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ESSAYS



By J. Henry Littleton
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We had a good study course with Brother Van Pelt and his church at Weinert the past week. They are just getting started in their Training Union work. We heard many good things about the pastor and his wife.

We are sure that we have reached our goal of 3,800 awards in our district, but we are going far beyond. First Church, Abilene, First Church, Stamford, and First Church, Elmdale, are all in a Training Union revival this week. A number of other churches are to have theirs this month.

We were with the First Church, Abilene, for both services Sunday. Brother Weldon was in a revival with the South Side, Abilene. I have been worshipping with the church at Abilene, once in a while for 30 years. I think they are doing the best work of their history under the leadership of Henry Weldon. Every report was good.

The Necessity Church ordained Brother Claude Harris to the full work of the ministry Sunday afternoon at the Parks Church. Dr. N. A. Moore preached the ordination sermon. I have been in several services of this kind but this was one of the best. Claude held a meeting with the Wayland Church and at the close of the meeting they called him for one-half time. Center Church plans to call him next Sunday and that will give him full time. We predict for him a great future.

Brother Hugh Blair, the missionary of Cisco Association, will bring a good report of his year's work when the association meets with the First Church, Cisco, next week. We are happy for him. You do not find better men than Brother Blair.

I am reminding you again that October is State Mission Month. I am sure each pastor will stress this all important matter with his church. From the reports that I have received the last few days we have less than 20 churches in the district now that have not given to missions this year.

We are praying that there will not be a church in the entire district that neglects to take an offering for Missions during the month of October.

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EVENTS TO COME

- October 18-20—B. S. U. Convention, Waco.
- October 20—Training Union contests, in unions.
- October 27—Training Union contests, in churches.
- October 27—Church elimination for State Training Union contests.
- November 3—Association eliminations for State Training Union contests.
- November 3—Training Union contests in associations.
- November 11—Training Union contests in districts.
- 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.
- October 20—Laymen's Day in all Baptist Churches.
- March 17-18—State Laymen's Rally, Dallas.

ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING DATES IN WEST TEXAS

- October: October 8-9—Big Bend Association, Fort Stockton.
- 9-10—Haskell at Rule.
- 10-11—Cisco at Cisco First.
- October 10-11—Pecos Valley Association, Pecos.
- 10-11—Sweetwater at Tuscola.
- October 17—El Paso Association, El Paso, First.

PERMANENT BODY SET UP FOR NARCOTIC EDUCATION

A group of friends interested in the solution of the alcohol problem met at the Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, September 27, 1940, and inaugurated a movement for the education of the public on what the American Association for the Advancement of Science, at their meeting a year ago, called "the major perplexity of our civilization." This group elected Dr. L. R. Scarborough as chairman.

They then entered into a permanent organization by electing Dr. J. B. Tidwell, Waco, Texas, as President; Dr. S. G. Posey, vice-president; Daniel E. Mogan, secretary; Geo. J. Mason, treasurer; and Carson Taylor, state superintendent.

The following were asked to serve as an advisory committee: Dr. W. M. McKenzie, pastor, University Baptist Church, Austin; Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth; Dr. W. R. White, president, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene; Mrs. B. A. Copass, president of W. M. U. of Texas, Fort Worth; Judge A. M. Walker, Fort Worth; Dr. Frank Weeden, pastor, First Baptist Church, Denton; Dr. J. N. R. Score, pastor, First Methodist Church, Fort Worth; Dean Colby D. Hall of T. C. U., Fort Worth; Dr. C. E. Matthews, pastor, Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth; Rev. Bradley Allison, pastor, Riverside Baptist Church, Fort Worth; Dr. Law Stone, president of T. W. C., Fort Worth; Rev. D. R. Peveo, pastor, Golden Acres, Houston.

This organization is to be non-sectarian and non-political. Its approach to the alcohol problem will be from the standpoint of education following the method of tested truth. The plan and program will be set forth in more detail in future articles.

We are calling upon all of those who have the Gideon Heart to join us in this battle of the ages, in which we fight for God, home, and native land.

GREAT KERMIT REVIVAL LED BY GRAVES DARBY

Rev. Graves Darby, the blind evangelist from Waco, has been with the First Baptist Church, Kermit, for the past two weeks in a revival season. There were 119 additions to the church of which 50 per cent or more came by baptism.

During the revival the church has completed their campaign to raise the \$1,500 indebtedness, getting things out of the way to begin the erection of a new auditorium.

Pastor C. T. Aly has been on the field since August 1. There have been 150 additions to the church since that time. He states that Rev. Darby is a wonderful Gospel preacher and effective evangelist. He goes from Kermit to Freeport.

DR. DAY TO RETURN TO WORK BY DECEMBER 1

Pastor R. E. Day of First Church, Port Arthur, who has been seriously ill for months, is making steady improvement and his physicians have promised to have him back on the job by the first of December.

Dr. W. M. Wright, evangelist of Dallas, has been supplying for him for more than six months. During that time there have been 96 additions with 43 baptized. The church is now in a meeting with Pastor D. D. Sumrall of the Hillcrest Church, Dallas, doing the preaching.

WEINERT PLANNING TO GO TO FULL TIME

Weinert Church, where Rev. DeWitt VanPelt is pastor, is making plans to go to full time services next month. The church is having additions on nearly every preaching day.

Three deacons were ordained in an afternoon service, September 15. A Training Union has recently been organized and a study course under the leadership of Missionary J. H. Littleton aroused much enthusiasm. Plans are being made to join in the October Round-Up.

When I was young I was sure of many things; now there are only two things of which I am sure: one is, That I am a miserable sinner; and the other, that Christ is an all-sufficient Savior.—He is well taught who learns these two lessons.—John Newton.

BETTER MUSIC CONTESTS TO FEATURE CONVENTION



PAUL COUNTS, Abilene

A Better Music Contest will be added to the popular competition at the Texas Training Union Golden Jubilee at Dallas on November 21 to 23. Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors may participate in groups from trios to choruses of not more than 16. The contest will be held Wednesday night, November 20.

There will be no eliminations in this contest, but all groups will go directly to Dallas this year. Convention President J. D. Riddle suggests, however, that contesting groups be permitted to sing at the associational and district contests, perhaps being used instead of congregational singing at these meetings.

Rules for the contest may be had from Dr. T. C. Gardner, state director, 708 Burt Building, Dallas. The contest committee includes R. H. Coleman, Dallas; I. E. Reynolds, Seminary Hill, and Paul Counts, Abilene.

Order Books Now

The songs to be used in the Better Music Contest will be found in Special Convention Songs, a book published by Robert H. Coleman Publishing Company. This was published in 1939 and was used at Austin by Training Union members at the convention last year. The book contains music especially arranged for various groups that desire to participate in the contest. The book sells for ten cents a copy and should be ordered from Robert H. Coleman, Burt Bldg., Dallas, Texas.

Songs to Memorize

Better Music contestants will be expected to sing from memory. The four songs suggested by the committee for all age groups are as follows: (Continued on page 3)

DR. WHITE MAINTAINS STRENUOUS SCHEDULE

Dr. W. R. White, who "hit the ground running" when he assumed the H-SU presidency, August 1, is still maintaining that strenuous speed, according to Mrs. Truman L. Crouch, secretary to the president.

On Sunday, September 29, he supplied for Dr. George W. Truett at First Church, Dallas. Monday evening, he jumped to Paducah to speak to the Baptist Brotherhood. The following evening he was out at Post addressing a joint banquet of the teachers and the Rotary club. Wednesday evening he was at San Angelo at a church banquet.

Friday he is to follow the Cowboys to their game at the Rose Festival at Tyler. After this will be another trip to Oklahoma City. Tuesday, October 8, he will be the chief speaker for the "Bill's Day" program at Ralls. The following evening he is to speak at the San Antonio association convention at the South San Antonio Church where Moderator Bob Baucum is pastor.

A drive of more than 300 miles the next morning will take him to address the Haskell association at Rule at 2:35 that afternoon. Friday morning at 9:45 he will speak at the Cisco association at Cisco First Church.

That evening, October 11, he will conclude the Hardin-Simmons program which will close the 55th session of the mother body of the university, Sweetwater association. For a change, the president will find it necessary only to cross the campus to the auditorium, where the evening meeting of the association will commemorate the beginning of the Golden Jubilee of H-SU.

ADULTS PLAN SPIRITUAL PROGRAM AT DALLAS



DR. I. L. YEARBY, El Paso

"Christ above all in vision and service," will be the theme of the Adult department sessions of the Texas Training Union convention, which will be held at the First Baptist Church auditorium in Dallas, Thursday and Friday, November 21 and 22, according to the program just released by Secretary T. C. Gardner and President J. D. Riddle of the 50-year-old convention.

The first session of the entire convention, which expects to register 15,000 attendance, will be the Better Music Contest on Wednesday evening and the final hour will be Saturday morning.

The adult meetings will open with an address on soul winning by Dr. C. E. Hereford, pastor at Lubbock First. Dr. M. E. Dodd of Shreveport will speak on the supremacy of Christ at the same period.

Friday evening Dr. W. R. White, H-SU president, will address the adults on "Christ Above All in Christian Education." J. E. Lambdin of Nashville will adapt the department theme to mobilizing adults for training and Dr. R. G. Lee will conclude the evening with a sermon on the Title, Glory and Greatness of Christ.

The climax of Friday morning will be a sermon by Dr. I. L. Yearby of El Paso First on "Christ Above All in Prophecy." Other morning speakers will be Carroll Jones of Swinney, Homer B. Reynolds of Wichita Falls and John S. Bates of Marshall.

Dr. John L. Hill, popular inspirational speaker of Nashville, will be the sole speaker for the short adult meeting Friday afternoon. He will speak on personal witnessing.

There will be conference periods Thursday afternoon and Friday morning and afternoon with capable and successful leaders in charge.

TWO MEXICAN MISSIONARIES TO BE RECOMMENDED FOR SWEETWATER ASSOCIATION

Sweetwater Association will be asked to include two Mexican missionaries in the budget for the coming year, following a conference of the committee on Mexican work, composed of J. D. Riddle, chairman and Pastors J. M. Sibley of Sweetwater First and C. A. Powell of University Church.

A survey by the committee revealed that there are five places in the association where Mexican work is needed and five other nearby points where Mexican services have been effectively conducted by missionaries of the association during the past summer.

The proposed plan is to support a missionary at both Abilene and Sweetwater, with the help of the Home Mission Board, and to share these men with nearby mission points in cooperation with those associations.

UNION ASSOCIATION CENTENNIAL NEXT WEEK

Union Association will celebrate its hundred years of consecutive service in a three day meeting at First Church, Houston, Monday morning through Wednesday evening, October 7 to 9. Three churches, Independence, Houston First and Galveston First had been in the association since its inception.

The opening session will be at the South Main Church. A centennial pageant will close the session Wednesday evening. Visiting speakers will include Drs. R. C. Campbell, T. C. Gardner, G. S. Hopkins and R. A. Springer, and Mrs. B. A. Copass and R. L. Mathis, all of Dallas.

Car Eats Up Salary of Many Part-Time Pastors Statistics of Churches Reveal

WILMETH RURAL CHURCH RESPONDS TO CHALLENGE

In the summer of 1938, when Wilmeth Church in Runnels Association called Rev. Sam E. Brian as pastor, the record showed that not a penny had been given to missions from the membership in two years. Since that time not a month has passed without a contribution through the Cooperative Program.

The young student pastor refused to accept the call unless the church promised to give to missions, so they voted to permit a collection after the Sunday night sermons. The mission total for the first year was \$34, a large percentage of which the pastor gave out of his tithe. Last associational year mission offerings amounted to over \$100.

In 1939 the total gifts from the church amounted to \$392.75, of which \$300 was pastor's salary. In 1940 the total was \$657.52, including \$480 for pastor's salary, a gain of \$254.77.

Although the church has developed some 20 or 25 tithers during the past year, and some Sundays the number of dollars in the offering exceeds the number of members in the pews. Financial gains by no means tell the story of the growth.

The Sunday School has gained from 70 in 1939 to 158 enrolled at this time. The church had a net gain of 11 members last year, making the total 102.

Effective W. M. U. and Training Union organizations have been established and, since October, 1939, the West Texas Baptist has reached every home.

"This progress has been made," modestly states Pastor Brian, "by God's help, by emphasis on stewardship, by faithful Sunday School teachers and by the West Texas Baptist."

REMODELING PROGRAM IN PROGRESS AT STAMFORD

First Church, Stamford, is engaged in a repair and remodeling program which will involve the expenditure of not less than \$5,000. The auditorium will be redecorated and modernized throughout, including new floor covering and a fluorescent lighting system.

The baptistry will be rebuilt and the choir will be equipped with the best grade of opera chairs.

Considerable work will be done in the education building, including redecorating the primary department and re-equipping the beginners rooms. Pastor Dick O'Brien and the church are looking forward to having a most attractive and modern plant.

DENTON VALLEY TO BE HOST TO CALLAHAN TRAINING UNION

Members of the Clyde Training Union, R. P. Adams, director, will give a playlet stressing the importance of the training service of the church at the monthly associational meeting at Denton Valley October 13 at 2:30. Pastor O. D. Welch of Clyde will bring an inspirational message. S. H. Thomas, Cottonwood, associate director of the association, will be in charge.

CLYDE HAS RECORD DAY

Some who had not attended church services in a decade or so were present at a special service for old settlers at Clyde Baptist Church, September 29. One of the largest crowds ever at the church was present.

Promotion day was observed with high attendance in both Sunday School and Training Union. The work at Clyde has been built solidly and is moving on under the leadership of Pastor O. D. Welch.

MINISTERS' AUXILIARY MEETS

Mrs. E. B. Atwood was hostess to the Hardin-Simmons Ministers' Auxiliary Thursday afternoon, September 26. Fourteen members and eleven visitors enjoyed the program in which Mrs. N. A. Moore led in the devotion and Mrs. W. R. White responded graciously to her introduction by the hostess. Two new members were received at the close of the meeting. Mmes. Moore, Atwood and White sponsor the organization, which meets this week with Mrs. James Alexander, 2025 Swenson.

The average fourth-time pastor in Central West Texas spends most of his income from the churches in maintaining and operating a car, according to figures revealed by the reports to churches in this section.

A survey of statistics from a number of associations lying in four districts between the Upper Cross Timbers and the Cap Rock disclose that the church having preaching service once each month pays the pastor \$100 per year, or \$8.33 per trip. With four such churches, the pastor receives a total annual income of \$400 for his services.

It has been estimated that it will cost approximately \$100 per year for depreciation and repairs on a car and \$25 per month for gasoline, oil and tires. If the pastor spends that much, all he has for his work is the joy of working and the pleasure of traveling.

Full-Time Pastor Gets \$120 Per Month

Pastors of half-time churches fare somewhat better, the survey shows, although they average around \$50 per month entire income from both churches. The pastors of churches with preaching service every Sunday, get between \$180 and \$4,000 per year, with a medium of \$120 per month.

The peak salary for preaching twice monthly, in the ten associations included in the survey, is \$900. The top for preaching one Sunday a month is \$360. Only a few go remarkably above the average, while, at the other end, like the indeterminate figure in mathematics, they approach "a point less than any assignable quantity, but not quite equal to zero."

Fourth-Time Churches Decreasing

Of the 232 churches reporting in the ten associations representing four districts, there are only 56 of them with monthly preaching. The fourth-time church seems to be gradually diminishing in number due, perhaps, to several causes. Some of these weaker bodies have dissolved, others have merged with neighbors, while there are more which are becoming able to maintain a better program.

A check of the lists shows that the poorest paid pastor, in most cases, is the one who makes a living during the week and preaches on Sunday. As to whether the preacher in business is willing to work for less or whether the poorly paid pastor has been compelled to seek other employment is a matter not shown in statistics.

There are 70 churches of the 232 with a pastor on the field, preaching each Sunday. The half-time churches number 106, or nearly half the total number in the section.

Figures for 1939
The figures are taken from the 1939 minutes of these associations but it is believed that the data for 1940 will not show a wide difference. A comparison of the figures of one association for both years shows that six churches have increased their expenses for salary, while five have decreased, the others maintaining the same salary. The increase has exceeded the decrease in the aggregate, but the difference is not large.

Much of the variation in pay is due to the church being without a pastor for a long period in one year and having one all of the other. This is reflected, too, in the low averages. But it must be remembered that if a church is without a pastor for some time, so also is the average pastor without full work for a part of his time.

C. D. OWENS STRICKEN MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Rev. Chas. D. Owen, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Abilene, and moderator of Sweetwater Association, suffered a stroke of apoplexy early Monday and is in a serious condition at his home. Attending physicians expressed the belief that he was somewhat improved Tuesday afternoon.

Pastor Owens is widely known, having served as missionary in Union Association and as teacher of Bible in Rusk academy before coming to West Texas. A son, Curtis D. Owen, is education director at South Park Church, Beaumont.

A wagon that is carrying a heavy load will not rattle as much as one that is empty. The same holds true with a church or an individual Christian.—The Baptist Messenger, Ralls.

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SAFEGUARDING THE DRAFTED

Unless the American defense forces are to be subjected to the same temptation which wrecked the French army during the winter of mobilization in comparative inactivity, it is imperative that our Congress, before adjourning, take immediate action looking to safeguards for the moral and physical welfare of our men who are being called into the military and naval forces of the country.

Stories seeping out of conquered France tell how wine and cognac invaded the Maginot line, eating their way like termites into the French defenses until by summer the army, which had been boasted as the most powerful in the world, collapsed utterly in three weeks.

Men who spent the winter of 1918 and 1919 in the base areas of France can readily understand how debauchery can undermine an army that is marking time. It happened to Hannibal's Carthaginians over two centuries before Christ. Men who had all but conquered Rome were destroyed by Italian wine.

It is a fortunate circumstance that the training camp for the 36th Division, the Texas National Guard, is located in a dry county. The catch is that with prescription drug stores operating as they do in Texas, there is no dry county as far as whiskey is concerned.

The Federal Council of Churches has memorialized the Military and Naval authorities to promulgate regulations safeguarding the men. Bishop Cannon of the Methodist Church is urging newspapers to create a sentiment for national regulation, addressing Senator Morris Shepherd. Texans can not only do these things, but they can assist the military by bringing pressure to close the establishments which make their principal business the selling of whiskey on the prescription of some discredited doctor who gets a cut of the profit.

We have the object lesson of what a blitzkrieg will do to an army saturated in alcohol. While erecting our defenses, we can also defend against this enemy, if we will.

EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATIONS

"The association closed, leaving a great revival in progress in the church." This is quoted from the interesting history of the Union Baptist Association by Pastor D. R. Pevejo.

A circular letter, appended by Judge R. E. B. Baylor to the first minutes of a Baptist association in Texas, stated, "Last night we had a most excellent meeting and a great religious interest prevailed. The probability is that many will be added to the church. . . ." This was another instance of a revival following the association.

Such a sequence seems to have been the rule in those pioneer days instead of being the unheard-of event that it is today. Our associational meetings now are evangelical and missionary. They are evangelistic in spirit and often very spiritual, but just when do you recall seeing a conversion at one of these meetings or having a revival break out spontaneously after the sessions?

The difference is perhaps due more to the changing customs and circumstances. In those days, there were few Baptist preachers in Texas. In fact there were few of any faith and people were hungry to hear the Word of God proclaimed. With limited occasions for public gatherings and few public amusements, people of all sorts came to any religious service and no small number who came for diversion from the monotony of pioneer life remained to pray and to find a Savior.

We cannot expect that today. But we might hope for a time when the church members would be so inspired with missionary zeal that they would become missionaries in their own community.

MUSIC IN THE CHURCHES

The music contests which are arranged for the Training Union convention this fall have been planned by devout men who have given largely in an effort toward lifting the quality of church music among Baptist churches.

R. H. Coleman and I. E. Reynolds are veteran leaders, known throughout the South as crusaders for better church music. Paul Counts, the third member of the committee is a newer figure, yet from the interest aroused by a group of singing girls from Sweetwater, whom he took to the 1938 convention at Wichita Falls, the idea of this contest developed.

The purpose of the contest is not to develop operatic soloists or to promote what Mr. Reynolds designates as "high falutin' music," but rather to inculcate a taste for songs which are musically correct, doctrinally sound, and which appeal to the higher and spiritual emotions.

Whether we realize it or not, the public schools of Texas are creating a revolution in music appreciation in our state. Our children are being taught to know the great composers, to understand and enjoy their compositions, and to sing a type of music which is definitely cultural. They will not only be better singers than their parents, but they will demand good music and good songs in their church life.

These songs will be the grand hymns of the past which have stood the test of years; together with the newer songs, the words of which are really poetry, expressing Scriptural truths, with accompaniment composed by competent musicians.

The way to get songs of this standard into more of our churches is to let our young people have the opportunity to learn and to sing them. It is to this end that the Training Union music contests are committed. For the sake of our developing youth, we should give much emphasis to its promotion.

NEWS NOTES

Dr. E. S. James of Vernon has just closed a good meeting at Portales, New Mexico.

Texas Baptists have gone over their goal of \$40,000 for the aid of British missionaries.

Rev. O. A. Hendon is to preach at Salt Branch the second Sunday in October.

Rev. A. A. Watson has accepted the call of Sparenberg Church and is now on the field.

Rev. Phillip McGahey of Breckenridge is in a revival with Pastor Thomas A. Gray and the Conroe Church.

Dr. R. S. Jones, field secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, is now located in the Southwest, living at 4214 Gaston Avenue, Dallas.

The Baptist New Mexican reports that Pastor R. E. Harrison has resigned at Hagerman and is moving back to Texas.

Itsuka Saito, Hawaiian Japanese student in Southwestern Seminary, will be one of the principal speakers at a Y.-W. A. program at Louisiana College on October 11 to 13.

Pastor Clyde Jackson of Caps and Shep has declined a call to become pastor of Five Mile, a growing, full-time rural church in Lamesa Association.

Miss Maye Bell Taylor, missionary from Brazil, who recently flew home for surgery, is reported doing splendidly at the home of her parents at Haskell.

There were 23 additions to Calvary Church, Vernon, 13 for baptism in the revival led by Rev. A. A. Brian of Levelland. Rev. W. E. Lovelace is pastor.

Miss Edith Boyd, who has returned on furlough from China is doing graduate work in Baylor University in preparation for more efficient service upon returning to her field.

Evangelist T. C. Crume has just closed a meeting with Hunter Street Church, Birmingham, Alabama, where there were 80 additions. He is now at Franklin, Tennessee.

Pastor Norman A. Sanders of Gorman has been called to Llano. He will be with the Llano Church on October 13 and will give a definite answer at that time. He has wrought exceptionally well at Gorman.

There were 39 additions to First Church, San Angelo, in the recent revival led by Rev. Dick O'Brien of Stamford. Most of the new members were for baptism. Pastor A. D. Foreman baptized a father and two sons whose total weight was 674 pounds.

There were seven additions to the Redwine Church last Sunday where Rev. W. P. Brian is pastor. Two of these were for baptism. The church will ordain Bruce Giles to the ministry on October 13.

Dr. Thomas P. Haskins, associate secretary of the Oklahoma convention, has been elected secretary-treasurer of Louisiana executive board. He will assume his duties on January 1, at which time Secretary F. J. Katz will retire after 20 years of service.

Evangelist Truman L. Crouch recently assisted Pastor D. D. Barber in an open air meeting at Erick, Oklahoma, resulting in 60 additions to the church. Evangelist Crouch may now be reached care of Hardin-Simmons University. Mrs. Crouch is secretary to the president.

A. C. Sewell, who has been acting superintendent of Baylor Hospital, Dallas, has resigned to become superintendent of the City-County hospital at Fort Worth. Mr. Sewell is husband of Mrs. Manon McConnell Sewell, editor's assistant of the Baptist Standard.

Dr. Curtis Lee Laws, who in 27 years has made the Watchman-Examiner of New York outstanding among Baptist papers, has relinquished the active editorship to Dr. John W. Bradbury. Dr. Bradbury has shared his work for five years.

Rev. V. W. Tatum of Abilene supplied at Union Church, Mitchell-Scurry Association September 29.

Pastor J. R. Hicks of Canyon died Friday, September 27. He had done a great work in that church which serves many Baptist students at the West Texas State Teachers College.

Pastor Sam E. Brian of Wilmeth and O. K. has sufficiently recovered from a recent operation to enter Hardin-Simmons for his senior year.

Rev. W. H. Burns of Lamesa has been called as pastor of Sand Church, which has gone to half-time.

Rev. Joe Self, who preaches twice monthly at Crystal Falls, supplied September 29 at View.

PROGRAM

Sweetwater Association, 56th Session, With Tuscola Church, October 10-11
Rev. W. I. Taylor, Pastor

Thursday Evening

7:30 Song Service, Woodrow Harris.

7:40 Devotional Scripture reading, Rev. Clyde R. Campbell.

7:50 Presentation of letters. Organization, Petitionary letters; report of committee on committees, Rev. Clyde Jackson; report on order of business, Rev. C. A. Powell; "Steadfast in the Training of Our Young People," Miss Jaxie Short; recognition of visitors. Associational sermon, Rev. D. G. Reid.

Friday Morning

9:30 Song service, Woodrow Harris.

9:40 Devotional Scripture reading, Rev. Clyde R. Campbell.

9:50 Report on local church activities (S. S., T. U., W. M. U., Brotherhood), J. M. Cook.

An address on the co-ordination, co-operation and contribution of all local church activities, J. D. Riddle.

10:35 Associational reports: Mexican Mission, Rev. Pedro Hernandez; Associational Board, Rev. Dean Elkins; Associational Treasurer, J. J. Toombs.

An address on the co-ordination and co-operation, and contribution of all church and associational work, with and to our general denominational work, Rev. J. H. Littleton.

11:20 Report on Missions: (District, State, Home Foreign, 100,000 Club), Rev. T. J. Sparkman.

Missionary Sermon, Dr. J. W. Bruner.

Lunch

1:30 Song service, Woodrow Harris.
1:40 Devotional Scripture reading.

1:50 Report on our Benevolences (Orphans' Homes, Hospitals, Old Ministers' Relief), Rev. Fred Porter.

An address on "Bearing One Another's Burdens," Rev. Cooper Waters.
2:35 Miscellaneous Reports (Obituaries, resolutions), Rev. Byron Bryant.

Final report of nominating committee, R. E. Dudley, Rev. J. M. Sibley, Mrs. W. F. Joiner.

Miscellaneous business.

3:15 Report on Religious Literature, and Address, Rev. W. C. Ashford.

3:55 Report on National and International Righteousness, and Address, Dr. M. A. Jenkins.

Friday Evening—H-SU

7:15 Assembly—Orchestra, Mr. Herbert Preston, conducting.

7:30 Song Service, Woodrow Harris.

7:40 A Cappella Choir, Mrs. Lola Gibson Deaton, conducting.

7:50 Devotional—Scripture reading, Rev. J. M. Sibley.

8:00 Report on Christian Education, Rev. J. M. Sibley.

8:05 Harp solo, Miss Virginia Sheridan.

8:15 Report of Trustees of H-SU, J. T. Haney.

8:25 Historical and Semi-Centennial, Dr. Truett Walton.

8:35 Address, Dr. W. R. White. Anthem.

LIVING PRESIDENTS OF TRAINING CONVENTION

Dr. Geo. W. Truett, First Baptist Church, Dallas, 1893; Luther J. Truett, McKinney, 1897; R. H. Coleman, 711 Burt Bldg., Dallas, 1899; Rev. E. G. Townsend, Belton, 1907; Robert Jolly, Memorial Hospital, Houston, 1923; Edgar Williamson, Baptist Headquarters, Little Rock, Ark., 1925; John L. Boggs, Glendora Street, Dallas, 1926;

W. L. Howse, Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, 1929; J. Earl Mead, Cliff Temple, Dallas, 1931; W. E. Young, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, 1934; Dr. W. M. Wright, First Baptist Church, Fort Arthur, 1935; R. A. Springer, 700 Burt Bldg., Dallas, 1936; H. O. Rothell, Texas Power and Light Co., Dallas, 1938.

The quality which we possess both of forgiveness and love for others, determines in what measure we shall have forgiveness. In many ways we control our own destiny.—Advance.

Sunday School Lesson

October 6, 1940

By Hight C Moore

LUKE AND HIS GOSPEL

Read Luke 1; Acts 1:1-5; 16:9-15; Colossians 4:14; 2 Timothy 4:11a Study Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1; Colossians 4:14; 2 Timothy 4:11a.

Luke was a physician beloved and cultured, a convert under the ministry of Paul, the intimate associate of the Great Apostle on his second and third missionary journeys, his companion also in Jerusalem and on the memorable journey to Rome, and his faithful fellow helper through both imprisonments to the martyrdom by order of Nero.

Composed during the later sixties, after the most thorough historical investigation, and possibly with the personal assistance of Paul, the Gospel of Luke was addressed to Theophilus and intended for general circulation among the Gentiles throughout the Roman Empire.

1. Luke the Careful Biographer (Luke 1)

HIS PREFACE TO LUKE shows that Luke was a careful biographer. To him we are indebted for a consecutive and complete life of our Lord. Of many narratives current in Luke's day none is preserved to us. He doubtless used them for comparison and verification. But in the preparation of his work he went to original sources as a systematic and sympathetic investigator. An accomplished writer, he puts his work on a definite historical basis in order that he might confirm the faith of Christians. The book was addressed to Theophilus ("friend of God"), who, while otherwise unknown, was an eminent Christian, perhaps of riches and rank.

2. Luke the Accurate Historian (Acts 1)

HIS PREFACE TO ACTS shows that Luke was an accurate historian. It was he who with the pen of inspiration sketched the history of the early churches for nearly two-score years following the ascension. In his opening word to his pupil-patron-friend, Theophilus, he referred to the Third Gospel as the record merely of what Jesus began to do and teach. In the Acts we see the work of Jesus continued on a vaster scale.

3. Luke the Associate Missionary

HIS SUMMONS TO EUROPE shows Luke as an intrepid missionary associate of Paul and chronicler of his labors on two continents. Luke (as shown by his change from "they" to "we") joined Paul and his party at Troas in time to help answer the call of the vision man of Macedonia. He was in the group which concluded that God was calling them to Europe and that they should seek immediate passage over the Aegean Sea. They were able to sail at once. After a quick voyage they landed at the port of Neapolis and went overland to the metropolis of Philippi where they began their work in a riverside women's meeting on the sabbath. Lydia was their first convert in Europe and she became a hostess to the earliest missionaries to that continent. Luke puts himself in the background, but he had a hand in founding the Philippian church.

4. Luke the Faithful Friend (Colossians 4)

HIS SALUTATION TO COLOSSE is a fine touch revealing Luke as a faithful friend forgetful of his fellow laborers. He sent his salutation to the church at Colosse, to whom Paul, then a prisoner at Rome, was writing. Evidently he had visited Colosse. And certainly Paul, the prisoner, valued his presence and service.

5. Luke the Steadfast Physician (2 Timothy 4)

HIS SERVICE IN ROME climaxes the career of the beloved physician who was steadfast alike in sun and storm. Luke was with the apostle in that final imprisonment from which Paul emerged only to be beheaded. We like to think of the tender ministry of Luke to the illustrious prisoner during that last winter in his dismal cell. In the closing words of his last letter Paul gratefully names Luke as his only companion. If he could have but one, who was better than the beloved physician?

Cultivate Christian Friendship and Fellowship

Christian Friendship Sees. "Eye-witnesses and ministers of the word." We cannot see right till we see Christ. We cannot be ministers of the Word without first knowing the Word. It is good to have friends who see,

It is good to see for our friends.

Christian Friendship Shares. "To write unto thee." It is not enough to see; we must share. It is not enough to receive; we must serve. Friendship is not selfish. Love writes out of the heart.

(3) Christian Friendship Enlightens. "That thou mightest know." Does a friend ever cast a shadow across your path?

Gold in the Golden Text

It seemed good to me also, . . . to write . . . that thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed. Luke 1:3-4. The gospel (i.e., the "good news" of salvation) is given primarily in the four Gospels (i.e., the stories of Jesus by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John).

At first the Gospel was oral, being repeated as distinctly remembered by the apostles in their teaching and preaching. Then it was written by various authors, some of them embodying mere legends about the Lord. But soon the inspired Gospels were penned by men who were moved by the Holy Spirit. Thus the Gospel was certified by revelation from God and research by the sacred writer, as Luke specifically asserts.

Knowing therefore the certainty of the gospel in the Gospels we ought surely to accept it without question and to proclaim it as meeting the fundamental needs of mankind.

Daily Bible Readings

October 7—Physical Growth. Genesis 25:27-34.

October 8—The Worth of Wisdom. Proverbs 3:13-18.

October 9—Social Growth. Romans 14:13-23.

October 10—Religious Growth. Ephesians 4:11-16.

October 11—Symmetrical Development. Luke 2:40-42.

October 12—Normal Boyhood. Luke 4:34-47.

October 13—His Father's Business. Luke 2:48-52.

"A CASTAWAY"

By J. M. Sibley

There are two towns on the north plains connected by a country road. The 80 miles which separate these two towns are broken by a few farm houses, two or three cattle guards and an old discarded steam engine. In driving the distance, one finds himself watching for the old customary engine. It is the relic of another day, yes, the day before gasoline engines and combine threshing machines. It is also a reminder that both machines and people may pass their days of usefulness and be relegated to the junk yard. There are some lessons that we might well learn about why people pass the days of their usefulness.

Some people cease to learn and grow and the new era goes off and leaves them behind. When people cease to have new ideas and consequently cease to adjust their lives to the needs and practices of a new day, they cease to be usable. Sometimes a person allows a wrong spirit to control their lives and spoil their usefulness. It may be a critical or negative spirit. It may be a jealous spirit. Sometimes a person allows sin to find a lodging place in their lives and sin and God cannot home in the same heart. Someone has said, "God is not looking for gold vessels, but for clean vessels." When our lives cease to be clean, they cease to be useful and are headed for the waste basket.

May we with Paul say, "I keep my body under subjection lest after I have preached to others I may be cast aside."—First Baptist Chimes, Sweetwater.

WADE CAMPBELL CALLED TO LAKE VIEW, SAN ANGELO

Rev. Wade R. Campbell of New Mexico, formerly pastor at Girard, has been called as pastor at Lake View Church, San Angelo. He held a meeting at the Lake View Mission in 1939.

It has been reported that Rev. Clyde R. Campbell had been called, but he is pastor at Calvary Church, Abilene. In the month that he has served as pastor the membership has increased 40 per cent and the people are moving forward with new organization in the Sunday School and the Training Union.

The best way to get rid of a fault is to practice a virtue in its place, for two things cannot occupy the same place at the same time.—Christian Index.

H-SU Library Has Rare Collection

By JOHNNY LEE TARVER
The Hardin-Simmons University library is proud to acknowledge its rare and unusual collections among its 30,000 bound volumes covering every branch of knowledge and every kind of good literature, both secular and religious.

It has never been a goal for the Hardin-Simmons University library to assemble any particular type of collection; however, its most outstanding collection of volumes is the R. C. Crane collection of materials bearing on the history of the Southwest, to which hundreds of volumes are being added daily. A file of R. C. Crane correspondence and Bates' letters about the Civil War are included in this collection. Crane is a resident of Sweetwater, Texas.

The third oldest complete file of New York Times in the state of Texas with the exception of the Texas State University and the Southern Methodist University libraries is found in this library. This file begins with May, 1917, and continues through the present date. There are several copies in 1916 beginning with January. They are bound in semi-monthly bindings the full size of the newspaper. A file of the New York Times Index is a complete guide book of the newspaper, giving the date, page number and column number of any article to be found in the paper.

The H-SU library is a selective depository library for federal publications and these are being added to from time to time and is becoming one of the best collections of its kind in the country.

There is a collection of 83 volumes of the American Baptist Magazine and Missionary Intelligencer from 1817 to 1903.

The British point of view of the American Civil War is discussed in the bound illustrated volumes of the London News collected from March to November, 1866.

The H-SU library miscellaneous holdings include: The Daily Union, published in Washington, D. C., for the years 1845, 1847, and 1850; The National Intelligencer Service, published in Washington, D. C., in 1899; the New York Herald of 1803; the first three volumes of Massachusetts Baptist Missionary magazine of May, 1803. The Austin County Gazette of January 4, 1800, gives an account of the death of George Washington.

Several hundred volumes have been given in memoriam of Erma Campbell, late professor of English at H-SU, by friends and relatives. Gifts made by Dr. O. H. Cooper, former president and education head in H-SU until his death, and Rev. T. Wilkinson Riddle of Plymouth, England, are outstanding.

Thousands of volumes have been presented by the Simmons family.

Mrs. Robert Edward Chambers, formerly Miss Christine Coffee, who is an H-SU alumni of 1911, is the author of a recent biography of her husband, R. E. Chambers, entitled, "Builder of Dreams," published in Shanghai, China. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers went to the foreign field of China as missionaries in 1913 and death came to Mr. Chambers in 1932, leaving his loyal and faithful wife to continue their work in the mission field. The book bears a notation: "Presented to the Library of Hardin-Simmons University in memory of my four happy and profitable years in 'Old Simmons College,' 1907-11. Signed, Christine Coffee Chambers, Shanghai, China, April, 1940."

The most recent addition to the H-SU library is the new microfilm

PROGRAM

Woman's Missionary Union of Sweetwater Association, Meeting With Tuscola, Thursday, Oct. 10

Watchword: Be ye steadfast, unmoving, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

Mrs. C. C. Compere, president; Mrs. Bert Low, recording secretary; Mrs. Bryan Ball, corresponding secretary-treasurer; Mrs. P. L. Ullom, chorister; Mrs. Doyle Fogle, pianist.

Thursday Morning, 9:45

Song service.
Devotional, Mrs. F. A. Hollis.
Greetings, Mrs. Doyle Fogle; response, Mrs. W. F. Joiner.
Special music, Mrs. P. L. Ullom.
Recognition of new members and visitors.

Report on order of business and committees: Nomination, Mrs. E. O. Keeton; Resolutions, Mrs. J. L. Winter; Registration, Mrs. J. A. Reynolds and Mrs. J. H. Anderson.

President's message on the Watchword, Mrs. C. C. Compere.

Reports of work by local presidents: Abilene First, Mrs. E. O. Keeton, Calvary, Mrs. R. G. Graves; Immanuel, Mrs. H. L. Rice; North Park, Mrs. G. W. Thompson; Southside, Mrs. W. C. Ashford; Sunset, Mrs. A. V. Moore; Temple, Mrs. H. G. Carter; University, Mrs. D. W. Arnett; Blackwell, Mrs. J. W. Reynolds; Caps, Mrs. W. F. Joiner; Hylton, Mrs. John Kensie; Maryneal, Mrs. Bascom Hartgraves; Merkel, Mrs. T. E. Collins; Nolan, Mrs. Lem Ray; Ovalo, Mrs. W. I. Taylor; Sweetwater First, Mrs. Garland Vinson; Lamar Street, Mrs. C. A. Weathers; Trent, Mrs. Fred Porter; Tuscola, Mrs. W. I. Taylor; Tye, Mrs. N. M. Pitts.

Song.

Corresponding Secretary - Treasurer's report, Mrs. Bryan Ball.

Announcements.

In memoriam, Mrs. E. B. Atwood.

Song, Sue Kirby.

Lunch, 12:30.

Afternoon Session

Executive board meeting.

Song service.

Report of methods and finance committee.

Three minute reports of standing committees: Periodicals, Mrs. W. E. Ryan; Mission Study, Mrs. A. B. Booth; Stewardship, Mrs. J. A. Bristow; Address, Mrs. Wickliffe Skinner; Young People, Mrs. Paul Atchinson; Benevolence, Mrs. Geo. L. Paxton; Christian Education, Mrs. H. E. Gay; Introduction of H-SU Student Fund students; Personal Service, Mrs. W. Taggart; Missions, Mrs. J. L. Anthony; Margaret Fund, Mrs. C. M. Caldwell; Bible Study, Mrs. J. L. Winter; Publicity, Mrs. R. L. McIntire.

Reports of committees.

Election of officers.

Reading of minutes, Mrs. Bert Low.

Mrs. D. G. Reid, Mrs. J. A. Bristow, and Mrs. W. C. Ashford, program committee.

BIBLE ODDITIES

What Bible man refused to quit work to go visiting?—Nehemiah 6:3.
What man asked the Lord to shake the people up?—Nehemiah 5:13.
What king decreed that every man should rule his own house?—Esther 1:22.

—J. C. McKenzie.

I gave up all for Christ, and what have I found? I found everything in him.—John Calvin.

projector and 47 books on film to be shown to students on books of the historical Southwest. These books are expensive ones and some of the books are priceless, therefore the films were made.

BETTER MUSIC CONTESTS TO FEATURE CONVENTION

(Continued from page 1)

No. 1—Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow.

No. 6—When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.

No. 9—Sun of My Soul.

No. 12—Have Thine Own Way.

The numbers of the songs indicated above are the numbers that appear in the special convention song book referred to above.

Please keep in mind that all contestants will be used in a great mass chorus on the convention program. All of the twelve songs listed in the Special Convention Songs may be used in the mass chorus, therefore, all participants should be familiar with the first stanza of all the songs.

Suggestions for Singing Groups

Juniors will sing in two parts—First Soprano and Alto.

Intermediates will sing in three parts—First Soprano, Second Soprano and Alto.

Seniors will sing in four parts, mixed voices using arrangements from regular church hymnal—Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass. The girls' voices using the four part women's arrangement found in Special Convention Songs will use arrangements for this purpose: First Soprano, Second Soprano, First Alto and Second Alto.

Boys' voices will sing four part male arrangements: First Tenor, Second Tenor, First Bass and Second Bass as found in Coleman's Songs for Men.

The contestants will be judged on three points:

1. Balance of the voice parts... 25%
2. Tone quality... 25%
3. Interpretation... 50%

Which includes phrasing, enunciation, pronunciation, expression, etc.

Special Ruling

The committee recommends that all groups from all churches be permitted to come to Dallas and thus participate in the State contest. This will eliminate the association and the district contests. This is only for the Better Music Contest and does not apply to any other contest sponsored by the Training Union Convention.

SENTENCE SERMONS

By O. D. Henley

To be a better Christian, we must associate with the best Christians.

Love will worry and work.

Salvation by education could only lead to self-exaltation.

We rob God: the devil robs us.

Too often we depend upon the speaker rather than the Spirit.

Death doesn't seem to thin the ranks of the cranks.

If the preacher runs out of soap, his congregation gets in a lather.

It is more popular to be dignified than to be crucified.

Love thrives on love.

He is a poor searcher who doesn't find someone better than himself.

It is worth living so long as we are the best person someone knows.

Love prays.

Instability produces inability.

More are anxious to be modern than modest.

The idle Christian soon becomes the problem Christian.

The man with an idea is always a power.

Satan makes all believe they are his favorites.

Fire from hell destroys far more cities than fire from heaven.

God does all He can for us.

The self-willed are self-filled.

You can scold religion out of folks, but you can't scold it into them.

If you do right you will be criticised. If you do wrong you will be criticised. So you may as well do right.—Christian Index.

"Borrow trouble for yourself, if that's your nature but don't lend it to your neighbors."—Kipling.

Emmette Chandler

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Scranton, L. A. Thompson, Ranger.

PROGRAM

The annual meeting of Concho Valley Association to be held at Carlsbad, October 8. The W. M. U. will meet on Monday, the 7th.

Morning—October 8

9:45 Song and devotional, C. B. Stovall.

11:00 Organization and Appointment of Committees.

10:15 Reading of letters.

10:45 Annual sermon, R. C. Brinkley.

11:15 Report on Co-operative Program, R. A. Scranton.

11:35 Address, Dr. R. C. Campbell, Dallas.

Lunch.

Afternoon

1:15 Song and prayer.

1:25 Recognition of visitors.

1:30 Report on Buckner Orphans Home, R. L. Patillo.

1:45 Report on Baptist Standard, A. D. Foreman, Jr.

2:00 Miscellaneous business.

2:10 Report on Christian Education, Lawrence Hayes.

2:30 Report on Digest of Letters, T. E. Funderburk.

2:50 Report on Relief and Annuity, W. D. Kirkpatrick.

3:20 Report on Vacation Bible Schools, Miss Marie Saddler.

3:45 Board Meeting.

Evening

7:00 Song Service.

7:15 Report on Training Union, R. A. Cleveland.

7:35 Report on Sunday School, D. E. Simpson.

7:55 Brotherhood Report, Exton Talley.

8:10 Report on W. M. U., Mrs. E. E. Bradford.

8:30 Report of Nominating Committee.

8:45 Address, Dr. W. R. White, Abilene.

AT THE TOP O' LIFE

By Orval A. Hendon

The people of old who lived at the top of life were those who rendered unto God what He asked of them. Enoch was one of these men, "He walked with God but was not for God took him." Friend, do you walk with God daily? David was another who also lived at the top of life because he went God's way. "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" Have you pondered this question in your heart? What have you rendered unto the Lord for all He has done for you?

"All His benefits toward me?" Yes, they are many and innumerable. The Lord gives life. We live and move and have our being in Him. The Lord sustains life. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above; it cometh down from God. The Lord comforts; He is ever near. He will not leave three nor forsake thee. The Lord has revealed Himself; by Word, prophet, priest, seer, angel and by His only begotten Son. It is a fact that He has been here, has gone away and that He shall return again. The Lord has given us a record, the Bible, it's in our language so that we can read and live by it. The Lord has given us all these benefits and made all these things possible for us to have eternal life by grace through faith in

the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Shouldn't you, dear friend, be will to live for one who died for you?

What shall I do for the Lord?

"What shall I render unto the Lord?"

Take up the cup of salvation. The followers of old did. The believers of the New Testament did. The Christians of today have. I can receive His blessings. I can pay my vows unto Him. I can render love unto the Lord. I can render loyalty unto Him. I can render life unto Him, so can you. Give Him your life; He seeks you. Render unto the Lord your best.

Be at the top of life by giving God that place in your life that He rightfully deserves. Pray that prayer. Sing that song. Teach that class. Preach that sermon. Win that lost soul. Listen for that still small voice. Study that Bible. Do what God wants you to do.

"What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?"—Ps. 116:12.

There are more people who won't try to do anything than there are who don't know what to do.—Henry Ford.

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As we stand upon the threshold of a new associational year, we are facing the future of a grim and changing world, wondering what the year ahead holds for us. The issue confronting us is how best to meet these arising conditions.

After a moment of self-examination, meditation, and retrospection, let us ask ourselves some questions: What is our status as individual church members, as Sunday School officers, and church, as a whole?

De we realize our personal responsibility as co-laborers with God?

Have we enlisted and instructed our noble youth in Christian principles that permeate their being so they will be enabled to face the issues with utmost faith in God?

Just a year ago in our zone meeting at Shiloh Baptist Church, Stith Sunday School inspired us with their theme: "Go Forward!" Have we endeavored to heed this admonition or have we been prone to drift carelessly with little or no enthusiasm?

At 3:00 P. M. October 6th, the Junior, Adult class of Stith will render another program at Shiloh. Their theme on this occasion will be expanding the topic: "Preaching, Teaching, Healing?"

Let every member and officer feel keenly his responsibility in helping make his Sunday School more efficient. By attending these monthly meetings and gaining instruction and inspiration, we are enabled to do more efficient work.

Then let us not forget to attend the associational Sunday School meeting at the First Baptist Church, Anson, October 7th, 7:30 p.m.

Brother Daniels, our new associational superintendent, is very enthusiastic about our work. Thinking of his enthusiasm reminds the writer of an instance in a devotional service when a man asked the Lord to "give us more 'spizerinctum'." Maybe that's what we need.

Let us arouse from our lethargy and with grim determination make Jones County Baptist Sunday School the best.

PROGRAM

Lamesa Association
Workers Conference
Pride Baptist Church

October 10, 1940

Rev. W. M. Draper, Pastor.
9:45 — Song and Prayer Service, Owen C. Taylor.
10:00—The Deity of Christ, Dist. Missionary, W. C. Harrison.
10:45—The Atonement of Christ, S. C. Shipley.
11:30 — The New Birth, W. H. Burns.
12:15—Lunch.
1:30—Woman's Missionary Union, Song and Devotional, Mrs. Amos Painter.
Business Period.
Historical Sketch of the Training School, Mrs. A. A. Watson.
1:30—Executive Board Meeting.
2:00—Business and Song.
2:15—The Second Coming of Christ, G. A. Dale, Tahoka.
3:00—Adjournment.

W. M. U. PROGRAM FOR CISCO ASSOCIATION

Theme: "For as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Thursday Morning Session

9:30 Song Service, Mrs. W. W. Fewell, Cisco.
9:40 Devotional, Mrs. D. M. Philips, Ranger.
9:50 Greetings, Mrs. Judson Prince, Cisco.
9:55 Response, Mrs. Finis Williams, Moran.
10:00 Special music, W. M. U., Cisco First Church.
10:05 Recognition of visitors, new members, wives of ministers, organization.

10:10 Local presidents' summary: Albany, Mrs. Carter King; Breckenridge, Mrs. G. L. Kelly; Caddo, Mrs. T. M. Goodnight; Carbon, Mrs. J. C. Maness; East Cisco, Mrs. Claude M. Beth; First Church, Cisco, Mrs. W. D. Hazel; Desdemona, Mrs. E. J. Sparkman; Eastland, Mrs. Frank Lovett; Gorman, Mrs. Chas. Underwood; Hodnett Grove, Mrs. J. E. Hodnett; Harmony, Mrs. Paul Hodge; Moran, Mrs. Munsford Townsend; Nimrod, Mrs. Geo. Brown; Necessity, Mrs. D. G. Fambrough; Olden, Mrs. John Choate; Parks, Mrs. W. R. Cole; Pleasant Hill, Mrs. Henry Hines; Pioneer, Mrs. J. C. Brooks; Ranger First Church, Mrs. Bob Hodge; Rising Star, Mrs. Joe Amall.

11:10 President's Summary, Mrs. Pat Crawford, Eastland.
11:20 Cor. Sec. Report, Mrs. Harold Osborn, Eastland.

11:30 Vocal duet, Mmes. J. R. Bucy and H. Jones, Rising Star.
11:35 Inspiration address, Mrs. B. A. Copass, State WMU President.

12:05 Announcements. Adjourn for lunch.

Afternoon Session

1:00 Song service.
1:05 Devotional, Mrs. Jones Weathers, Eastland.
1:15 Through Our District Work, Mrs. J. B. Buckley, District President, Abilene.

1:35 Through Missions, Mrs. John Alexander, Moran; Through Benevolences, Mrs. Grant Adams, Okra; Through Mission Study, Mrs. N. A. Sander, Gorman; Through Periodicals, Mrs. L. A. Thompson, Ranger; Through Bible Study, Mrs. E. A. Cain, Breckenridge; Through Education, Mrs. Hermon Barron, East Cisco; Through Missionary Education of Young People, Mrs. Phillip C. McGahey, Breckenridge; Through Margaret Fund, Mrs. J. R. Bucy, Rising Star.

3:10 Report of Committees, Resolutions, Nominations, Election of Officers, Business.

3:20 Special music, W. M. U., Cisco First Church.

3:25 Missionary Address, Mrs. B. L. Lockett, Africa.

4:00 In memory, Mrs. G. B. King, Albany.

Benediction.

After six years at Alamo, Rev. A. L. Teaff has resigned to become pastor at Hedley. The best meeting of his pastorate at Alamo has just closed. Rev. L. O. Holloway of Harrisburg did the preaching. There were 19 additions, ten for baptism. One surrendered for the ministry.

STERLING CITY BUILDING DEDICATED LAST SUNDAY



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Sunday, September 29, was a great day with the First Church, Sterling City. The new \$30,000 building was dedicated free of debt, the last \$5,000 being paid thirty days before it was due with a balance left in the treasury.

Brother N. D. Bullock of San Angelo, who was pastor of the church in its early beginning in 1895, was present and brought the morning devotion. D. C. Durham gave a complete history of the church from its beginning to date.

Prebble Durham, church treasurer, and Mr. Claude Collins presented the cancelled note to the church, C. T. Sharp discussed the work of the building committee, Mrs. Lee Hunt discussed the W. M. S. and their work in the building campaign. H. W. Hart, Sr., led in the dedication prayer, and the present pastor, C. B. Stovall, preached the sermon.

In the afternoon, after a song and praise service led by Oren Ballou, local choir director, Dr. A. D. Foreman, Jr., brought a fine message on the challenge to the church. Brother J. A. Hall, former pastor, brought the closing message at the evening hour. This is a day that will never be forgotten, because of the high hours of fellowship and rejoicing together. The erection of this building has not in any way hindered the gifts of the church to our Co-operative work. We have given this year almost twice as much, about \$500, as we did last year, and the church plans to increase its budget this year, including the Baptist Standard, and other objects.

We have a great group of untiring workers who believe in doing things in a big way.

PROGRAM

The Floyd County Missionary Baptist Worker's Conference Meeting With the First Baptist Church Ralls,

June 4, 1940

10:00 A. M.—Song Service, led by George Owens.
10:10 A. M.—Devotional, J. B. Jordan.

10:20 A. M.—Some Prerequisites to the Growth of a Great Church, Rev. A. L. Shaw.

10:50 A. M.—Address, Dr. G. W. McDonald.

11:20 A. M.—Announcements.
11:25 A. M.—Special Music, Ralls.

11:30 A. M.—Sermon, Rev. C. R. Joyner.

12:00—Noon—Lunch at the Church.

1:20 P. M.—Executive Board and W. M. U. Meetings.

2:00 P. M.—Song Service, George Owens.

2:05 P. M.—Business.

2:15 P. M.—Special Music, George Owens.

2:20 P. M.—A Worthy Goal for the B. T. U., Rev. B. P. Harrison.

2:45 P. M.—Sermon, Rev. N. V. Guice.

PROGRAM

57th Annual Session, Cisco Association, First Church, Cisco, Thursday and Friday, October 10-11

Thursday Evening

7:30 Song and devotional period, Finis Williams.

7:45 Organization and election of officers.

7:55 Report on the order of business.

8:00 Report on Public Morals, Rev. Henry Weldon.

8:15 Laymen's Work, Judge L. H. Welch.

8:30 Sunday School, Mrs. Pat Crawford.

8:45 Training Union, Mrs. P. C. McGahey.

9:00 Annual sermon, Rev. Hubert Christian.

9:40 Adjournment.

Friday Morning

9:00 Song and devotional, Rev. Carroll Holtzclaw.

9:15 Hospitals, Mrs. Grant Adams.

9:30 W. M. U., Mrs. C. P. Cole.

9:45 Christian Education, Dr. W. R. White.

10:15 Buckner Orphans' Home, Rev. L. A. Thompson.

10:45 Missions: 1. Associational Missions, Rev. Russell Dennis; 2. State Missions, Rev. Hubert Christian; 3. Home Missions, Rev. Jones Weathers; 4. Foreign Missions, Rev. Finis Williams. Address on Missions.

12:00 Missionary Sermon, Rev. Jones Weathers.

12:30 Adjourn for lunch.

Friday Afternoon

1:30 Song and devotional, Rev. A. A. Palmer.

1:45 Religious Literature, Rev. Judson Prince.

2:00 Report on nominations, Rev. N. A. Sanders.

2:15 Brotherhood, Rev. Guy Lewis.

2:30 Hundred Thousand Club, Mrs. E. J. Poe.

2:45 Committee on Committees, Rev. H. N. Baldersee.

2:50 Obituaries, Mrs. W. L. Jackson.

3:00 Closing sermon, Rev. Miles B. Hayes, Dublin.

EVANGELIST JOYNER KEEPS BUSY IN REVIVALS

It is glorious to keep busy for the Lord. Recently I have been in gracious revivals in Navasota, Crockett, Fort Worth, Karnes City, Georgetown and San Antonio. I have just finished my 43rd revival in my home city of San Antonio. It was my great joy to supply recently for Dr. Perry Webb and the First Church, San Antonio. This is one of the great churches of America.

I do not want a pastorate. I just want to help pastors and churches in revivals. God called me to do this. I am now in Bruni conducting a campaign. I go to Jonesboro, Arkansas, next. Although I am a Texas State Evangelist, I am visiting our sister state for a revival. Please pray for me. I covet the prayers of the brotherhood. I am now making engagements for the future.

Cordially,

Wm. H. JOYNER,

528 Cooper, St., San Antonio, Tex.

Missionary Messages

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Next week is a full week. The Fisher County Workers Conference meets Monday with the Pledger Church. Jones County meets Tuesday with the New Hope Church. Callahan also meets Tuesday with the Cottonwood Church. The Haskell County Association meets Wednesday and Thursday with the First Church, Rule. Rule is pastorless and they have asked me to act as pastor during the association. I accepted. The Cisco Association meets with the First Church, Cisco, Thursday and Friday. Sweetwater meets with the church at Tuscola Thursday and Friday. We plan to be in each of the above meetings sometime during their sessions. Let every one plan to attend their associational meetings.

I have just given my last two teeth to a dentist, and I am going into hiding until he manufactures me some more.

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By Edward B. Jenkins

We were doing evangelistic work in the city of Chicago. One night in a mission hall that was filled with down and out men who had come in from the streets, cold and wet, to get a cup of coffee, a doughnut, and a place to sleep, a service was held. After song and an evangelistic message the leader asked the workers to go out into the audience and speak to the men about their souls.

We asked the Spirit to direct us, and went down the aisle looking for some one to speak to about Christ. When we came to the last row the Spirit said: "There is the man." We looked over and next to the wall we saw a man with his head bowed on the bench in front of him. We went over and put our hand on his shoulder and asked him if he would accept Christ. He trembled, but did not say a word. Again we spoke to him, and quoted a passage of Scripture—but still he was silent. Then we told him we would go with him to the altar. He arose and with soiled clothes, disheveled hair, and unpolished shoes, he got up and we went with him to the front and he knelt at the altar and accepted Christ. When he arose the tears were trickling down his dirty face, but there was a light in his eye that revealed a new born babe in Christ.

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3).

Dr. T. C. Gardner is in a Training Union enlargement campaign at Beaumont this week. Next week he will be in Amarillo and the surrounding territory.

Church Bulletins

CROSS ROADS AND PLEASANT VALLEY

We sincerely invite all who can come to be with us in an ordination service as Cross Roads Sunday afternoon at 3:00. Two splendid fellows are to be set apart as deacons and it means a lot in the work of this church, and more in the lives of these two men and their families. You will come and help to make this a real worth while service. Let all who can, come.

A word to both Pleasant Valley and Cross Roads churches: Our monthly workers meeting meets at Pledger Monday of next week. Let us go. I shall be disappointed if there is not some representatives from each of the two churches, and we will need to get some district mission money. Please see to that, brethren, get what you can and bring it to the meeting Monday.

I will be at Cross Roads Sunday morning and am looking forward to a great time.

JOE R. HAYES, Pastor.

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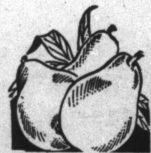


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