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ON THE FIELD WITH HARDIN SIMMONS PREACHERS

By J. WILLIAM ARNETT

The Ministerial Council sponsored a program given last Sunday at Goldsboro. The following students gave the program on the cost and consequences of sin: Miss Alvah Gray, Mrs. Clyde Jackson, Revs. Aaron Mann, Elsie Latta and Claude Gooch. Rev. Foy King is the pastor at Goldsboro.

A group of the Ministerial and Missions students gave a play Sunday at the Hebron Church. Rev. Almon Norris preached at the evening service, and Rev. Arvil Richardson is the pastor.

Brother Clyde Jackson reported good services at Caps, and said that the Sunday School had a good report Sunday morning. This church has one of the best Sunday schools we know of.

Rev. Charles Dickson and Miss Ruth Carter have been assisting the Shiloh Church, and Pastor Westmoreland, in a training school.

Valley View Church, Runnels County, set Friday night before the third Sunday in July for the revival meeting. J. W. Arnett of Hardin-Simmons supplied the pulpit of this church last Sunday in the absence of Pastor R. L. Thomson.

The Ministerial Council members will begin what is called their Salvation Army revival here in Abilene Saturday afternoon. The services this year are out in the open and in the southeastern part of town. The speakers and singers for the first week are: Claude Gooch, Jack Badley, Almon Norris, Harry Benson, Charles Dickson, Selby Aswell, Ernest Bowman, J. William Arnett, Melvin Byrd, Lewis Fisher, D. C. Hamm, Maurice Cole, Fred James, W. C. Carpenter, and Avery Lee. There will be others of the ministerial and mission students giving their time to personal work. This work is under the direction of Alvin Swearingin, Aaron Mann, and Harris Ray. We covet your prayers for this work.

Brother Clyde Jackson filled his regular appointment at View Sunday morning, April 26, but preached at Caps at the evening service. Another of our ministerial students spoke on Buckner Orphan's Home, at View, Sunday night.

Brother Claude Gooch preached at the White Flat Church Sunday, April 26, filling the appointment for Rev. Foy King.

Last Sunday week Brother Alvin Swearingin preached at Avoca. He stated that they had one addition to the church. The church has called Rev. R. L. Shannon as their pastor.

Misses Alvah Gray, Myrtle Baker, Bobby Jo Cox, Rev. and Mrs. J. William Arnett and daughters, Revs. Aaron Mann, Roy Gulley and Harris T. Ray, under the direction of the Ministerial Council, visited with the negro brethren of the Macedonian Baptist Church last Sunday evening, April 26, and rendered a program. The text of the program was John 12:32, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto myself." D. W. Arnett had charge of the song service, with Miss Gray at the piano. And my how those people can sing! Aaron Mann introduced the speakers; Roy Gulley discussed, "The Need of Lifting up Christ"; Miss Baker discussed "How May We Lift up Christ." Miss Cox sang the song "Have You Counted the Cost," and Harris Ray concluded the service by discussing "Results from Lifting up Christ."

Pastor W. D. Taylor and the Drasco Church had an all-day service Sunday and Monday. In the morning Professor Ford delivered an address on Buckner Orphan's Home; that afternoon Rev. Jack Badley spoke on the work of the home, (Jack was reared in the home); and the pastor preached at the evening service. A quartet from Lamesa, under the direction of Brother Owen Taylor, a brother to the pastor, rendered music during the day.

Brother W. P. Kirk tells me that the Sweet Home Church had a home

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Gardner Appeals For Historical Relics

BAPTIST CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE MAKING PLANS FOR EXHIBIT

Some time ago the West Texas Baptist received an announcement from Earl B. Smyth, chairman of the Baptist Centennial committee, to the effect that Dr. T. C. Gardner, secretary of the Texas Baptist B. T. U., had accepted the place as director of the Texas Baptist Centennial activities. We are publishing below the announcement, together with a statement of the Centennial committee in regard to Texas Baptists participation in the big celebration which runs from June to December:

"Upon behalf of the committee of Baptist participation in the Texas Centennial Exposition, I write to state that Mr. T. C. Gardner has been unanimously elected director of Texas Baptist Centennial activities. Mr. Gardner declined the position when it was first offered him some time ago; but the committee, feeling that he was the one man for the position, urged him to accept it. Therefore, at a committee meeting this morning Mr. Gardner reconsidered the matter and accepted the position offered. Of course you understand that this is only a temporary position, but it will require at least one-half or more of the time of Mr. Gardner to plan the program and direct the activities of the Baptists at the Centennial Exposition.

"The Centennial committee finds that, if adequate provision is made for Baptist participation at the central Centennial exposition, it will be necessary for Mr. Gardner to give much of his time immediately to this work. It is going to be necessary for him to adjust his engagements, and in many cases, secure others to fill the engagements that he has made. We know that Texas Baptists will co-operate with him as he enters upon his new duties.

"The Centennial committee is requesting all Baptist institutions to co-operate in a unified exhibit at the central Centennial exposition in Dallas. All correspondence relative to the exposition should be addressed to Mr. Gardner.

"We are now seeking to formulate a Centennial program, and of course, our plans are quite immature; nevertheless, we shall begin to plan a program that will depict what the people called Baptists have been doing in Texas for the past one hundred years.

"The members of the Texas Centennial committee are as follows: Hon. Cullum F. Thomas, Dallas; Dr. Wallace Bassett, Dallas; Dr. L. R. Scarborough, Fort Worth; Mr. William Fleming, Fort Worth; Dr. J. C. Hardy, Belton; Dr. A. C. Miller, Belton; Dr. J. M. Dawson, Waco; Dr. J. B. Tidwell, Waco; Dr. M. A. Jenkins, Abilene; Dr. George J. Mason, Dallas; Dr. J. Howard Williams, Dallas; and Earl B. Smyth, Dallas.

BLACKWELL PASTOR HAILS FROM KANSAS

Rev. H. A. McHenry, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Blackwell, was recommended to this church by Mrs. J. W. Reynolds. Rev. McHenry was a former pastor of Mrs. Reynolds while at Dumas, Texas. Mrs. Reynolds came here in early spring of 1933. Rev. McHenry moved to Ellis, Kansas, in the fall of 1933. Rev. McHenry had been pastor of this church in Kansas in his earlier ministry. During the depression this church here in Blackwell had run down very much. Mrs. Reynolds felt that he was the man for the place. He was recommended to us as being a great builder and found we were not misinformed.

Blackwell Church was called in conference September 15, 1935, for the purpose of calling a pastor, and he was unanimously called as our pastor. He accepted, moving here September 20, 1935. He preached his first sermon as pastor September 22, 1935. He has organized the budget system of financing the church and succeeded fine thus far. He has started raising enough money to paint the church house which is very badly in need of it, and has just about enough raised, and hope to begin in about another week. We trust that his most desired ambition will be realized in the repairing of this church both inside and outside, as are his plans.

BLACKWELL CHURCH ORGANIZED IN 1890 AT HYLTON, TEXAS

Mrs. Spurgeon P. Smith
The First Baptist Church, Blackwell, was organized at Hylton, Texas, in the year of 1890, in the Hylton school house. A Rev. Burt led in the services. It was in the Content association, until moved to Jamestown. Just a few months after it was organized, a little school house was built about three and one-half miles from Jamestown, now called Blackwell, because the department of law found there was another town with the same name, and had been named first. The church was moved from Hylton to this school house and was called the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, as the school was named that.

In 1906 the church was moved to Jamestown and held services in the Primitive Baptist Church, Rev. Overman being the pastor. They also had school in this church. The first school house was built in 1908, and the M. E. Episcopal had Sunday School in the morning and the Baptist had Sunday School in the evening. The M. E. Protestants had a church of their own and a few years later the M. E. Episcopal bought the house from the M. E. Protestants, which they still have.

In 1915 the Baptists built a church house, and is the church house we have today. The church was dedicated in the fall of 1918. Dr. Fry led in the dedication services.

The pastors from the time of organization to present time are: Rev. Burt, Graham, Overman, J. H. McLaughlin, Leander Comalander, A. R. Watson, R. N. Hicks, W. A. Todd, H. M. Weldon, Zeb Freeman, W. L. Ayres, R. O. McGinnis, John Riddle, J. H. McLaughlin (second time to pastor this church), J. F. Steele, H. A. McHenry.

The charter members are: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Eli McRorey, and two others. Mrs. J. W. Patterson is the only charter member known to be living. She lives here in Blackwell.

The B. T. U. was organized in 1921 by Rev. R. N. Hicks, pastor of the church. For several years there was only one union, the senior union, and was mixed with all ages. Now we have the adult, senior, intermediates and junior classes. The total enrollment is about 27.

The W. M. U. was organized about 1912 or '13, in the school house, Mrs. George L. Paxton coming down here for that purpose. It is thought that J. H. McLaughlin was the pastor at that time. Mrs. W. C. Shamblin, Sr., was the first president. They disbanded for a few years but reorganized again in 1921. And is still doing fine work. The W. M. U. is financing the R. As. which was organized in November, 1935. Rev. H. A. McHenry organized them and is their leader. He is doing wonderful work and this is the first time the R. As. have ever been organized. Their enrollment is eight. There are sixty women of our W. M. U., but only 15 active members. Our secretary-treasurer is Mrs. L. C. Pyle and is the wife of one of the public school teachers.

The enrollment of our Sunday School is 135 and varies in attendance each Sunday. The only charter member, Mrs. Patterson, does not remember who the first superintendent was. The first to be remembered was Mr. Sam Couch. Mr. W. C. Shamblin, Sr., is the superintendent now and a fine man for the place. He has been superintendent before but moved away, being gone about 10 or 12 years, and moved back in 1933.

These facts were collected by Mrs. Spurgeon P. Smith, Church Clerk.

We have just closed a splendid meeting in this church with E. F. Cole of Lamesa doing the preaching and our local men, W. F. Walker and E. L. Wisdom in charge of the music. There were thirty-eight conversions and additions to the church. Our people are greatly revived and ready for new work in the church of our Lord. The pastor and people are high in their praise of the work of Brother Cole. He does the kind of Gospel preaching that gets hold of the hearts of people. We feel that we are on a new plane for Christian service.—E. S. James, pastor, First Baptist Church, Cisco, Texas.

BAPTIST LEADERS ON WORLD'S FAIR, DALLAS, PROGRAM

DALLAS, Texas, April 30.—Five nationally known Baptist leaders will be brought to the Texas Centennial Exposition for the week of June 11, set aside as "Baptist Week" at the \$25,000,000 World's Fair opening here June 6.

The first of these to speak will be Dr. George W. Truett of Dallas, president of the Baptist World Alliance. The others are Dr. Robert G. Lee, pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., June 12; Pat M. Neff, president of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, and former governor of Texas, June 13; Dr. M. E. Dodd, president of the Southern Baptist convention and pastor of the First Baptist Church at Shreveport, June 16; Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, pastor of the Third Street Baptist Church at St. Louis, and others.

Arrangements for the eight-day celebration have been made by Dr. T. C. Gardner, director of the Texas Baptist Centennial celebrations, with W. A. Webb, exposition general manager. A chorus of 200 voices will perform each day. Robert H. Coleman, Harry P. Wootan, J. B. Christian, Shelby Carter and C. S. Cadwallader, Dallas choir directors, will have charge of the chorus and music for each meeting.

There are 3,153 Baptist churches in Texas having a membership of more than 600,000, who have joined in an invitation to Baptists of the world to come to Dallas for the celebration.

A WORD ABOUT LEUDERS BAPTIST ENCAMPMENT

Remember the date, June 22-28. As business manager, I want to say a word through the West Texas Baptist about the encampment grounds.

We own some 70 acres of land located on the banks of the Clearfork river one mile east of Leuders. There is plenty of shade on the river banks to place your tent and plenty of room to build a cottage out from the river. The encampment owns 15 buildings and there are some 30 buildings owned by various individuals.

Many questions have been asked about building a cabin on the grounds and I want to answer some of these questions. The encampment will give you space on the ground to build a cabin on, if you will erect the building. You can use the cabin any time of the year. No one else is permitted to use your house unless you give them a written permit. This is strictly observed and your property on the camp grounds is as private as your own home. You are asked to pay 6.00 a year to the camp for overhead expenses.

The cost of building a cabin varies as to the kind and size. Most of the cabins are 12 by 16 feet with drop shutters. A cabin like this can be built for about \$90.00. I would advise spending a little more and making it so you could use it throughout the year. If you are interested in building write me and I will see what can be done. If you have a good credit rating in your town I think we could arrange so you could build and pay it out by the month. We need about 50 more cabins built on the grounds this year. I will be glad to give my time in helping you erect a cabin if you are interested.

Our grounds are in splendid shape. The buildings need painting. We do not have the money to do this with. I wish some one hundred churches, organizations or classes would volunteer to give one gallon of paint which would be about \$2.00 so that we could paint our buildings this Centennial year. We are paying the debt off of the encampment grounds and will not use any of the money that comes from a debt paying source for improvement, neither are we going in debt any more.

Some have asked about coming to the grounds during the year. If you want to come for a day or a week, Mr. Gray, our keeper, is always on the grounds. He will rent you a cabin with a bed or beds, chairs, tables, etc. We do not have the cabins furnished with cooking utensils. There is good fishing right on the grounds and we are only one mile east of Lake Penick and you will find good fishing above

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OLD BIBLES, PAPERS AND OTHER HISTORICAL EXHIBITS ARE WANTED

Dr. T. C. Gardner, director of Texas Baptist Centennial activities, is appealing to the Baptists of this state for suitable material to be placed in the Hall of Religion display at the Texas Centennial celebration this summer. The following letter from Dr. Gardner is self explanatory:

I am now searching for historical documents, historical objects, old letters, rare books and photographs for our Baptist exhibit at the Central Centennial Exposition here in Dallas which opens June 6. I imagine that many historical documents, old letters, clippings and rare books are mouldering in dusty attics and musty cellars throughout Texas; therefore I want you to assist me in securing documents, books and photographs that should be in this exhibit.

The Baptist exhibit will be in the Hall of Religion. We are securing show cases in which we will place historical documents, objects, etc., for safe keeping. Of course, these cases will be locked. We will also have hostesses at the exhibit all hours of the day. They will be there to explain the documents and objects in the exhibit and at the same time, give out helpful information and literature.

It appears to me that this is a year for us to make some discoveries for ourselves. If you know of anything that should be in this exhibit and will let me know in whose possession it is in, I will join you in making an effort to secure it.

WORKERS CONFERENCE MEETS TODAY WITH CALVARY BAP. CHURCH

The May Workers' Conference of the Sweetwater Association is meeting today with Calvary Baptist Church, Abilene. The morning program calls for a song service led by Pastor W. C. Ashford of Abilene, devotional led by Mrs. J. L. Winters, and address on "The Sunday School as an Evangelistic Agency," by Dr. D. W. Arnett, superintendent of University Church Sunday School, a talk on "The Way and How of Gospel Music," by J. D. Riddle, and sermon by Rev. Roy O. Young, pastor of Immanuel Church, Abilene.

Following the associational and W. M. U. board meeting after lunch, Rev. Finis Williams, pastor of the church at Elmdale, will speak on the subject of "Evangelizing and Christianizing." Rev. F. A. Hollis, pastor at Putnam and Neill, will bring the closing message on "Perennial Evangelism."

WORKERS CONFERENCE MEETS AT BETHEL

The Workers Conference of the Jones County Association will meet with the Bethel Church on Tuesday, May 19. The following program has been prepared for the meeting:

- 10:00—Song service, Jim Lane. Devotional, L. A. Foster.
- 10:20—God's Method of Drawing Men as Taught in John 6:44, P. C. Williams.
- 10:40—Is There Any Cause for Alarm About the Indifference of Professed Christians in the Kingdom Work? W. L. Daniel.
- 11:00—Is it Possible for a Church to Loose the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit? W. D. Fielder.
- 11:20—Sermon, H. D. Blair, Cisco.
- 12:00 Noon—Lunch.
- 1:00—Board Meeting and Ladies Meeting.
- 1:45—Mexican Missions, E. Espanosa.
- 2:10—The Power of the Holy Spirit, J. H. Skiles.
- 2:30—The Relative Responsibility of Preachers and Laymen to Evangelize the World, L. A. Doyle.
- 3:00—District Missions, J. D. Brannon.
- 3:30—Sermon, Henry Littleton.

At Castle Gap, west of Del Rio, Texas, Centennial visitors may dig for treasure. Near there, according to legend, the treasures of Emperor Maximilian of Mexico are buried and many persons in the past have sought to unearth this fortune in gold and precious stones.

News Notes

There were fifty-two additions to the First Baptist Church, Abilene, as a result of the revival meeting which closed Sunday. Dr. John W. Ham of Atlanta, Ga., did the preaching and the music was directed by Brother J. R. Riddle, local choir director. Twenty-three candidates were baptized Sunday evening and a number of other candidates await baptism. Dr. Ham went from Abilene to Hot Springs, Ark., where he will spend a few days recuperating his health.

A revival meeting has been in progress at East Fourth Street Church, Big Spring, for several days with Pastor A. A. Brian of Levelland doing the preaching. There were eight additions for baptism the first day of the meeting. About 400 members of the church answered roll call and the Sunday School reached the 500 mark. At the Sunday services 75 awards were issued as a result of the recent Sunday School revival held by the church. Pastor W. S. Garnett is leading this fine church in a real constructive program of kingdom building.

The associational Brotherhood of the Sweetwater Association will meet with the First Baptist Church, Sweetwater, on May 8, at 8 o'clock. The program includes a luncheon served at 7:30, group singing led by Virgil Reynolds of Trinity Church, Abilene, special music led by J. D. Riddle of Abilene, inspirational address by P. D. O'Brien of Colorado. Judge E. S. Cummings of Abilene, associational president, will preside at the meeting.

J. Z. Harvey has been selected as B. T. U. director by the First Baptist Church, Sweetwater, to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Blanton McCord.

Pastor J. S. Sisemore of Tabernacle Church, Amarillo, has just closed a meeting at Colorado Springs, Colo., where J. W. Sisemore, his son, a pastor. There were 63 conversions and additions with 37 reconsecrations. One young man surrendered to preach.

The editor is to preach the commencement sermon for the Seminole High School on Sunday morning, May 17. It was in this little city on the South Plains that we began our work both as preacher and editor.

Services at Potosi

Rev. H. H. Summers filled his regular appointment at Potosi Sunday, April 26, bringing two fine messages. During the evening service he presented seals to a group of seniors, adults, intermediates and juniors as a result of our B. T. U. study course. J. Welch and Lee Pool reported having a fine time at the Sunday School convention.

There was a song and praise service at our church Sunday afternoon. A number of the good old songs were sung and dedicated to our older people. The house was full and a lot of people stood during the program. There were visitors present from all over the county.—B. P. Adams.

The editor and family are in receipt of an invitation to attend the graduating exercises of the senior class of the Eliasville high school to be held May 22. The invitation came from Byron Bryant, valedictorian of the class. Byron is a young ministerial student and he with his mother and sister will move to Abilene after June 1, where he will enter Hardin-Simmons University.

Brother J. C. Watts of Abilene, who has been teaching in the public schools of this section for many years, has gone to Las Vegas, N. M., where he will teach mathematics in Montezuma College.

Thursday evening, April 30, the Shep Baptist Church met in conference for the ordaining to the Gospel ministry of Brother Melvin Byrd. Brother Byrd is a student in Hardin-Simmons University, and had been called as pastor of the Grassburn Church. Brother N. W. Pitts, pastor, had charge of the service. The following brethren, all students, had part in the ordination: N. W. Pitts conducted the examination, James Alexander led in the ordination prayer, W. P. Kirk delivered the charge to the candidate, Clyde Jackson delivered the charge to the church, and T. J. Young preached the sermon.

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OUR APOLOGY TO CANDIDATES

In the rush of putting out the Centennial edition of the West Texas Baptist last week, we unintentionally failed to insert in the general run of advertisements the candidate announcements which appear below. We appreciate the fact that these friends thought enough of this paper to place their announcements to be run each week until election time, and we regret very much that we overlooked placing these announcements in last week's issue.

For District Clerk, Taylor County: (Miss) Belle Wellborn.
For County Clerk, Taylor County: E. D. (Dean) Davis. (Miss) Vivian Fryar.

For County Judge, Taylor County: A. A. Heathington.
For Assessor-Collector, Taylor County: W. P. Bounds.
For Justice of the Peace: James Gray Bledsoe, Precinct 1, Place 1.

GETTING READY FOR LEUDERS

We are carrying an announcement in this issue from Henry Littleton of Hamlin, business manager of the Leuders Encampment, in regard to camping on the grounds during the summer. Brother Littleton also makes a fine suggestion to the churches about having the buildings on the camp grounds repainted. Read what Brother Littleton has to say about this matter and then join right in and help make the painting of the buildings possible this Centennial year. We will all rejoice that the encampment is paying out of debt as a result of the movement started on the grounds last summer. District 17 should appreciate this camp ground. It is a great asset to our causes, and more of the churches should use the grounds all along during the year as a place of recreation for Sunday School, Church and B. T. U. groups. The Leuders Encampment edition of the *West Texas Baptist* will be off the press June 4. Begin now to make a place in your summer program for the Leuders Encampment June 22-23.

MORE CENTENNIAL EDITIONS

Next week we will publish the Callahan Association Centennial edition. The churches have been responding in a great way and the issue will contain some interesting information. One Callahan pastor, in speaking of the work involved in gathering the historical data about his church said: "It is surprising to know just how much time it takes to collect material for the writing of a history of our church. This work should be done while we still have some of the old timers with us. Most of our old charter members are already gone."

A number of copies of each of the issues we are publishing will be filed for special reference in the libraries of Hardin-Simmons and The Southwestern Seminary. If you have not collected the data on your church and association, see that it is done right away. We are anxious to make these historical sketches as complete as possible. To do this we must have the co-operation of our churches and pastors.

BACK COPIES WANTED

The library of Hardin-Simmons is making an effort to complete the files of the West Texas Baptist. The librarian has checked over the files and finds the following copies missing. If you are able to supply any of these back numbers, the university will greatly appreciate it if you will send them in. Send the copies to the Librarian, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas:

January 3, 1935; January 10, 1935; January 17, 1935; January 24, 1935; May 16, 1935; June 6, 1935; August 15, 1935; October 31, 1935; December 26, 1935; January 4, 1936; January 18, 1936; February 1, 1936; March 1, 1936; May 17, 1936; August 9, 1936; September 27, 1936; October 11, 1936; November 8, 1936; December 6, 1936; December 27, 1936.

MOTHER'S DAY AND HOSPITALS

Next Sunday is Mother's Day. At that time the people of America will pay special tribute to the mothers of our land. Special telegrams, telephone calls, flowers and letters will go forth by the millions to gladden the hearts of our mothers. Every person who is fortunate enough to have a living mother should not fail to take advantage of this opportunity to pay tribute to her. If you have words of endearment and encouragement to offer; if you have alabaster boxes to break and fragrant flowers to give to mother—give them while her heart is still warm, and while she can enjoy the tributes paid her. Mary immortalized herself by breaking the box of pure nard and anointing the Savior before time for his burial. The fragrance of that ointment not only filled the house in which the Master was dining, but it has been wafted on down the ages as a solemn reminder that we too should give our words of encouragement to those about us while they are alive to enjoy the sweet odors.

It is also fitting that Mother's Day should be linked with our institutions of healing. Our Christian hospitals give freely of their services to suffering humanity, as do our mothers. Thousands of our unfortunate people, who otherwise could not receive medical attention, are given the ministry of healing by these institutions. Our own West Texas Baptist Sanitarium has rendered a beautiful service to hundreds of unfortunate sufferers during the few years it has been in existence. Superintendent Collier is appealing to our churches in this section to make a contribution Sunday for the carrying on of the charity work. It is the only direct appeal the hospital makes for support from the churches, and there should be a hearty response from all over West Texas for this worthy cause.

Several churches in the Sweetwater Association have not sent in historical sketches. We are planning to publish these sketches all along. If your church has not attended to this matter, send the data in and help us make up the historical record of all our churches.

Church Music

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

I. E. Reynolds

No. 23. "THE PSALMS."

The Jewish Psalms have furnished the bridal hymns, the battle songs, the pilgrim marches, the penitential prayers, and the public praises of every nation in Christendom, since Christendom was born. They have rolled through the din of every great European battlefield; they have pealed through the scream of the storm in every ocean-highway of the world. Drake's sailors sang them when they clove the virgin waters of the Pacific; Frobenius's when they dashed against the barriers of the Arctic ice day and night. They floated over the waters on that day of days when England held her freedom against the Pope and Spaniards, and won the naval supremacy of pilgrims; were sung around Cromwell's campfires, and his Ironsides charged to their music, whilst they have filled the peaceful homes of England with the voice of supplication, and the breath of praise. In palace halls, by happy hearths, and in squalid rooms, in pauper's wards, in prison walls, in crowded sanctuaries, in lonely wilderness—everywhere—they have uttered our moan of contrition, and our song of triumph; our tearful complaints, and our wrestling, conquering prayer.

Devotional Thoughts

CALLING THE TUNE

They were giving me "hot rhythm," over the wireless. I did not seize a hatchet and smash the set; I turned a key and found the air filled with the glorious harmonies of Beethoven.

Supposing I had said: "This jazz stuff is so terrible that I can no longer believe in music. They told me that music was a heavenly thing, purifying the soul and uplifting the heart and mind to the contemplation of divine things. Just listen to it. It is a whining of wild beasts, a potent proof that man is but a step removed from the vilest barbarism. I can no longer believe in Beethoven and Bach and Mozart."

It would have been just as reasonable as to say: "I hear and see so much evil in the world that I no longer believe in goodness. I thought there was something divine in man—but see how vilely I have been treated by So-and-so. I can no longer believe in the saints and can no longer believe in the prophets and the martyrs and the poets."

We are not indulging in self-deception when we shut out the voice of evil and doubt, and listen, for our souls' uplifting, to the voices of faith and goodness. We are free to "call the tune"; and we are wise to call the tune that assures us of the reality of all beauty and harmony in God's universe. Because some amongst us cannot sing true, are we to believe that music is dead? There is only one true music. We need not worry about the noises.—John Roadmender, in the "Christian World" (London).

REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

A young lady who was always ill at ease and awkward in company asked a Christian woman what she should do to overcome it. "Always think of others, dear, never of yourself" was the reply. Such, I believe, would be Paul's advice in answer to the question, "How can I reach men?" Such certainly was his action, for who can detect the slightest selfishness in all his biographical letters? He was always ready to "spend and be spent" for the furtherance of the Gospel. It costs to live an unselfish life, but it pays. "The noblest end of life is to live for the service of God. And everything is His service by which we can be or give a blessing to another."—Record of Christian Work.

THINGS THAT MAKE FOR SUCCESS

Sir Walter Scott put in fifteen hours a day at his desk, rising at 4 o'clock in the morning, says Cecil G. Osborne in the Watchman-Examiner. He averaged a book every two months, and turned out the "Waverly Novels" at the rate of one a month. Fritz Kreisler, despite his native genius, finds it necessary to devote eight to ten hours a day to practice. One of the Wesleys preached three sermons a day for 54 years, traveled 290,000 miles by horseback and carriage, wrote more than eighty different works on many subjects and edited a fifty volume library.

When Lincoln was a young man he ran for the legislature in Illinois. He was defeated. He entered business, failed, and spent 17 years paying back the debts of a worthless partner. He fell in love with a beautiful girl, was engaged to her—and she died. He ran for Congress and was badly defeated. He sought an appointment to the United States Land Office, but failed. He became a candidate for the United States Senate and was swamped. In 1856 he became a candidate for the vice-presidency and was defeated by a large majority. In 1858 he was defeated by Douglas. Suppose he had given up there?

Several months ago a ship sent out a distress signal. It had lost its rudder. Before help had arrived the ship had broken up on the rocky coast. It had power but no direction. It is never too late to begin. Socrates, aged and white-haired, learned to play many musical instruments. Cato mastered Greek after he was 80. Plutarch mastered Latin after he was 80. Theophrastus published his greatest work after he was 90. Chaucer wrote Canterbury Tales in his old age. Hobbs translated the Odyssey at 87, and the Iliad at 88. The Apostle John did his greatest work after he was 80. Swift was 69 before he wrote Gulliver's Travels. But, "Thou shalt remember the Lord thy God, for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth." Get to the top, if you can, but take Christ with you. Make money if you can, but make it to the glory of God. Dream dreams, but not the dream of the man to whom God said: "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee."

A steward is one who occupies a position of trust. "It is required in steward that a man be found faithful." In the parable of talents the one-talent man was not a waster, a night prowler, a drunken man, nor a rioter. He simply failed to use what the Lord gave him to use.—Ex.

DANGEROUS DOCTORING

A little fellow in Sunday School, when asked by his teacher, "What is false doctrine?" replied, "When the doctor gives the wrong medicine." That child was not so far wrong at that, since "another Gospel" work incalculable harm to the patient, and hearer. The boy confused "doctoring" with "doctrine," but it is equally true that evil results follow the delivery of both wrong medicines and false messages.—From Inland Africa.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By HIGHT C. MOORE

May 10, 1936

EFFECTUAL PRAYER

Read Luke 18. Study Luke 18:1-14

Five traits of effectual prayer are shown in this chapter: (1) Its perseverance by the widow before the judge; (2) its humility by the publican in the Temple; (3) its receptivity by the little children brought to Jesus; (4) its usefulness by Peter who had given up all for Christ in contrast with the rich young ruler who had refused to do so; and (5) its faith by the blind beggar who was healed at Jericho.

1. Perseverance of Effectual Prayer

The parable of the importunate widow set forth the perseverance of effectual prayer. It presupposes the inequalities of the world which are to be adjusted by the Lord at his second coming (as the connection shows). Then all wrongs will be redressed and the down-trodden righteous will be vindicated and avenged. Meantime, it is the duty of believers to pray with patience while the Lord lingers and with perseverance until the blessing comes. Learn from the widow. As the victim of flagrant injustice she carried her cause to court and appealed for relief. But the judge was an atheist and misanthrope; what cared he for the widow who could pay him no bribe? Still she haunted him night and day, and kept her cry in his ears. At last, the importunity of the oppressed woman prevailed, and the judge did selfishly for his own relief what he ought to have done justly for the widow's relief. Now if a corrupt judge would be touched by a persistent appellant, much more will the Judge of all the earth do right. And if importunity is employed and effective in a case at court, how much more should we engage in and gain by persevering prayer!

2. Humility of Effectual Prayer

The parable of the Pharisee and publican set forth the humility of effectual prayer. As they entered the Temple, what a contrast between Pharisee and publican—the one a boasted saint, the other a branded sinner! With confident tread the Pharisee entered the inner sanctuary; with trembling step the publican came only to the outer court. The Pharisee prayed with finished phrase and dignified demeanor; the publican simply ejaculated his heart-break in a single burning, bleeding, broken sentence. See the Pharisee at prayer: He was manifestly ostentatious and utterly undevotional; he prayed "with himself," more in soliloquy than in supplication; his very gratitude was the essence of conceit; his attitude toward others (the publican, for example) was marked by un pitying disdain; he detailed his merits and deleted his unworthiness, five times using the capital "I" in a reported prayer of thirty-five words. See the publican at prayer: He stood in an attitude of reverence; his very look betrayed a consciousness of his sinfulness; he smote upon his breast in vehement self-reproach; and when his feelings finally found words he confessed himself a sinner, cried to God against whom he had sinned, and pleaded for the mercy of pardon and peace. Who prayed the better prayer? In fact, which alone really prayed at all? All the world knows that Jesus gave the right answer. For pride shrivels before the Mercy-Seat while humility is the open road to the Throne of Grace.

Pray the Effectual Prayer

1. *Pray Individually.* "They ought." Nothing is more personal, more individual, more solitary than prayer. Each soul must itself look up to God and long for the blessings from above.
2. *Pray Constantly.* "Always to pray." There is constant need; there ought to be constant prayer. Live in a prayer atmosphere. Keep ever in touch with the Infinite.
3. *Pray Unfaintly.* "And not to faint." Often we expect answers too soon. We faint and fall before the fulness of time. Keep on praying. Keep on waiting. God hears and he will answer.
4. *Pray Believingly.* "She came oft unto him." Ask in faith. Believe, and you shall receive. Pray in Christ's name, believing. Not without faith can we please God and secure the blessing he is ready to bestow.
5. *Pray Triumphantly.* "I will avenge her." The importunate widow won her case by perseverance in effort and patience in waiting. Ought not the praying saint to be even more persevering and patient?
6. *Pray Socially.* "Into the temple to pray." It is right to go to the house of prayer. The soul needs the solemnity of the sanctuary. There kindred spirits kindle each other. "Let us worship together."
7. *Pray Humbly.* "Standing afar off." Pride is never so out of place as in prayer. Self-righteousness invalidates supplication. Humility wins honor. To reach high we must bow low. See the publican!
8. *Pray Penitently.* "Smote his breast." Ere he said a word, the down-cast look and remorseful stroke showed the publican's sorrow of soul before God. And his prayer was an outburst of contrite confession.
9. *Pray Specifically.* "God, be thou merciful to me a sinner." Were many things on the publican's mind that day? He prayed for but one—the thing he needed most of all. The successful prayer is the specific prayer.
10. *Pray Effectually.* "This man—justified." The Pharisee prayed in vain. The publican went down to his house with the blessing of God. It is not enough that we pray. Do we pray effectually?

GOLD IN THE GOLDEN TEXT

God be merciful to me a sinner. Luke 18:13.
A sinner is praying. He knows he is a sinner. He says he is a sinner. But he is in the place of prayer. He is in the spirit of prayer. He is in the attitude of prayer. His heart is burning within him. His soul is yearning upward. His words are red hot with earnestness.

Home Daily Bible Readings

Monday—Learning to Pray. Matthew 6:5-8.
Tuesday—The Perfect Prayer. Matthew 6:9-14.
Wednesday—Faith and Prayer. John 14:11-20.
Thursday—Humility in Prayer. Luke 18:9-14.
Friday—Encouragement to Pray. Luke 11:9-13.
Saturday—Earnest Prayer. Psalm 63:1-8.
Sunday—A Penitent's Prayer. Psalm 38:1-9.
Devotional Reading—I John 3:18-24.

If God's people had eyes to discern that inheritance which is their surest possession, they would know that always when life's cries are most acute, when life's experiences are darkest, the luminous presence of the Invisible One shines most brightly and clearly. When light falls upon the path and the goings of life's journey are all pleasant, he may withdraw himself into the shadows. It is comforting to know that he manifests himself according to our need. His arm is ready for us to lean upon in the hard places. When our souls are being tried with the dangers of the untried way, he is within calling distance. This assurance is voiced on every page of the living Word. "As I have been with my servants of old, so will I be with thee."—J. C. Massee in Watchman-Examiner.

W. M. U. DEPARTMENT

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TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING OF DIST. W.M.U.

The twenty-eighth annual meeting of the W. M. U. of District 17 was held April 28 and 29 in the University Church, Abilene, with Mrs. R. M. White presiding, Mrs. J. D. Brannon leading the singing, and Mrs. R. E. Kuykendall at the piano. After singing the woman's hymn and the special hymn for the year, "Lead On, O King Eternal," which carried the theme of the program, Mrs. Omar Burleson, Anson, led the opening devotional on "Discipleship," which was closed with two numbers by the Hardin-Simmons girls' quartet. Mrs. D. W. Arnette extended cordial greetings, to which Mrs. C. A. Powell added gracious words of welcome, the response being made by Mrs. W. Y. Pond, Breckenridge. It was stated that two were present who attended the first district meeting twenty-eight years ago, Mrs. George L. Paxton and Mrs. Hope Swann.

The following visitors were recognized: Pastors J. L. Tierce, Clyde, Joe Mayes, Baird, P. C. Williams, Stamford, W. Y. Pond, Breckenridge, Finis Williams, Elmdale, C. A. Powell, Abilene, and Missionary Blair of Cisco Association; Miss Lucile Mattox, Fort Worth, and four ladies from Winters. In the absence of the recording secretary, Mrs. H. J. McArdle, because of illness, Mrs. W. L. Jackson was asked to serve in her place.

Interesting and encouraging reports were made by associational presidents. Mrs. V. W. Tatum, Cross Plains, reported seven W. M. U. organizations in the 15 churches, one recently organized. Of the twelve young people's societies five were new last quarter. Regular quarterly meetings have been held and greater interest has been manifested in mission study, with a good institute held in March. Mrs. Leigh spent a day in the association and addresses were made by Mrs. Lockett and Miss Blanche Simpson. Much good was received from the Lueders Y. W. A. and R. A. camps.

Mrs. George W. Thomas, Ranger, stated that Cisco societies combine with the workers' conference each month instead of in quarterly meetings. A good offering was made to ministerial relief and the beneficiary is well cared for, the churches taking turns each month. A car of food and crates of eggs were sent to Buckner Orphan's Home. In the stewardship declamation contests their young people won in all places. Mrs. Lockett visited them and spoke on missions. A mission study institute was held in March. More tithers are reported than ever before and apportionments have come in well. The women help with Mexican work.

Mrs. D. G. Reid, Roby, stated that Fisher County is itself a mission field and that the women aid in mission work for Mexicans and negroes. The last offering for the Lottie Moon week of prayer was the best they have made. Mrs. Lockett spoke to a great crowd of men and women. Each church held one or more mission study class. Offerings were made to the sanitarium and to B. O. H. All apportionments can soon be met.

Mrs. H. R. Whitley, Haskell, reported for her association more than 3,000 containers of fruit and vegetables sent to B. O. H., all weeks of prayer observed with increased offerings, all apportionments met, and two new societies and four new junior organizations.

Mrs. George Flournoy, Stamford, reported eight organized societies in Jones County, two new this year, and four Y. W. A.'s. The Anson Y. W. A. has organized a Sunbeam band for the negro children. A mission study institute was held at Anson with 35 in attendance.

Mrs. F. T. Whitaker, Jayton, being absent, Mrs. Hembree reported for Stonewall Association that all six societies observed the weeks of prayer; offerings were made to B. O. H., sanitarium, and ministerial relief. Many young people took part in stewardship declamation contests. Mrs. Lockett was greatly enjoyed. Six conversions were reported through personal service.

Mrs. C. C. Compere presented the 31st annual report for Sweetwater Association. Meetings the last two quarters were held in connection with workers' conferences and the pastors have shown more interest in W. M. U. work. There has been an increase in the number of tithers and in gifts through the weeks of prayer. Money is in hand for all apportionments, boxes have been sent to B. O. H. and linens to the sanitarium. The Hardin-Simmons student fund is an important part of the work. While there is no gain in number of women's societies, young people's organiza-

tions have increased, though there is great need of leaders. The enlisted women are doing good work but so many are not enlisted.

The report on Benevolence was read by the chairman, Mrs. George L. Paxton. Callahan, Cisco, Fisher, Jones, and Sweetwater have reported every quarter on time. There were 45 offerings to B. O. H. of \$1,400 and 69 boxes valued at \$1,500. She urged co-operation in Mother's Day offering to the sanitarium and an increase the eight offerings of \$221 last year. On the Texas roll of ministerial beneficiaries there are 83 men and 82 widows who received during 1935 from the Relief and Annuity board \$9,607, which was \$882 more than Texas paid in.

Mrs. Ed Hahn stated in her report on Missions that 205 special programs were held during the year and 4,833 attended week of prayer programs.

Mrs. J. B. Buckley's fine report on young people's work will be printed later. We have a total of 124 organizations, 11 being A-1, with 135 tithers reported. The Lueders camps were attended by 315 boys, 34 of whom professed conversion, and 240 girls. The young people have contributed more than \$100 toward the Lueders debt.

On Tuesday afternoon the devotional was conducted by Miss Lucile Mattox, our district scholarship student at Southwestern Training School. It was a great pleasure to have her in the meeting and all of us are happy to have the privilege of aiding in her preparation for mission work.

After a profitable forty-five minute period spent in conferences the standing chairmen continued their reports.

Mrs. N. A. Moore's report on education contained the following figures: 1,163 Baptist seniors in high schools; 613 in Baptist schools; 20 banquets for students; 96 talks with students; 110 catalogues of Baptist schools in high school libraries; 183 talks on Christian education. Messrs. Selby Aswell and Douglas Kelly, ministerial students of Hardin-Simmons, set forth in short talks the influence on students of non-Christian schools as contrasted with Christian culture which seeks to bring students to Christ and to train for Christ.

The year's report on mission study by Mrs. J. E. Burnam showed 175 classes held. Mission study should be the means to an end and should result in better attendance, giving, prayer life, and consecration.

Because of the regretted absence of Mrs. J. Henry Littleton, periodicals chairman, her report was read by Mrs. Blair of Cisco. There were 823 subscriptions to the Baptist Standard, 310 to Royal Service, 192 to the young people's magazines, 15 to Home and Foreign Fields and 70 to the West Texas Baptist.

Mrs. J. H. Burnett's fine report on personal service will be printed later. She said: "Personal worship is better than personal service, as illustrated by Mary and Martha."

Mrs. B. M. Whitaker stated that stewardship means living the full Christian life. Pleasures, recreations, all of life are included in recognizing Christ's primary claim. Of the 3,027 women reported in the district only 520 are active, but 809 gave to missions and 422 are tithers. At this time the custom was followed of taking an offering for Buckner Orphan's Home.

Tuesday Evening

A very delightful program was given by the young people on Tuesday evening, directed by Mrs. J. B. Buckley. Chas. McLaughlin led the devotional, reading Isaiah's vision of God and call. God calls today and upon young people there is a responsibility to carry forward God's program. Miss Lillias Penick, for many years district young people's leader, led in prayer. We are fortunate in having a Grace McBride Y. W. A. among the nurses of the sanitarium and these young ladies occupied the choir and sang several songs.

Brief reports were made by associational young people's leaders, Mrs. L. M. Green for Callahan stated that Clyde, Putnam and Cross Plains have 11 organizations, five of them new. The Cross Plains R. A. has 15 members; Mrs. Otis Smith for Mrs. Josey stated that Fisher County is well organized and that good work is being done at Roby, Rotan, Sylvester, and Royston; Mrs. Lowell Ponder could not remain to report for Haskell; Miss Mae Zinn, new leader for Jones County, reported four churches having young people's work. In the new church at Stamford out of 105 children, 89 are in the organizations; Mrs. Pruitt Rash reported five organizations at Claremont in Stonewall; Mrs. D. C. Fulkerson reported 135 tithers

among the young people of Sweetwater association. It was a privilege to have with us Mrs. J. E. Leigh who never fails to interest the young people. Her address on this occasion stressed the importance of choice for young people, illustrated by Mussolini, Hitler, Kagawa. In the face of the unprecedented lawlessness of this age there must be a renewal of the right mental attitudes and moral principles. Youth can succeed only by consecration and right character.

The program closed with a play presented by the Ann Hasselbine Y. W. A. of Hardin-Simmons, and directed by Miss A. M. Carpenter, under the title, "Into All the World." These young ladies used their fine training in dramatics to make a strong appeal for interest in missions and the meeting closed with a fine spirit. Large delegations had come from several towns and in every respect the young people's program was worthy and inspiring. Surely a new day will come for our work as a result of the consecrated service of our young people's leaders.

Wednesday Morning

After a devotional led by Mrs. O. M. Jones, Sylvester, Mrs. P. L. Ullom, Sweetwater, sang "My Texas," adopted by Texas Baptist women as our Centennial song. It was written by Mrs. O. T. Anderson, Olney, wife of a trustee of Hardin-Simmons. An important item of the day's program was the report of our corresponding secretary-treasurer, Mrs. H. J. Hanks. Since this should be filed by every local secretary, it will be printed in full in the next issue of the paper.

Four of our denominational enterprises were presented at this time. Rev. J. Henry Littleton spoke for Lueders encampment, announced the program for the meeting June 22-29, and urged co-operation with Mrs. Buckley in the camps for boys and girls.

Following several numbers by the Hardin-Simmons quartet, President J. D. Sandefer presented Christian education in his characteristically strong manner. He said that the greatest problem in the world today is what we are going to do with our children in the face of conditions and trends that are staggering. Our children are worth more than anything else in the world and yet our people are mercenary in the matter of education. The trouble with youth today is that education has gone pagan.

Rev. Hal Buckner stated that the work of B. O. H. is not only benevolence, but is also missions, Christian education, personal service and every other phase of our work within the limits of that particular group. He announced a proposed building campaign and asked the body to express its approval of the plan.

Superintendent E. M. Collier of the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium told of the large amount of charity work done and expressed his gratitude for the new building now under construction.

Mrs. Leigh made another of her fine addresses at this session, using as a theme the part we are going to play in the next Centennial. "Forgetting the things that are behind, we press on." Forgetting our successes and failures, disappointments and sorrows, our injuries and ingratitude, let us consecrate our all to Christ. We need today not more Christians so much as a better grade of Christians.

Following the afternoon devotional by Mrs. Carter King, Albany, the report of the methods and finance committee was presented by Mrs. D. W. Arnett. Since this constitutes largely our plan of work for the year, it will be printed and should be filed.

Mrs. Bert E. Low made the report for the Margaret fund and presented Miss Claradine LeSeuer, our Margaret fund student, who talked interestingly of the life of our missionaries in Mexico where her parents are working. She concluded with some Spanish songs.

Rev. W. C. Ashford, pastor of the Southside Church, Abilene, made a fine talk on the Co-operative Program as being the most effective means of sending the Baptist message to a waiting world.

Mrs. J. B. Murray reported a total registration of 499, with 36 from Callahan, 32 from Cisco, 29 from Fisher, 20 from Haskell, 59 from Jones, none from Stonewall, and 139 from Sweetwater Association, and 34 visitors.

Mrs. C. C. Compere read the report of the nominating committee, recommending the election of all officers of the past year. On Mrs. Leigh's suggestion the young people's leader was also elected instead of appointed.

An invitation was accepted to meet in Haskell Association next year.

Hardin-Simmons News

1,800 Seniors See Exhibits At Third Annual Senior Day

All Departments Combine To Present Program For Visitors

Third annual senior day program of Hardin-Simmons university brought more than 1,800 high school seniors, representing 70 schools over West Texas, to the university campus Saturday.

Parade and drill by the Cowboy band, Cowgirls, and members of the physical training classes under the direction of Miss Gertrude Warnack, and Otho Polk, opened the morning hour program, held in Farramore stadium.

Charles Pond, J. C. Condon, Polk, and Buck McNeil were the principal participants in the acrobatic drill. Cowboy band played several numbers with Johnny Regan presenting rope and whip tricks. Jane Guinn, university queen, escorted by Elton Murphy, president of the student body, was introduced. Mrs. C. C. Stewart of the local Baptist Woman's Missionary societies, sponsors for the occasion, welcomed the visitors.

President J. D. Sandefer gave the principal address. A pantomime was put on by the speech department, with Don Gayer directing. University Choral club, under the supervision of Mrs. Lola Gibson Deaton, closed the program by singing "The Green Cathedral," "Home on the Range," and the university anthem.

A picnic lunch was served at noon, under the direction of Mrs. Ben H. Manly, assisted by local women. G. P. Jones, Maryneal rancher, barbecued the meat. School cafeteria prepared the other delicacies of the meal. Entertainment was offered throughout the afternoon, with special exhibits in science, art, and home economics.

Cities represented were Archer City, Albany, Anson, Avoca, Abilene, Breckenridge, Big Spring, Bradshaw, Bronte, Baird, Clyde, Cisco, Coleman, Colorado, Comanche, Cross Plains, Divide, De Leon, Denton, Elvasville, Eastland, Electra, Gorman, Haskell, Hobbs, Holliday, Hamlin, Hawley, Iowa Park, Jacksboro, Knox City, Lueders, Lorraine, Lawn, Munday, Moran, Merkel, McCaulley, Mineral Wells, Olney, O'Brien, Ovalo, Olden, Ozona, Paducah, Putnam, Paint Rock, Robert Lee, Rotan, Roscoe, Roby, Rochester, Rule, Ranger, Roaring Springs, Sweetwater, Sylvester, Sagerton, Santa Anna, Swenson, Stamford, Tuscola, Throckmorton, Truscott, Wichita Falls, Woodson, Westbrook, Wylie and Weiner.

A dinner, given by members of the Cowboy club, honoring prospective members and lettermen, and an exhibition football game between two university squads closed the day's program.

Beckham Names Five Committees

Committees for the annual alumni and ex-students banquet were appointed Monday night by Lacy Beckham, vice-president and general chairman of the organization. Date for this year's affair was set for June 1 at the same meeting.

"This spring's program will be centered around reunions for graduates of the classes of 1916 and 1926," Beckham said this week. The banquet will be held in the Wooten hotel ballroom.

Chairmen of the various committees appointed by Beckham include Frank Junell, program; Miss Jeanell Jennings, decoration and menu; Nelson Hutto, publicity; Mrs. H. A. Pender, attendance; and Dr. and Mrs. R. N. Richardson, reception.

Solon R. Featherston of Wichita Falls is president of the alumni and ex-students association.

Mack Machen, Abilene, and Cearley Kinard, Memphis, were chosen editors of the Brand and Bronco, respectively, for the school year 1936-37, at a meeting of the publications board Monday.

Jerome Newman, Perryton, will serve as business manager of the Brand, and James K. Polk, Abilene, will fill the same office on the Bronco. Machen has served for three years as sports editor of the Brand, and was editor of the Abilene high school Battery in 1932.

Kinard has had three year's experience on the Brand and has served two years on the Bronco.

Preston Pupils Go To Dallas Festival

Five students of Herbert M. Preston, head of the violin department, were awarded the honor of entering the Tri-State Music festival to be held at Dallas, June 10-11.

Paul Trimmer, Jr., Allene McGaughey, Alma Jane Page, Saretta Morrow, and Dorothy Mack Aman, were the students who received this honor. Selection of this group was made after the district meet or contest of the Texas Music Teachers association. Mary Dunn of Lubbock served as judge for the contest.

Contestants were required to make a grade of 90 before they were eligible to go to Dallas. Students were not allowed to disclose their grades but Preston said that the grades of the five pupils ran from 90 to 97.

Trimmer of Ballinger, 14 years of age, entered the 17 years old group, while Allene McGaughey, Alma Jane Page, and Saretta Morrow entered the 14 year age group. Dorothy Mack Aman participated in the 12 year division.

Officers Of B.S.U. Named For 1937

1937 officers of the B. S. U. were chosen by the nominating committee at the regular meeting last Thursday night.

Jerome Newman was named president; Laverne Yeagen is first vice-president; Margaret Bower is second vice-president; and Douglas Crow is third vice-president.

Vida Battey is recording secretary. Dorothy Sue Collins was selected corresponding secretary, and David Crow is secretary-treasurer.

Alice Koenig was named reporter, Selby Aswell is extension secretary, Bill Gaddis is first church Sunday school representative, Avery Lee represents first church B. T. U., James K. Polk is Sunday school representative of University church, Charles Dickinson is B. T. U. representative of University church, Wilson Gilbert is choirster, and Wayne Evans is pianist.

Clark Jarnigan was president of the 1936 organization.

Cowboy band of Hardin-Simmons university has recently been asked to play on a national radio broadcast on the opening day of the Texas Centennial, and has forwarded its acceptance to the Texas club headquarters.

Broadcast will be at 1:15 p.m., June 6, under the auspices of the Texas Federation of Women's club. The Federated club women have been offered a radio broadcast with the specification that Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Cowboy band furnish the program.

Students Receive Broncos Following Services Tuesday

Dedication Goes To George Anderson And Solon Featherston

Distribution of the 1936 Bronco, school yearbook, began Tuesday morning immediately following chapel services, where the first copies were presented to Mr. George S. Anderson and Solon R. Featherston to whom it was dedicated.

Editor Billy Morrow presented the first official copy to Dr. J. D. Sandefer, who accepted it in behalf of the student body.

The book this year features a three-color art scheme and is bound in white leather. There is a larger quilt than ever before, and also a larger beauty section.

Both men to whom the annual is dedicated were in chapel for the presentation ceremony.

Featherston is president of the ex-student and alumni association of Hardin-Simmons and makes his home in Wichita Falls.

Anderson is head of the Abilene Printing and Stationary company, which did the printing of the book. The company also prints the Brand. He is the oldest member of the board of trustees of the university.

Lowden To Paint Cooper Portrait

A portrait of the late Dr. Oscar H. Cooper, distinguished educator and former philosophy and education instructor and president of Hardin-Simmons, will be hung along with portraits of other presidents of Baylor university at the Waco school, members of a sponsor committee announced Tuesday. Dr. Cooper was president of Baylor from 1889 to 1902, when he came to Hardin-Simmons to serve as president of the school.

West Texas friends of the late educator are invited to contribute to the fund for painting of the picture. Elsie Motz Lowden, a nationally known portrait painter, is to paint it. Announcement of the plans for the painting followed a meeting of some members of the Abilene Baylor Ex-Students association and the Oscar H. Cooper branch, American Association of University Women, which was held at a supper for which Dr. and Mrs. William R. Snow were hosts Monday evening at their home.

Mrs. Dan A. Gallagher, formerly Mary Cooper and former instructor of Hardin-Simmons university, only daughter of Dr. Cooper, is president of the AUW branch, which bears her father's name.

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DISTRICT MISSIONARY

J. D. Brannon, Missionary

Report of Missionary for April. Sermons and addresses 57. Miles traveled 2,030. Letters and cards written 327. Revivals held 1. Telephone calls 1. Associational meetings attended 2. District meetings attended 2. State meetings attended 2. Churches called pastors 2. Churches and communities contacted 67.

Additions: Baptism 42, letter 10, other professions 16, total 68.

Finances: Collected for Co-operative Program, \$9.83; collected for district missions, \$67.75; total, \$77.57.

An Appreciation

We appreciate the fine spirit and co-operation of the pastors, and associational officers in the effort of the April Round-Up Mission offering. We have had to ask a number of men to help with certain tasks and each of them have responded beautifully, and enthusiastically. Our hearts are grateful for this willingness on the part of all of our leaders to promote a great denominational missionary program.

Of course we do not now know the result of the offering for April but we do hope that every church has made a worthy one, and that at least \$5,000 has been raised in District 17 during the month.

As we start the second half of the convention year, with God's help let us make it the greatest six months service we ever rendered to Him. I do hope many of our churches will begin sending an offering every month to the Co-operative Program.

Summer Evangelism

"A Baptist Revival in Every Community," is our slogan for the Summer Evangelistic campaign. Evangelistic leaders have been appointed in every association, and they will have at an early Workers Conference a chart showing each community in the association, and they will want to place on that the date of each meeting, including churches and mission points. They will also want to put on the chart the name of the preacher who is to hold the meeting.

This Centennial year, as we celebrate the progress of our efforts to the Lord, we hope to have the greatest evangelistic year of them all. We ought to win 100,000 people to Christ this year. That would only mean about 35 to each church. It can be done if we pay the price.

Be sure to send to your associational evangelistic leader the report of your meeting as soon as it is held.

Southern Baptist Convention

The Southern Baptist convention meets at St. Louis, Mo., May 14 and following. We hope that many of the leaders of our district will attend.

Most of the pastors are not able to go unless the church sends them. We believe the church owes it to themselves, to the pastor, and to their denomination to send a representative. If your church does not have in their budget funds to care for the pastors expenses to the convention, let someone take this as their responsibility and see that this done by private subscriptions.

ON THE FIELD—

(Continued from page 1) coming day May 3rd, which was an all-day affair, with dinner on the ground. There was a large attendance. This church has just moved into their new church plant.

The Content Church has set the time for the beginning of the summer revival as Friday night before the first Sunday in August, July 31st. The church voted to ask Brother Joe Mayes of Baird to do the preaching. The pastor, Brother W. H. Howell, stated that they had recently taken a census, and that an improvement in the work of the church through the B. T. U., the Sunday School and the W. M. S. was the goal for the summer.

On Wednesday evening, April 15, the View Baptist Church met in conference for the purpose of ordaining to the Gospel ministry, Brother Gene Hall. Brother Clyde Jackson, pastor, had charge of the service. With others, the following ministerial students made up the Presbytery: T. J. Young, James Alexander, W. P. Kirk, E. L. Redden, J. W. Arnett. Several other students from Hardin-Simmons attended the service, in the group were two other preachers, H. W. Martin and Melvin Byrd.

One of the few places left in the world where persons still may see Rocky Mountain sheep in Guadalupe mountain state park in the western part of Texas. Large herds of antelope, protected by law, are also found in the park.

W. M. U. DEPARTMENT**REPORT OF TREASURER OF SWEETWATER ASSN. AUXILIARY**

For Quarter Ending March 31, '36
Mrs. Boyd King, Treasurer
Education Fund for Foreign Students

Disbursed:	
District Treasurer	\$11.25
Received:	
Tye	.75
Sweetwater 1st	2.50
University	3.00
Merkel	2.50
Southside	2.50
Calvary	1.08
Sunset	.25

Total	12.58
April 1 Balance	1.33

Hardin-Simmons Student Fund

Disbursed:	
District Treasurer	61.77
Received:	
Merkel	7.50
First Church, Abilene	49.00
Calvary	.51
University	5.10
Blackwell	2.50
Sunset	.80

Total	65.41
April 1 Balance	3.64

Library Fund

January 1 Balance	.05
April 1 Balance	.05

Lueders Encampment

Disbursed:	
District Treasurer	6.70
Received:	
January 1 Balance	.70
Southside	2.50
Sweetwater, 1st	3.50
Calvary	.87
Sunset	.25

Total	7.62
April 1 Balance	.92

Mary Hardin-Baylor Fund

Disbursed:	
District Treasurer	15.50
January 1 Balance	.25
Sweetwater 1st	12.50
Southside	8.50
Caps	1.25
Tye	.75
Calvary	.50
Merkel	3.00
Sunset	.50
University	10.00

Total	37.25
April 1 Balance	21.75

Southwestern Training School

January 1 Balance	1.00
April 1 Balance	1.00

Miscellaneous

Disbursed:	
District Treasurer	10.68
Received:	
January 1 Balance	8.00
Sweetwater 1st Church	1.50
Southside	.50
Calvary	.29
Sunset	.29
Abilene 1st Church	.60

Total	11.18
April 1 Balance	.50

District and Associational Expense Fund

Disbursed:	
Katherine King (app. shts.)	1.75
Assnl. Sec'y. (record book, cards and postage)	1.00
Assnl. Pres. (expense to board meeting)	3.60
Mrs. W. S. Daniel (mission books)	.65
District Treasurer	13.00

Total	20.00
Received:	
January 1 Balance	10.18
Southside	5.00
Tye	2.00
Refund Maint. Chg. for Jan.	.50
Sweetwater 1st	9.00
University	8.00
Merkel	4.00
Sunset	.50

Total	39.18
April 1 Balance	19.18

Recapitulation

April 1, 1936 Balance	
Expense Fund	19.18
Education Fund for Foreign Students	1.33
Hardin-Simmons Students Fund	3.64
Library Fund	.05
Lueders Encampment	.92
Miscellaneous	.50
Southwestern Training Sch.	1.00
Mary Hardin-Baylor	21.75

Total	48.37
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A WORD FROM LEUDERS

(Continued from page 1) the restricted area in this lake. The rentals go to keep up the grounds and no individual profits from same.

Feel free to write me in any manner about the encampment and I will be glad to give you whatever information I can.

If some one wants to give this article to your own local paper you would help the camp by doing so.—J. Henry Littleton, Business Manager.

HOME COMING PROGRAM AT MOUNT PLEASANT

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Jones County, had a good day last Sunday. At the morning hour they had a home coming service. The church building was dedicated to the Lord, and a high hour it was. An old-time get-together dinner was spread at noon, which every one enjoyed very much. In the afternoon a Mother's and Father's day program was given which was uplifting. The day was closed with an evangelistic message at 8 p.m.

Rev. James Alexander of Hardin-Simmons University preached at all three of the services. There were many re-dedications of lives and one conversion during the day.

The program had been planned by the church and the former pastor, Rev. Fred Moreland, before he resigned to accept the work at Lueders.

ORDAINS PREACHER

Rev. N. W. Pitts, pastor of the Shep Church, called a Presbytery together Thursday night for the purpose of ordaining Bro. Melvin Byrd to the full work of the ministry. The Grassburr Church has called Bro. Byrd and they requested his ordination.

The Presbytery was made up of the following ordained preachers: N. W. Pitts, moderator, W. P. Kirk, clerk, Clyde Jackson, James Alexander, Bro. Hall, Thomas Young.

Bro. Pitts gave the questions; Bro. Kirk brought the charge to the candidate; Bro. Jackson delivered the charge to the church; Bro. Alexander prayed the prayer and Bro. Young preached the sermon.

HOME COMING SERVICE HELD AT SAGERTON

The Sagerton Baptist Church had their home coming service in their new church Sunday, May 3rd.

The Simmons Girls' Quartet was with us and they delighted our hearts with a program of good songs.

Rev. N. W. Pitts brought a message, and Dr. E. B. Atwood preached the 11 o'clock sermon.

There were former members present from Stamford, Rule, Haskell, Spur, and Anson. There were other visitors with us from Old Glory, Stamford, Abilene, and Rule.

The people rejoiced because of the good fellowship and worship. Brother and Sister Dobbins were the only charter members present; they now live in Stamford.

Brother Roy Shahan brought a message at 3:30. Brother Shahan is the pastor at Rule.

Brother W. P. Kirk of Abilene is our pastor.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following political announcements are subject to the action of the Democratic primary election to be held in Taylor County in July:

For District Clerk, Taylor County:

(Miss) Belle Wellborn.

For County Clerk, Taylor County:

E. D. (Dean) Davis.

(Miss) Vivian Fryar.

For County Judge, Taylor County:

A. A. Heathington.

For Assessor-Collector, Taylor Co.:

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For Justice of the Peace:

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