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Had you noticed that the West Texas Baptist had started out on its thirteenth year under its present management. The editor received his Th. M. degree from the Southwestern Seminary in the spring of 1924, and returned to Abilene in the fall and the first issue of the West Texas Baptist appeared November 20, 1924. That is the first issue under the present management. The West Texas Baptist first appeared in this section in 1893, and with the exception of two short periods a Baptist paper has been published here ever since.

These twelve years have been rather hectic ones. However, as a whole, the editor has no complaint to make. To be sure the paper has not been what it might have been, which is due, largely, to the fact that the editor has had to spend too much time, outside of the paper work, earning a living for his family.

Next week's issue will be the last one for the old year. The paper will appear early in the week, and no paper will appear on the week following.

The editor has been doing a lot of praying and thinking and planning about the West Texas Baptist for the year 1937. Next week there will appear, perhaps, some rather startling announcements in regard to the paper. Better be on the lookout for these announcements. In the meantime, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

MORE ABOUT RECKLESS DRIVING

The press of the country is beginning to wake up and speak out in meetin' on the perils of reckless driving. This week, as we "browsed" through about 100 weekly newspapers looking for a little religious atmosphere from which we might glean some news notes, we ran across the following broadside cast at reckless drivers:

"If we had hundreds of wild men running wild over this nation and killing one hundred or more persons each week, a way would soon be found to put a stop to this blot on civilization. Yet we have more than that number of people killed by automobiles each week and we do nothing whatsoever to stop the terrible slaughter. About 37,500 will be the automobile death toll for 1936, and the number of maimed will be away up in the hundreds of thousands. Folks cannot be educated to drive safely and sanely so it is up to Uncle Sam to demand that governors be placed on all cars using the public highways and have a speed limit of 35 to 40 miles an hour. Any time a car is found that will exceed such limit treat the owner as though he were in possession of a deadly weapon. And an automobile under the guidance of an irresponsible person is more deadly than a loaded gun. Why a civilized people absolutely ignore this daily massacre of our people without attempting to take some measures to halt it, is something hard to understand. We read the daily death list without batting an eye, evidently deciding it is all right just so none of my family is affected."

We agree with the above editorial that some drastic steps must be taken to curb the speedmania epidemic that is causing the destruction of so many lives in this country.

BUSY DAYS

These are busy days for our pastors and churches. With the round-up of the Lottie Moop Christmas offering for Missions, offerings for Buckner Orphans Home, and the Every-Member drives for next year's church and denominational work, along with the usual pell-mell rush of the holiday season, our church leaders are being kept jumping sideways. However, we feel sure these workers will not fail to do the job about right. The thoughts of Christmas and what the season means to a child of God, makes us want to be about His business.

"If wars be the sign of the time of His second coming, peace was a sign of His first."—Hall.

"If a man cannot be a Christian in the place where he is, he cannot be a Christian anywhere."—Beecher.

"The experience of all great saints is that the Christian life is not a battle but a war. They may lose the battle but win the war."—William Hamilton Nelson.

Sunday School Lesson

By Height C. Moore
 December 20, 1936

THE SUPREME GIFT OF LOVE (Christmas Lesson) I John 4:7-19

The fraternity, the spirituality, the serenity, and the service of Christian love are emphasized in the present paragraph from the pen of the "disciple whom Jesus loved."

1. The Program of Love

Love redeeming is the highest task in the program of love. The duty of fraternal love stands in the foreground but it is based upon, interwoven with and enforced by divine love. Why ought we to love one another? (1) Love is of God. Hence every one who truly loves is a child of God; and as a child he knows God in an atmosphere of love. (2) God is love. Hence one who does not love shows that he does not know God. (3) The love of God was manifested in the sending of his Son into the world that he might be the propitiation for our sins, and that we might have life through him. (4) He loves us definitely and savingly, through we did not love him and were in rebellion against him. In view of redeeming love, the conclusion is irresistible: "We ought also to love one another."

2. The Privilege of Love

Love indwelling is the richest gain in the privilege of love. Notice four things here: (1) Access to God. While no one has ever seen God with human eyes, yet if we love one another, God abides with us and his love is perfected in us. (2) Assurance from God. We know he abides in us because he has given us of his Spirit. (3) Activity for God. Under the impulse of love and of the Spirit we see and say that God has sent his Son to be our Savior and that Jesus is the Son of God. (4) Association with God. Realizing the fact of the divine love and that God is love, we find that to live the life of love we must live in God, and he in us.

3. The Perfection of Love

Love empowering is the finest development in the perfection of love. If God dwells with and within us, we have a threefold power: (1) The power of attainment, for love thus reaches its perfection in us; (2) the power of confidence, for thus we have boldness in the Day of Judgment; and (3) the power of conquest, for complete love expels fear with all its shrinking from penalty.

4. The Philanthropy of Love

Love uplifting is the noblest expression of the philanthropy of love. Observe: (1) The leverage of love, for God's love to us enables and inspires us to love; (2) the lift of love (verse 20), which reaches out to our fellow men the hand of help without hate or hypocrisy; and (3) the life of love (verse 21), which obeys the divine command to love God and man.

Love God and One Another

(1) The Source of Love. "Love is of God." He originates it. He is the embodiment of it. He imparts it. Apart from him, hate lurks or reigns everywhere.

(2) The Birth of Love. "Begotten of God." One cannot have Christian love without being a Christian. The life of love must start with the new birth. All else is superficial or sham love.

(3) The Revelation of Love. "Born of God." We cannot know God without loving him. And if we love him, we shall know him. No higher knowledge is there in the universe.

(4) The Secret of Love. "God sent his only begotten Son." Deity was incapable of greater love and sacrifice. Is not the thought of it overwhelming? Does it not smite upon the remotest heart-strings?

(5) The Obligation of Love. "We ought also to love one another." We cannot be like God unless we love. Nor can we live happily and helpfully among our fellow men. And how love expands our own souls!

(6) The Development of Love. "His love is perfected in us." Our virtues grow or our vices harden. Love can be nurtured and perfected. No other virtue is so high; no other duty so urgent.

(7) The Service of Love. "We have seen and do testify." Love sees into the deep things of God and then spreads abroad the good news. Perceive and proclaim! See and say!

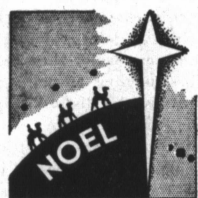
(8) The Perseverance of Love. "Dwelleth in love." Not a fleeting emotion, but an enduring grace is the love worth while. It is the air we breathe, the raiment we wear, the house in which we live.

Gold in the Golden Text
 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:14.

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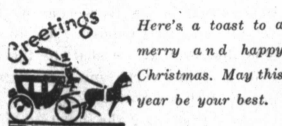
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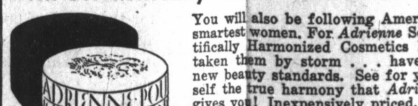
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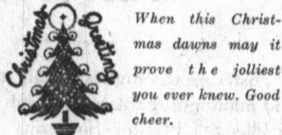
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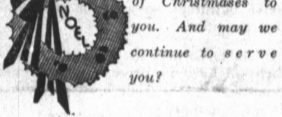
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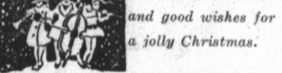
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News Notes

The Sunday School of the First Baptist Church, Odessa, is planning to have a "Giving Christmas" instead of a "Receiving Christmas," announces Pastor W. C. Harrison. The Sunday School plans to make somebody happy who is really in need. The W. M. U. offering for missions following the week of prayer was around \$200.00.

The Baptist Associational Sunday School of the Lamesa Association met last Sunday afternoon with the Midway Church. The feature of the meeting was a message on "I Tithed Because I Love Jesus," by Pastor E. F. Cole of the Lamesa First Church.

The regular monthly conference of the Coleman Association met Tuesday of this week with the church at Valera. The morning program was built around the theme, "Following Jesus"—(1) In Stewardship of time; (2) In Stewardship of Talents; (3) In Stewardship of Possessions; (4) In Support of Buckner Orphans Home. Pastor R. E. Dunham of Santa Anna is moderator of the Association.

There were twenty professions of faith, twenty-three additions to the church, sixteen for baptism, as a result of the meeting at Knox City. Dr. W. W. Chancellor of Mineral Wells did the preaching. Rev. W. D. Green is pastor of the church.

"The value of weekly teachers and officers' meetings, and how the meeting is conducted," was the subject of study for the Dickens County Baptist Association Sunday School meeting at Spur last Sunday afternoon. The program was both interesting and instructive.

Our readers will sympathize with Pastor C. A. Powell of University Church, Abilene, in the death of his mother, Mrs. Laura Ingram. Mrs. Ingram had lived with her son for 24 years. The funeral service was conducted at University Baptist Church. At the services Brother Powell read from the Bible of his deceased father who was a Baptist preacher, and from the Bible his mother gave him when he entered the ministry. A number of friends paid high tribute to the noble Christian character of Mrs. Ingram.

Rev. John W. Newsom of Weatherford, Texas, for the past eight years in the evangelistic work, was a visitor at the office of the West Texas Baptist Thursday. During these eight years Brother Newsom has conducted 178 meetings. Of this number 72 have been with pastorless churches, and 58 of these churches called cooperating pastors as results of the meetings. For 19 months of the time Brother Newsom was rural evangelist under the State Board, and during the time there were 1,000 professions. He is planning to return to the pastorate if such work should be open to him.

LAMESA ASSOCIATION

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the East 4th Street Church, Big Spring. The meeting is going fine.

Pastor Whatley and the church at Wilson is in a building campaign. The church, I understand, will have the money to pay for the building when it is completed.

The church at Woody has extended a call to Brother Whatley and it is understood that he will accept.

Brother W. T. Priddy of Anson has been extended a call to become pastor at the Klondyke Church, and has already begun his work on the field.

The writer of these notes was recently in a revival meeting with Pastor Philpott and the East Side Baptist Church at Roswell, N. M., beginning Nov. 23, and leaving Dec. 4. Brother W. C. Garrett, well known in Texas as one of our most useful preachers who is doing a great work as Missionary in N. M., began preaching on Friday of the second week and closed out on Sunday night. Eight had been received for Baptism when the meeting closed. This church has some problems to overcome which will not be mentioned here, but I believe by the grace of God and the wise leadership of Pastor Philpott, the church will take its rightful place. We were indebted very much to some of the members of the great First Baptist Church who rendered valuable services in the meeting, and especially Brother Fields and his good wife who had charge of the music at night. This church has a great opportunity in Roswell.

Brother Atwood, well known to many people in Texas and especially in Abilene, is in the hearts of the people in Roswell, as well as in the entire state. His influence is felt wherever you go.

The work in our Association is starting off fine this convention year, and it looks as if there will be an advance in all lines.

THREE HEARTS MADE HAPPY

Rev. Joe R. Mayes
He was just a common hitch-hiker trying to make his way from Los Angeles, California, to Oklahoma, when quite a serious accident in the railroad yards at Baird came very near costing him his life and cost him his arm. In the hospital I found him a short while after the accident and immediately set about to help him, a wire was sent to his wife in California and she came. When he was able he was moved from the hospital to an apartment in town and something for them to live on was provided and a close lookout was made upon them to see that their needs were supplied. In my visits with them I found that neither of them were Christians. I taught them the way of the Lord. I prayed for them, I exhorted them, and then one day I went to them and after presenting the Gospel to them again and an earnest prayer they were both happily saved. I left them rejoicing and my soul was singing with joy. The Lord is still saving.

GOOD SERVICES AT POTOSI

Brother Fulgham, our pastor, spoke at both services Sunday, bringing fine messages. At the morning service he spoke on "Holding Up the Pastor's Hands." Some of the ways he suggested to hold up the pastor's hands were to attend the services, and pray for the pastor.

The subject for the evening service was "What Must I Do to be Saved." Good crowds attended both services.

The W. M. U. met with Mrs. Lon Locketly in an all-day meeting. The study was on the life of Dr. Lockett. The pastor did the teaching.

All work is progressing fine. Our B. T. U. is stepping out. Our new director, Mr. Floyd Thomas, seems to have what it takes to get people out. We regretted very much to lose Mr. and Mrs. Burl Walker from our midst. They are moving to Lubbock.—R. P. Adams.

ATTENDS CELEBRATION

Rev. Lawrence Hays and family of Snyder, were in Goldthwaite early last week for the golden wedding celebration of Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Hays, parents of the local Baptist pastor.

During the celebration day, Tuesday, hundreds of friends from Goldthwaite and surrounding communities, as well as many from other sections, came in to visit the pioneer Baptist minister and his wife. The elderly couple, each 75 years of age, visited here recently.

The seven children and their families, with many friends, enjoyed the anniversary dinner at 6 o'clock.—Scurry County Times.

There are in Atlanta, Ga., 1,100 Russians who are not being reached by any mission work.

ASPERMONT CHURCH HAS FINE SERVICE

We, who attended the services at the First Baptist Church, Aspermont, last Sunday felt like Jacob of old when he said: "Surely the Lord is in this place." The new people and the wonderful Spirit that prevailed made us say with David: "Bless the Lord, O, my soul; and all that is within me, bless His Holy name."

It was Sunday that all our people came with their tithes and offerings. It was Scriptural worship. The Bible says: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." "Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by his min store." "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's, it is holy unto the Lord." "Give, and it shall be given unto you."

The total offering for the Sunday services was \$107.56. When you recall that many of our people were unable to attend last Sunday's services you will agree that our offering was an advance, even a high mark.
J. B. ROWAN, Pastor.

GOOD DAY AT ELMDALE

We had a good service at Elmdale Sunday, and attendance was fairly good, although several members, including our pastor, Finis Williams, were kept away by illness. Byron Fletcher, ministerial student in H.-S. U., filled the pulpit both morning and evening. We enjoyed the messages he brought to us on "Friendship" and "The Lost Christ." Several Sunday School officers and classes used Sunday afternoon in visiting absentees and prospective members.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was taken in the morning. Next Sunday an offering will be taken for Buckner Orphans' Home.

IRAN MEETING

We closed a good meeting last night here. Brother A. F. Johnson did the preaching. Brother T. D. Carroll led the music. They make a good team. Brother Johnson seeks to enlist all the leaders of the church in personal soul winning. Carroll is as fine a song leader, and helper as I have ever used. We had some 25 additions to the church and raised about \$275.00 for the expense of the meeting. Our church is in fine shape.—J. C. McKinzie.

Dr. R. Q. Leavell begins his work with the Home Mission Board as superintendent of evangelism January 1.

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MISSIONARY TO INDIA FOR PAST 43 YEARS TELLS OF ASSAM WORK

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the most mountainous and most uncivilized portion of India—the north-eastern province of Assam, where head-hunters and savages have held forth for centuries in the Himalaya mountains. The population of that province is around 9,000,000. India's total population is around 352,000,000. Dr. Swanson made these statements as he began his talk to impress his audience with India's vastness and the staggering number of souls within her borders.

Much of his talk dealt with the Centennial just celebrated in Assam—the Centennial of coming of Baptist Christian teaching to that country. He said that the work of the first 60 years was discouragingly slow, but that of the last 50 has been swift and encouraging. He said that conversions are being made faster than converts can be baptized and properly instructed in Christian living.

When Dr. Swanson first began his work he rode a bicycle from village to village. Then he had a "gipsy" wagon preaching from the wagon wherever he stopped. The stops were usually made at the market places.

Six interpreters were necessary when the Centennial jubilee celebration was held. They repeated each speaker's words so that all the vast throng could understand. Dr. Swanson dwelt on the intermingling of the "castes" at the jubilee.

Tea-growing is the great industry in Assam, Dr. Swanson said. The 9,000,000 inhabitants speak 136 languages—but Dr. Swanson quickly admitted that he didn't learn that many during all his 43 years.

Clean-shaven and active, Dr. Swanson hardly looks his 69 years in spite of all the strenuous service he has seen. Mrs. Swanson is 67. They have three sons, all born in India. One is now a ministerial student at Southwestern Theological Seminary, in Fort Worth.

Leaving India several months ago, Dr. and Mrs. Swanson attended the World Sunday School convention at Oslo, Sweden, and Dr. Swanson visited his birthplace. He lived in Sweden until he was 13 years of age. He and Mrs. Swanson were married in Maline, Indiana. They were sent to India in 1893 by the Northern Baptist mission board.

The Swansons were Sunday dinner guests of the Rev. and Mrs. O'Brien. Afterward they continued on their way to California, where Dr. Swanson will do educational work and assist in raising additional funds for the work of other missionaries in his beloved Assam.

B B I MAKES APPEAL FOR HISTORICAL DATA

To Association and Convention Clerks:

Dear Brethren: Here, in the Library of the Baptist Bible Institute, we are trying to anticipate the needs of future historians and research workers by making just as complete as possible the files of all denominational books and publications. Especially are we striving to complete the files of our Baptist papers, state convention and district association minutes, with the catalogues and other publications of our schools. It is an immense work to properly index and preserve all these, with the other historical material of various kinds sent us from time to time. But our Library Committee has decided that this is a service we ought to render the denomination, so have employed the help needed to do the work.

This letter is written with the earnest request that every state convention and association clerk will send us promptly a copy of this year's minutes, also, if he has copies of past sessions he can furnish, he will let us know just what he has so we can check our files to see if we lack those numbers. To do this will require but little time and trouble for any one, but if all will cooperate, we will have here material of priceless value to the future historian, who alone can visualize what a benefit it will be to find all this material in one place. Will not every clerk who reads this, please send at once a copy of his last minutes, and also write us if he has copies of past sessions. We will carefully catalogue and preserve it and thank you for cooperating in this much needed service for our Baptist cause.

Address, Librarian, Baptist Bible Institute, 1220 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, La., J. E. Gwatkin, Librarian.

The Mexican Baptist Church, Kerrville, Texas, has bought 500 New Testaments to distribute at Christmas-time.

W. M. U. DEPARTMENT

W. M. U. OF THE SWEETWATER ASSOCIATION MET WITH BUFFALO GAP

Meeting was opened with prayer led by Mrs. Read, Mrs. Compere, President, called the meeting to order. Thirteen societies with forty-two members and six sun beams answered to roll call.

The president urged that all quarterly reports be sent in by January 5th, and since the Year's work was closed before the September reports were sent to be sure and include those with the quarterly report, really reporting for months work.

At the request of so many of the Societies, a motion prevailed to ask Mrs. O. H. Cooper to further explain the use of the Standard of Excellence at the Quarterly meeting to be held with the University Church, Abilene, January 7th.

Echoes from the Lottie Moon week of prayer was heard, it was interesting to listen to the blessings that had already come from those meetings, one especially interesting and inspiring was Mrs. Winter of Merkel. She wanted so much to have an offering, and decided to use the eggs and milk that she got that week, and how the Lord did so increase the production of both, giving her a nice offering for Missions. The Lord could use a small boys lunch to multiply it to feed five thousand and he has as much power today, all he is asking is, "Trust me and Try me saith the Lord of Hosts."

The Lunch so abundantly and graciously served was especially appreciated when the pastor of the Church told us all the ladies were not members of the Baptist Church there, but of all denominations, a beautiful spirit of co-operation was shown and a motion of appreciation was extended to all that had a part in preparing the meal.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST W. M. U.

The Memorial Baptist W. M. U. of Stamford had unusual interest, spirit attendance and offering for the Lottie Moon Christmas Week of Prayer. The program each afternoon showed the interest and study the women gave to their parts. There were thirty-four different women attended with an average each day of twenty-one. This in a church of 230 members, and the goal of fifty dollars offering was reached with some over. Even the District football game when all the stores closed did not lower the average attendance. This church had just sent a Thanksgiving offering of a hundred dollars to Buckner Orphan's Home. This kind of interest in missions and loyalty will build a missionary church.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Medlin who were a large part of the nucleus from which Memorial Church has grown from thirteen to two hundred and thirty members in less than two years time are moving from Stamford to Taylor, where Mr. Medlin is being transferred by the Katy Railroad. Few people could be missed more from a church than this loyal faithful couple, none more from Memorial Church. Mrs. Medlin is W. M. U. President, has been Jones Co. W. M. U. president. Mr. Medlin, a deacon, church clerk, and B. T. U. director. They never miss a prayer-meeting or other service unless providentially hindered, and their car has been dedicated to Memorial Church. Without it she probably would not be in existence today, for members have been carried who could never have attended services otherwise. Children who had never been interested in Sunday School, Sunbeams or G. A. have been first introduced to these organizations by the inducement of a ride. Many members have been thus added to the W. M. U. and to the church itself. Many have attended county and district meetings because this car took them. If every couple were as completely consecrated and surrendered into the Lord's hands for His use and as loyal at all times, and every car used as much to transport those who could not otherwise attend to and from church, Sunday School, Sunbeams, G. A., Workers' Conferences, County and District Meetings, Encampments, to visit the sick, and poor, the world could soon be evangelized.

This is the only way God has to build his kingdom is through consecrated surrendered loyal Christians. But how rare they are—the rarest of gem all.

"Can we hold Shanghai if we lose Chicago or Birmingham?" is a pertinent question suggested by Dr. J. N. Decker, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Northern Baptist Convention in speaking to the General Baptist Association of Virginia on the subject, "The Home Base and the Foreign Field."

Hardin-Simmons News

(From The Brand)

PRESIDENT RETURNS

Dr. J. D. Sandefer, president of Hardin-Simmons University, returned Sunday from a business trip to Richmond, Washington, D. C., and New York City. He was accompanied home by a daughter, Mrs. Stanley Walker of New York City.

Tipica Orchestra

Mexico could not have sent a more effective "ambassador of good will" to the United States than the Tipica musical company which appears here January 8 as the third major attraction on Hardin-Simmons fall term artist course.

One should need a dour soul indeed to resist being lured into that southern land of gay, mellifluous rhythm, vivacious senoritas and warm splashes of color, after hearing the Tipicas for the Tipica is Mexican for "typical."

Debate Team in Oklahoma

Two teams of debaters from Hardin-Simmons are representing the university this week-end in an invitation tournament sponsored by the Oklahoma Women's college at Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Making the trip were T. H. Cardin and N. A. Moore, Jr., juniors from Wichita Falls, and Barefield Thomas of Ranger and Leonce Stevenson of Wylie, freshmen. Leaving Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Knox Parr, wife of the Taylor county farm agent, they plan to return Sunday. Mrs. Parr is to visit relatives in Oklahoma City.

Candidates Named For Contest

Four class candidates have been elected to vie in the race for queen of the Cowgirl carnival, to be held Thursday evening at 7:30 in the Marston gymnasium.

The queens representing their respective classes are: Charlotte Collins, freshman; Hazel Day, sophomore; Helen Jo Hanna, junior; and Pauline Dillingham, senior.

Male Quartet at Monahans

Male quartet from Hardin-Simmons university is to sing at the First Baptist church at Monahans and at two other points in that vicinity tomorrow. This quartet is composed of Aaron Grant, 1st tenor, Wilson Gilbert, second tenor, Avery Lee baritone, and J. L. Jackson, Bass.

Organization is being made of a second male quartet which will with the aid of the present group form a male octette. Personnel of this group will be announced next semester.

Student Government Meet

Theo Rigsby, Flo Caldwell, and Prof. W. C. Ribble attended second annual student government congress at Texas Christian university, December 4-5.

Dr. Edwin A. Elliott, regional director of national labor relations board and principal speaker for the meeting discussed "Purpose of Student Government."

Dr. Herbert E. Harris, president of Whittier college, at Whittier, California, and dean of the floating university which toured the world spoke to Hardin-Simmons university students at chapel today.

Program at Lawn

An evangelistic program was presented in the Lawn Baptist Church December 6, by special request of the pastor, Rev. F. R. Cole. Students taking part on the program were Selby Aswell and Ruth Cotton who made talks, Allyne McChristy gave special music, and Reba Muriel Williams made a chalk talk. Fernetta Foley was pianist.

Voice Students Feted

Voice students of Mrs. Lola Gibson Deaton were honored with a Christmas party last evening in the voice instructor's home, 1442 N. 15th. Games were played before a lighted Christmas tree and then gifts were given to each guest. Entertainment committee was: Mildred Jenkins, Joy Pender, Avery Lee, and Wilson Gilbert.

Attend B S U Meeting

Maye Bell Taylor, who is doing W. M. U. work in district 17, was present at B. S. U. meeting Thursday night and led the devotional.

Douglas Kelly, Jerome Newman, Bill Gaddis, Avery Lee, Martha Rigney, and Charles McLaughlin talked on special phases of efficiency in Sunday School, B. T. U., and B. S. work.

B. S. U. pictures made in Austin at the convention have been ordered and will arrive December 17.

'Sun Bowl Special' Leaves Here December 31 And Returns January 2

The all-daylight trip of the KRBC-Reporter-News special train to El Paso for the 1937 Sun Carnival will leave Abilene early in the morning of December 31, 1936, and start the return run early January 2, 1937.

Three or four hundred persons, including the Cowboy football team, the band and the Cowgirls will be on board. Reservations were coming into the office of G. B. Sandefer, athletic manager, this week.

Round-trip tickets will sell for \$6.85, pullman accommodations not being necessary. Radio Station KRBC and the Abilene Reporter-News are sponsoring the train. Under auspices of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, goodwill stops will be made in five or six towns en route to and returning from El Paso.

Last year over 200 students and fans rode the Sunbowl special.

Home Economics Class

Christmas tea for all home economic classes, faculty members and their guests, was held from 7:00 until 9:00 o'clock at Dr. Julius Olsen's home, 1204 Bogel street, Friday evening.

COUNCIL VOTES WRIST WATCHES AS AWARDS FOR 1936 GRIDSTERS

As awards for playing in the Sun Bowl game against the Texas College of Mines Muckers, Jan. 1, in El Paso, members of the Cowboys squad making the trip were voted wrist watch awards in a regular meeting of the athletic council Wednesday.

Each football player making the trip to El Paso will receive a 17-jewel, Green time piece, suitably engraved, according to committee action this week.

The watches were selected by a committee of football men this week and will be presented the players at the annual football banquet to be held sometime in January. This honoring function is sponsored jointly by the H-S Club and the Cowboy club.

The awards were ordered through Fisher jewelry company, and they retail at \$42.50. Players on the Mines team are being given similar awards.

WETS AND DRYs BOTH ARE DISSATISFIED AS YEAR OF 1936 ENDS

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"We thought repeal would end the scandals of the liquor traffic," declares Congressman O'Connor of New York, outstanding repeal advocate. "If the situation that exists today is what we have as a consequence of repeal, give me prohibition." Even many leaders in the beer and liquor business have sensed recent changes in public opinion, according to the National Voice News Bureau survey, and have been issuing a steady barrage of dire warnings to the trade that prohibition is sure to return if present conditions prevail.

CALLS PASTOR

The Sweet Home Church in Haskell Association extended a unanimous call to Rev. Clarence E. Wainescott as pastor on November 29. At the same service there were eight conversions, all of which united with the Church. One other addition by letter and two rededications.

Brother Wainescott has just recently moved to Rule from Bowie, Texas. He has been preaching at the Sweet Home Church for the past few Sundays. The church called for one-half time.

Our work at Rule moves forward. We plan to do some repair work on the Church building. We will redecorate the Church Auditorium, painting the ceiling, walls, and all the wood-work.

Many of our people have agreed to Tith after studying the little book "God's Plan." Our regular offerings have almost doubled during the last month. We have a fine spirit manifest among our people.

Cherokee Indians, in North Carolina have recently spent \$100 on needed improvements to mission property, according to Missionary W. H. Fitzgerald.

LAMESA CHURCH MAKES BUDGET DRIVE FOR 1936

The informational campaign leading to the Every Member Budget Campaign, began Sunday in the First Baptist Church, Lamesa. With regard to the 1937 Church Budget which was adopted last Sunday in Church conference, the entire membership will be informed, particularly in three things; namely:

1. The 1937 Church Budget and the items which it includes.
2. The plan of subscribing to it.
3. The individual member's duty toward supporting it.

The informational campaign is being conducted from Sunday, December 13th to Saturday, January 9th. Sunday, January 10th will be "Tithing Sunday." The next Sunday will be "pledging Sunday."

A meeting is to be held at the Church January 5th of all Sunday School, B. T. U. and W. M. U. leaders at which time definite plans will be made to contact every member of the church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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The life of Jesus on earth had its heavenly aspect, for he glorified God as no one else ever did in all the world and as even he could do in no other way.

His matchless life also had its earthly aspect, so transforming the lives of men that all hate and discontent should be utterly blotted out and every heart be filled with the peace of God which passeth all understanding.

Daily Readings

Monday — The Supreme Gift of Love. I John 4:7-19.

Tuesday—The Gift in the Manger. Luke 2:10-16.

Wednesday—The Gift of the Cross. John 3:16-18.

Thursday—Love Manifested. John 14:21-24.

Friday—The Constraint of Love. II Corinthians 5:14-19.

Saturday—Christ Never Fails Us. Romans 8:35-39.

Sunday — "Love One Another." John 15:12-17.

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