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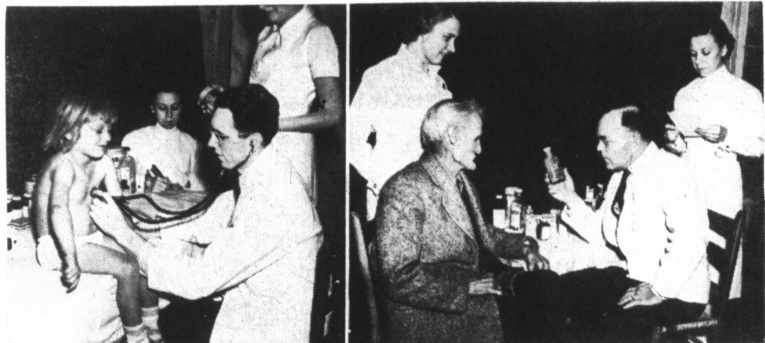
If you want to visit a community that will keep you busy every hour of the day and until late at night, and make you enjoy every minute of it and wish the days were longer and you didn't have to take time off to sleep even at night I recommend Canyon, Texas. I have been here nine days and have spoken thirty one different times, with only one address the first day I came. And the end is not yet. But I like it, and keep hoping that something I say somewhere on some occasion to somebody will do some good. This is my first experience in a state school town, and I am very favorably impressed with the spiritual atmosphere I find among the students. Of course I have met the cream of the student body but among them are some of the grandest characters I have ever met among young people. Speaking about the cream of the crop reminds me of the fellow who said, "Just remember when you are called the cream of the community, that the cream of today is the cheese of tomorrow." Which reminds me of the pessimist who said, "You know Nature has certainly messed things up. Take cheese for instance, Swiss cheese has all the holes and Limberger needs all the ventilation." And that brings up Bill Townsend's story about the East Texas merchant who ran the big general store. On Saturday afternoons the colored people would all come to town, and would crowd into the store until you could hardly stir them with the proverbial stick. They had a habit of nibbling on the cheese, eating out of the cracker barrel and taking anything that was loose. One day the merchant called out for attention and when every body was perfectly quiet, he said, "I put a piece of cheese down right here and it was saturated with rat poison. It's gone, and if any of you ate it you better go back to the cracker barrel and eat all the grease you can hold as an antidote for this poison." For a matter of seconds there was deathly quiet. Then a tall lank negro with dilated eyes and ashen face said trembling, "Fo God, mister I didn't eat you cheese, but whar is dat grease bar?" I never saw a town with as many schools as Canyon has. As old brother E. M. Hunt used to say, the teachers are so thick up here they have to ride double. A boy from the sticks like I am certainly has to watch his "P's" and "Q's". I have eaten down there once and am due to try it twice more before I am to be paroled, and I am in constant fear that I will eat with the wrong knife. I do not want to let out any embarrassing secrets but I am almost convinced that teachers don't know everything. I wouldn't come right out and say it but I have my suspicions. Yet I suppose they know more than the average trustee or patron. Did you hear about the board of trustees who went up to see how the school was being managed? (Continued on Page 2)

EVENTS TO COME

- April 28-30—West Texas Mexican Baptist Association, Pecos.
- April 29—High School Senior Day at Hardin-Simmons.
- May 4-6—Spring Pastor's Retreat, Camp Lueders.
- May 18-24—Southern Baptist Convention, Oklahoma City.
- May 27—Alumni and Ex-Student Banquet, H-SU.
- June 1-47th Commencement, H-SU.
- June 2—Registration, Summer Session, H-SU.
- June 5-10—Preachers Evangelistic Conference, Fort Worth.
- June 7-15—Student Week, Ridgecrest.
- June 19-25—General Assembly, Camp Lueders.
- June 27—July 7—Texas Baptist Encampment, Palacios.
- July 9-14—Southwide Training Union Assembly, Ridgecrest.
- July 22-28—Baptist World Alliance, Atlanta, Georgia.

MISSION BRINGS HEALING TO BODY AND SOUL

Community Center Mission at Work



SOUTH SIDE ABILENE HOLDS B. T. U. REVIVAL

Rev. Arlie McDaniel of Hardin-Simmons is director of the Training Union revival now in progress at South Side Church, Abilene. He is also to bring a message to the general assembly between class periods each night.

Included in the faculty are Rev. Earl Landtroop of Lorenzo, who is teaching "Building a Christian Home" to the adults; Rev. Byron Fletcher, assistant to the pastor at South Side Church, who is leading the young people in a study of Winning Others to Christ; Rev. Guy Ranson of H-SU, Paso, who is conducting a course for intermediates in "Training for Church Membership"; Miss Bobbie Copeland, Lubbock, who teaches juniors "Living for Jesus"; and Miss Maltha Cagle, Abilene, who will have classes in the Primary manual and "Touring Storyland."

Within the past two months the Training Union of the South Side Church has grown from an enrollment of 89 and an average attendance of about 55 to an average of 105 present out of a total of 160 enrolled. Seven new unions have been added in this time and one new department. Sunday School attendance has also increased, last Sunday registering a total of 433.

Pastor W. C. Ashford is rejoicing, too, over the financial program of the church. Collections at Sunday School last Sunday were \$163 with a total of \$200 for the day on an annual budget of \$7,333. The added offerings are attributed by the pastor to a growing number of tithers in the membership.

SOUTHWIDE LEADER OF MEN TO BE AT LUEDERS

Lawson H. Cook of Memphis, head of the Baptist Laymen's movement for the South, has announced that either he or his assistant, Hugh F. Latimer, will be at the general assembly at Camp Lueders for the entire week.

Mr. Latimer, an outstanding leader of men in the southeastern states, has recently come to the Southwide work from a position as head of the Brotherhood organization in Florida.

The Southwide leader will have a part in the daily program and will be available for conferences of individuals or groups during the encampment. He will also deliver the principal address at the Brotherhood rally which will be announced for one evening of the week.

HARLINGEN TO BE HOST TO 1940 SS CONVENTION

First Church, Harlingen, Rev. Douglas Carver pastor, will be the host to the Texas Sunday School Convention when that body journeys to the magic valley of the lower Rio Grande in April 1940.

Robert Jolly of Houston was re-elected president of the convention for the third term and G. S. Hopkins was retained as executive secretary.

Total attendance at the Waco sessions was reported at above eight thousand. All meetings were well attended and messengers reporting back to their churches are filled with enthusiasm engendered at the high hours of the largest annual Sunday School gathering in the world.



The picture at upper left shows Dr. Donald McDonald using a stethoscope in a chest examination on a child at the clinic at Community Center mission in Southeast Abilene. Seated at the table is Miss Lola Wilcox, dietitian at Hendrick Memorial hospital. In the scene at upper right is Dr. Clinton E. Adams giving a patient 89 years old instructions regarding medicine which he has prescribed. Beside the aged patient is Elsie Finiup, technical expert on the Hendrick Hospital nursing staff, and behind Dr. Adams is Miss Wilcox.

HAMBY CHURCH WILL DEDICATE BUILDING

Hamby Church will dedicate their building in an all day service Sunday, April 23. The last note on the old indebtedness was paid on Christmas Day, 1938. Recently the building has been papered and repainted in preparation for the dedication service.

All former pastors and members are extended a cordial invitation from the membership and Pastor Selby Aswell to attend the dedication service. A welcome is also extended to all interested friends.

The program of the day follows:
10:15—Sunday School.
11:15—Sermon, Rev. Selby Aswell, pastor.
1:00—Lunch.
2:00—Hardin-Simmons String Ensemble.
2:45—History of the Church, Deacon W. F. Shotwell.
3:00—Dedication Sermon, "The Dedication of Life," Rev. Thomas Young, Trent.
3:45—Adjourn.
8:00—Song Service and Special Music.
8:30—Sermon, Pastor.

COLONY HILL CHURCH PLANS HOMECOMING

Sunday, April 30, is set aside as homecoming day at Colony Hill Church, announces Pastor H. W. Martin. All former pastors and members are urged to be present for the all-day services.

A very attractive program including special music features is being planned and will be announced in the West Texas Baptist next week.

SEMINARY GROUP SPEAKS IN WEST TEXAS CHURCHES

Jack Selcraig of Dallas and Brownlow Hastings of Monroe, La., were speakers at First Church, Lubbock, Sunday morning. They were assisted in the program by Carlos Pugaes, singer, of Brazil; Evelyn Wardlow, Mexia, accompanist; and Willene Short, Shawnee, Okla., who gave a chalk talk.

The same group, all of whom are students at Southwestern Seminary, appeared on the high attendance day program of the Training Union, at First Church, Abilene, in the evening.

BROTHERHOOD PROJECT OFFERS HELPING HAND

"For the poor shall never cease out of the land; therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land." Deuteronomy 15:11.

By BRUCE FRANCIS
(In the Abilene Reporter-News)

Less than one year ago the Willow Street mission of the First Baptist church was dedicated to the service of less fortunate Abilene citizens residing in the eastern part of the city, south of the Texas & Pacific tracks. Primary purpose in establishing the mission was the spiritual welfare of men, women and children who because of conditions were unable to take part in public worship elsewhere.

The little church was dedicated late in May, 1938. A Sunday school was organized early in June, a vacation Bible school was conducted in July, a missionary employed in August and other projects have been started since. Growth has been remarkable.

Taking of the gospel to these unfortunate people, major goal of the mission, has produced pleasing results. Sunday school enrollment now totals about 200. M. E. Miller, pharmacist at Thornton's, is superintendent. Since the mission was opened there have been 121 conversions, 47 additions to the church by baptism and a total of 57 members received.

The Rev. James Alexander, senior ministerial student at Hardin-Simmons university, is the missionary in charge. Ably assisted by Mrs. Alexander, services are held at the mission every Sunday afternoon and night. Prayer meetings are held Thursday night of each week and BTU's for juniors and adults meet every Sunday evening.

Brotherhood's Baby
The mission is the baby of the Brotherhood of First Baptist church. Organized in February last year, the Brotherhood immediately began to look around for a major project, one that would be of real service to Abilene.

A few months prior to this a survey was made by a group of young people in the area served by the mission. This survey revealed that 80 per cent of the residents in that section either were Baptists or had Baptist preferences. At about the same time nurses from Hendrick Memorial hospital reported to C. M. Collier upon health conditions in that immediate part of the city.

The Brotherhood voted unanimously to establish the mission. First task was finding a suitable lot for building. This accomplished, actual building followed with Brotherhood members and unemployed of the community contributing most of the labor. Students from HSU also helped.

One of the first material objectives of the mission was the supplying of clothes needed by many of the community. More than 10,000 garments have been donated and 5,500 articles (Continued on Page 3)

HOMECOMING AT HAWLEY PLANNED FOR APRIL 30

The Hawley Church is planning an all-day homecoming celebration for the fifth Sunday, April 30, announces Pastor J. B. Bradford. An invitation is given to all former members, and especially former pastors, to join in the occasion.

Luther Webb of Abilene, former choir leader, will have charge of the music of the day and several former pastors will be speakers.

Services will begin with Sunday School at 9:45. At 10:45 the special program will begin with a devotional period led by W. E. Fielder of Anson. Rev. J. J. Gentry of Lamesa will deliver the morning sermon with F. A. Pope of Rochester pronouncing the benediction.

Dinner will be served on the grounds after which Rev. Joe Mayes of Megargle will conduct a memorial service beginning at 1:10. At 1:30 Pastor Fred Moreland of Lueders will discuss "The Value of a Church." Rev. L. A. Doyle of Anson will bring the afternoon sermon at three with benediction by J. W. Saffel of Plainview.

Following the Training Union hour in the evening, Rev. J. C. Thomas of Lamesa will preach the closing sermon of the day.

MISSIONARY



By B. N. Shepherd
Missionary, District 17

Don't you get a joy out of staying busy for the Lord? I find people who are doing things for others, in His name, are the best contented and the happiest people I meet. It makes us sad to find a person spiritually sick.

I am sure every church is looking forward to sending its pastor to the Southern Baptist Convention, Oklahoma City. It will take only a few dimes for each member to raise a few dollars to bear his expenses. I know the churches want their pastors to go. Well, the most of them cannot unless their churches help them. Deacons, now is a good time to DEAK. Your pastor will be a better pastor by attending the S. B. C. Especially will it be true this time since the Southwide evangelistic movement is to be started at this convention.

Again, the leaders in our state Sunday School work have proven themselves. In Waco we marveled as we saw such interest demonstrated in the teaching of His word.

Pastor Hinton and the church are bubbling over with joy over their great revival meeting. The Hubers N. M., are their helpers for the meeting. They do things for the Lord in a satisfactory manner. Thirty-two additions to Tuesday noon with 22 for baptism. Sixty-five additions in about four months. Stop! Look! Listen! 254 in Sunday School last Sunday. 232 the Sunday before.

The Missionary is assisting Pastor Wade Campbell and the church at Girard in a week's revival meeting this week. Be sure to pray for us. The Lord is saving souls. Ten conversions through Tuesday night.

The people are happy over the 15 souls saved during the week's meeting conducted by your Missionary two weeks ago. Twelve are waiting for a new pastor to baptize them into full fellowship with their church.

PREACHERS, LAYMEN, ARE YOU READY FOR THE RETREAT AT CAMP LUEDERS MAY 4-6?

As people understand the duties of the district missionary, that he is to lead in organizing for promoting all phases of the work of the churches, his work becomes less burdensome and more effective. I guess no district has any finer, more cooperative people in it than does our district 17. I thank the Lord for you are pushing on. I am feeling fine and keeping busy for the Lord.

CHECK THE RECORD AND SEE IF YOUR CHURCH HAS GIVEN WORTHILY TO OUR LORD'S MISSION PROGRAM THIS YEAR. TAKE A LOVE OFFERING NOW. I KNOW YOU WILL NOT FAIL. HIS CAUSES ARE WORTHY AND NEED IT NOW.

CLYDE CAMPBELL BECOMES HELPER AT UNIV. CHURCH

Rev. Clyde Campbell of the 1939 class of Hardin-Simmons and pastor at Hodges and Bethel, Jones county, has been called by University Church, Abilene, as helper to Pastor Charles A. Powell. He will begin on this work May 1.

Rev. Campbell is an experienced pastor, having served in that capacity at Jayton and Calvary Church, Mineral Wells as well as other places during his student years. He was president of the H-SU ministerial council during the fall semester.

University Church is using their new assistant pastor in the Sunday School study course in progress this week in which especial stress is being placed on evangelism.

Other teachers in the faculty are Mrs. J. L. Anthony, Ola Harlan, Guy Lewis and Norris Gilbert, the latter two being student ministers at Hardin-Simmons.

DR. JAMES WILL LECTURE AT PASTOR'S RETREAT



Dr. E. S. James, pastor at First Baptist Church, Vernon, will deliver four Bible lectures at the Spring Pastor's Retreat at Camp Lueders which meets from Thursday evening to Saturday morning, May 4, 5 and 6. A number of pastors from District Seventeen churches will also appear on the program.

Cabins with beds, water, lights and shower bath will be furnished free by the Lueders Encampment, but those attending will be expected to bring linens, including towels, pillows and cover.

Any preacher or layman, whether of the Seventeenth District or not, is welcome to come. Six meals will be served in the dining room for \$2.50 or single meals in proportion. Arrangements are made to take care of 100 or more.

For fellowship, recreation and Bible study, declares District President Dick O'Brien, this is the best meeting held by Baptists of West Texas.

ONLY TEN DAYS LEFT FOR BARGAIN CLUBS

As announced previously, after May 1 the club subscription rate of 75 cents per year or 15 cents per quarter will be discontinued by the West Texas Baptist. After that time clubs will be accepted at 75 cents per year or 25 cents for four months.

The budget subscription rate of five cents per family per month will remain unchanged.

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CONVENTION CITY

Memphis, Tennessee, has put in a bid for the 1940 session of the Southern Baptist Convention. We believe it is a good idea for cities desiring to be convention host to make it known before the time for the meeting in order that messengers may have a chance to form opinions of their home surroundings instead of under the ballhoo of enthusiastic boosters.

West Texans will be pleased to see the Southern Baptist convention go to a central location next year. The convention having visited Atlantic tidewater at Richmond last year and coming to Oklahoma City for this meeting, it is only fair that a Mississippi Valley center be host for the following session.

But Baptists of the West are inalterably opposed to any plan which would permanently fix the meeting place at a central location. It may be conceded that there is a larger attendance when a convention meets centrally, but in the course of a period of years a larger number of individuals will attend if a circuit of the convention area is made.

We were happy to see the Texas Sunday School convention go to the Rio Grande valley for 1940. The attendance for this area will be greatly diminished, but on the other hand hundreds will attend who were never in the convention before. It happened so at San Angelo last year. It has been true at the last two B. T. U. conventions in Texas.

Only part of the function of a religious convention is to transact the business of the body. Quite as vital is the education and the inspiration of the throngs who attend.

PROVIDING FOR OUR OWN

Dr. Adams' homely, vigorous philosophy, that Baptists should take care of their own distressed people and other Christian bodies should take care of their own, appeals to us as a commonsense, Christian way of attacking the relief problem. Furthermore, if we read Acts and the letters of Paul correctly, it is the scriptural way.

To the shame of Baptists and other great denominations it can be said that the Mormons were the first numerous religious body in America to be able to declare that not one of their membership was a public charge.

We find no scriptural basis for a social gospel which promises an economic Utopia in an earth dominated by satanic influences, but we do find the practical James commanding "visiting the widows and fatherless" and Paul urging collections "for the poor saints at Jerusalem." He also commanded, "that if any would not work, neither should he eat."

Upon such philosophy was America founded and grew great. Now that we are following after the Ballim of an abundant life, which is translated into current opinion as something for nothing, we have fallen into hard times just as the Israelites did when they set up idols.

It is pleaded that world conditions control our economic affairs, which is true. We can not hire cotton choppers and cotton pickers if the world will not buy our cotton. But who, if not these United States of America, first sowed the seed of isolation and economic nationalism in the post-war world.

Until we get back to scriptural ideals of morality and honesty and fair dealing it is not likely that affairs in our country will be greatly improved.

And that is one other reason why we should work, pray and give for the spreading of nationwide evangelism and revival. "Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way, shall have a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."

BEGINNING AT JERUSALEM

There is a great tendency among Christian people to think of missions as something afar with the glamor of the exotic and the thrill of distant scenes.

We do not mean that we should care one whit less for foreign missions or for missions in remote sections of the homeland. If Christians through the ages had been more zealously missionary, alert to carry out every phase of the Great Commission, there probably would be much more of peace in this old, war-racked world. But we would emphasize that in reaching out to Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth, we should be careful not to overlook the destitution existing at Jerusalem, which is to say, our home town.

There has never been a time when the average community was fully evangelized. Now, when not only cities but villages and the countryside have a large population of tractor refugees, uprooted, discouraged, bewildered, there is greater need than ever to carry the Gospel message to our neighbors.

By no means all of these people are subjects for evangelization. Many of them are Christians, frequently they once took active part in church life in the old surroundings. But all of them need the sympathetic ministrations of an understanding shepherd.

We need to realize that propagandists of various isms, especially communism, are finding among the unfortunate and the unemployed a fertile field for propagating their false gospels. Unless it is met boldly and effectively by Christian assistance and Christian dealing in every day affairs along with the message of salvation by grace, we may tremble for our tomorrow or our children's the day after.

What the Brotherhood at Abilene is doing can be done in scores of communities. With vision, leadership, faith and love it can be done.

News Notes

The Fisher County Baptist Association Sunday School Enlargement campaign will be May 7 to 12, led by State Secretary, G. S. Hopkins.

Pastor Dick O'Brien of Stamford is in a fine revival meeting at First Church, Canyon.

There were 71 additions, 48 for baptism, in a great revival in First Church, Ballinger, where Rev. Clarence A. Morton is pastor. State Evangelist C. Y. Dossey did the preaching and Gale Dunn, local director of music and education, led in the song services.

Rev. William H. Joyner, state evangelist, is now in a revival with Pastor E. D. Dunlap and the First Church, Mexia.

Miss Clara May of Wilson and Rev. and Mrs. Carroll Holtzclaw of Sunset Church, Abilene, will assist Pastor Finis E. Williams and the Elmdale Church in a Training Union Study Course next week. Elmdale has one of the few standard training organizations in the state.

Pastor T. A. Patterson of Colorado will preach for a one week revival in his home church, April 23 to 30. J. D. Riddle of Abilene will conduct the song services during the week.

The program committee of Lueders Assembly will have a final meeting at First Church, Abilene, at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, April 21.

Rev. Bill Marshall and Dexter Riddle are conducting a young people's revival this week with Rev. J. I. Gregory and Highland Heights Church, Wichita Falls.

President Truett Walton of Ranger Junior College, who spoke in the Hardin-Simmons program at First Church, Abilene, Sunday, left after the service for the bedside of his mother who is ill in Amarillo.

Misses Frances Osborne, Bobbie Copeland and Carmen Arroyo, W. M. U. scholarship students at Hardin-Simmons, appeared in a program at South Side Church, Abilene at the Sunday evening service.

J. D. and Mrs. Riddle have let the contract for building a rustic cottage of stone on the assembly grounds at Camp Lueders.

Unusual interest has been created and much visible result has already been attained in the revival in progress at Miles. State Evangelist Jesse Yelvington is assisting Pastor Elmer F. Graham.

Hatchel Church has set June 19 to 30 as the date for their Vacation Bible school.

The monthly Sunday School meeting of Runnels association will meet at 2:30 Sunday afternoon at First Church, Ballinger.

Student preachers from Hardin-Simmons are conducting revival services at the Brick Plant Mission, Abilene, under the direction of Rev. James Alexander, city missionary. Services are to continue for ten days beginning April 18, and there will be a different preacher each evening.

Dr. C. E. Hereford, Lubbock, is assisting Dr. A. D. Foreman, Jr., in a revival at First Church, San Angelo.

Dr. E. B. Atwood of Hardin-Simmons preached Sunday for Pastor Clyde Jackson at Caps. Rev. Jackson is engaged in a revival at Sherman.

In the seventh revival at Ralls in three years, there were seventeen conversions and fourteen additions to the church. George Stokes of Canyon directed the choir and assisted Pastor W. R. Derr who did the preaching.

RAMBLING REMARKS

(Continued From Page 1)

aged, and they sat down to observe the teacher and pupils at work. A history recitation was in progress. If a pupil was asked a question he could not answer he was sent to his seat in disgrace. The teacher turned to a boy in the class and asked, "Who signed the Magna Charta?" The boy looked as if he hadn't heard of the signing, which he probably hadn't, and half crying answered, "I didn't." The teacher waved him to his seat and as he went with his head down one of the trustees arose and said, "Bring that boy back, I don't like the look on his face. I believe he done it."

JUST TALK

By Elliott Dudley

Reprieve?

However futile may have been President Roosevelt's gesture in asking the dictators to join in a world conference looking toward an agreement for a ten-year truce, it now appears that he has at least secured us a reprieve of two weeks.

Hitler has announced that he will give his answer at a meeting of the German Reichstag next week end. While every evidence is that his reply will be a bitter refusal, the world does not look for aggression during that period. Hitler being Hitler, however, the world might well look for anything at any time.

Though the President's proposal may secure no more than a two-week armistice, he has at least served the purpose of putting any power or powers who break the peace in an unfavorable light with public opinion, whatever that may be worth. The worst trouble is that the people who need most to hear such a message, the common folk of totalitarian states, are as isolated from the facts as if they lived on another planet.

Maneuvers

In the event of war this spring, Germany has launched a naval maneuver which if it had been done before the beginning of hostilities in 1914 would probably have meant the difference between defeat and victory. This maneuver is the sending of a large portion of the German navy out into the Atlantic.

Britain with a superior navy was able throughout the war to keep the enemy fleet securely bottled in the North Sea. Later Americans showed them how to bottle up the submarines also and the two million Americans with untold tons of supplies were ferried across the Atlantic.

But two German cruisers were outside the blockade when the war began and before they were finally chased down and destroyed they did enormous damage to allied shipping. Now Hitler has more than a dozen times that number, not in the far Pacific, but in the North Atlantic, in striking distance of all England's vital food routes. They are not able to meet the battle fleet of the British or the French but they can scatter and prey upon commerce with vessels more powerful than the cruisers commonly used in convoy service. They have a few vessels faster than England's more powerful battleships and heavier gunned than any capable of overtaking them.

Haven

In addition they have the advantage of being able to base in Spanish ports, including the Canary Islands. The British navy may be able to blockade these harbors, though the Spanish loyalists learned the difficulty of maintaining a blockade against superior air forces. But assuming that an effective blockade can be held against surface craft, submarines can not be bottled up in the deep waters of the Atlantic as was done in the shallow North Sea.

The once impregnable Gibraltar is faced with a similar rock now in the hands of an unfriendly Spain. The same Spain also controls the land approach to Gibraltar and may be in a position to make the commanding rock untenable. If that should happen, Mussolini will be in a position to say more emphatically, "Our sea."

Facing East

It is notable that in efforts to gather support to "stop Hitler," no appeal has been made to nor any guarantee offered Yugoslavia. It may also be noted that Hitler is spending his time in adjoining Austria, "inspecting troops." Which may or may not mean anything.

It is also noted that in our President's long list of nations for whom he asked assurance of security, the Free City of Dantzig was omitted. In spite of Polish threatenings, it is unlikely that Poland or any other nation will go to war if Hitler takes that city as he did Memel. The Poles, in anticipation of such a day have built themselves the all-Polish port of Gdynia.

Propagandist

Another interesting development is the sending of the wily Von Papen as German ambassador to Turkey. He took lessons in engineering propaganda in this country in the early days of the war. His technique has greatly improved in the quarter of a century. His was the job of directing the boring from within which opened the gate of Vienna to Hitler's march. It is a harder task that he has at hand now, the closing of the Dardanelles and the opening of the coveted Berlin to Bagdad route.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

April 23, 1939

By Hight C Moore

PAUL WINS RECOGNITION FOR GENTILE CHRISTIANS

Read Acts 15:1-35; Galatians 3:1-10. Study Acts 15:23-29; Galatians 2:1, 2, 9, 10.

After Paul's first missionary journey a great mission problem came up for discussion. Raised by the work of Judaizing teachers at Antioch in Syria, it was referred to the Council at Jerusalem which rendered a decision memorable in the annals of Christianity. The report of it brought back messengers and letter to Antioch emphasized and inaugurated a new era in missionary history.

Judaism: Salvation by Works. That was the crux of the question put before the Council. It originated in Judea and concerned vitally the entire work lately projected among the non-Jewish nations. Rather in the form of an ultimatum was it delivered to the disciples at Antioch by the first Judaizing teachers emanating from Jerusalem. This is what they taught: "Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved." Against such doctrine which would drag the whole of Hebrew ceremonialism in upon the Christian system, Paul and Barnabas took their stand. Probably at their suggestion they with other brethren were sent to Jerusalem to confer with the apostles and elders there about this question. On their way to that city they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria declaring the conversion of the Gentiles to the great joy of the brethren in those countries.

Christianity: Salvation by Grace. Reaching Jerusalem and being cordially received by the church Paul and Barnabas again "declared all things that God had done with them." When, however, some believers, who had been Pharisees in fact and were pharisaic in faith, declared that the ceremonial law must be kept by every disciple, a council composed of the apostles and elders assembled to consider the matter. Apparently, the presiding officer was James, the brother of the Lord.

(1) The discussion had continued for some time when Peter made a speech in which he urged that those to whom God had given the Holy Spirit, whether Jew or Gentile, ought not to be put under the bondage of the ceremonial law. After he had spoken, there was tense silence on the part of the multitude anxious to hear while Barnabas and Paul told "what signs and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles through them." No doubt the story they gave of their experiences in Cyprus and Asia Minor thrilled the throng and prepared the way for the conclusions of the council. (2) The decision was delivered by James who approved the opinion expressed by Peter, quoted Scripture in support of the view, and declared in effect that Gentiles are not required to become Jews before they can become Christians. It was, however, urged in his deliverance that Gentile Christians should in the interest of purity abstain from idolatrous associations and unchastity, both of which were common Gentile sins and that in the interest of peace they should abstain from eating strangled animals and blood, both of which were abhorrent to the Jewish mind. The decision settled a vexing question to the satisfaction of everybody at the time, and in its wider aspects was one of the most far-reaching deliverances in the history of Christianity.

1. Liberty for Gentile Christians (Acts 15)

THE CHARTER OF CHRISTIAN FREEDOM was granted under divine impulse by the council at Jerusalem. The decrees of the council were embodied in a letter, probably from the pen of James, and sent by two leading men as messengers—Judas (surnamed Barsabbas) and Silas—who accompanied Paul and Barnabas on the return trip to Antioch. When the company reached that city and called the church together, the epistle was delivered by Judas and Silas who confirmed its contents by elaborating upon it and exhorting the brethren. Naturally there was great rejoicing in a church that had now a mixed membership of Jews and Gentiles and had been led by Paul and Barnabas into the liberties of the gospel.

2. Labor Among Gentile Christians (Galatians 2)

THE CAUSE OF CHRISTIAN FREEDOM had in Paul an example and advocate. In his epistle to the churches in Galatia he reported this visit to Jerusalem after an absence of fourteen years, evidently referring to the council of Jerusalem. He was accompanied by Barnabas, his companion on the first missionary journey, and by Titus, a Greek convert

who had never adopted the Jewish faith and forms. By divine revelation he had made the trip and personally his purpose was to present first privately and then publicly his gospel both in its content and propagation in the Gentile world with a view to integrating it with Judean Christianity. The result was altogether favorable to Paul's point of view. The reputed pillars of the church—James the Lord's brother, Peter the frequent spokesman for the twelve, and John the beloved apostle—saw up on Paul's ministry the grace of God. They therefore gave him the right hand of fellowship as Apostle to the Gentiles while they continued their mission among the Jews. The single word they enjoined upon him was already in his heart and on his program, namely, that he should remember the poor with his own gifts and the generosity of the churches.

Liberty in the Lord

(1) **Author of Liberty.** We are not free unless we are free in Christ. The shackles of sin bind us unless God has broken them. He is the source and giver of all the liberty we enjoy.

(2) **Beneficiaries of Liberty.** Spiritual freedom is the highest freedom obtainable. It insures and safeguards all other liberties that are wholesome. True freedom makes men fraternal. Brotherhood implies liberty. Freedom in Christ is freedom indeed.

Gold in the Golden Text

A man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ. Galatians 2:16.

No man can save himself from sin and set himself right with God. All the good works he could possibly do would never cleanse him of sinfulness and blot out his sins. Were he to keep the law slavishly and sacrificially and yet offend in one tiny point, he would be a law-breaker.

Jesus Christ is the one and only Saviour. He saves anybody, anywhere, anytime on one single and simple condition: Faith in him. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

Home Daily Bible Readings

April 17—The Widening Horizon. Acts 10:9-16.

April 18—Peter's Conviction. Acts 15:6-11.

April 19—Paul Turns to the Gentiles. Acts 13:44-49.

April 20—The Decision of the Council. Acts 15:13-21.

April 21—The Word to Galatia. Galatians 2:1-10.

April 22—The Way of Life. Galatians 2:11-21.

April 23—The Gospel for all. Revelations 22:16, 17.

SENTENCE SERMONS

O. D. Henley

Soul-winners must be soul-lovers. The envious envy the unenviable. He who believes everything believes nothing.

Crookedness is craziness. Temptations persist unless we resist.

The devil is dangerous. If our promises are not good our prayers are not either. Hatred is selfishness turned outward.

Deep thinking must always be either spiritual or cynical. Self-neglect stifles self-respect. Influence cannot be killed. Doubtful conduct brings doubts. The self-sufficient are God-deficient.

God always does all He can for man: man never does all he can for God.

BIBLE SCHOOL AT BAIRD

Good interest is being shown in the Bible School which began March 6. The school is now in its sixth week and will continue through May 12. The course of study has embraced the church in its origin and unfolding as recorded in the Gospels and the Acts. The major fact thus far stressed was the spread of the Gospel in the journeys of Paul and the Apostles—a close examination of the doctrines of the early church as revealed in the Epistles of Paul. Each letter is studied in the light of the historical background peculiar to that letter with the circumstances which prompted the letter. With the completion of the Epistles, 2,000 years of church history will be reviewed and illustrated on large Chart prepared for the purpose depicting the history of the New Testament Church from the days of Christ until the present day. Baird church invites all who can and will to attend this school, five nights each week, Monday through Friday nights. Pastor A. A. Davis is teaching the school.

DOCTRINAL

"ONE BAPTISM"

By A. A. Davis

"One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism," Ephesians 4:5.

This text, simple as it appears, has been made the shield and protector of some very hurtful heresies. "One Lord" appears so plain that there is scarcely room for difference in interpretation. "One faith" also enjoys, to some extent, the same liberty. But when we get to the "one baptism" we find, usually, it is offered as meaning the Spirit baptism. Many are teaching such heresy today. In answer to the question, "Have you been baptized?" we frequently get this answer, "No, and yes. I have been baptized in the Spirit when I was saved and that is the only baptism that is commanded today."

Let us look into this important matter. First, no one is baptized in the Spirit when he is saved. The baptism of the Spirit does not bring salvation, nor does it accompany salvation in the Gospel age. Look at Acts 10:44. "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all them which heard the word."

On whom did the Holy Spirit fall? On all them which heard the word. They first heard the word. Spiritual hearing is equal to salvation. See Isaiah 55:3. "Incline your ear, and come unto me; hear and your soul shall live, and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David."

When will the soul live? When it hears the word. Then and there salvation occurs. But says one, hearing is merely hearing with the ear. If that is the hearing enjoined in the scripture, then a deaf man could never be saved.

Again, let us look at John 5:25. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live." Who are the dead in this verse? Answer: The spiritual dead. See Ezekiel 18:4; Romans 7:9; Ephesians 2:1. Reader, get your Bible and read these passages. Then in this language spiritual living is the instant product of spiritual hearing. How and when does this spiritual hearing of the word occur? Let us note Romans 10:17. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Then hearing can only come through the word of God. Peter had faithfully preached the word of God to the household of Cornelius. See Acts 10:34-43. They heard that word, therefore possessed spiritual life—were saved—before the Holy Spirit fell on them. Note the limitations: the Spirit fell only on them who had heard the word.

Note also, Acts 16:30-33, the Philippian jailer was saved, and baptized, but there is no reference to the Holy Spirit falling on him. Therefore we conclude that salvation by grace, through the faith in Jesus Christ, is and ever has been a distinct and separate transaction from baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Be it further understood that Peter understood that which had happened to Cornelius was the same as that which happened to the disciples on the day of Pentecost (See Acts 11:16-17) and called it the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Paul had said in I Cor. 12:4 that there are many gifts, or diversity of gifts, but the same Spirit. Apparently Cornelius received the gift of tongues. Acts 10:46. There is no evidence that he received any other of the gifts.

Now, to distinguish between water baptism and Spirit baptism, let the reader note carefully, it is commonly believed and taught that Spirit baptism replaced water baptism. Peter evidently thought otherwise. Cornelius had already heard the word—was saved—and had already received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Now Peter asks, Acts 10:47, "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Spirit?" Can anything be plainer than that Peter was here obedient to the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19? Note also, he did not baptize Cornelius for the remission of his sins, but baptized him in the name of the Lord. Acts 10:48. This is almost the exact wording of the Great Commission.

Let us look now at another angle. In the baptism of the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ is the administrator. Matt. 3:8, "He shall baptize you in the Holy Spirit not many days hence." In water baptism, a preacher is the administrator. Jesus says, "Go ye," addressing the disciples. You go—make disciples—you baptize those disciples. The baptism of the Great Commission, then, is a baptism to be administered by human authority. How long was the Gospel to be preached—and its baptism practiced? To the end of the age. Matthew 24:

14 says till the end comes. Then the baptism that was to go through the centuries as the companion of the Gospel, wherever it is preached, was the baptism of the Great Commission, to be administered by a human authority. Paul so understood it, I Cor. 1:14-17. Peter so baptized Cornelius; Acts 10:48. And it could be no other baptism than water baptism. In Galatians 1:8 Paul denounces every other gospel than the one he preached. In Ephesians 4:5 he cuts away every other baptism, but one, and that, as shown herein, was the water baptism of the Great Commission, administered by human hands.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit was limited to "as many as the Lord our God shall call." Acts 2:39. He called the household of Cornelius, to receive it—a Gentile—but did not call all Gentiles to receive it—see the Philippian jailer. Water baptism is a command for all believers to obey. The former is a special endowment for power and service to be performed, the latter is the clothing of a Christian, Gal. 3:27. The former was to serve its purpose that which is perfect is come—the New Testament—and was to be done away with, I Cor. 13:8-10. Holy Spirit baptism is not available to any believer now. He can be filled with the Spirit. The special gifts of the Spirit ceased—I Cor. 13:8—the graces of the Spirit remained—I Cor. 13:13.

In my own judgment, more hurtful heresies have sprung from this particular field than any other part of the Bible. The one baptism of Ephesians 4:5 can be none other than the baptism in water of a believer in Christ, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit—not for the remission of sins. Certainly Peter so understood it when he baptized Cornelius.

GOOD WORD FOR WASTELLA

One of the best rural, half-time churches that it was ever my privilege to be in is the Wastella Church near Roscoe, Texas. Rev. W. A. Strickland is the aggressive pastor.

This church, as Dist. Missionary Strickland stated, "Carries the best all around program of any church it's size that I know of."

I was there in a week's meeting which resulted in 22 additions. Others came in the remaining 3 services conducted by the pastor.

We still continue to witness the salvation of the lost and additions to the church in the regular services of the First Baptist Church, Cisco. Dr. Ben M. David is preaching in the spring revival now in progress. Good crowds are attending and a number have already joined the church for baptism and by letter.

JUDSON PRINCE.

SMITH CHAPEL GROWS SIX FOLD IN TWO YEARS

We celebrated our second anniversary Sunday, April 9 at Smith Chapel Baptist Church, 16 miles northwest of Odessa. The church was organized April 9, 1937 with ten members. Seven of them were there Sunday. We have baptized 37 since we organized and have sixty members now. Our work is going forward with Christ. B. A. Rogers, our pastor, is a great leader, a friend to all that meet him. Pray for us that we may go forward for the Lord.

I am sure my friends in Abilene and elsewhere who prayed for me in my sickness at the hospital in January will be glad to know God heard their prayers. I believe with all my heart he did for I feel better than I have for two years. I am so thankful to my friends for their prayers and to God for his mercy.

Yours in His name,

R. W. SMITH.

P. S.: Dick O'Brien can count me as a reader of his Remarks.

WOODY DEDICATION FIRST SUNDAY IN MAY

Sunday, May 7th, will be dedication day for the new church building, and homecoming day for all former members and pastors of the Woody Baptist Church, Lamesa, Dawson County, Texas. The building was completed last year, and affords ample place of worship; the church had formerly worshiped in the school building. The church has recently gone from fourth time to half-time preaching. If you have at any time been a member or pastor of this church, this is a personal invitation to worship with us on this occasion. A program is being arranged for the day, beginning at 10:00 o'clock in the morning and lasting throughout the day.

J. William Arnett, Pastor.

PASTOR'S RETREAT AT CAMP LUEDEBS

May 4-6

Thursday Evening

7:00, Supper—Table talk, P. C. McGahey.

8:00, Devotional—J. P. Hardesty. 8:30, Bible Message—Dr. E. S. James.

Friday Morning

8:00, Breakfast—Table talk, P. C. McGahey.

10:30, Devotional—N. A. Sanders. 11:00, Bible Message—Dr. E. S. James.

12:00, Lunch—Table talk, P. C. McGahey.

Friday: Recreation and fellowship.

Friday Evening

7:00, Supper—Table talk, P. C. McGahey.

8:00, Devotional—W. H. Albertson. 8:30, Bible Message—Dr. E. S. James.

Saturday Morning

8:00, Breakfast—Table talk, P. C. McGahey.

10:30, Devotional—J. B. Rowan. 11:00, Bible message—Dr. E. S. James.

HELPING THE HELPLESS

On Easter morning a staff physician at Hendrick Memorial Hospital discovered a little, eight-year-old girl with no evidence of the joyous day at her bedside. He called a downtown druggist who sent her a beautiful box of candy, topped with a jolly bunny, and happiness replaced gloom.

This little girl is a sufferer from spinal tuberculosis. She has been in the hospital for weeks and is expected to be a patient at intervals for several years.

Patients such as this, instead of being made feel that they are burdens, often become great favorites of the hospital force, with executives, doctors and nurses vying each other to make the sufferer happy. That is part of the atmosphere of a Christian hospital.

JUNIOR UNION GIVES BIBLES AT MISSION

An aged woman who had no Bible was the happy recipient of one of the twelve new ones which were presented last Sunday to the Community Center Mission by members of the J. O. Y. union of eleven-year-olds in First Church, Abilene, Mrs. Scott King, leader.

Other volumes went to children who were anxious to possess a copy of God's Word for themselves. On account of widespread illness, only 59 were present at Sunday School and 48 of these brought Bibles.

Mrs. King was accompanied by five girls and two boys of the union, whose initials mean Jesus first, others next, yourself last. Members of the union had contributed to the Bible fund time to time as a mission project. At Easter they were short of the necessary amount to purchase the dozen books so the children voted to forego their Easter treat and add that money to complete the fund.

Members of the Union became interested in the project by learning from workers at the Mission that there were many homes in the community which possessed no Bible of any sort.

APPRECIATION

We could not close the records of the 1938 State Baptist Sunday School Convention, which met in Waco last week, without saying a word of appreciation to you for the very excellent publicity you gave this convention in the West Texas Baptist.

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Senior Day Plans Almost Complete

Final details are almost completed now for the annual high school senior day which will be observed on the campus of Hardin-Simmons University April 29. Early reports indicate a large attendance as field representative Harry Hayes has been advised that more than a thousand students definitely plan to attend and many of the schools that send large delegations each year have not been heard from as yet.

This occasion gives the chance to exhibit the qualities of H-SU, and gives the high school seniors a chance to see for themselves what goes on in the institution, and may help them in selecting their future school.

An interesting program is in store this year, with the barbecue and intra-squad football game probably occupying the highlight positions. Different departments will also give demonstrations throughout the day for the benefit of anyone interested, and the general program is expected to be better than in previous years.

Richardson Returns From Tennessee Convention

Dr. R. N. Richardson returned last week from Memphis, Tenn., where he attended the Southern Colleges Association, of which Hardin-Simmons is a member. This association consists of 140 senior colleges, 1200 high schools, and several junior colleges. Hardin-Simmons has been a member of this association since 1927, and have retained through the years sufficient qualifications during this time.

Theme of the convention, "Education as a Social agency in the development of the South," was commented on by several outstanding speakers. Among the talks given was that of Dean Carmichael of Vanderbilt University. "Students are not getting the facts that they should in College," was one of the outstanding comments given by Dean Carmichael. He continued with "They have no sense of social responsibilities, no development of intellectual interest, and no understanding of faculty reasoning."

J. D. Sandefer Club Organized Here

The Jefferson Davis Sandefer club of the Future Teachers of America is the newest organization on the Hardin-Simmons university campus. This group, receiving its charter from the national organization in Washington this week, was organized as the elementary education club at H-SU. It recently voted to affiliate with the national organization.

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Mission Brings--

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of clothing, including shoes, suits, coats, dresses, etc., have been distributed where most needed.

Machines Donated

Second objective was the establishment of a sewing room for use of women of the community in making their own clothes. Two machines were immediately donated and since September women of the neighborhood have met twice weekly to sew. They, too, have collaborated in making quilts, 50 having been completed since this project began.

Third, and perhaps the major objective undertaken, was the establishment of a free medical clinic to care for those unable otherwise to obtain medical care, even of the most meager type. The clinic became a reality in November, last year, and since that time 458 patients have been treated, including needed medicine.

Unselfishly contributing their services to the clinic have been Drs. Clinton E. Adams and Donald McDonald, Julian H. Pace, assistant manager and Lola Wilcox, dietitian, Hendrick Memorial hospital, and other nurses from the hospital. During most of the winter months clinics were held twice weekly, recently once a week. Dr. Adams has cared for adults, Dr. McDonald the younger patients.

Doing Their Duty

The two physicians are Brotherhood members and consider their service at the clinic as no more than their duty. "I can't sing and there are many other things I am not capable of doing in church work but I can practice medicine," Dr. Adams said.

"Too, I believe that churches should look after their own sick and needy. The Baptists should take care of theirs, the Methodists theirs, Catholics theirs and other congregations the same. Service of this type, carried out in the true Christian spirit, would go far toward elimination of the various isms that today are bobbing up even in Abilene," Dr. Adams added.

Medicine, including costly serums, have been donated for use at the mission. Rev. Alexander estimates that gifts of medicine have been between \$1,200 and \$1,500. Immunization of

children against diphtheria is one of the tasks undertaken. Serums were given between 20 and 30 one afternoon. Wholesale druggists have contributed most of the medicine with several retail stores joining in supplying what was needed. Julian Pace has had charge of obtaining medical supplies. Hendrick Memorial hospital has cooperated in every way, giving laboratory facilities when needed.

Miss Wilcox, in an effort to overcome the food deficiency of many patients, has given lectures on preparation of foodstuff that is available to those living in the community.

Results have been most satisfactory, those in charge of the mission state.

Another objective in process of being developed is organization of a Boy Scout troop with Charles Lashlee as leader. The troop will be registered as soon as enough of the boys pass tenderfoot tests.

The Brotherhood distributed well-filled baskets last Thanksgiving, served a Christmas dinner and gave fruit, candy and toys to children in connection with the Yuletide program.

Most of those benefitting from the mission are WPA workers, those on direct relief, aged men and women receiving state pensions, unemployed and those able to work but without jobs.

The First Baptist church also sponsors and supports a mission at the brick plant north of Abilene. Rev. Alexander and his wife also are in charge there. Services are held each Sunday afternoon at 1:30 and prayer meetings are held Wednesday nights. The brick plant mission has 20 members and a Sunday school of 75.

FLOYDADA LAYMEN MEET AT FLOYDADA MONDAY

R. A. Springer, state leader of the Baptist Brotherhood, was chief speaker at the meeting of the Floydada Association Brotherhood at First Church, Floydada, Monday, April 17. Special music was brought by a group from First Church, Matador.

Mr. Springer spoke at First Church, Ralls, at the morning hour Sunday and at First Church, Lubbock, in the evening.

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W. M. U. DEPARTMENT

HASKELL ASSOCIATION

The W. M. U. of Haskell Association met April 4, with the W. M. S. of Rochester Baptist Church. The meeting opened about 10:30 with singing the W. M. U. hymn for the year, "I Love to Tell the Story."

Mrs. B. L. Blacklock brought an inspiring devotional followed with prayer by Bro. B. N. Shepherd. Visitors were recognized: Mrs. Buckley, Mrs. George Paxton, and Mrs. N. A. Moore of Abilene. Mrs. Moore introduced Bro. Joe Allison and Miss Frances Osborne, students of Hardin-Simmons University. Mrs. G. C. Cowan of Rochester introduced Mrs. Wright, wife of the local Methodist pastor. Bro. B. N. Shepherd, who was preaching in revival services in Rochester Church for the week, was also a welcome visitor.

Five local presidents brought inspiring reports. Still others reported for absent presidents. Enlistment seemed to have been the aim of all societies for the past quarter. The association president had asked that they omit statistics, and they did. Following the presidents' reports, our district president, Mrs. J. B. Buckley, spoke to us about the work in general and helpfully discussed almost every phase of W. M. U. work. We always appreciate her wise counsel, her sincerity, and enthusiasm. Just before we dismissed for lunch, which was served in Sunday School rooms of the church, we heard the Mission Study Chairman's report. Mrs. C. O. Davis of Rule brought the report and plans for our Mission Study Institute to be held April 26, with Haskell W. M. S. State Chairman of Mission Study, Mrs. R. L. Brown, is to lead this institute. Mrs. J. Walton Moore of Abilene will teach also. Bro. Shepherd spoke earnestly for the support and attendance of this meeting, insisting that the pastors of the associations be urged to attend. Bro. Joe Allison led the closing prayer and offered thanks for the lunch.

During a recess period following lunch, Mrs. George Paxton held a conference with Benevolence Chairmen, and representatives. Mrs. Buckley met with local presidents in a short board meeting.

The afternoon session opened with singing, prayer, and devotional led by Mrs. Corley of Rochester. Associational Chairmen brought reports of work and when Mrs. Horace Findley, education chairman, had brought her report, Mrs. N. A. Moore spoke helpfully on this subject, emphasizing the Hardin-Simmons University Student Fund. She was followed or assisted by Bro. Joe Allison and Miss Osborne who told us of their plans and work, and inspired all to do more for Christian education and for the Hardin-Simmons University Student Fund.

We are always pleased to hear and are helped by hearing Mrs. Paxton. She discussed Stewardship and Benevolence and explained making reports. She urged us to be good stewards of Benevolence work and not grow weary in reporting. The corresponding secretary, Mrs. Edd Thompson of Munday, was ill and unable to bring or send reports, but has her report in to the district and same will be read at Worker's Conference in April meeting. Mrs. Horace Findley acted as recording secretary in the absence of Mrs. H. E. East of Knox City.

The spirit of the meeting was fine. We truly appreciated our visiting speakers, and hope they may come again soon.

A committee composed of Mrs. G. C. Cowan, Mrs. W. B. West, and Mrs. H. Findley was appointed to nominate someone as young people's leader to take the place vacated by Mrs. W. R. Gay's resignation on account of ill health. Our next quarterly meeting will be held in July with W. M. S. of Knox City. Mrs. N. A. Moore led the closing prayer.

Mrs. J. O. Bowden, Munday, President, Haskell Ass'n W. M. N.

JONES ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the W. M. U. auxiliary to the Jones County Association was held with Lueders Church, April 4, with Mrs. W. L. Boyd, Hamlin, presiding, Mrs. Thomas, Lueders, recording secretary.

After singing led by Mrs. Scott, Stamford, a devotional was brought by Mrs. H. C. Michael, Stamford.

Greetings by Mrs. J. E. Tonroy were responded to by Mrs. J. H. Edmonds, Anson.

Mrs. W. L. Boyd, president, talked on "Our Year's Work," followed by reports from three local presidents. All W. M. S.'s are making arrange-

ments to send Senior classes to field day at Hardin-Simmons.

Mrs. H. C. Michael sang "Moment by Moment." A message on "Missionaries in China," by Mrs. J. Walton Moore, Abilene, told of their call and special work in China saying, "We must be laborers together with God to carry on our work."

After a covered dish lunch there was a short business session of the executive board.

The afternoon session opened with a devotional by Rev. Fred Moreland, pastor at Lueders, using as his theme, "Women," reading from John 20:16-17. Reports were heard from the standing chairmen.

Following the program a short business session was held. The corresponding secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Earl Smith reported apportionments practically all met. All apportionments will be paid before our District W. M. U. meeting in Ranger.

Mrs. J. Henry Littleton, Publicity Chairman.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

Report on Missions for quarter ending March 31, 1939.

Committee members on Missions, 25. From reports received, eleven churches use the circle plan and have representatives on committees on Missions; they hold regular meetings for planning and discussion.

Mission Chairmen in Young People's Organizations, 4.

Courtesies to missionaries home on furlough, 57.

Letters to missionaries from women, 42 and three cards.

Boxes to missionaries sent by women, 12.

Volunteers for home service: 3 from University Church, Abilene.

Regular monthly missionary programs: Women, 76; Young People, 97.

Special programs for Women, 14; Young People, 5.

Special Season of Prayer was observed by 18 churches with 479 women attending, 349 young people. This is not a complete report.

Mrs. Ed. Hahn, Chairman District 17.

STONEWALL WMU MEETING

The quarterly meeting of the Stonewall Associational W. M. U. was held with the Peacock Baptist Church, Peacock, Texas, March 31, 1939 at ten A. M.

The Watchword was "The Love of Christ Constrains Us" 2 Cor. 5:14 and the theme "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me" John 12:32.

The morning service was opened by singing the hymn, I Love to Tell the Story," led by Mrs. Reeves Ward, Swenson. The morning devotional was given by Mrs. Grover Little, Jayton. The morning greeting was given by Mrs. Geo. Thomas, Peacock, and the response was given by Mrs. W. L. Buckalew, Jayton. Our visitors were Mrs. Buckley, district president; Miss Meryle Montgomery, Miss Diantha Green, Miss Frances Osborne, students of Hardin-Simmons, together with students helped by the district W. M. U. scholarship fund, and Doris Wayne O'Brien, also student of Hardin-Simmons.

A report on missions was given by Mrs. G. C. Torrance, Swenson; periodicals was given by Mrs. Ellis Scogins, Peacock. A report of the local W. M. U.'s were given: Girard, Mrs. A. Parks; Aspermont, Mrs. C. E. Brannon; Peacock, Mrs. Alton Vaughn; Swenson, Mrs. Ed. Hahn; This was followed by special music by Mrs. Reese Ward, Mrs. Ward Gardner, and Mrs. Freeman, Swenson, accompanied by Miss O'Brien. Mrs. Buckley gave an address, "Forward With Christ."

The evening program consisted of opening song led by Mrs. Reese Ward; devotional, Mrs. Hinton, Jayton; Education, spoken to by Mrs. N. A. Moore, Abilene, Mrs. Porter; Mission Study, Mrs. Geo. Thomas Peacock; Stewardship, Mrs. E. L. Bowman, Swenson; Personal Service, Mrs. G. E. Aycock, Aspermont; Young People, Mrs. Irvin Pearson, Aspermont; Bible Study, Mrs. Hinton, Jayton; Report of Cor. Sec.-Treas., Mrs. Grover Little, Jayton; three talks were given by the Hardin-Simmons students: What Hardin-Simmons University Means to Me, Miss Merle Montgomery; Why I Want to Go to College, Miss Diantha Green; My Striving for an Education, Miss Frances Osborne. We were also favored by special music from Miss O'Brien.

The latter part of the evening was devoted to singing the hymn, The Old Rugged Cross. This was followed by

an inspirational message brought us by Rev. B. N. Shepherd, our district missionary, using as his theme "Love" and reading several scriptures on this subject.

An invitation was extended to meet with Aspermont Church next time. This was accepted and we adjourned until next meeting.

MRS. H. J. POWELL,
Publicity Chmn.

SWEETWATER AUXILIARY

The W. M. U. of Sweetwater Association met in quarterly meeting with the First Church, Sweetwater, Thursday, April 13. About seventy women enjoyed a fine program and the gracious hospitality of the Sweetwater ladies. All but four societies reported.

An interesting feature of the program was a talk by Miss Carmen Arroyo, Hardin-Simmons University student, who is assisted by the associational auxiliary and the Foreign Student fund.

Probably the most valuable result of the meeting was the determination on the part of twelve ladies from Trent to organize a society. The organization is being formed at once. Rev. Thomas Young is pastor of this fine group and fine work is to be expected.

BIRTHDAY PENNIES HELP HOSPITAL CHARITY FUND

Sunday School members at Community Center Mission, Abilene, are donating pennies on their birthdays for the charity fund at Hendrick Memorial hospital. Many of the homes from which these children come have great difficulty in saving the pennies but they are anxious to make the contribution in appreciation of the great work done in the community by the free clinic at the mission.

Superintendent E. M. Cotlier has been instrumental in securing the donation of a \$47.00 medicine cabinet to the mission to be used with the work of the clinic.

CRIME AND SIN DO NOT PAY

When the youthful murderer Hickman was in the death house at San Quentin prison, he wrote to a high school class mate, in part, as follows: "My good friend, I am sorry to have become such a contemptible wreck. I assure you that I will no longer remain in the pit of degradation. By rectifying the teachings of Christ I have ruined by character and caused grievous offense. At last, by the grace of God, I look to Christ for salvation . . . Bill, I hope you and the other fellows will lead lives for the joy and peace it will bring you—sin leads to misery and damnation . . ."—William H. Joyner, State Evangelist.

It is not difficult to make a Sunday School grow if a vigorous campaign is continually waged in behalf of new pupils. It is far more difficult to get the officers, teachers and pupils to go after new pupils than it is to get new pupils to join the Sunday School.

A TRIBUTE TO PREXY

By A "Preacher Boy"

Probably the highest tribute that can be given to Dr. Sandefer is that you can not think of Simmons College - Simmons University - Hardin-Simmons University without thinking of Prexy. And in turn you can not think of Prexy without thinking of the University which he has built. In the thinking of the people you can not separate the two.

I lay no claims to being a historian, but within my knowledge no man has built the school he has in this or any other country and done it launching out on faith and on his own personality. No-tribute that I or any other can pay him would even touch the hem of the garment. Only the records of Heaven will reveal what he has accomplished. Yes, others have helped and to them we take off our hat, but to Prexy alone goes the glory of the greatest orthodox university in the world today. Never for one single instance has anyone questioned his loyalty or his school's loyalty to the revealed word of God.

It was his personality that attracted me to Simmons. It was his personality that attracted thousands of students and dollars to the school. Nothing ever becomes great unless it is centered around some great personality. Prexy centered himself and the school around the great personality of Jesus Christ and both Prexy and Simmons became known the world over for this great fact.

Often we lose the force of our messages in employing too many superlatives, but the use of superlatives in trying to describe the life and works of Dr. Jefferson Davis Sandefer pale and the bigness of the man stands out in his accomplishments.

Over my desk in my study is a framed diploma with Prexy's name attached and pasted to the glass of the frame is a picture of the one and only Prexy. When I began this article I looked up at the picture and then at his signature and thought of what he had meant to my life. It was years before I ever told him that it was in his office that I made the final surrender to preach the Gospel of the Son of God. I wanted to be a physician and tried to fight off the call to preach, but after a long session with Prexy I got up and left his office without telling him I had definitely made up my mind to preach. A long time afterward in a revival in the University which he invited me to hold, I told publicly of that hour with Prexy. It was the first time he knew about it. I say unhesitatingly that Prexy has meant more to my life than any other layman who has ever lived or is living. I love him for what he has meant to me and thousands of others who have had the privilege of coming in contact with him. I love Prexy because of what he is and I love the school because of what he has made it.

I salute you nobleman of Christian education and assure you of my constant love and abiding faith in you and may it be the Heavenly Father's

CHURCH BULLETIN SECTION

ELMDALE

We are counting on you to attend: Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.; preaching at 11:00 a. m.; B. T. U. at 7:45; Evening preaching, 8:30; Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.

Let us be faithful to the church by attending our services.

Finis E. Williams, Pastor.

B. T. U. BIBLE READINGS FOR APRIL 24 TO 30

Adult and Senior

Monday—Luke 16:1-18. Tuesday—Luke 16:19 to 17:10. Wednesday—Luke 17:11-37. Thursday—Luke 18:1-17. Friday—Luke 18:18-43. Saturday—Luke 19:1-27. Sunday—Sunday School lesson, Acts 15:36; 16:4-15.

Intermediate

Monday—Matt. 23:24-29. Tuesday—Psalms 73:1-9. Wednesday—Psalms 73:10-19. Thursday—Psalms 73:30-38. Friday—Psalms 11:1-7. Saturday—Psalms 42:1-5. Sunday—Sunday School lesson.

Junior

Monday—Psalms 37:1-9. Tuesday—Psalms 37:23-29. Wednesday—Psalms 36:34-40. Thursday—Psalms 40:1-8. Friday—Psalms 40:10-17. Saturday—Psalms 42:1-5. Sunday—Sunday School lesson.

BTU TOPICS FOR APRIL 23

Adult: Alcohol a Fountain of Impurity.

Senior: The Ministry of the Baptist Student Union.

Intermediate: The World's Greatest Criminal.

Junior: Going Into All the World.

will let you see many more birth-days is the prayer of one of your "preacher boys." To our Lord be all the praise and glory for what you and your school are.

R. G. BAUCOM, Pastor,
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We had our best day on Second Sunday—Good attendance at all services. Several were present for the first time since I have been pastor. There were four additions to the church and all seemed to enjoy the special music rendered by Mr. Bennett.

Our revival will be the first two weeks in July.

Ask yourself this question: What am I doing to help build by church? Let us begin at 10 Sunday morning. Harold Russ, Pastor.

HATCHEL

Sunday will be what we make it. If we do our best for our Lord we will be glad. What place does the church have in our lives? We should be careful to use the Lord's Day by doing service in the church.

I challenge you to prove your interest by bringing someone to church who has not been attending and by being on time. These are simple things which we can do.

Harold Russ, Pastor.

GILLESPIE

Just think, if we can raise an average of only \$7.00 per Sunday in the two remaining Sundays of this month, we will have met our budget for the first seven months of the church year! Praise the Lord and keep up the good work!

Attendance was fine last Sunday morning. Honor the Lord with your presence this Sunday.

Edward Freeland, Pastor.

PLAINVIEW, JONES ASSN.

Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.

B. T. U., 7:30 p. m.

The Homemakers class has charge of the opening program. Special music by Mrs. N. H. Touchstone; devotional by O. L. Harley.

Pray earnestly for both services. Charles Tarrance, Pastor.

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