victoria's coronation was the performance of Handel's "Messiah," and on this occurred a most striking and a most pathetic incident. When the Hallalujah chorus was sung, the entire audience as was customary, arose to its feet. The court ladies had instructed the young queen that it would be unbecoming and hardly dignified for her to rise, and that she should, therefore, remain seated, in accordance with the royalty's prerogative. But the noble queen did not know what mighty emotion was to flow over her soul. There came a few seconds of silence, like the stillness of death, and then the bass. alto and tenor, in quick succession, sang out the words, "For He shall reign forever and ever," and lifted them each one higher than the other. And the sopranos, as if inspired, catching up the song, and lifting it almost to the very heavens, shouted out with their magnificent voices, "King of Kings, and Lord of Lords." And then together bass, alto, tenor and soprano, in one mighty volume of song, rang out, "Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!"

No wonder people rose as Queen Victoria sat there with her crown fresh upon her head, and said, "He is, indeed, King of Kings and Lord of Lords," and despite the custom of royalty, or what the nation might think, the young queen arose, folded her hands on her breast, and reverently bowed her head, as if she took her own crown and cast it down before Him.

So should we crown Him King, and let Him take His rightful place on the throne of our lives, and serve Him faithfully here below, and one day we shall share with Him His throne above.—W. E. Biederwolf.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Hight C. Moore

September 15, 1935

TIMOTHY

GOLDEN TEXT—Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15.

A Christian Worker in Training

A native of Lystra, son of a Jewess and a Greek, Timothy received very careful religious training from early childhood, and was probably converted at the time of Paul's first visit to Lystra. When the Apostle, seven years later, again visited this region, he found Timothy "well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium," and admirably qualified for evangelistic work. At once Paul set him apart for this special work, and thenceforward he was one of the most constant and faithful of the great Apostle's companions. An associate, co-laborer, special representative, and fellow prisoner. Timothy was the unfailing help and joy of his spiritual father. And when imprisoned a second time, Paul knowing his end was near, urgently wrote Timothy to come at once to his side. We do not know, but may reasonably believe that this last recorded wish of Paul was gratified, and that his son in the gospel brightened his last hours. It is said that Timothy also suffered martydom some years later.

Be a workman; not an idler, not a piddler, not a busy body, not a spendthrift of power, not simply an energetic worker; but a workman with skill controlling strength and will dominating desire and high purpose leading to definite and worth-while achievement.

Then use aright the keenest and best and most effective tool that ever was entrusted to human hands—the Word of Truth. As Paul cut straight the cloth for the tents he made so he rightly divided the truth in such a way that each part would fit every other part in the complete plan.

Such a workman need not be ashamed in his work or of his work for it will stand every test.

But to be such a workman and to do such a work one must be approved unto God at metal by test is proven precious. Nor will he be divinely approved unless with diligence he studies and strives and shows himself the kind of workman God can use in doing his work.

1. The Greeting to Timothy.

Timothy was won to Christ by Paul who in his last letter addressed him as "my beloved child." Long had Paul been an Apostle of Christ not by formal election or association but by the will of God according to divine promise. Yet he approaches the end of his career happier seemingly over his relation to Timothy than anything else. Upon his son in the gospel he craves a triple blessing from the divine Father and Son.

II. The Thanksgiving of Timothy.

Timothy was enlisted with Christ by his fellowship with Paul on his great missionary journeys. The Apostle who conscientiously from his forefathers has served God is grateful for imothy. His remembrance of him is unceasing. His prayer for him is continual night and day. He longs to see him, to touch his warm, sympathetic fellowship. Truly Timothy followed Paul as the Apostle followed Christ.

III. The Talent of Timothy.

Timothy was built up in Christ under the inspiring example and exhortations of the Apostle. Paul is reminded of Timothy's unfeigned faith which also his mother and grandmother had in rare degree. He reminds Timothy of the gift of God which was recognized and re-dedicated at his ordination. He calls upon Timothy to stir it up and keep blazing that gift so that his ministry might be still more effective and fruitful.

IV. The Testimony Through Timothy.

Timothy was sent out for Christ as a good soldier is sent to the front. So let him be not of fearful spirit, timid and shrinking, but of power, love and courage, ready to stand the test of hard discipline. Let him not be ashamed of the testimony of the Lord nor of Paul the prisoner awaiting the executioner's sword. Let him suffer hardship with the gospel according to the power of God. Let him know and proclaim that gospel—a gospel of salvation not by works but by grace as God had planned; a salvation manifest in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus our Saviour; a salvation accepted and proclaimed by Paul as preacher, Apostle and teacher. Finally let Timothy follow Paul in suffering, in courage, in faith and in hope.

V. The Trust With Timothy.

Timothy was bidden to be faithful unto Christ. Two things are basal: (1) Hold fast the pattern of the sound teaching of the Word of God. That is, keep to the example there given and also heard from Paul. Model life and labor after that and not after tradition or worldly wisdom. (2) Guard through the Holy Spirit the precious truth of the gospel which is necessary to man's salvation, sanctification and service.

JEFFERSON DAVIS SANDEFER
(An Appreciation)

By Chas. T. Alexander

How great the Land that grows still greater men
Through when it sings its song of buoyant soul.
How great the Men through whom the living whole
Of one great Land may rise from dream! Ah, then

An Empire glows in righteous scepter's sway
Of noblest reign of God's true Royaly.
'Tis then, from common soil, Humanity
Can rise and sing in joys of Freedom's Day.

O Western Land of gorgeous sunlight gleam!
All thrilled—illumed—in blaze of one Lone Star!
O Land of Silver Morn that beams a-far!
Of Saphire Noon and Golden Evening's Dream!

How blest art Thou with Royal souls who see,
And boldly, bravely live thy Soul for thee!

(Editor's Note: The above is the first of five sonnets written by Dr. Chas. T. Alexander of 311 N. Fitzhugh, Dallas, in appreciation of Dr. J. D. Sandefer. The others will follow in subsequent issues.)

Devotional Thoughts

"THE PRIVILEGE OF SUFFERING"

Suffering is not worth while in and of itself. Discomfort and pain and weariness are not desirable for their own sake. But if human suffering is linked up with Christ and used to further his purpose it loses its somber cast and becomes radiant with beauty.

Every useful life is the product of suffering in some form. We do not assume to say how suffering will come or what form it will take, but come it must if the life is to count.

We are inclined to think of the times of the heroes and martyrs of faith as unusual occasions, when circumstances were different from our own. Times do change. Men and women are not sent to the rack, to the thumbscrew and to the stake for Christ's sake in America today. But let no one be deceived. The struggle is not over. Only the forms of persecution are altered. One may be denied social or political or commercial preferment if he is faithful to Christ or worse still the finger of scorn or the barbed shaft of ridicule may be pointed at him. How often these are effective in drawing people from Christ.

It is not always easy to stand up for Jesus and bear witness to His gospel. It is hard many times to make clear that we belong to Christ and love what he loves and hate what he hates. But these occasions are opportunities to learn the joy of suffering for him.

One great conflict entailing suffering is that against sin. Sin is ubiquitous, not only in its grosser and more obvious forms but in its more polite manifestations. We are not making the headway against it that we ought because we have not yet resisted unto blood striving against it. Many of us are dallying with sin, putting up a pretense of a fight, shadow boxing, as it were, making excuses for avoiding hand to hand confliet. Something of sacrifice and pain is involved if we struggle against evil, but it is worth all that it costs. —Frank R. Elder.

THE FRUIT OF THE RIGHTEOUS

I have read of a servant of Christ in the past, a man singularly rich in the gift of spiritual influence over individuals. He was asked to disclose something of his secret. His reply, in essence, was that it lay, as far as he knew, in the sense of profound contentment with his blessed Master in which his soul was kept through grace. Jesus Christ irradiated him within and for Himself. He was, at the very center of his soul's consciousness, deeply happy to belong to "his King who had saved him," and to be used by that great and holy Possessor as should seem best to Him. And this took friction and anxiety out of his life in a very wonderful way.—H. C. G. Moule, M. A.

When He seemed face to face with defeat, His confident consciousness of authority did not in the least weaken, but He said with quiet conviction: "My words shall not pass away." History has confirmed His apparently ungrounded anticipation. Other things have "passed away," but His words have not passed away. They have been reproduced in many languages, and are being transformed each day into imperishable personal life, as one new disciple after another recognizes their authority.—Edward I. Bosworth.

DON'T BURN YOUR FINGERS

Professor Jeff D. Ray,
Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas

Greatly to my surprise I discover that some of our churches and denominational institutions are accepting money from the Federal Government. The distressing feature about it is that this financial help is so shrewly camouflaged that many good men are defending it. These brethren admit that under normal conditions taking such help is not consistent with our well established doctrine of the separation of church and state and the age long refusal of Baptists to accept financial support from the State. But they apologize for it on

West Texas Baptist Sanitarium



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

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E. M. COLLIER, Supt.

the ground that this is an emergency growing out of the extraordinary conditions that confront us.

When the United States Supreme Court recently wiped out the code-fixing element of the NRA, the Court said: "Extraordinary conditions may call for extraordinary remedies but the argument stops short of attempting to defend action outside of constitutional authority. Extrordinary conditions do not create constitutional power."

To my thinking that position is unassailable. Applying that principle to the question in hand I would say:—Extraordinary conditions may require extraordinary remedies, but the argument stops short when the proposal seeks to justify itself by setting aside one of the fundamentals of Baptist faith.

Machiavelli in the 15th century taught that anything is justifiable if it promotes the present interest of the existing order. It would almost seem that after four centuries his "unquiet ghost" is walking among us.

Brethren, in this matter we are playing with fire. We had better quit before we burn our fingers.

HOW VICTORIES ARE ACHIEVED

By J. O. Heath

Will They Sacrifice? Neh. 4:2

I am suggesting that we take this old question and think about it for a while. We might find it highly profitable to spend some time in the torn and dismal city of Jerusalem. As we read the record we will see the city in distress and environed with desolation. The walls are broken, the gates are burned and the rubbish shows the wide-spread ruin that has been wrought by the despoiler. The feeble survivors are in affliction and reproach. They are taunted, despised and intimidated in their own land. Their memorials are desecrated, their sanctuaries defiled and their sepulchres profaned. They are weak and ridicule and waste have filled their hearts with fear.

This much the record tells of the stricken condition of the city. But the gloomy scene is destined to change into order and beauty. Nehemiah has come from Shusham for the purpose of restoring the decaying city to strength and splendor. There is now a movement that alarms Sanballat. He makes inquiry concerning the intention of the Jews. When informed that they were removing the rubbish and repairing the walls, he asked "Will they sacrifice"? It seems that Sanballat went immediately to the heart of the matter. The feeble Jews can not complete the building of the walls in a day. Their old and vigilant enemy knew that. Now will they sacrifice? Or will they become discouraged and quit? They are in peril by a crafty and determined foe. In the midst of this imminent danger will they continue to labor until the work is finished? They did bear burdens and endure weariness. They prolonged their efforts when confronted with constant Jeopardy. They sacrificed and achieved a marvelous victory in troublesome times. They builded the walls and the sacrifices they made added grandeur to their achievement. Surely those Jews regarded sacrifice as a principle. As such it sustained their patriotism and supported their religion. In that principle they found animation for their struggles and glory for their exploits.

But I am now thinking of sacrifice as the primary principle in Christianity. Some one has written on "The Lost Luster of Religion." If religion has lost its luster, it is due to an impairment of the principle of sacrifice. For this major principle has made Christianity resplendent and achieved for it many notable victories in dark and cruel regions. In proud and opposing realms and in lowly and squalid places, Christianity has won its way to the human heart througs the sacrifices of its representatives. Many of the silent sacrifices of the early disciples, issued in vocal and far-reaching triumphs for the gospel. They implicitly believed that the salvation which they had to offer the unsaved, was deeply laid in a crimson sacrifice. Thus believing and though aware of the impending wrath of angry crowds, they zealously "contended for the faith which Justifies the ungodly."

In our serious moments, we are impressed by the devotion and influenced by the sacrificial liberality of the Macedonians. But the significance and charm of their offering is in the fact that "they first gave themselves to the Lord." They gladly recognized that they were not their own. As their Saviour had sacrificed his life for them, as he had suffered, leaving them an example, so they would follow in his steps. It is Macedonia's clear and insistent call to us for a sincere and sacrificial consecration. So, if Christianity's glow is fading or its power declining or its advance halting, then a wonderful recovery will be realized when sacrifice is again the dominant principle in the lives of the Lord's people. Now will we sacrifice that, in this our day, the cross may cast down imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ? 2 Corinthians 10:5.

MISSIONARY DESCRIBES THE HORRIBLE FLOOD CONDITIONS IN CHINA

(Continued from page one)

bags. They cannot get out of their four walls, for they are islands in an immense sea. Many villages have saved themselves in the same way, but the waters were too great for many to save themselves and they were wiped completely out. Hundreds of villages have suffered this fate. As my boat rowed me through such villages, I could see men in water up to their necks trying to salvage things from the wrecks of their homes. Many were drowned.

"I could write on and on about this terrible situation. The government and Famine Relief Societies are trying to give some temporary relief and move the people out to dry land, but they can only touch the fringe. Suffering is great now, but as the winter days come on, the suffering will be more intense. We cannot sit by and see our own people starve to death. I feel that we should do something for our own Christians at least. We should do more than that.

"My first impulse was to issue a circular letter to all my friends and tell them of the flood conditions. But I feared that some in the homeland might interpret it as a special appeal for funds, and I don't want to do that without permission from the Board or other agencies at home. I want to do what is right, but I do feel that we should be allowed to make an appeal of some kind. If we are followers of our Lord, we cannot simply sit complacently by and see our own people starving and freezing here before our eyes. As you already know, we have lost practically all we have in the bank failures and can do very little in proportion to the need.

"I place this matter in your hands as to what we should do. If the people at home are willing for me to put this situation before our people by circular letter and our Baptist papers, I will only be too glad to do so. Better still, if the Board could put it before our people. If you feel that we should not do anything, we will abide by whatever decision you make, of course. But it seems unthinkable to sit here in the face of one of the greatest disasters that have happened to this section, and do nothing in the way of relief.

"I enclose a few snapshots which I took during my two days of boating over fields, motor roads and villages. They give only a faint idea of the actual conditions. Faced with this unprecedented situation, it is hard to sit still and not act.

Most sincerely,
Frank H. Connely."

New Mexico News

Last year 1,759 people died in this state without having a doctor's care in their fatal illness.

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Pastor W. T. North, Texico-Farwell Church, is in Texas in a revival meeting for a few days. We did not learn the name of the place.

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There were sixty additions, thirty-eight by baptism, in a revival meeting at Paducah, Texas, Rev. Ira Harrison, pastor, in which Rev. B. M. Jackson, formerly of Albuquerque, preached.

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Missionary Blonnye Foreman, Brazil, arrived in Clovis at the home of his parents, August 23rd. New Mexico Baptist will be sorry to know that his doctors have advised three months of complete rest. Already arrangements were in the making for him to address our coming state Convention.

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GLEANINGS FROM DISTRICT EIGHT

WILLIS J. RAY, MISSIONARY, BOX 1291, BIG SPRING, TEXAS

RAMBLING REMARKS

Dick O'Brien

On the eve of rambling down to Dallas for the Fall meeting of the state executive board, I pause to make a few remarks especially concerning our annual associational meeting held last Thursday and Friday with the Wastella church. In spite of rain which continued throughout the week, we had the largest attendance we have had in several years. We were fortunate in having Dr. J. Howard Williams with us for the main address on the opening day. Dr. Williams has a strong hold on the Baptists of West Texas. I have never heard a criticism on him or his work since he became secretary. His message this time was inspiring and optimistic. . . . Rev. A. C. Hardin of Loraine, was re-elected moderator, and Ernest Wiman, of Roscoe, clerk. They have done their work well during the past year. Brother W. M. Perriman, of Dermont, was elected chairman of the board. . . . Dr. Hal F. Buckner was heard twice on Thursday, addressing a large group of men in the tabernacle, and then speaking to the house filled with women. He has a very effective way of presenting the claims of orphan children. . . Three different offerings wer taken for the Home during the session. . . Rev. Perry F. Evans, of the state board evangelistic staff, spoke briefly on the needs of the Orphan Home just before the address of Dr. Williams Thursday morning. . . Brother Evans had just closed a very successful revival with the church at Jayton, Stonewall county. . . I believe the spirit of missions was the predominating spirit of the entire meeting. Every report, and every address, breathed missions. A hearty vote was taken in the board meeting to continue the report- ;ETAOINUL to continue our support of the district mission work. Willis J. Ray has worked wonders in our section with his program of enlistment and instruction. The Lamesa association had voted before to continue its support of the district mission program. We are sure Big Spring will join us. . . . . Rev. Forest Huffman is in a revival at the Bethel school house two miles north of Union church, Scurry county. . . . H. B. Naylor and Olen Welch are in a revival in South Colorado. Large crowds are attending in spite of the inclement weather. There is a nice, comfortable tabernacle, walled in and well seated. It is interesting to note the percentage of lost people who are attending these services. . . . The Wiman sisters quartette, of Wastella, thrilled the association with a number of well rendered songs. This is a unique group and they can sing with the best of them. Their voices blend beautifully and their selections are appropriate. We want them to sing at Colorado some day. . . . Brother Gonzallas, our Mexican missionary, gave a very interesting report of his year's work to the board. Brother Gonzallas is doing a telling work among his people. There is a growing interest in his work on the part of the white churches. He baptized 36 last year. . . . . Henry Weldon and his interesting family were through our town last week on their way from a revival at Roby. He reported a good meeting with Pastor Reid and the Roby church, and that his work at Carlsbad, New Mexico, is taking on renewed activity. They are maturing plans for a much needed church building. We miss Henry in Texas. . . . . Marvin Leach and the church at Wastella certainly know how to entertain a general meeting. We never saw it done in a finer fashion than they did it last week. . . Dr. N. A. Moore of Hardin-Simmons closed the association with a very fine address on Christian education. We wish every Baptist in the land could have heard him. There is no substitute for our Christian schools. Dr. Collins, the new Education professor in Hardin-Simmons gave a brief address. He made a very favorable impression. If I learn anything at Dallas worth telling I will try to pass it on through "Rambling Remarks" next week.

DATES TO REMEMBER

District Pastors Retreat, First Church, Lamesa, Sept. 23 and 24.

District Rally, First Church, Lamesa, Sept. 25.

State-wide all-church week of prayer for State Missions, Oct. 7-11, or one week in October.

Big Spring annual Asspciational meeting at Midland First Church, October 10-11.

State General Convention at Houston, Nov. 12-13-14.

PROGRAM FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BAPTIST W. M. U. OF THE BIG SPRING ASSOCIATION, SEPT. 17, 1935

Meeting With The East Fourth Street Baptist Church Big Spring, Texas

Tuesday Morning

10:00 Song Service, "Fling Out the Banner."
10:15 Devotional.....Mrs. Jack Smith, Colorado
10:30 Greetings.....Mrs. O. R. Phillips, Big Spring
Response.....Mrs. White, Odessa
Recognition of visitors.
Announcement of committees:
Registration.....Mrs. W. D. Thompson, Big Spring
Resolutions.....Mrs. W. W. Wimberley, Midland
Recommendation.....Mrs. B. Reagan, Big Spring
Nominations.....Mrs. O. R. Phillips, Big Spring
Reading of Minutes....Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. J. Ray
11:00 Report of local presidents.
Song.
Prayer.....Mrs. W. C. Harrison, Odessa
Guest Speaker..Mrs. Lee Jones, Colorado, District President
Special Music.....Mr. and Mrs. Ira Powell, Big Spring
12:00 Missionary Sermon.....Willis J. Ray, District Missionary
Lunch.

Tuesday Afternoon

1:30 Song: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."
Prayer.....Mrs. W. C. Williamson, Stanton
Recognition of associational chairmen.
Report of Cor.-Secy. and Treasurer.....Mrs. Ben Carpenter
Report of committees.
Resolutions.
Nominations.
Recommendations.
Election of officers.
Reading of Minutes of 1935.....Mrs. Willis J. Ray
Benediction.

MONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY, 1935, FOR THE 17 DISTRICTS IN TEXAS

District	Missionary	No. Churches	No. Churches Giving in July	Percent of Churches Giving in July	Percent of Churches Giving in June
1	Morris A. Roberts	169	31	18.3%	24.8%
3	H. E. Hogan	116	42	36.2%	32.2%
6	H. M. Smith	157	80	50.9%	52.5%
7	J. A. Kidd	37	14	37.8%	51.3%
8	Willis J. Ray	81	25	30.8%	44.4%
9	R. E. Bost	199	37	18.6%	22.2%
10		98	46	46.9%	52.1%
13	E. W. Marshall	370	88	23.8%	27.9%
14	V. M. Cloyd	228	70	30.7%	31.8%
15	W. A. Hancock	242	54	22.3%	23.6%
16	J. P. King	229	49	21.4%	21.6%
17	J. D. Brannon	185	51	27.6%	34.9%
		2111	587	27.8%	31.2%

Percent of Churches Giving in Districts with Missionaries....27.8%
Percent of Churches Giving in Districts without Missonaries..26.5%

You will note that District 8 is still holding fourth place. We are mighty glad we are not farther down the list but pastors, sincerely, what do you say about us leading the state this month. We can do it if you will just present missions. We had 25 churches give in July. Let's have 50 during September, then 79 during October.

WILLIS J. RAY.

Over 300 people came to the opening day of the M-S Association. There were 150 men in attendance at the Laymen's conference. Rain can not dampen the spirit of District Eight Baptists, neither can mud stop them from going. Thank God we are going somewhere and surely it must be heavenward or these wouldn't be so much joy in our progress.

Rev. A. C. Hardin, Loraine, and Brother Ernest Wiman of Roscoe were each unanimously re-elected as Moderator and Clerk. These two are superb in leading and recording and change could not have improved the efficiency in the work of the association. There are 34 churches in the association and letters were presented from 31 of them.

Dr. Hal Buckner and Rev. Perry Evans each represented the home and about sixty dollars was given by the association. The next Workers Conference goes to Champion and here invitations will be received for the annual meeting next year.

ON THE FIELD

Two of our annual associational meetings have gone down in history and they were well recorded. Both the Lamesa and Mitchell - Scurry Associations met last week with large attendance considering the rainy weather.

At New Hope there were about 300 present the first day with a splendid program presented. Brother J. J. Gentry was elected to succeed Brother S. C. Shipley. Brother Sam Smith of Andrews was elected clerk. A newly organized church, Three League of Martin county, was received into the association, making 21 churches composing the Lamesa Association. Letters were presented from 19 of the 21 churches. The invitation for next year's annual meeting will be presented at the October Workers Conference meeting at Klondike.

Mr. Z. T. Huff of Wayland College, Plainview, accompanied by Mrs. Huff and Rev. W. M. Turner of Slaton were the out-of-district speakers who appeared on the program. They each stirred our hearts and lifted us heavenward. Pastor Leroy Smith and the New Hope church entertained the Association in an excellent way.

Dr. Millard A. Jenkens, chairman of the State Executive Board appointed the District Missionaries to serve on the Promotion Committee of the State. This committee met Monday afternoon at Dallas. We believe we know District Eight and Brethren we have confidence in you. With a worthy offering taken in every church next month our district will reach the goal suggested for our prorata part of our state program.

We can do if we make up our mind to do. These notes are written as we ride the Sunshine Special between Big Spring and Abilene on our way to the Executive Board meeting at Dallas.

Dr. J. Howard Williams thrilled us with his spirit, enlightened us with his knowledge and impelled us by his compassion to want to do more for our Master this coming year. We thank God for him and were so happy he came our way.

The meeting closed out Friday afternoon when a full house heard Dr. Collins and Dr. N. A. Moore of Hardin-Simmons University. The church at Wastella did themselves honor the way they entertained the association and we thank God for this good church and pastor.

Rev. W. S. Garnett has just closed a meeting with the Prairieview church north of Big Spring and they voted to again cooperate with the association. The missionary spent Sunday with them and reorganized their Sunday School and B. T. U.

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