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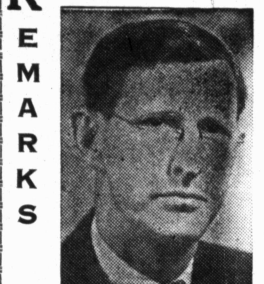
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## S. S. CONVENTION MEETS AT DALLAS APRIL 13-15

### RAMBLING



Dick O'Brien

I suppose if I should make my remarks this week balance the rambling I have done since my last contribution it would require this whole issue of the West Texas Baptist to contain them. I suppose furthermore that my eight readers (I picked up three new ones last week), would be as dizzy as I was when I got home from the Hardin-Simmons revival Sunday night. I will probably never be the same again. You take a country boy who has spent all his life on the ground and suddenly snatch him up into the rarefied atmosphere of a university campus, and ask him to do tricks for the faculty and student body, and he would feel like I imagine a worm would feel if he should suddenly find himself in the stratosphere. . . . Well, I have just made that ascension and have not been back in my own environment long enough to feel normal. In last week's remarks I promised to give an account of my experiences provided I came from under the anesthetic. I am not sure that I have as I still feel groggy, but I will probably never be natural again so I suppose I had as well have it over. . . . When I was a student in old Simmons College several years ago, I literally stood in awe of the faculty, especially the president. Last week I had breakfast with him in his home every morning. Each evening after the service in the chapel I sat with him in his parlor and heard first hand the thrilling account of the growth of Hardin-Simmons University during her 45 years of existence, more especially the last three decades. Eternity alone will reveal the vicissitudes, courage, wisdom and patience of President J. D. Sandefur, and his co-laborers through these years. If I had the gift to express in writing the things I hear and feel I should like to write a series of articles on those morning and evening hours

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### CALLAHAN WORKERS HAVE GOOD MEETING WITH DENTON CHURCH

Joe R. Mayes, Baird

Our work is going on in a pretty nice way. I think there is only one church, and it is a small one, that does not have a pastor, or regular preaching at least. We met in our Workers Conference with the Denton Valley Church and had a splendid time. The report showed the work all doing fine. Ten of our 16 churches are giving regularly to the Co-operative Program and we hope to have our offering from all of the other six during the spring round-up. We are still hoping to soon get our associational Sunday School Standard, and under the leadership of our good pastor, J. S. Tierce, we will soon have it.

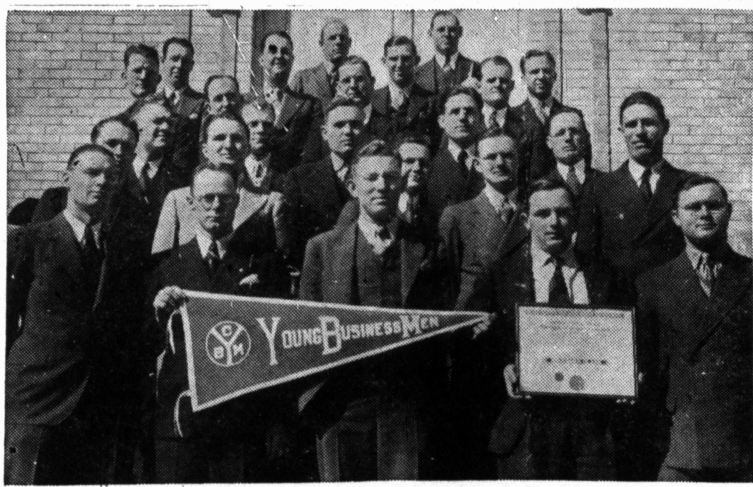
Our W. M. U. is going splendidly with Mrs. Tatum as leader, and we need our B. T. U. and the Men's Brotherhood to come up a bit so they will be up with the others.

In accord with the suggested program of our state leaders, we are going in for a one hundred per cent Evangelistic campaign. We plan to have a meeting in every school community, where it is practicable, and by the help and beautiful co-operation of our fine pastors, we shall reach our goal as far as the meetings are concerned, and we hope that many souls may be saved as the result.

Our neighbor, Pastor Hollis of Putnam, has lately put a new star in his cap. He has carefully led the good church at Putnam to go to full time, and he will put in all of his time now on this fruitful field. That's the way to do it, Brother Frank, may the Lord lead you on. We are all for you.

### First to Attain Standard in State

Members of the Young Business Men's Bible Class of the University Baptist Church (below) are the first in the state to attain a standard rating with the Baptist Sunday School Board. They are, from left to right, first row: Max Lanford, S. E. Pass, Roy Carwile, Nick Crain and Joe Self. Second row: Chism Price, Bill Price, C. L. Williamson, Curtis Owens, Ollie McMinn. Third row: D. A. Simmons, Joe Jordan, Clarence Woods, Roy Skaggs and Bert Miller. Fourth row: Glen Haddox, R. R. Milstead, Leroy York, Dewitt Blacklock. Fifth row, Orin Lanford, L. P. Cook, Alton Willingham, Clifford Haines. Sixth row: T. J. Bailey, W. A. Stephenson.



### GIpsy SMITH TO HOLD REVIVAL IN FT. WORTH BEGINNING MARCH 29

Evangelist Gipsy Smith, who will open a city-wide revival March 29 in the Municipal Auditorium under the auspices of the General Ministers' Association, will celebrate his 77th birthday in Fort Worth, where he is to conduct the meeting, according to a story in Sunday's Star-Telegram.

The famous British evangelist, born March 31, 1860, in a gipsy tent in England, although 76 years of age, is recognized as the best known and most colorful pulpiteer in the world since the death of Billy Sunday.

His real name is Rodney Smith, but because of his boyhood gipsy life the name "Gipsy" has long since become more than just a nickname for him. Still vigorous despite his age, Gipsy Smith has been following an ambitious schedule this year.

Only in January he conducted a huge union meeting in Honolulu and now is engaged in an intensive campaign in Charlotte, N. C. Only recently his wife died in England. Death came so quickly that it was impossible for him to reach her before she died so he did not attempt to go, carrying on with his preaching and filling every engagement which had been made for him.

Celebrated also as an evangelistic singer, he still uses a sacred song now and then to emphasize a point in his message. His first appearance before a congregation was as a singer when General William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, under whose preaching the gipsy boy was converted, called on him for a song. Gipsy Smith began preaching at the age of 17 years and worked with General Booth for four years.

Preparations are going forward rapidly here for the evangelistic campaign. Two groups will meet today to plan their part in the services. Rev. A. D. Porter, pastor of Central Methodist Church, has asked personal workers to meet at First Christian Church for a brief conference.

Sam S. Losh, who will direct the chorus choir and congregational singing for the revival, will meet with choir singers and other musicians at First Christian Church.

### DISTRICT CONVENTION MEETS AT CISCO MARCH 30-31

Large numbers of church leaders from all sections of District 17 are expected to attend the district convention at Cisco on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. The convention will be opened Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock and will close Wednesday at noon. Conferences representing the Sunday School, B. T. U., W. M. U., and Brotherhood will be held during the two days meeting.



REV. GEORGE B. ELY

### PIONEER PREACHER OF CLYDE OVER 70 YEARS A MINISTER

Rev. George B. Ely will be 97 years old the 25th of next September. He has been preaching for 70 years as a pioneer, preaching and holding pastorates for people too poor to pay. Some of these pastorates lasted as long as ten years in the far West. He taught many singing schools which often took the form of revivals.

He is a direct descendant of Nicholas De Ely, whose name derived from the "Isle of Ely," in Cambridgeshire, England, and who became Bishop of Worcester in 1368. He was of Norman origin.

Brother Ely seems to retain some of this same hardiness as handed down to him through his ancestry. The first man of them to come to America married an Irish girl who lived to be 110 years old and he himself lived 100 years. Two of these Elys, a father and son, fought in the revolutionary war.

George B. Ely was a Texas Ranger, Indian war veteran, community mechanic-farmer, and mixed preaching and singing schools with all these.

He was through this country before there was any T. P. railroad, any Abilene, or other near-by town. He was the first pastor of Clyde Church in 1883; rode horseback for 25 miles, put his horse in a stable at Eastland, rode the train to Clyde and preached. One deacon always gave him \$5, but this did not cover expenses of the round trip. The family moved here in 1885. He preached his last sermon at Clyde on his 94th birthday. He is still active and always wants to make talks on tithing.

### T. C. GARDNER TO LEAD PARTY TO WORLD YOUTH MEETING NEXT AUGUST

H. H. Hargrove, Vernon, Texas

The plans of the Baptist Training Union of Texas to send Dr. T. C. Gardner to the World Baptist Youth Conference at Zurich, Switzerland, in August are going forward in a splendid way. His registration for the trip has already been placed with the Armstrong Tours of Waco, Texas.

Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong are planning to build a congenial party around this dynamic personality for this trip. They have appointed the writer as official organizer for the party.

Members of this party will have more than simply a trip to Zurich. In addition to being there for the full time of the conference they will visit Gibraltar, France, Italy, Sicily, Syria, the Holy Land, Egypt, Russia, Roumania, Turkey, Greece, Holland, Belgium and England. They will leave New York June 30th and land in New York on the return September 6th.

This will afford about two months of travel and educational sight-seeing in addition to the Youth Conference. In addition to this attractive itinerary is the assurance to members of this party that they will be in a congenial and enthusiastic group.

The Armstrong Tours, Inc., is allowing our committee a liberal percentage for each person we enlist in travel with that organization, which is to be applied by the committee on Dr. and Mrs. Gardner's expenses. Those who are interested in going with this party should communicate with the writer immediately for full particulars. If other types of tours than this are desired for summer vacation the writer can give full information and assist in making plans for travel. Please address correspondence to H. H. Hargrove, First Baptist Church, Vernon, Texas.

### SWEETWATER ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING TO BE 3 P. M. SUNDAY, APRIL 4

A very important quarterly meeting of the Sweetwater Associational Sunday Schools will be held at the Baptist Church, Merkel, Sunday 3 P. M., April 4. All pastors, Sunday School workers and others interested in Bible study in all the churches and Baptist Sunday Schools in the Sweetwater Association are earnestly requested to come.

If you are interested in improving your own Sunday School as well as in helping others, and desire to see all of our Baptist work enlarged for the glory of God, then come help in this work.—J. M. Cook, Associational Sunday School Superintendent.

Fifteen unknown soldiers are buried in one grave at National cemetery, Hopewell, Va.

There is not one great man in American history who was born in a home of infidelity.—Dr. Wilbur M. Smith.

### YOUNG BUSINESS MEN'S CLASS IS FIRST TO REACH STANDARD

The Young Business Men's Class was organized the last Sunday in September, with six members present. Today it has a membership of 37. The class is outstanding today because it was the first class of adult men to become standard in Texas and according to G. S. Hopkins of the Texas State Sunday School Board, it is probably the first in the South. The class is in University Church, Abilene.

For many years there had been only one class in University Church for men. The need for a class for the younger men of the church had been felt for some time and several attempts to organize a class had been made but without success. A group of young men interested in forming the new class held a meeting one evening in the home of Mr. S. E. Pass, who later became president of the new class. After much consideration and prayer to God for his leadership and guidance the class was launched. Starting with only six members a class organization was formed and the class set for its goal a standard class as early as possible. The other men's class holds its meetings separate from the rest of the Sunday School. The Young Business men decided to meet with the Adult Department of the Sunday School the first Sunday morning. They determined to enlist new members from the ranks of those not attending Sunday School. At the end of the first month the class enrollment was 14. By the end of the first quarter when application was made for the standard award there were 21 members on the roll.

There are three types of membership in the class. First those on the regular roll or active members. Second, members in service, and third, those on the Home Department or the Extension members. At present there are 26 members on the active roll, five members on the service roll and six members on the extension roll. Max Lanford, one of the charter members of the class, has become associate superintendent of the Sunday School. Ollie McMinn is superintendent of the Intermediate Department of the Sunday School.

When Mr. McMinn was invited to become a member of the class in service he was delighted. It was the first time, he said, that he had been privileged to be a member of a class in the adult department of the Sunday School.

### JONES COUNTY WORKERS MET WITH TUXEDO CHURCH TUESDAY

The March Worker's Conference of the Jones County Association met Tuesday with the Baptist Church at Tuxedo. The program was built around the auxiliaries of the church—the Sunday School, B. T. U. and W. M. U. God's plan of financing the church was discussed by Pastor Henry Littleton of Hamlin. Missionary B. N. Shepherd preached the morning sermon.

In regard to the meeting, the program committee made the following statement:

"The report comes from many sources that the last Worker's Conference held with the Bethel Baptist Church was one of the best we have ever had. We want to make this one a better one. Each of you can help us to do this by announcing this program through your church and all your services next Sunday and urging your people to come. Let everyone of you pray earnestly for this meeting."

The program follows:  
10:00—Song and Praise, John Agnew.

10:30—The Importance of the Sunday School in the Growth of the Church, Rev. W. L. Daniels.

11:00—The Importance of the B. T. U. in the Growth of the Church, Rev. E. R. Redden.

11:30—God's Plan of Financing His Church, Rev. J. H. Littleton.

Lunch.

1:30—Board meeting.

2:00—The Importance of the W. M. U. in the Growth of the Church, Mrs. G. W. Flournoy.

2:30—Sermon, Rev. B. N. Shepherd.

### NEW FEATURES ARE ADDED TO PROGRAM FOR COMING SESSION

Two new features to be launched at the Sunday School Convention in Dallas, April 13, 14, 15. Conferences on all phases of Sunday School work will be conducted as usual, but a new and most meaningful conference will be launched, namely a Conference for Class Sunday Schools. A class school is one whose possibilities are not sufficient in numbers to justify a department organization, so the general superintendent then has direct supervision of the teachers. Problems of the half time, fourth time and smaller Sunday School will be discussed and helpful information given, and plans adaptable to the class schools and churches of the rural sections will be outlined. M. E. Perry, Denton, will head this conference.

This is indeed something new in the South. It is the first time that such a conference has been conducted at a state convention. The conference will run concurrently with the other department conferences. Numbers of class schools will be able to reap more benefits than ever by attending this convention.

Another distinct and most interesting feature, and one that has not been attempted before, is the Wednesday evening inspirational service. In the past, the largest number of people attended the Wednesday evening session and overflow services had to be arranged. This year, a program composed of music, a Sunday School message and an inspirational address will be rendered at the same time at three of the Baptist Churches in Dallas. (Continued on page 2)

### LUCILE REAGAN TELLS OF MISSION WORK IN LAGOS, AFRICA

Nigeria, W. Africa,  
Box 563, Lagos,  
January 15, 1937.

Dear Friends,

Our long silence is not due to a lack of interest in you and your work nor a lack of desire for your prayers for our work. These months have been spent happily in our Lagos district; in the school the five school days; and in the churches of Lagos and neighboring villages on the weekends. A wing of our new house has been built with science rooms for the school on the first floor and part of our dwelling above. We have just about completed the almost endless task of crowding the accumulations of the years into this small place until the old house which, as the natives say, "Wants to fall down," can be removed and the rest of our dwelling, offices and much needed class rooms can be built.

The year 1936 was an unusually busy year for us in the school and during the last quarter we did not get to the villages as regularly as previously. However, since we last wrote, we have visited and had services with 19 of the 27 churches in our district. The smallest of these is a lovely little place called Sasa, a church of nine members, only one of whom is a woman. They are as alert as if their members were great. Their building is as clean as a new pin though it is just a mud wall half way up and about three feet outside of it are posts supporting a neat grass roof. The tropical flowers in their clean swept yard turned our minds to the power of the Lord and how gracious He is to put such beauties around us. Outside of the Lagos churches, in only one church can as many as six women read their Bibles, but both men and women who could read brought their Bibles to the services and followed in them, the readings. Only four ministers are in this entire district and they are in the city proper.

One most interesting event in the last few months was the organization of a little church over at Apapa. There are only eleven members, nine of them were baptized in September and two came in by letter. There are several others who have sent for letters and wish to present themselves for membership. These are very poor people but they are faithful. They have been drawn closer together by a

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## EDITORIAL NEWS NOTES

The editor had the pleasure of accompanying Superintendent E. M. Collier of Hendrick Memorial Hospital to Lamesa last Thursday, where we attended the annual meeting of the District 8 convention. District 8 is composed of three associations—Big Spring, Lamesa and Mitchell-Scurry. No finer group of workers and leaders can be found anywhere. The district is right in the heart of a vast territory where cattle and oil industries, as well as farming, are making wonderful development. And then the leadership! Hays at Snyder, Cole at Lamesa, Borum at Midland, Harrison at Odessa, O'Brien at Colorado, and Garnett and Day at Big Spring, together with an aggressive group of rural pastors, all led by Missionary Strickland, form a combination of workers hard to beat.

Dr. R. E. Day has resigned as pastor of the First Church, Big Spring, and will go to Port Arthur April 15 as pastor of the First Church. Dr. Day has led this church at Big Spring through a serious financial crisis, and will leave it in fine shape.

A rush of exceptionally fine material for this issue has caused the side-tracking of the editor's personal column, "The Watchtower" and has reduced the editorial output also. We are glad to yield this personal element in the paper to matters of general interest to our readers. We appreciate the co-operation of our friends in their contributions to the betterment of the paper. The greatest weakness in this issue is the absence of personal items. The editor would appreciate the co-operation of our pastors and other workers in sending in news items from their churches.

Dr. T. C. Gardner and Treasurer George J. Mason of Dallas were among the speakers at the District 9 convention which met this week with Pastor W. R. Derr and the Ralls Church. Rev. A. A. Brien is missionary of this district and he is doing a fine work.

Pastor W. R. Derr of Ralls is preaching a series of sermons on "The Church." Some of the subjects announced are: "Did Christ Establish a Church?" "The Price That Was Paid for the Church," "The Kingdom of God and the Church Differentiated," "The Church vs. the General Assembly," "Growing a Great Church," "The Church as God's Trumpet," "The Mission of the Church," "An Ideal Church Motto." Subjects such as these are very timely in this age of uncertainty and unsound views on the church.

An exchange credits the president of the American Bankers Association with these words to three thousand of the nation's leading business men in convention assembled: "Gentlemen, I do not know what your church relationship is, but I advise you to go back to your home and give more of your time, more of your talent, and more of your money to your church. Your stocks and bonds and business enterprises are stable in proportion as your churches prosper."

The school disaster at New London, in the East Texas oil field, was one of the most horrible disasters in the history of our country. It is hard to conceive of 455 young school children and teachers being so suddenly and horribly killed. Our hearts go out in sympathy to the hundreds of bereaved parents and loved ones. Surely this tragedy should bring to the heart of America a solemn message of the seriousness of life, the certainty of death and the reality of eternity.

## NEW REGIONAL PAPER

"The District Evangel" is the name of a new regional paper to be devoted to the territory included in Districts 5, 6 and 15. The paper is published weekly at San Antonio by W. T. Curtiss, who has been connected with the Baptist Standard for the past few years as field representative.

## TRIALS

Many things leave no trail or mark behind them. Ships in the sea, fishes in the streams, birds in the air leave no sign of their passage. But everything that creeps or crawls or runs over the surface of the earth leaves its trail. This is so scientifically true that if the human eye were keen enough the trail of a cricket could be discerned.

Persons leave their trail. Warriors do so in desolated communities, statesmen in beneficent institutions, artists in noble productions, philanthropists in benevolent projects; and less conspicuous persons in very limited spheres leave their trail in good or evil words and deeds and influences.

The trail which Jesus left was one of saved souls, redeemed lives and happy hearts. He may be easily traced from place to place, all the way from Nazareth to Calvary, by people healed of wasting diseases or lifted out of all kinds of ruinous depravities and put back into the stream of useful living and healing ministries to their fellowmen.

It is marvelous that by the grace of Christ every one may leave trails of faith and hope and love, good cheer and unselfish service as they pass from time to eternity.—R. L. Beam in Christian Observer.

## THE WEST TEXAS BAPTIST

## Think On These Things

C. C. Andrews, Baird, Texas

"Except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak in the air." "In the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, than by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue."—1st Cor. 14th chapter.

Ministers and teachers when teaching or writing on Bible subjects, ought to use simplicity of words and language easily understood. Too often a multiplicity of words are used, when fewer words easy to be understood would be more edifying and helpful to the hearer or reader.

There is no better example given for us to heed than Paul gave us in 1st Cor. 2nd chapter.

"Brethren, when I came to you, I came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God."

"And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."

## Devotional Thoughts

## RENUNCIATION OF THE WORLD

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world.—1 John 2:15.

What is my position here in the world? Inheritance is my prospect, the throne of Jesus is my prospect; not riches in this world, not honor in this world, not a name in this world—all this was laid down at the feet of Jesus, who is coming again to receive me unto Himself, and I shall sit with Him on the throne of His glory, I shall reign with Him, I shall judge with Him the world. That is the effect it had on me; hence the utter renunciation of the world in its various manifestations.—Geo. Muller.

## PROVIDENCE OVER D. L. MOODY

An incident which Moody related only to intimate friends occurred in Liverpool during a mission there.

A portion of the Liverpool press was outspoken against Moody's mission. At the time Moody's family was in the country—he was alone. A strange dread came over him, for which he could not account; habitually he was a fearless man.

Moody found himself glancing behind him when he walked down a street, stepping aside to let others pass, and upon returning to his room looking under the bed and in closets. He began to wonder if the strain of one year's continuous meetings had told on his mind.

Finally, when on a certain day, the leaders of the mission called a meeting at which Moody was asked to be present, and at which meeting trivial matters were discussed for a few minutes, a remarkable fact was divulged; a policeman came into the midst of the group and said the authorities "had the man." It was then explained to Moody that a maniac had escaped from an asylum and asserted himself commissioned by the Almighty to assassinate the Yankee preacher, and had been seeking opportunity to do so. Moody's son, who tells the story, said, "Unwittingly Moody had protected himself."

## RAMBLING REMARKS

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with our beloved "Prexy." . . . But it would strain the vocabulary and descriptive ability of a Victor Hugo, so I shall leave this task to abler hands. . . . There are five faculty members who were there when I was a student. President Sandefer, Dr. Olsen, Dr. Bond, Dr. Arnett and Dr. Burnark. It was a source of constant inspiration to me as I stood before that vast student body to preach, when I would see their sympathetic faces, radiating encouragement, among the congregation. . . . But after the first few services I found that the new faculty members, those who have joined the ranks since my day, are equally democratic and religious. Without exception the department heads, fine arts, speech arts, etc., and their associates were altogether helpful in their attitudes and loyalty to the meeting. . . . This was also true of the student body. I know that modern student bodies are supposed to be critical and difficult to interest in the deeper things of life, especially religion. But I had a very happy surprise at Hardin-Simmons. There is as much religious sincerity and loyalty evident among this student group as you will find anywhere in school or local church. I particularly enjoyed staying in Ferguson hall with Mr. and Mrs. Landers and the boys. I nearly said they treated me like a brother, but they did a lot better than that. I have seven brothers. I was a little afraid they might take me for a Freshman, but they treated me more like a Senior. . . . Hardin-Simmons never had a finer crop of ministerial students than she has now. How I did revel in the fellowship of those 60 men who are there for special training for the ministry. That is my crowd and I felt at home among them. With Dr. N. A. Moore, and Dr. E. B. Atwood manning the Bible department we have nothing to fear for the future of these preacher students. I shall never get away from the influence of these two men over me the few brief days I was there. . . . President Sandefer does not

actually teach any more, but he still keeps his boys busy with assignments. He had me assigned to do more outside work than he ever required of me when I was enrolled in his school. A talk to the Kiwanis club, the Lions club, the Rotary club, the high school student body, the Ministerial Alliance of Hardin-Simmons, and the Mission Band were a few of the outside assignments in addition to the two preaching services each day in the university chapel. . . . Well, it can't all be told, especially in one effort, but I must mention the journalism department and Mr. Dugan for the publicity given the meeting. Also the editors of the Brand for the very fine story of the meeting, and Editor Sam Malone of the West Texas Baptist. I believe if I had Sam for a publicity agent, and just a little ability, that I could go places. . . . I thoroughly enjoyed working with Mr. Joe Riddle of the First Baptist Church, who lead the singing, and Mr. Young of the Hardin-Simmons faculty, who played the piano. And can he play a piano! He can sway my emotions just as he pleases when he sits down at that grand piano and runs his nimble fingers over the keyboard. . . . The pastors of Abilene Baptist churches were grand to me. . . . It was a very great privilege to preach Sunday morning in the First Baptist Church and in the evening at the University Church. . . . And not least among the honors and opportunities of the week was the privilege of speaking to the Victory Bible class at the Sunday School hour. Thank you, Judge Stinson, for this great honor. . . . Well, I am due at San Angelo in a little while to preach at a district evangelistic conference, and I would never get through with my account of the meeting experience any way, so, q.e.d.

You have heard it said that men cannot do the Lord's work. This is certainly not true of the Young Business Men's Class of University Baptist Church. The second quarter will soon be over. The class will again make application for recognition as a standard class.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By The Editor

For Sunday, March 28

## THE RISEN LORD

Scripture Reading: John 18:1-19:42. In 19:4-9, 14-18, 25-30.

Golden text—Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us.—1 John 3:16.

## Daily Bible Readings

Monday—Christ Stands Trial. John 19:4-9.

Tuesday—The Crucifixion. John 19:23-30.

Wednesday—The Voluntary Death. John 10:7-18.

Thursday—Christ Died for Us. Rom. 5:1-8.

Friday—Christ's Suffering Foretold. Isa. 53:4-12.

Saturday—The Perfect Pattern. 1 Peter 2:20-25.

Sunday—The Cost of the Cross. Matt. 10:34-42.

## The Resurrection

The printed Sunday School lesson for next Sunday deals with the Resurrection of Jesus from the viewpoint of John's Gospel. In these notes we will look at the resurrection from the records of the four Gospels.

The records seem to show that Jesus was buried late Friday afternoon. The Jewish Sabbath (Saturday) began at sundown on Friday. If this be true Christ's body lay in the tomb for a short while Friday, through Saturday and for about ten hours Sunday. This would fulfill the oft repeated statement of Jesus that he would arise from the grave on the third day.

## Proof of Resurrection

No fact of ancient history is more credibly attested to than is the resurrection of Jesus. The four Gospel writers, followers of Jesus during his entire ministry, bear witness to the resurrection, and Paul, who met Jesus on the road to Damascus, bears undisputed testimony of the facts of the resurrection, which he secured from the mouths of many eye witnesses as well as from his experience and from revelation.

## The Appearances

The appearances of Jesus as recorded by New Testament writers, are as follows:

1. Announcement by the angel to the women at the tomb, and entry of Peter and John into the empty tomb. (Mentioned by four Gospel writers).

2. Appeared to women, then separately to Mary Magdalene; these reports to the Apostles. (All four Gospels).

3. Appears to Peter, and two disciples on way to Emmaus. (Mentioned by Mark and Luke).

4. Appears to the eleven, and others, in the upper room. (Mentioned by Mark, Luke and John).

5. Appears again to Apostles with Thomas present. (Mentioned by John).

6. Appears to seven disciples beside the Sea of Galilee. (John).

7. Appears to five hundred in Galilee. (Mentioned by Matt., Mark, 1 Cor. 15:6).

8. Appears to James, then all Apostles and gives a commission. (Luke, Acts 1:38; 1 Cor. 15:7).

9. Appeared to disciples at time of his ascension. (Mark, Luke, Acts 1:9-12).

## Importance of Resurrection

In the 15th chapter of 1 Cor., the great resurrection chapter, Paul, after giving some facts of the resurrection of Jesus, deals with the importance of the resurrection (12-19). He sums the matter up by declaring that if Christ was not raised up from the dead, then our preaching is vain, the Apostles were false witnesses of God, our faith is vain, and we are yet in our sins.

## Some Fruits of the Resurrection

1. It Brings Peace. When Jesus appeared to the Disciples in the upper room where they remained in great fear behind locked doors, he spoke peace to their troubled hearts. On down through the ages the empty tomb of Jesus has brought peace to the hearts of those who put their trust in him.

2. It Brings Hope. Note the change of the Disciples of Jesus from despair to hope when the blessed word came that Joseph's tomb was empty and the Christ had conquered death. What blessed hope has cheered God's children when they have stood beside the new made graves of departed loved ones.

3. It Brings Boldness. The assurance of the resurrection brought great boldness to the followers of Jesus. Contrast the cowering, denying Peter at the trial of Jesus with the boldness of the Peter of Pentecost and Acts. The same spirit of boldness was shown in the lives of all the followers of Jesus, then, and on down

through the ages. This same spirit of boldness should dominate the lives of God's people today, for we have the indisputable evidence that Jesus has come forth victorious in his conquest with death and the grave.

## S S CONVENTION MEETS AT DALLAS APRIL 13-15

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las. Mr. Harold E. Ingraham and Hon. Pat M. Neff, will speak at First Church; Mr. William P. Phillips and Dr. C. Oscar Johnson at Cliff Temple; and Dr. Homer L. Grice and Dr. Robert G. Lee will be the speakers at Gaston Avenue.

This is just the beginning of what is in store for those who will attend the Dallas meeting.

Dallas is anticipating a much larger attendance than when the convention met here in 1932 and nearly 8,000 registered messengers attended.

Dallas homes are being prepared and will be opened to messengers at the rate of \$1.00 per person and \$1.50 for two (bed and breakfast).

Dallas First Church, where most of the convention sessions will be held, has the largest enrollment of any Sunday School in the entire Southern Baptist Convention.

Dallas is strictly a Baptist city. Visit your Baptist State headquarters; meet those who edit and assist in bringing to you denominational paper, The Baptist Standard. The Baptist Book Store; The Baptist (Baylor Hospital); our own Baptist orphanage, Buckner Orphans Home; all of these located in the convention city.

Dallas County, with its 62 co-operating Baptist Churches and its total membership of 41,398 Baptists, welcomes you!

Conference leaders have arranged programs to meet every need. The following conferences and their leaders will meet with Sunday School workers on Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday afternoon, Thursday morning and afternoon: Cradle Roll, Miss Floy Barnard, Seminary Hill; Beginner, Mrs. V. B. Breazeale, Bryan; Primary, Mrs. O. E. Parris, Dallas; Junior, Miss Blanche Linthicum, Nashville, assisted by Mrs. Annie Going Taylor, Fort Worth; Intermediate, Mrs. Joe Trussell, Brownwood; Young People's, Mrs. G. L. Yates, Dallas, assisted by Robert Jolly, Houston; Adult, Mrs. T. C. Jester, Houston, assisted by B. S. Mothershead, Harlingen; Extension, Rev. J. Clark Hensley, Moberly, Mo.; Administration, J. Earl Mead, Dallas; Class Sunday School, M. E. Perry, Denton; Library, Miss Ann Murphy, Dallas; Music, B. B. McKinney, Nashville, Tenn.; Social Activities, Miss Uleta Ray Williams, Dallas; and Vacation Bible School, Dr. Homer L. Grice, Nashville, Tenn.

Vacation Bible School work will be stressed more than ever as this phase of our work is growing in Texas. Dr. Homer L. Grice will have supervision over this work assisted by four conference leaders.

Inspirational speakers have always been of the best, but this year we are offering not only one but THREE prominent Baptists will speak at the same time as indicated above. Our own beloved general secretary will appear on the program and bring an inspirational address on Wednesday morning. Other speakers on the program are Rev. P. D. O'Brien, Colorado, Rev. Winston Borum, Midland; Rev. J. M. Bradford, Brownwood; Rev. J. E. Anderson, Bogata; Frank Burkhalter, Baylor University, Waco; Rev. E. F. Cole, Lamesa; Dr. Marshall Craig, Dallas; Rev. Douglas Carver, Harlingen; Dr. B. J. Cauthen, Fort Worth; Rev. S. W. Cowles, Port Arthur and Rev. W. P. Cure, Krum; Rev. H. E. Fowler, Dallas; Rev. A. D. Foreman, Jr., San Angelo; Rev. Oscar Perkins, Port Arthur; Rev. J. W. Marshall, Fort Worth; Rev. E. W. Goss, Beeville; C. I. Darling, Lamesa; Rev. M. F. Ewton, Spur; Rev. Fred Eastham, Wichita Falls, and others.

Music in the general sessions will be in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Campbell, San Antonio. There will be special musical features presented in each session.

Officers of the convention are: President, H. E. Fowler; secretary-treasurer, G. S. Hopkins; corresponding secretaries, Mrs. J. H. Slaughter and Mrs. Mahon Seawell.

Make your plans now to attend. No registration fee required, but if registration card is signed, you will receive free note book, pencil and convention badge. Let's go. Be one to help make this a banner convention.

Be One of the Thousands to Attend!



# LY SERMON

HE OPTIMIST  
Feb. 12:2

long as it takes 18 church members a year to win one person there will continue to be more heathen than won ones to Christ.

With all of our training and good equipment we are not doing as much as we should for a lost world.

One fine, optimistic view Jesus saw was that each Christian was blood bought. That means the Christian does not belong to himself but is owned by Christ as he is so bought with Christ's blood. That fact puts Christianity on a high plane. The price is great enough to challenge any thoughtful person. This makes all members brothers and are equal in their relationship to Christ. This makes each Christian a blood member in the church.

3. Christ was an optimist because of what he saw his program and his institution would accomplish now and hereafter. Christ never had the "blues" as we sometimes have them. He never became discouraged nor attempted to discourage others in their feeble efforts in life. He always took the forward look and saw beyond the present. He was enabled to see the outcome of all his enterprises. He saw His kingdom grow until its effects had covered the earth and that millions were saved by his death upon the Cross. He saw the effectiveness of His shed blood. For the joy set before Him he could endure shame and suffering. He saw what His death would mean to a lost world.

Jesus saw ahead that every promise He made was filed. He had promised many things while he was with his disciples. He promised them that his love would never fail. He told these weak disciples that if they had believed in Him they would be saved unto the uttermost. He had promised them power to carry on his work with. He had agreed to go with his disciples all the way. He had promised them to go and prepare a place for them and then return for them that they might ever be with him where he was. He saw all these promises fulfilled and it made him optimistic and his heart rejoiced in that fact of fulfillment.

Jesus saw that preaching was the simplest way to spread this program so he ordained that men should preach the gospel and win men to this program. Preaching is the most foolish thing any one ever did. For a man to stand and beg people to do what they know is the best thing for them to do and continue from year to year seems rather foolish, don't you think? God was wise in His selection of methods in carrying on His program.

In this program each saved person is to be a lover. Christ only can make a thing like that possible. John tells us that this is the way by which we know we have passed out of death into life. So each saved person has something that he did not originally possess, love for both God and man. Love is the differentiating mark for all men and women as to their salvation.

Then each saved person is to be a volunteer in the army of the Lord. The one way to have a great, effective army for the Lord is for all the church members to really become volunteers. One pastor was having trouble in his church in getting helpers to carry on the work. He asked all the deacons, officers, and teachers but one to resign and then called for sure enough volunteers, those who really wanted to do the work of the Lord and members of the church began to come and offer their services to the pastor and the church until all needed places were filled and the pastor had no more trouble about getting helpers in that church. It is a sad day for any pastor or church when the members will have to be begged to do work in the church. The Lord said that in the day of His power his people will be volunteers.

2. Christ was an optimist and headed a great institution—the church. Christ said he would build His church so the gates of hell would not overcome it. It rests upon a foundation that no other institution rests upon, Christ, the Rock of Ages. The church has done well considering its chance. It has never had a very good chance to show what it really could do under fair conditions. Suppose each member in any one given church would dedicate himself wholly to God and his work what would be the results? That would mean 10 per cent of the incomes of all the members and that would give ten times as much as that given church is now receiving under normal effort. It would mean a full house at every service. It would mean additions at all services as the members would seek the lost and lead them to Christ and into the church.

## RULE CHURCH CONDUCTS B T U STUDY COURSE

Our spring B. T. U. study course was held during the week of March 7th to 14th. Our enrollment was 110. Average attendance 69. Number taking the examination for awards 64.

The following books were taught: Hulbert's Bible Stories for Beginners and Primaries, taught by Mrs. W. R. Gay. Studying for Service, book for juniors, taught by Mrs. Vestus Alvis, from Rochester Church. Training in Bible Study, book for Intermediates, taught by Mrs. J. E. Geer. Training in Stewardship, book for Intermediates, taught by Rev. L. L. Trott, Lamar Street Church, Sweetwater. Planning a Life, Seniors, taught by Roy Shahan. Investments in Christian Living, taught by Rev. C. E. Wainscott.

We feel that much and lasting good will come from this week of study. We appreciate Mrs. Alvis and Rev. L. L. Trott who proved themselves capable and efficient teachers. The other named teachers are also very capable and from our own church.



DR. W. A. STEPHENSON,  
Teacher of Young Business Men's  
Class, University Church, Abilene

## YOUNG BUSINESS MEN'S CLASS IS FIRST TO REACH STANDARD

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School. The members in service while they have other duties on Sunday morning in various capacities in the Sunday School attend the weekly class meetings and they are invited to all the class social activities and this side of the class has been stressed from the very beginning.

The three other members in service are Roy Skaggs, teacher in the Young People's Department, Burt Miller, teacher in the Junior Department, and Curtis Owens, church chorister. The six extension members also take part in the social functions of the class.

The class holds a weekly business meeting. The meeting is held in the home of one of the members of the class. A social hour and business matters are combined. The class fellowship is promoted in a big way in this manner. The host always serves refreshments and every class officer looks forward to these meetings and we have a waiting list of a half dozen or more who are anxious to have the class meeting with them.

During the first three months the class was organized three months the class was organized three major social functions were held. First on the program was a covered dish luncheon in the home of the teacher, Prof. W. A. Stephenson and wife. Next was a big party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Cook. The third function came just before Christmas and it was called the first annual banquet of the class. The Mary Martha class for young women, most of whom are the wives of members of the Young Business Men's Class, joined with them in the banquet. There were more than 60 who attended this first banquet. The district missionary, Rev. J. D. Brannon, made the principal address to the classes.

## ACROSS

- 1—Mentioned in puzzle ad.
- 6—A species of cattle.
- 8—Mother of King Hezekiah.
- 10—Mountain on which Aaron died.

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## THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE

Perhaps you have noticed that the Bible study puzzles are gradually becoming more difficult to solve. That means that you will have to dig a little deeper into the Bible and read the advertising matter a little closer. When you run across something in this puzzle that has you "stumped" read the puzzle ads and we guarantee you will find some hints that will help you out of a tight place. If you haven't started on these puzzles get busy now on this one. And get your family interested in them. They will teach you a lot about the Bible.

- 12—Latin word for country.
- 13—A representation of a country.
- 14—A tree mentioned only one time in the Bible.
- 15—One of the sons of Jether, head of a family of Asherites.
- 16—Reverential fear.
- 17—Second city destroyed by fire by Joshua's army in the conquest of Palestine.
- 18—Behold, see.

## DOWN

- 2—Eldest of the three sons of Zerviah, David's sister; the second of David's three "mighty men."
- 3—Keynote of a musical scale.
- 4—Son of Abraham.
- 5—Wife of Abraham.
- 7—Sister-in-law to Ruth.
- 9—A vehicle.
- 11—Propeller of a boat.

## OUTLINE OF OLD TESTAMENT STUDY

By The Editor

Last week's study included the first division of the Book of Numbers, which carried us through the first nineteen chapters of the book. The lesson for this week includes the 38 years of wilderness wandering, the closing instructions and preparation for entering the lands of promise.

Chapter 20 records the death of Moses' sister, Miriam at Kadesh. Following this we find recorded the sin of Moses in smiting the rock when God had commanded him to speak to it. Paul states in I Cor. 10:4 that "that rock was Christ Jesus." For this sin in Moses was not permitted to enter the promised land. The Edomites, descendants of Esau, refused to allow the Israelites to pass through their land; thus forcing Moses to lead his people on south around the range of mountains. At Mount Hor Aaron died and his son, Eleazar, took his place as High Priest.

Chapter 21 records a number of victories for Israel over their enemies. Here, also, is recorded the incident of the fiery serpent and the serpent of brass. Jesus in his conversation with Nicodemus (John 3:14-15) said: "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Chapters 22-25 record the story of the Prophet Balaam and his dealings with Israel. The Israelites were approaching the plains of Moab east of Jordan and Balak, king of Moab, sent Balaam to curse Israel, but God willed it otherwise.

When Israel refused to enter the promised land at Kadesh-barnea, God had declared that none of the men of Israel above 20 years of age would be allowed to enter the land, with the exception of Joshua and Caleb. A new generation had arisen, and in the 26th chapter is recorded the numbering of this new generation.

In chapter 27 God informs Moses that he will be allowed to view the promised land, but because of his sin in the wilderness of Zin he would not be permitted to enter. Joshua was selected to take Moses' place and lead Israel in the conquest of the land.

Chapters 28-30 gives some further

instructions as to offerings and laws. In chapter 31 Moses, at God's command, sends an army against the Midianites as a punishment for the treatment of Israel by this war-like people.

Chapter 32 tells of the selection of the country east of Jordan by the tribes of Reuben, Gad and half the tribe of Manasseh. They wanted this land because of its adaptability for stock raising, and they were given the land on condition that they were to cross over and help the other tribes conquer the country west of the Jordan.

Chapters 33-34 gives a fine summary of the journeying of the Israelites from the time they left Egypt until they reached the entrance to Canaan.

The last three chapters of Numbers gives details of the preparation for entering the land, tell of the provisions for the cities of refuge and give the laws of inheritance.

Tune in on Radio Station KRBC, 1420 kilocycles, next Wednesday afternoon beginning at 3 o'clock, for a discussion of this lesson.

## Questions for Study

1. Where did Miriam die. (Ch. 25).
2. (1) Tell of the smiting of the rock at Kadesh. (2) What sin did Moses commit here, and with what result? (Ch. 20).
3. (1) Where did Aaron die? (2) Who took his place? (Ch. 20).
4. (1) Tell of the brazen serpent in the wilderness. (2) What did Jesus say about this incident? (Ch. 27).
5. (1) Who was Balaam? (2) How did God warn him not to curse Israel? (Ch. 22 ff.).
6. (1) What warning did God give Moses of his approaching death? (2) Who was to succeed him? (Ch. 27).
7. How did God avenge the Children of Israel of the Midianites? (Ch. 31).
8. (1) What tribes were to remain east of the Jordan? (2) Under what conditions were they to have this land? (Ch. 32).
9. (1) What was the purpose of the cities of refuge? (2) Where were they located? (Ch. 35).
10. What were the laws of inheritance? (Ch. 36).

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| <p><b>YOUR VOTE SOLICITED</b><br/>If you will elect me your next Chief of Police I will be faithful in the enforcement of law. If you read Isa. 41:14 it will help solve this puzzle.<br/><b>ROBERT S. DUNN</b><br/>(Political Adv.)</p> | <p><b>SHOES REPAIRED</b><br/>Get ready for Easter by having those old shoes made almost like new by our expert workmen.<br/><b>MATTHEWS SHOE SHOP</b><br/>921 N. 3rd St.<br/>Abilene, Texas</p> | <p><b>EASTER SHOES</b><br/>You'll find just what you need in shoes at our store. In fact we are in position to help you solve every one of your Easter problems.<br/><b>CAMPBELL'S</b></p> | <p><b>LAUNDRY</b><br/>There is a vast difference between the Bos and our modern high-bred cattle. You will find, also, a vast difference in the old and modern way of laundry service.<br/>Phone 6266<br/><b>ABILENE LAUNDRY COMPANY</b></p> | <p><b>BETTER BREAD</b><br/>The Latins used Rus en Urbe, meaning "country in town." But whether in the country or town you will find Pan Dandy products leading them all. Next time you buy bread, ask your grocery for Pan Dandy.<br/><b>PAN DANDY BAKERY</b></p> | <p><b>DRUG SERVICE</b><br/>Read 1 Chron. 1:23 for help in solving this puzzle. Phone one of our three drug stores for prompt and efficient drug service. We are anxious to serve our customers.<br/><b>McEMORE-BASS DRUG STORES</b></p> | <p><b>GOOD USED CARS</b><br/>If you are in the market for a good used car we would be glad to figure with you. We have better cars at better prices with better terms. Latest models in standard cars at prices you cannot afford to overlook.<br/><b>F. W. COUCH</b><br/>1340 N. First Street</p> | <p><b>MERVYN MEEKS</b><br/>will appreciate your vote and influence for Commissioner, Place 4. Subject to City election, Tuesday, April 6, 1937.<br/>(Political Adv.)</p> | <p><b>CANDIDATE</b><br/>I am a candidate for the office of Mayor of the City of Abilene, and I hereby solicit your vote and influence. If elected, I promise to do my best to fill this important office with credit.<br/><b>D. H. JEFFERIES</b><br/>(Political Advertising)</p> | <p><b>YOUR GROCER</b><br/>You may have some trouble solving this puzzle, but you can solve your grocery problems very easily by trading with us. We keep a fresh stock at all times for your convenience.<br/><b>SIMMONS SUPPLY STORE</b><br/>Ambler Avenue</p> |
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## Hardin-Simmons News

Sunday night brought to a close one of the most successful revival meetings in the history of Hardin-Simmons university. The Rev. P. D. O'Brien, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Colorado, brought inspirational messages twice daily from Tuesday morning through the Sunday services. Student interest and attendance of townspeople gave the popular leader good audiences for each of his nine chapel messages. Special music for the meeting was furnished by the Hardin-Simmons voice department. Congregational singing was led by J. D. Riddle of the First Church.

Newspapers throughout the Southwest carried notice Sunday that the famous Cowboy Band, official band for the Texas Centennial Exposition, has been named model band for the Pan-American Exposition, successor to the Dallas exposition of 1936. The band will tour the Southwest and Mexico as musical ambassadors of good will.

Second news story to involve torrid tubas was the announcement from Marion B. McClure that a Cowgirl Band will be organized next fall to compete with the boys for the popularity spotlight. The feminine organization would be distinctly different from the Cowboy Band, although Mr. McClure would direct both and offer much the same instruction.

Trophies to be given winners in the annual voice contest April 8 are on display at the Presley Jewelry store on Pine street. Early registration indicates that the fine arts department will have a larger attendance this year than ever before. John Patrick, famous bass of the Chicago Civic Opera Company, will be judge. Patrick sang in Abilene March 2 and will appear as guest soloist for the El Paso Symphony after his judging here.

Registrations have been received from Lamesa, Brady, Memphis, Wichita Falls, DeLeon and Forgan for the annual band contest April 9 and 10, Director McClure reports. Others are being received daily. Dr. H. A. Vandercook, who miraculously escaped death in the New London explosion last week, will judge the contests. Dr. Vandercook is director of the Vandercook School of Music in Chicago.

In the field of sports the Cowboy tennis squad netted a fifth straight win in Brownwood Saturday to keep their record clear of defeats. This week-end they'll be pitted against the best in the state when Coach Ballard takes the boys to Austin for the Southwest Tennis Tournament.

Football workouts will start in earnest Monday morning when the prospective championship eleven gets back from egg rollings at home. Coach Kimbrough has confided in his friends and some 30,000 West Texans that the squad has been working out a bit each afternoon for several weeks. The public is supposed to accept the workouts as official after 3 p.m. Monday.

Annual Easter holiday started this afternoon for Hardin-Simmons vacationists. They will have Friday, Saturday and Sunday to wrestle with spring fever. The Cowboy Band will vacation in Oklahoma City where they are playing the Southwest American Fat Stock Show. The program opened Tuesday and will continue through Saturday.

Basketball letters went to Kimbrough's veteran cagers last week. Recipients were Glover, Scroggins, Terry, Harris, Reeves, Callaway, McCollum, Payne, and Benson. The team went through the season undefeated until the loss to Slaton in the Dallas AAU tournament.

### Women's Missionary Union Leaders Visit H-S. Campus

Miss Pearl Bourne, associate south-west young people's leader of Woman's Missionary Union, with headquarters at Birmingham, Alabama, and Miss Ann Haseltine Stalworth, Texas young people's leader of the W. M. U., headquarters at Dallas, arrived on our campus Friday in the interest of the university Y. W. A. Miss Bourne and Miss Stalworth spoke to the local Y. W. A. after the preaching hour Friday night. A party, planned by Miss Head, was held in their honor.

At the present time, they are making a tour of all the Baptist colleges in Texas, including the Grace McBridge Y. W. A. in the hospitals. Mary Edna Virden, Hardin-Sim-

mons representative at the state Y. W. A. annual house party held last week in Fort Worth, has returned. She heard both Miss Stalworth and Miss Bourne in Fort Worth and will give her report from the house party at the next Y. W. A. meeting.

### Professor Edwin Young Presents Novel Recital

Friday night Professor E. Edwin Young presented 25 piano students in a novel recital. The audience was seated in the Fine Arts auditorium and they played from Professor Young's studio on the first floor. A microphone in the studio transmitted the program to the audience. Each of the pupils was given a fictitious name and interviewed over the radio system. At the conclusion of the program the audience voted on the best selection, designating their choices by number.

All the students presented on this recital were of grade school and high school age, the oldest being 17. This type of program was given, not merely as a novelty, but to accustom the students for future radio work.

Professor Young interviewed the participants, assisted by Thurman Morrison, student instructor.

### LUCILLE REAGAN TELLS OF WORK IN LAGOS, AFRICA

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recent occurrence when the little daughter of one of the members was kidnapped to be sacrificed by some heathen people. She was rescued Thanksgiving day after being under a heavy press and we took her to the hospital where she still is but she is in good condition and we think will be able to start to school the last of the month.

Once a year Miss Young holds a W. M. U. school for the district and since she was on furlough this year we carried out her plans. After it closed some of the men of the outside churches asked why we always did for the women and left them out. We announced that we would hold a Laymen's school the next holiday week and many of the churches sent two representatives each for a week's Bible study. It was a most enjoyable time and we have promised to make it an annual affair.

One week of their holiday this year twelve of our teachers in the Baptist Academy gave their time going to as many villages for a week of Bible study and they returned with glowing reports of interest and needs. They are going back frequently on week-ends to preach to the people and encourage them.

We have many things to write about but for this time we would ask you to make a prayer list of the following things and take them before the Throne of Grace daily:

1. For the four pastors in their great responsibility.
2. That the little church at Apapa may be a place where the Gospel is preached for the glory of God and that many may be brought to accept the Lord there.
3. That the little girl mentioned above may be won to the Lord and used for His glory.
4. That the Laymen's school may be planned and carried out according to the will of the Lord.
5. That the teachers may be used both in the school and in the villages for the glory of the Lord.

We wonder what blessings the Lord has given you recently and pray that He has given you the joy of seeing those in whom you have been interested accept the Lord. Our prayer is that you have so allowed Him to lead you that you, too, know Him better.

Yours in Christ's service,  
LUCILLE REAGAN,  
EVA M. SANDERS,  
FRANCES C. JONES.

An interesting and varied program is being planned for the state and home mission conference at Ridgecrest, August 1-6.

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D. D. JOHNSON,  
836 Pine, Abilene, Texas, Phone 20081

### The Country Church

In regard to rural churches, Brother Johnson has the following to say:

I am convinced of all the problems we have, and there are many, the country church problem is one of the most important. Many of our rural churches, which were large churches and fostered the work, have gone backward and today are scarcely doing anything. Many of them do not have pastors and some of them that have pastors are doing very little. However, there are some progressive, rural churches that are doing things.

If Baptists are to win the lost world to Christ we need to be aroused concerning our rural situation. Since the coming of modern conveniences it is easy to get into the car and drive into town to church or to listen over the radio to a sermon, and neglect our own communities. Now some are able to have these conveniences, but they are in the minority, and that leaves the majority untouched.

If we do not evangelize, then be sure we will be evangelized. I think the time has come when we need to be awakened on evangelism.

Some of us are going to have to give ourselves to this sort of work to strengthen our rural situations. Country churches have been used too much for stepping stones to what many consider a higher position. It is work we need done and not just a position.

Many of us need to give ourselves anew to this work, old time John the Baptist style, which was the style of our forefathers.

### Answer to Puzzle

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### MEANDERINGS of the District Missionary

B. N. Shepherd

For the last several days we have missed the West Texas Baptist, with the story of our meanderings. Will try to do better.

Fisher County Association  
B. T. U. Revival March 7-14  
Sunday, March 7th the Workers met with associational B. T. U. president, O. M. Jones, leading. A splendid group was present. Plans were made after the missionary spoke.

Five churches entered with an attendance of 231. The goal was surpassed for attendance, 205 had already passed examinations, and several others will take them.

Miss Ruth Carter, H-S. U., lead at Sylvester with a goal set of 35. The enrollment was 68 with 59 taking exams, and three or four others are to take them. Two additions to the church and one volunteer for special service.

Aloje McDaniel lead the Rotan Church in a successful revival.

These youngsters are par excellent workers. The other churches were led by local forces. All had fine revivals. Sunday, March 14, all came together for the closing hour. It was snowing and freezing but about 150 came and enjoyed a play presented by the Sylvester Church in which Miss Carter played the leading role, "Cross Bearing." The missionary lead the devotional and spoke a few minutes.

Sweetwater Association

At Tuscola we had a good day in a Worker's meeting. The year's

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theme was carried out, "I Will Build My Church," by presenting what the B. T. U. can do to help.

Stonewall Association

We are now in a B. T. U. revival in this association. The report will be given later. Things seem to be starting well.

The missionary is working at Jayton with Brother Fred McPherson and his fine people; preaching each morning and bringing a short evangelistic message at the close each evening. B. T. U. president, Brother Barton, is leading.

We found Pastor H. H. Summers and the North Park Church moving on well. The missionary preached there March 14.

At Sylvester the missionary taught "Our Church and Ours," and presented "God's Plan." On Sunday the offering was over \$100. It had been running about \$20 to \$25 per week before.

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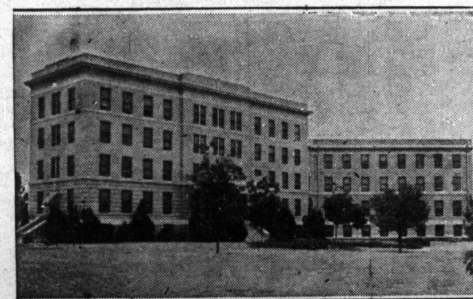
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