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By DICK O'BRIEN

So far in this column we have avoided the subject of politics. If we were writing for a secular paper this would probably be our most fruitful field for material for rambling remarks. That is exactly what most political speeches, oral or written, sound or read like. For the next few weeks no doubt we will be listening to candidates for national office declaring their stand on the principles of Washington and Jefferson, et al. It is interesting to read history and note the changes that have come in our country during a little more than one hundred and fifty years. Notice I said "changes," not progress. . . . For instance we read that George Washington, our first president, threw a silver dollar across some New England river, a little more than a century and a half later our own F. D. R. is credited (?) with throwing billions of dollars into lakes, etc. That goes to show what an example will do. The first occupant of the White House, in a liberal moment throws a dollar by hand, and his successors go him a lot better by almost scooping them out of the treasury with a spade. . . . There was a time when it was considered right and proper for a citizen to support his government, now it is rapidly becoming the custom for the citizen to expect the government to support him. . . . You know people who keep children or parrots cannot be too careful about what they say before them. I read a short story the other day in which one friend said to another, "How is it that you know so much about Smith's affairs?" "We're keeping their parrot while they are on vacation," replied the second friend. . . . This brings to mind a funny story told to me by my lamented and very dear friend Rev. C. G. Howard, the only man I ever knew who actually died of a broken heart. Here is the story. It seems that there was a very fussy old woman whose family avoided her and friends forsook her because she was so disagreeable. She had a talking parrot, which had no choice of companionship, and a maid whom she paid well to stay with her. She had offered a further inducement to this maid who often threatened to leave, by promising to remember her liberally in her will if she would stay with her until death. For this sole reason the maid determined to stick it out. The old lady was half deaf and often the maid would say in a low tone of voice, "I wish that old lady would die, I wish she would die today." What the maid would say in a low voice the parrot would repeat so the old woman could hear, and she became very superstitious and uneasy. She thought it was a bad omen. One day she sent for her pastor and told him what was happening. He assured her that the parrot was only repeating what she had heard another say, and that she need not be alarmed.

EVENTS TO COME

August 24—Close of Hardin-Simmons summer school.
September 2-4—Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association, Seminary Hill, Texas.
September 4-6—B. S. U. Retreat, Seminary Hill.
October 18-20—B. S. U. Convention, Waco.
October 27—Church elimination for State Training Union contests.
November 3—Association eliminations for State Training Union contests.
November 11-12—State W. M. U. Convention, Houston.
November 12-15—Baptist General Convention of Texas, Houston.
November 21-23—Texas Baptist Training Union convention, Dallas.
March 17-18—State Laymen's Rally, Dallas.

WAYLAND REPAIR GIFTS TWO-THIRDS COMPLETE

J. Lowell Ponder, Plainview

Yesterday morning we closed a two-weeks' meeting at College Avenue Church, Lubbock. We found a gracious people and a fertile field of opportunity. There were five additions, two for baptism. In the afternoon we preached at the All-Church Hour over KFYO. At the evening hour we supplied at First Church, Lubbock, and enjoyed it.

Our July report on Cooperative Program dropped back to tenth place. Only one church came in for the first time this year. There are twenty-eight others that have not made a gift. Sunday is the last opportunity to present it and get it in this Associational report. Only fifty-one churches out of 185 in the District gave to the Cooperative Program in July. Let's make it 150 in September. That would give us a percentage of 81.1, instead of 27.6 for July.

Sunday, or Wednesday following will be just about the deadline for a doption of Associational letters. Again we stress the importance of making them accurate and complete. This is important. Fill out every blank. In some instances it looks like duplication or repetition, but fill all the blanks.

Money is still coming in on our Wayland offering. I didn't say it was "pouring" in, but it is coming in. We have two-thirds of it in the bank. It means that every church will do its best whenever the matter is presented in that church. If it is best to present it in your church a little later, that's fine. But we are not going to let up on this thing until we have reached our objective. Wish you could see the work that has been done. It doesn't look like the same place. New floors, doors and woodwork throughout. Built-in closets, a new bathroom fully equipped, new plaster in much of it, and all of it repainted. It really looking good.

Opening date for the College is September 10. The outlook is brighter than in her history. Last year topped them all for sustained enrollment. This year will be even better. The pastors can do much in directing the attention of prospective students to Wayland. You'll not make a mistake in doing it. Some of the finest men and women, in every field of service, received their first two years in Wayland College.

Leave in the morning at 7:30 for Ceta Glen to attend Girls Camp. We are expecting a big one. Some of those on the camp program will include Mrs. E. F. Lyon, Joe and Mrs. Trussell, and Mrs. J. L. Moye. These besides many from our own District. It is a great program. Camp closes at noon Friday and we begin a meeting that night at Sudan.

Be seeing you at the Association.

DR. NEWSOM ASKED FOR 2ND MEETING IN COLORADO CITY

Dr. John W. Newsom concluded a meeting Sunday night with the Second Baptist Church of Colorado City. The church was greatly revived, 12 new members were received and four surrendered for special service, two to preach. Mrs. Warren Williams was pianist for the meeting. The church invited Dr. Newsom to return for a month's city-wide revival, the date to be arranged.

FISHER ASSOCIATION MEETS NEXT WEEK

The Fisher County Association convenes with the Hobbs Church August 28, at 9:30 a. m. The brethren representing denominational causes are cordially invited to be with us. The W. M. U. will have their annual meeting on Tuesday, August 27, at 2:30 p. m. at the same place. Visitors will be welcome.

THIS IS NO JOKE

Kansas, a pioneering state in the cause of prohibition, is made the butt of many jokes because of its dry attitude. It is no joke, however, what Kansas has reaped as a result of a bone-dry law. In Kansas there are: Fifty-four counties without any insane; fifty-four counties without any feeble-minded; ninety-six counties without any poor houses; fifty-three counties without any persons in jail; fifty-six counties without any representation in the state penitentiary.—Christian Observer.

IMMANUEL REVIVAL BEGINS AUGUST 25



Rev. Roy Shahan, Littlefield



Burl King, Abilene

Rev. Roy Shahan of Littlefield will preach for a two-weeks' revival at Immanuel Church, Abilene, beginning August 25. Burl King, well-known gospel singer of Abilene, will lead the song service.

Pastor D. G. Reid will preach at both hours Sunday as the evangelist will not arrive until the following day. Rev. Shahan will be heard over Station KRBC at the morning devotional hour during the week.

GREAT REVIVAL MEETING HELD AT MUNDAY

First Church, Munday, closed a very successful revival meeting August 4. There were sixty-two additions, thirty-five of them coming on profession of faith. The church was greatly revived, and the community at large benefitted beyond measure. Rev. Aubrey Short of Rochester did the preaching in a masterful way and to the delight of all. Rev. Finis A. Williams of Moran lead the singing and worked with the young people. We had over a hundred young people in the prayer meeting several different evenings. Both of these brethren will be long remembered in this community.

Dr. White and Hardin-Simmons

By R. C. Campbell

All Texas Baptists welcome Dr. W. R. White to Texas and to the presidency of Hardin-Simmons University. It is doubtful if any Texas son would receive a more cordial welcome than the welcome being accorded Dr. White.

We congratulate Hardin-Simmons, the trustees, patrons, and friends of Hardin-Simmons University in securing such an able man to succeed the late Dr. Sandefer. At the same time we congratulate Dr. White upon the limitless opportunity that he has as president of this institution.

There are encouraging trends and tendencies in the field of Christian education in Texas. One encouragement is the enlarged number of our finest young people who are turning their faces to our Christian schools. The coming of Dr. White as president to Hardin-Simmons will enhance these encouraging trends. Upon receiving information of Dr. White's election and acceptance, the writer wired him making the statement: "I believe that your presidency of Har-

H-SU Golden Jubilee Personnel Appointed

By Herschel Schooley

As workmen pushed a \$25,000 improvement campaign that will have every building on the campus in tip-top condition when school opens, Dr. C. E. Adams, chairman of the Hardin-Simmons university semi-centennial commission, announced last night plans and personnel for the H-SU golden jubilee celebration in 1941 and 1942.

Programs next spring, in the semi-centennial year, at Founders' day and at commencement in 1942, and a variety of other special historical and denominational pilgrimages are to feature the celebration, Dr. Adams said.

The original resolutions providing for the establishment of an associational school were passed at the meeting of the Sweetwater association in the fall of 1890, and the fiftieth anniversary of their passage will be observed this fall.

Charter Day

Charter day at Hardin-Simmons is February 6, 1891, and John H. Alvis, H-SU trustee, and attorney, has already filed extension of the university's fifty-year charter, which expires next February. This has been newly approved by the secretary of state.

Members of the H-SU semi-centennial commission named to date, with others to be added from time to time, include Dr. D. M. Wiggins, El Paso; Guy Caldwell, Albany; Dr. W. B. Irwin, Lubbock; Alton B. Chapman, Spur; J. D. Sandefer, Breckenridge; Raymond W. Foy, Dallas; Mrs. Dan Moody, Austin; Solon R. Featherston, Wichita Falls; Mrs. Carl Springer, Eastland; Walter Jennings, Fort Worth; Dr. Carl C. Rister, Norman, Oklahoma; Sarah Anna Simmons, New York.

Abilene members are Mrs. H. A. Pender, T. J. Bailey, Mrs. J. D. Sandefer, Mrs. O. H. Cooper, T. N. Carswell, C. M. Caldwell, Rev. C. A. Powell, Lacy Beckham, George S. Anderson, Dr. M. A. Jenkins, Herschel Schooley, W. A. Stephenson, Tom Rob- (Continued on page four)

ELEVEN NURSES CONCLUDE PERIOD OF PROBATION

In an impressive service on the lawn of Superintendent and Mrs. E. M. Collier, Friday evening, 11 young women of the Hendrick Memorial hospital school of nursing received their nurses caps in token of satisfactory completion of their six months probation period in the three year course of education in nursing.

Superintendent Collier addressed the class and Stella McCullough placed the caps on the students. Peggie Kemp related the history of the school, assisted by Ruby Hughes Pace.

A plaque which is to bear the name of the honor graduate of each class was given the nursing school by the alumnae association and was presented by Dorothy Lee Loftis, president. Mary Ann Findley of Big Spring, honor student of the 1940 class, is the first name to be engraved.

Those receiving their caps: Betty Jo Abbott, McCauley; Claudia Guy Allen, Putnam; Maxine Barnes, Blackwell; Delma Cook, McCauley; Elsie Donawho, Moran; Louise Evans, Blackwell; Willa Dene Hale, Sweetwater; Frances Higgins, Merkel; La Nelle Sledge, Hamlin; Wirt Ellis Stephenson, Sonora; Jenna V. Setser, Norton.

All eleven members of the six-month class passed the examinations for full admission to the school.

Pauline Daugherty of Rotan started with the group, but because of illness completed only one month. She has planned to re-enroll with the September 2 class of 20 young women.

Among the guests were Mrs. W. J. Behrens, whose late husband was long a member of the hospital board of trustees; Mrs. Vic Behrens, Mrs. E. M. Collier, Mrs. H. Kelly LeSueur, instructor of nurses on six-months leave for special study who returned especially for the event; several of the alumnae, all of whom were named as honor guests; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Abbott, McCauley; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cook, McCauley; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hale, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Higgins, Merkel.

MISSIONARY



By J. Henry Littleton
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The associations of the district will begin their meetings next week. Fisher County meets first. They meet with the Hobbs church. Brother W. L. Daniel is their pastor. We hope each church in the association will be present. The associational meeting is the most important unit of our work. Let each pastor see that your letter is there if you have to spend an extra day getting it ready. If you do not have a letter blank, write me a card and I will send you one.

The meeting with the Harmony church in Eastland county was about all we could expect. This church has had some terrible blows in the last few years. We wonder sometimes how churches go on as well as they do, when they have some disappointments. (We want to say just here that it is time Baptists demand that the pastors be honest. Most of them are, but when we find one that is not they ought to be published and put out of the ministry. We are not talking about men who are in debt or go in debt. Most of us do that, but we mean the fellow who does not try to meet his obligations). Had six additions to the church. One for baptism. Brother Cowart of Ranger did most of the preaching. The church in conference called him as pastor. They will go forward together. This can be one of our very best rural churches. We received thirteen subscriptions for the West Texas Baptist.

Preached at Parks in Stephens county Sunday morning. They are without a pastor. They voted to call on the next second Sunday. Parks was born during the oil boom. Not much of it is left. The church there is made up of members from three churches that were in existence when I left the county, Wayland, Harperville, and Saints Rest. The attendance at Parks is not as large today as it was at either of the three above churches then. I know there are more people in that country now than there was at that time. Something wrong about a condition like this. We hope to see the Wayland church revived in the near future. Some people are ready. The Cisco Association is to have a Training Union revival the first week in September. Many of the churches are coming in. Ranger closed a good one this past week. Eastland is to have theirs the week following. Mrs. (Continued on page 2)

ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING DATES IN WEST TEXAS

August:
28—Fisher at Hobbs.
28—Comanche at Zion Hill.
29-30—Brady at Brady First.
29-30—San Saba at Hall.
28—Runnels at Winters.
29-30—Clay at Deer Creek.
September:
2-3—Stonewall at Bulah.
3-4—Callahan at Baird.
3-4—Panhandle at Clarendon.
3-4—Lamesa at Five Mile.
3-4—Mitchell-Scurry at Colorado City First.
3-4—Dickens at Duncan Flat.
3-4—Staked Plains at College Heights, Plainview.
3-4—Throckmorton-Young at Olney.
4-5—Big Spring at Forsan.
4-5—Red Fork at Paducah.
5-6—Jones at Avoca.
5-6—Lubbock at Post.
6-7—Mills at Trigger Mountain.
10-11—Palo Duro at Pampa First.
10-11—Baylor-Knox at Seymour.
10-11—Floyd at Crosbyton.
10-11—Tierra Blanca at Dimmitt.
12-13—Trans-Canadian at Dumas.
12-13—Brownfield at O'Donnell.
12-13—Wichita-Archer at Lamar Street, Wichita Falls.
17-18—Canadian at Booker.
19-20—West Plains at Littlefield.

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REACHING OUR BOYS

During the World War there was no inconsiderable evangelistic effort employed in reaching the boys in military service. This was an important and worthy measure and, as our armed forces are expanded in these troubled times, Baptists should expand their mission movements in proportion.

The example of President John Wesley Raley of O. B. U., who has temporarily left his exalted academic position to be mobilized with the young men of his state, becoming chaplain of the Forty-fifth division, should call out other strong preachers who love God and also love lusty young men and who can speak their language.

There are now vacancies in the rank of chaplain in the nation's armed forces and they should be filled by some of our best men's men.

It is still more important, however, that we should strive to reach these boys before they are inducted into the military service, while they are still surrounded with home influences and are in the shadows of our churches. Are they hard to reach now? Well, when they get into the atmosphere of the barrack room, the forecabin or the army camp, they will probably be still harder to interest in spiritual matters.

Already the National Guard is in camps. In all probability, most of those boys will be home only briefly until the present crisis has passed. Great numbers of young men in our state are entering all branches of regular service as volunteers. It is highly probable that the New Year will see more than a million Americans under arms. Baptists should do more than their share to endeavor to reach these men for Christ, now.

DID GOD OR ANOTHER OPEN A DOOR?

This office has received an advance proof of an editorial which will appear in the September issue of *Missions*, the organ of the American Baptist Mission Society. This editorial declares, "God Opened a Door and Southern Baptists Closed It."

The reference is to the invitation to join the World Council of Churches, which Southern Baptists, in the words of Dr. Lippard, editor of *Missions*, "courteously, yet firmly" declined.

If the World Council of Churches were indeed a council where Christians of all creeds and doctrines might meet for fellowship and discussion as pastors in a city ministerial alliance meet, good might be accomplished by having such Baptists as felt so inclined to participate as individuals. But the constitution of the Council indicates that the purpose in the guiding minds is to set up a totalitarian super-church to be the world-voice of Christianity, much as the Federal Council of Churches purports to speak for Protestantism in America.

For such an organization, the courteous and definite refusal of Dr. Truett's committee was the only action which Southern Baptists could have taken. To have done otherwise would have been to alienate from the Convention the vast majority of the churches.

Few and far between are voices among Southern Baptists who have spoken otherwise. So far as the most of us are concerned the issue is now a closed incident and efforts of outsiders to revive the question will meet only a more emphatic negative than the one which has already gone into the record.

DEVOTION WITHOUT REGIMENTATION

That is a challenging vision of Dr. W. R. White—a vision of a "youth movement dedicated to the Christian and American way of life, possessing all the devotion of the youth movements in totalitarian states but free from similar regimentation."

For months and years, sagacious leaders have been echoing Lloyd George's cry of "Christ or Chaos." We have definitely majored on evangelism, with notable results in many places and in the aggregate, as compared with former years. Yet there has been no such sweeping revival as swayed England in the days of the Wesleys or such as lifted America in the early years of the Nineteenth Century. This is not because God does not hear or is not concerned, but because His people have not met the necessary conditions of prayer and repentance.

It may be that America must look toward her youth to lead us back to an unregimented democracy and back to a living faith in a personal God. One who has seen a convention of the Baptist Student Union, where the enthusiasms and the idealism of young people are infused with the love of Christ and where their inherent passion for a cause is transmuted into consecration to Christian living, that one can believe in the possibility of such a movement as Dr. White envisions.

Such a vision may well challenge the masterful efforts of Dr. White's best years. It should command the best that is in all of us. Except such a movement arises with the coming generation and is nurtured by sympathetic and prayerful guidance from those already in places of leadership, we can only expect to follow the mad pattern of the Old World. Unless our youth, under Divine guidance, saves America for democracy and Christianity, it will scarcely be saved.

NEWS NOTES

Immanuel Church, San Angelo, is sponsoring a Vacation Bible school for negroes this week.

Rev. H. B. Naylor commends Rev. O. D. Welch, who recently assisted him in a fine revival at Lazbuddie.

Dr. E. D. Head of First Church, Houston, has been assisting Pastor Floyd Chaffin in a ten-day revival at Coleman.

Dexter Riddle of Abilene is leading the singing in a revival at La Mesa N. M. Pastor J. E. Davis is doing the preaching.

Evangelist C. Y. Dossey and Volus Norsworthy of Vernon have been assisting Pastor F. E. Swanner in a revival at Paducah.

There have been a number of conversions in the Lakeview Mission revival at San Angelo. Rev. Milford Howell has been doing the preaching.

Dr. E. B. Atwood of H-SU, who recently underwent surgery at Tondrick Memorial Hospital, is now at his home and is making rapid recovery.

Pastor A. A. Davis is doing the preaching and Ewell Bone of Graham is leading the singing in a meeting at Baird. Good interest is reported.

There were 15 additions to Calvary Church, Silverton, in a meeting in which Rev. Roy Shahan and Bee Nichol assisted Pastor B. P. Harrison.

Pastor Arvil Richardson of Desdemona recently held a meeting at the Janke Hamon school. Five converts were baptized into the Desdemona Church.

Rev. Arvil Richardson is assisting Pastor Cecil McBeth in a 10-day meeting at Johnson Chapel. There were 94 in Sunday School the first day of the meeting.

Dr. A. B. White of Paris is conducting a meeting at Brownfield with George Reynolds of Childress leading the singing. Rev. Avery Rogers is pastor.

Rev. Roy Shahan of Littlefield and Burl King of Abilene will assist Pastor D. G. Reid in a revival at Immanuel Church, Abilene, beginning August 25.

Tenth annual report of Missionary W. C. Garrett of Pecos Valley, N. M., shows 21,000 miles traveled, 268 sermons and addresses and a vast amount of visits, mail and other activities.

Pastor H. B. Naylor, who has resigned at Lazbuddie and Summerfield to accept full time work as Sudan, was to move on the field August 21 and begin a two-weeks' meeting.

Evangelist Jesse Yelvington and Singer M. A. Hudler are assisting Pastor D. O. Blaisdell in a revival at Muldoon. Mr. Hudler, who may be reached at 2308 Canterbury, Austin, has an open date September 8.

Rev. J. Ralph Grant of Beaumont is assisting Pastor L. A. Doyle in a two-weeks' meeting at Anson, closing August 25. Great preaching is reported, with the best attendance in years and a number of conversions to date.

In a recent revival at Georgetown with Dr. Wm. H. Joyner assisting Pastor P. C. Williams, there were 38 additions to the church and 12 professions of faith which did not join the church.

Rev. E. D. Dunlap, pastor at Polytechnic Church, Fort Worth, spent last week visiting relative and friends in Abilene. On August 13 he was guest speaker for the Brotherhood of First Church, Abilene.

Rev. Roy Shahan of Littlefield will preach in a revival at Immanuel Church, Abilene, beginning August 25. Burl King will have charge of the song services. Rev. D. G. Reid is pastor at Immanuel.

Rev. D. C. Ham and Buford Forrester led in a meeting at Paint Creek, which resulted in eight additions, five for baptism. Pastor Almon Norris recommends them as sound workers for the Lord.

Rev. Melvin Byrd and Connell Taylor are assisting Pastor Almon Norris in a meeting at Rockdale. At the close of this meeting Pastor Norris is to go to Hartley to assist in a revival.

Pastor Arvil Richardson will preach in a revival at Desdemona beginning

this week. Connell Taylor, son of Pastor W. I. Taylor of Tuscola and Ovalo will be in charge of the song service.

The Baptist Message, Louisiana state paper, reports that no news has been received of any loss of Baptist property during the recent hurricane, although it became necessary to call off the Southwestern encampment at Dry Creek.

Missionary L. L. Johnson from Brazil, who has been very ill at Shawnee, is much better, writes Mrs. Johnson, who is herself convalescing after surgery at the Southern Baptist Hospital.

Rev. H. R. Whatley of Haskell is engaged this week in a revival with Magnolia Park Church, Houston, with Avery Lee, H-SU '39 leading the song services. Rev. Dick Griffin, former education director at University Church, is pastor.

Everett Milam, who was active in the Training Union work in West Texas for several years, will be available again this fall for teaching or directing study courses and enlargement campaigns.

Rev. F. A. Hollis of North Park, Abilene, assisted Pastor D. VanPelt in a revival at Weinert which closed Sunday. There were 12 additions, seven for baptism, and the church was greatly edified. A Training Union will be organized and members are optimistic for the future.

Several conversions and four additions resulted in the meeting at Hodges recently. Rev. Almon Norris preached in the absence of Dr. Atwood who was confined to the hospital.

Rev. W. C. Taggart supplied at Midland, August 18, in the absence of Pastor H. D. Bruce, who is vacationing in the East. He reports good services and an evangelistic spirit with one mother converted. The new education building, he says, is about the last word in finish and beauty.

Dr. R. S. Jones, field secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, was guest preacher at First Church, Abilene. He reported that following a recent service at San Angelo, a woman gave him a check for \$800 to pay the salary of a missionary for one year.

Rev. D. G. Reid of Immanuel Church, Abilene, is concluding a ten-day meeting at Eula. In spite of rainy weather, the church had been greatly revived and there have been several conversions and additions. Recently Rev. Reid assisted Pastor R. H. Williams in a meeting at Golan resulting in ten additions including six for baptism and two other conversions.

Missionary Messages

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Littleton and I will be with the First Church Breckenridge. I will also do some work with Brother Self over the association. We are designating the months of September and October as Training Union months. Our goal for awards is 3800. We have already won about three thousand. We ought to reach 5000 by the end of the year. November 1. Mr. Riddle is our State President. Let us make Texas know that we appreciate this by having 5000 Awards. Mr. Gardner has offered to supply us with two state workers for these two months if we will use them. This is a good chance for any church. Write me and we will arrange it. Brother Trott is our district president and he is ready to give himself to this work. I know of a number of good workers in the district who will be glad to give some time to this work. Every rural church would do well to teach What Baptists Believe from one of the books on this subject. Our need today is to teach our people Bible doctrine and Bible doctrine is Baptist doctrine.

We were with the Immanuel church Sunday morning. Brother Reid was away in a meeting. He is leading this church in a good way and they are in love with him. I began a one-week meeting with the Jayton church Sunday night. They are pastorless. Pray for us while here.

PROPER PERSPECTIVE

Let every dawn of morning be to you as the beginning of life and every setting sun be to you as its close; then let every one of these short lives leave its sure record of some kindly thing done for others, some goodly strength or knowledge gained for yourselves.—John Ruskin.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

August 25, 1940

By Hight C. Moore

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Read 2 Samuel 12:1-14; Psalms 51:1-17; 32:1-11
Study 2 Samuel 12:13-14; Psalms 51:1-3, 9-13; 32:5

Convicted by Nathan the prophet of having broken the Sixth and Seventh Commandments in his relation to Uriah and Bathsheba (2 Sam. 12), David uttered (Psalm 51) the master cry of the penitent soul, after which in the assurance of God's mercy (Psalm 32) he sang the beatitude of pardon and peace.

1. Sin Committed (2 Samuel 12)

1. THE SIN was gross and great. To avenge an Ammonite insult, David's army led by Joab defeated in the field the armies of Ammon and their Syrian allies. He then laid siege to Rabbah, the Ammonite capital, twenty-two miles east of Jordan. While this siege was going on, David committed at Jerusalem one of the blackest crimes in human history. The regrettable record appears in full upon the faithful pages of the Word of God. There was first of all, the lustful look from the roof of the palace at even-tide; then the summoning home of the valiant Uriah, whom he coaxed and then made drunk in order that he might divert suspicion from the royal crime; and then in deception sending the faithful Uriah back to the front, bearing in his hands his own death warrant in the royal order to Joab that he should be thrust into the heat of battle and left exposed to the fire of the foe. To what depths had the king fallen? Yet his general carried out his order, saw the brave Uriah fall on the field of honor, and then sent a report to the king in the capital. But was the awful sin hidden? See Nathan, the prophet, come and let fall the lightning stroke upon David until, brokenhearted and conscience-stricken, he cried out in the agony of penitence, "I have sinned against the Lord!"

2. Sin Confessed (Psalm 51)

2. THE CONFESSION was penitent and profound. In sackcloth and ashes he prayed for pardon (vv. 1-4), for purification (vv. 5-12), and for power (vv. 13-17). Let us glimpse the whole of this great penitential Psalm. (1) Confession comes first in the penitent's prayer. He acknowledges the transgressions of a black record, the iniquity of a warped nature, and the sin ingrained in the soul. He throws himself upon the pity, loving-kindness, and tender mercies of God. He cries for the pardon that blots out absolutely, washes thoroughly, and cleanses completely. He has suffered from the scourge of conscience which has kept his sin ever before him. And the justice of Jehovah has been like a drawn sword over his head, for, deeply as he had sinned against his fellow men in two awful crimes, he had sinned more against God and he would deserve whatever stroke of judgment wrath might fall upon him in penalty. (2) Cleansing comes after contrition and confession. Iniquity is congenital and sin is interwoven with our fleshly fibers. Hence the recesses of the soul must be purified and the chambers of the heart must be regulated by the wisdom from above. In view of these things, the penitent psalmist sends heavenward a volley of ten appealing imperatives: Purify me; the iniquity shall be clean. Wash me; then I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness; then even my broken bones will be happy. Hide thy face; then my sins shall be blotted out and forgotten. Create in me a clean heart; then my soul shall be white. Renew a right spirit within me; then I shall be steadfast and not fall. Cast me not away; then I shall have hope. Take not thy Holy Spirit from me; then I shall have guidance. Restore unto me the joy of salvation; then I shall have joy unspeakable. Uphold me with a willing spirit; then I shall be strengthened for service. (3) Consecration comes after confession and cleansing. Salvation, service, and sacrifice are the goals of the renewed soul. Salvation: He sets himself to win the lost, for he so teaches transgressors the ways of God that they are converted. Service: He aligns himself with the good for with righteousness removed he sings of the righteousness of God and with his lips opened by mercy, he shows forth the praise of God. Sacrifice: He offers himself with all he has to God, for, while no burnt offerings were prescribed by Moses in atonement for gross crimes, yet if he offers to God the sacrifice of a broken and a contrite heart he may go absolutely free.

3. Sin Forgiven (Psalm 32)

3. THE FORGIVENESS was full and free. See how God's love changes

a lament into a lifting song. (1) Sin was acknowledged. The sinner had sinned more against God than against man, deep and dark as was the sin. To God therefore he made his acknowledgments and owned his sin.

Confesses and Forsakes Sin

Sin Committed. David was a good man. He was a man after God's own heart. But he was not perfect. He committed a gross and great sin. "There is none that doeth good."

Sin Concealed. Did David think his vices were veiled from public view? So thought Adam and Achan and many another. But look upon the faithful record and see! "Be sure your sin will find you out."

Sin Arraigned. Nathan was a prophet. David esteemed him. Would the prophet be faithful now? See him come before the king, tell his clever parable, arouse David's indignation over injustice, and then send the arrow home to the royal heart!

Sin Condemned. David winced under the lash of conscience. But the word of God by Nathan utterly demolished him. His agony could not be appeased until his sin was forgiven.

Sin Confessed. In his great penitential psalm David acknowledged the transgressions of a black record, the iniquity of a warped nature, and the sin ingrained in the soul. He threw himself upon the pity, loving-kindness, and tender mercies of God. He cried for pardon that blots out absolutely every trace and taint of sin.

Sin Forgiven. The royal penitent offered himself with all he had to God, for while no burnt offerings were prescribed by Moses in atonement for gross crimes, yet if he presents to God the sacrifice of a broken and a contrite heart he may go absolutely free.

Sin Forsaken. With unforgiven sin ranking in his heart David was a lame and listless worker for God. But pardon kindled his soul, renewed his efforts, and put a song in his mouth. The redeemed soul turning away from sin ought to be happier than angels who have never known the guilt of sin and the glory of pardon.

Gold in the Golden Text

Confess your faults one to another; and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.—James 5:16.

Think of our sickness from sin. It is a cancer eating out the vitals. It is a paralysis deadening power and dwarfing ability. It is leprosy incapacitating, corrupting, isolating. Who does not desire to be healed of the vilest and worst malady that ever afflicted man?

The prescription for sin sickness has been prepared and published by the great Physician. Come to him in penitence; call on him in faith; confess to him everything that ails you; commit to him the work of killing every sin-germ in you; and determine by his grace and help to forsake all sin. Then make your confession before men and join them in effectual intercessory prayer.

Then the cure of sin-sickness is certain and complete. The Great Physician has never lost a case. Follow directions "that ye may be healed."

Daily Bible Readings

August 26—God's Bountiful Goodness. Psalm 103:1-5, 10-18.
August 27—Blessings Promised. Deuteronomy 28:1-6.
August 28—The Blessings of a New Nature. Genesis 32:22-29.
August 29—Spiritual Blessings. Ephesians 1:3-14.
August 30—All Good Things Come from God. James 1:12-18.
August 31—Fitting Praise. Psalm 107:1-9.
September 1—A Call to Praise. Psalm 150.

RAMBLING REMARKS

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He told her that he would bring his own parrot over to teach hers better manners. This he did. By the time he had reached home the telephone was ringing savagely. He answered and it was the old woman in a high pitched voice saying, "Come right over and get this parrot or I'll break his neck." The parson hurried over, asking, "What in the world is wrong?" "Wrong?" replied the old lady, "Come in here and see for yourself." And this is what he saw and heard, the parrots were facing each other in their cages and the old lady's parrot was saying, "I wish that old hag was dead," and the preacher's bird was replying fervently, "Amen! Amen!" I am a little like that preacher's parrot, I do not deal much in criticizing other people, but I do feel like saying amen to some criticisms I hear others express.

REPORTS OF PROGRESS FROM DISTRICT SEVEN

By J. A. Kidd, Missionary

Progress of Vacation Bible Schools
PYOTE: Students Gene Stephens and Eugene Ege of Howard Payne, did splendid service in the Pyote Church with a week's Vacation Bible School, having an average attendance of 42, four professions of faith, and the appreciation of the whole community. The Missionary conducted a week's revival services following with four additional conversions and several additions to the church. Pastor M. L. Bailey and the church were pleased with the results. The church gave \$3.86 to British Missions, \$2.50 to District Missions and \$5.00 to the helpers. These students also assisted the Alpine Church in a good revival and Bible School.

BAKERSFIELD: These two workers also conducted a Bible School in Bakersfield with good results in this small church. A revival followed in the community assisted by Bro. J. M. Garner of Marshall, and four were added to the church on profession of faith and by baptism.

BALMORHEA: Pastor Samuel Bays writes of a good Vacation Bible School in his church with an enrollment of 62, average attendance 46, in which the boys and girls enjoyed the work very much and the Sunday School greatly benefited. An offering for Cooperative Program was taken and sent to Treasurer R. A. Springer, Dallas.

BIG BEND: Association expects to be 100 per cent with every church having a Bible School, provided Valentine can be reached, which Pastor Dewey Joiner hopes will be possible.

PECOS ASSOCIATION: This association lacks only two churches being 100 per cent, Mentone and Imperial. Plans to assist them are being made. Mentone is a pastorless church, but carries on some work.

Bro. S. F. Marsh of Fort Stockton has promoted in a fine way these Bible schools by visiting and speaking at the various workers' meetings. He will have an interesting report to make at the end of the year.

PRESIDIO: The church has done good work under the brief ministry of Bro. W. L. Massague who has recently resigned. Bro. S. F. Marsh will conduct a Bible school there in August, assisted by Mrs. Marsh. The W. M. S. has carried on an active work. Mrs. Hilda Calhoun is president.

HIGHLAND PARK: This church had a good Bible School with 147 enrolled and 14 conversions with a number of additions. Recently much improvement has been made to the church building and property, greatly increasing its attractiveness and usefulness. Bro. A. L. Leake and wife are doing a good work with this church.

SPANISH MISSIONS: Bro. John Abbott and Mrs. Abbott report some very fruitful Vacation Bible Schools over Pecos Association with many conversions and baptisms. Our hearts go out to them in sympathy and prayer in the home going of their little son. He was with them only a few days but left an indelible stamp in their lives for good. They are submissive and resigned to the Father's will and go humbly on in their work.

IMMANUEL: Bro. R. S. Hollomon has a full program for August in

which the church plans to conduct a Vacation Bible School and a revival with open air services on the lawn at night. We pray for this church and pastor that they may be blessed in this good work.

McCAMEY: The church is happy in the coming of their new pastor, Bro. LeRoy Smith of Waco. He began his ministry in McCamey with a revival much blessed of the Lord. A number of happy converts have been baptized and received along with others into the fellowship of the church.

CRANE: Bro. Philip Brown and church will soon be in their remodeled church building which will be stuccoed to match the Sunday School building. They are looking forward to a revival in September in which Bro. A. L. Leake will do the preaching.

GRANDFALLS: Pastor N. M. Gilbert and church were recently assisted by Bro. Byron Fletcher singing for the min a revival resulting in a number of conversions and additions to the church. The work there is making steady progress. A Vacation Bible School has been held.

ROYALTY: Bro. C. T. Aly, newly called pastor at Kermit, assisted Pastor Aubrey Smith in a good revival which resulted in a spiritual awakening with some 13 additions to the church, most of them by baptism.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN IN PECOS ASSOCIATION—October: Please remember the date which has been set by our leader Bro. C. T. Aly, and let's strive to have 100 percent cooperation. This enlargement comes just a time when most needed no doubt and will do most good to every church taking part.

BRITISH MISSIONS RESPONSE: We rejoice to know of the hearty response to this heart searching New Testament appeal and send our offerings with our prayerful sympathy to these loyal laborers.

MONAHANS: We rejoice with the church there and good pastor, L. E. Frazier in the accomplishment of an unusual task—the erection of a very beautiful brick veneer meeting house. It will be opened soon for service, and we join pastor and church in giving thanks to our Heavenly Father for this achievement for His glory and the preaching of the Gospel to the people there now and to come. This church recently enjoyed a revival in which 47 were added to the church. The preaching was by Bro. Aubrey Short.

MT. FRANKLIN: We were very happy to learn of the opening of the new and beautiful rock church erected by the Mt. Franklin congregation and friends led by their noble pastor, Bro. Geo. H. Brooks, on Sunday, July 28th. Many of the pastors and neighboring churches took part in the joyous occasion at which time Dr. I. L. Yearby preached.

BIG BEND ASSN.: Has a fine financial record since their organization. Bro. W. M. Wright of Alpine is the wide awake capable treasurer who keeps in touch with the churches and has a good report to make.

MARFA: The Church on Friday, August 2, afternoon, had an epochal service. Ground was broken by Bro. Crawford Mitchell, chairman of the Board of Deacons for the church in launching a building program of a \$30,000 church house. Drs. Truett, Tidwell, Webb, Bro. Fulmer, Turner,

SIBLEY'S SERMON SERIES PRAISED BY NEIGHBOR

I wish to call attention to "Timely Messages for a Critical Hour," a series of four sermons by Rev. J. M. Sibley, pastor First Baptist church, Sweetwater. These sermons were preached to his own congregation, and over the radio through station KXOX, and in response to a popular demand he has put them into printed form and they may be had for only ten cents per copy. I do not read many published sermons but I read all these with consuming interest and appreciation. They contain a wealth of valuable material which is easily usable by those who need statistical material in the preparation of messages on similar matters. There is also inspiration and edification to stimulate the interest of the average reader. I sincerely hope that this booklet of sermons may be put into the hands and homes of many of our people. The author is one of our growing pastors in this section. He will be glad to mail copies post paid to any address for ten cents.

Cordially,
JOHN P. HARDESTY,
 Pastor McCauley Baptist Church.

CROSS PLAINS HAS 76 ADDITIONS

The Cross Plains Baptist Church closed a two weeks' revival Sunday night, August 11. Dr. Ben M. David of Brownwood did the preaching and Roy Camp of Seminary Hill led the singing. There were 76 additions, 50 by baptism, and several other conversions. Many backsliders came home. Roy Camp is among the best song leaders and Dr. David is a wonderful preacher.

CHAS. E. POE, Pastor.

THE LAST ENEMY

The Apostle Paul had a philosophy of life and it was a consistent philosophy. His ideas about death were all bound up with his ideas about Jesus Christ. He was no longer afraid of death because of something Jesus had done to it. Christ had pulled the fangs of the poisonous serpent. That Paul was unafraid of death was due to the fact that Jesus Christ, who was crucified, dead and buried, rose from the dead. Those who belong to Christ, those who are united to him by a living faith, those who are partakers of his resurrection power will regard death as an incident, a transition, a gate on the homeward road to God. The fear of death is native to the once-born man but to the twice-born man it should be alien. The cure for this fear is faith in him who came to put death to death and to deliver men from the bondage of fear.—Frank R. Elder.

and many other pastors and friends took part.

We congratulate Bro. H. O. Malone, the pastor, the deacons, the faithful men and women whose sacrificial gifts and prayers and faith make possible this building. In spite of discouraging world conditions they push forward with the program of Jesus—preaching, teaching and healing.

POWELL FIELD: This mission point in Crockett County has enjoyed a good revival conducted by Bro. Duke Shaw, in which 6 professed faith in Christ and will unite with a nearby church. 49 was the highest attendance. This is preaching in the highest sense missionary, in the highways and hedges. We trust a number of other points will be reached by pastors before the summer closes. A noble kingdom worker may come down the aisle to accept Jesus who will bless coming generations by his ministry.

All 3 associations will have workers' meetings in September, Pecos Assn. will be in McCamey September 10th. Jesus exhorts his people to Work, Watch and Pray ALWAYS!

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MISSIONS REPORT FOR DISTRICT 17 W. M. U.

Quarter Ending June 30, 1940
 Committee members on missions, 78. Societies using the Circle Plan, 8. Societies holding meetings for planning and discussion, 6. Missions chairmen in Young People's organizations, 44. Courtesies to missionaries home on furlough, 6. Letters to missionaries from women, 30. Volunteers for home service, 3 (Helen Turnidge, Elizabeth Duck, and Katherine Todd, Abilene). Regular monthly missionary programs, Women 81, Young People 81. Special programs, Women 18, Young People 5. 232 women attending the Day of Prayer for Ministerial relief, and 28 Young People.

MRS. ED HAHN,
 Mission Chairman, Dist. 17.

CLYDE PASTOR IN REVIVALS

Pastor O. D. Welch of Clyde is doing the preaching in a revival at his home church, with Archie Pee as chorister and Annabelle Tabor, pianist.

He has just returned from a series of meetings on the Plains. For two weeks he was with Pastor H. B. Naylor at Lazbuddy. Visible results included 15 conversions, 13 baptisms, 1 call to the ministry and two others dedicated to Christian service.

In a meeting with Pastor Stevens at Westway, near Hereford, there were 13 conversions and baptisms.

HEART TO HEART TALK

Bill Locke

In our first primary, I came before you openly and honestly seeking only your consideration when you cast your vote for Justice of the Peace.

I feel I have made the sacrifice to qualify myself so that I might serve you. I have worked hard to secure a college education, which has included three years of law study.

Three of my sisters and one brother are former students of Hardin-Simmons. My sisters, Florence and Bobbie, were honor graduates. I am a member in regular standing, at both the Victory Men's Bible Class and the First Baptist Church. We feel that we have contributed to the advancement, both of our Baptist school and Baptist work in general.

I would deeply appreciate your consideration when you cast your vote for your Justice of the Peace.

Yours sincerely,
BILL LOCKE.
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FISHER LAYMEN TO MEET AT ROTAN

The Fisher County Associational Brotherhood will have its quarterly meeting at the First Baptist Church in Rotan Tuesday evening, August 27, at 8 p. m. All Brotherhoods are urged to bring their annual reports. All men are invited to attend.

C. A. JONES, President.

PROGRAM

Annual Meeting of Fisher County W. M. U. at Hobbs Baptist Church, Tuesday, August 27

1:30 P. M.—Devotional, Mrs. C. E. Leon.

President's Message, Mrs. Jno. P. Hardesty.

In Memoriam, Mrs. D. L. Swint.

Report of Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Brown.

Recording Secretary's Report, Mrs. J. D. Bradshaw.

Inspirational Message, Mrs. J. B. Buckley.

BAIRD MEETING IN PROGRESS

Baird Baptists began their meeting last Sunday night with a fine crowd in attendance. Already a fine spirit prevails and crowds are increasing with each service. Pastor A. A. Davis, is doing the preaching and Ewell Bone, of Graham is directing the music. Services are held twice daily, 10 a. m. and 8 p. m.

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 Send the gleam across the wave!
 Some poor fainting, struggling seaman
 You may rescue, you may save."

*P. P. Bliss, listening to D. L. Moody tell the thrilling story of a shipwreck in the Cleveland harbor because the lower lights on the lighthouse were out, was inspired to write the words and music for this song when Mr. Moody said, "Brethren, the Master will take care of the great lighthouse -- let us keep the lower lights burning."

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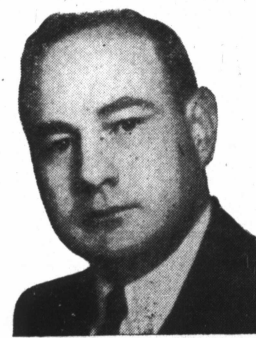
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erts, Mrs. Dan Gallagher, John H. Alvis, Mrs. Will Henry Haney, H. R. Arrant, Rev. W. C. Ashford, Dr. R. N. Richardson, Dr. Adams, Dr. Julius Olsen, J. C. Hunter, Jr., Mildred Caldwell, and J. T. Haney.

Executive Committee

Members of the semi-centennial executive committee, composed of committee heads named by Dr. Adams, include Dr. Truett Walton, Ranger; Rev. P. D. O'Brien, Dr. Rister, Foy, Schooley and Stephenson.

Personnel of five general jubilee committees was also announced by Dr. Adams, on recommendation of the committee chairmen.

"Our new president, Dr. W. R. White, has hit the ground running, to use his expression, and as he runs he must be 'able to read' our own resolutions and intentions to bend every effort as ex-students and friends of Hardin-Simmons university.

"We must do our best to help him accomplish his aims with his definite, positive leadership. To 'draw designs on the trestleboard' things that can be done. Each must master his score, know his lines or cue, as in a great symphony," Dr. Adams said.

With members of the steering, finance and hospitality committee yet to be named, Dr. Adams announced these groups:

Program, Dr. Truett Walton, Ranger, chairman; A. B. Chapman, Spur; Rev. R. G. Baucum, San Antonio; Dr. W. B. Irwin, Lubbock; Floyd and Jimmie Randall, Wichita Falls; Thelma Andrews, vice-president, Dr. Jenkins, Claude Olsen, Lola Gibson Deaton, all of Abilene.

Historical, Dr. C. C. Rister, Norman, Okla., chairman; John A. Hutto, Big Spring; Sam Malone, Seminole; Nelson Hutto, Dallas; Frank Junell, El Paso; R. C. Crane, Sweetwater; Sarah Anna Simmons, New York; Eva Rudd, vice-chairman; Winifred Camp, E. M. Landers, Mrs. J. D. Sandefer, Mrs. O. H. Cooper, all of Abilene.

Pilgrimages: Raymond W. Foy, Dallas, chairman; Mrs. J. M. Chandler, Fort Worth; Jack Frost, Dallas; Walter Jennings, Fort Worth; Dr. Carol B. King, Dallas; H. R. Arrant, vice-chairman; Mrs. R. H. McIntosh, both of Abilene.

Church Committee

Church contacts: Rev. P. D. O'Brien, Stamford, chairman; Dr. Fred C. Eastham, Wichita Falls; Rev. A. C. Miller, Belton; Rev. W. T. Hamor, Winters; Rev. E. T. Miller, Corsicana; Rev. J. M. Sibley, Sweetwater; Rev. E. N. McGuire, San Angelo; Rev. Ralph Grant, Beaumont; Rev. Ira Harrison, Snyder; Rev. W. Douglas Carver, Harlingen; Rev. T. A. Patterson, Fort Worth; Rev. J. Henry Littleton, Abilene.

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NEWS NOTES FROM DISTRICT ELEVEN

By Missionary John M. Riddell
Young Brother Nelson of Wichita Falls went out to one of our churches that has done very little since I have been here. He preached in a meeting, and had sixteen additions to the church and a real revival. They have called him as pastor and we are thinking that things will happen sure enough.

Brother Byron Harkinson of the North Side church in Wichita Falls, has been called to the church at Manhattan. He has just had a great revival there with Rev. J. Henry Cox of North Side, doing the preaching. There were some twenty-five additions to the church.

A goodly number of our churches have taken offerings for the British Baptist Foreign Mission work. I do not know just the number or the amount, but I am glad that we have had some part in this worthy cause. Some of the larger churches gave large amounts, but some small churches gave large amounts according to their membership and ability to give. We thank the Lord for every one of them that did have a part.

We have just had an interesting report from the church at Pleasant Valley, where Rev. L. H. Hood is pastor. Brother Hood was ordained and accepted this church in March of this year. There have been twenty-one conversions, eighteen baptisms, fourteen additions by letter, which makes thirty-two additions. This church has given every month to the Co-operative Program since it was organized about four years ago. They began with only a few members; they are not yet large in number. But this goes to show that a church can give every month to the work if they have a mind to do so no matter how large or how small.

Many of our churches are now in revivals and good reports come from all sides.

DR. WHITE AND HARDIN-SIMMONS

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loyalty to great principles and worthy institutions.

It is my fervent hope that Hardin-Simmons University will impart a vision and inspire an enthusiasm out of which will grow a youth movement dedicated to the Christian and American way of life possessing all the devotion of youth movements in totalitarian states but free from similar regimentation."

Those of us who know the new president of Hardin-Simmons know that these are not statements of an idle dreamer, but statements based on conviction of fundamental needs. One of the needs in our Christian schools today is that they be Christian without apology. This is the main reason for their existence.

We do not only welcome you, Dr. White, we pledge to you our cooperation. We know that your service will not be limited to Hardin-Simmons University; you will be a strength to every phase of our work.

How tragic it is in great days like these to ask churches for little things. —Marshall Craig.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GIFTS FROM DISTRICT 11

The following churches have given to the Cooperative Program this month. If your church is not in the list then they have not given:

Baylor-Knox Association

Seymour \$178.61

Total \$178.61

Clay County Association

Bellevue \$45.70

Deer Creek 10.00

Henrietta 33.00

Total \$88.70

Red Fork Association

Acme \$4.60

Cee Vee 3.75

Childress, First 254.03

Chillicothe 17.80

Hooleyann 1.50

North Grosebeck 1.55

Paducah 69.76

Quannah 82.43

Valley View 6.00

Total \$441.42

Throckmorton-Young Association

Elbert 6.50

Graham, First 32.00

Graham, Oak Street 11.00

Olney 9.46

Newcastle 2.00

Profit 1.10

South Bend 2.50

Throckmorton 13.15

Woodson 5.00

Total \$107.71

Wichita-Archer Association

Burknett \$99.00

City View 5.00

Electra 357.41

Holliday 91.50

Iowa Park 17.78

Kamay 10.00

Pleasant Valley 2.00

Thrift 20.10

Wichita Falls Churches:

First 667.50

Highland Heights 36.00

Lamar Ave. 84.10

North Side 21.40

South Side 34.00

West Side 16.00

Total \$1,461.79

Wilbarger-Foard Association

Fargo \$17.08

Lockett 17.88

Odell 10.20

Rock Crossing 6.00

Vernon, First 258.05

Total \$309.21

We had 42 churches to give this month and they gave the total of \$2,587.44. We still have 27 churches that have not given anything to our world-wide mission program.

JOHN M. RIDDELL, Missionary.

BUDGET APPORTIONMENT SUGGESTED FOR DISTRICT 11

To the Associational Treasurer:

A budget Committee was appointed and made their report to the District Board which met at Vernon in July, and their report of suggested budget was adopted, and it was recommended by the Board that each association accept its apportionment for district missions as set out below:

If for any reason any association is unwilling to accept the apportionment suggested, we shall be pleased to hear from you.

The apportionments suggested are as follows:

Baylor-Knox 165.00

Clay 191.75

Red-Fork 521.32

Throckmorton-Young 364.00

Wichita-Archer 1,143.00

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Total \$2,761.99

Sincerely yours,

FRED L. CONE,

Secy.-Treas., Baptist

Convention, Dist. No. 1.

DISTRICT 11 MISSIONARY MAKES MONTHLY REPORT

Baptist Convention,

District No. 11,

Dear Brethren:

Below you will find my report for the month of July, 1940.

Revivals conducted 2

Sermons and addresses 61

Additions to the churches:

Baptism 13

Letter 12

Conversions 14

Rededications 2

I have spoken in the following churches: Acme, Harrold, Hooleyann, North Side Wichita Falls, Margerate.

Total, 5.

Other churches contacted: Goodlett,

Total, 1.

Total churches contacted, 6.

I have helped to ordain one preacher.

Money raised: Cooperative Program, \$4.60; District Missions, \$14.00; Total, \$18.60.

Your Missionary,

JOHN M. RIDDELL.

TRAINING UNION MOVES FORWARD IN WEST TEXAS

The President of the Texas Training Union Convention is Mr. J. D. Riddle, Educational Director of First Baptist Church, Abilene. The pastors and training union workers in District 17 are loyally supporting Mr. Riddle in the promotion of a great program during this the Fiftieth Anniversary year.

AT RANGER: The First Baptist Church, Ranger, where Rev. David Phillips is pastor, has just closed a great Training Union revival. There were 311 enrolled in the classes. The entire Training Union was enlarged by enlisting large numbers of new members, setting up new organizations and standardizing the unit organizations from the beginner to the adult union. Five of the State Training Union approved workers assisted Bro. Phillips in this meeting. They were Cloyd H. McClung, Miss Darline Elliott, Miss Gracie Knowlton, Miss Belle Lazenby, and Miss Naomi Ready. The First Church, Ranger, is a member of the Five Hundred Club and Bro. Phillips says, "We are going to reach our goal."

AT ABILENE: District Seventeen is regarded as one of the most progressive districts in the State. Rev. Henry Littleton is the progressive District Missionary and Rev. Lawrence Trott is the fine District President. At the beginning of this convention year the various associations in District Seventeen adopted high study course goals. We are listing these goals at the right of the name of each association and, likewise, indicating still farther to the right the number of diplomas and seals that have been granted to each association during the first nine months of this convention year. The associations with their reports are as follows:

Association	1940 Awards Goal	Issued
Callahan	200	285
Cisco	1,250	636
Fisher	400	193
Haskell	100	52
Jones	200	125
Stonewall	150	36
Sweetwater	1,500	1,076
Hardin-Simmons		486

Totals 3,800 2,889

The convention year closes November 1. With all of us working together we will reach these goals and go far beyond.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 27.

SHERIFF, TAYLOR COUNTY
W. T. McQuary, Abilene
Sid H. McAdams, Abilene

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1,
TAYLOR COUNTY:
Luther Webb

CHIEF JUSTICE SUPREME
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Candidate for Re-election as Sheriff

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(Pol. Adv.)

REVIVAL AT McCAULEY

The McCauley Church closed a two weeks' revival Sunday with 15 additions, 14 of these coming by baptism. Pastor John P. Hardesty was assisted in the meeting by Rev. J. M. Sibley, pastor First Church, Sweetwater. This was one of the best revivals McCauley has experienced in several years. In the past 8 years McCauley Church has had 14 revivals and members have been received by baptism in every one of them, more than 150 having been baptized into the fellowship of the church during this period. Pastor Hardesty is entering his eleventh year as pastor of this church. He commends without reservation Bro. Sibley as one of the safest and most consecrated pastor-evangelists among us. We are grateful to God and to the Sweetwater Church for his service during this period of revival.

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If we have these foods contributed we can take the cash which otherwise would go to purchasing those things, and add it to our charity fund. This will enable us to take care of more of the needy sick. It will help the charity fund much more than if the fruits and vegetables were sold on a glutted market and the cash given us.

Cans will be furnished by the Hospital to those who will return them to us filled with berries, fruits, black-eyed peas and other foods that we can use. Join your neighbors in a Hospital canning bee.

E. M. Collier, Superintendent

Church Bulletins

SARDIS
T. H. Alcorn, pastor.
Sunday School, 10 a.m., J. S. Woodson, superintendent.

Training Union, 7:45 p.m., E. S. Keisler, director.

W. M. S. Mondays, 2:30 p.m., Mrs. Cecil Parks, president.

Brotherhood, 7:45 p.m. Friday after 2nd and 4th Sundays, J. F. Upshaw, president.

Teachers and prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:45 p.m.

R. A.'s and G. A.'s meet every Monday, 7:45 p.m.

SECOND BAPTIST, COLORADO

"How a Christian Would Act if God Sent Him to Hell," will be the Sunday night subject and a doctrinal message will be brought in the morning. There were 106 in Training Union Sunday night.

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R. L. YOUNG
Candidate for
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Precinct 1
(Paid Political Adv.)

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Olin Culberson has never asked for a vote on the reputation, character or good will of any person in Texas.

His opponent, Pierce Brooks, displays weakness and admits the lack of qualifications when he attempts to secure your vote by the statement that he was the leading candidate in the first primary. The records show, according to the canvass by the State Democratic Committee, Mr. Culberson was far in the lead, that Mr. Culberson's opponent will not be able to deceive the people or to cover up the truth. Neither will he be able to deceive the good O'Daniel people of this state in his attempt to ride into office on the shirt tail of the Governor. It is very unfair to the Governor and the Governor's friends do not appreciate an attempt for political purposes by any unpopular man to rob him of his popularity.

This is the same Pierce Brooks that the Governor refused to endorse two years ago when he endorsed Coke Stephenson, and the Governor now insists he is taking no part.

(Political Adv.)

