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RAMBLING



By DICK O'BRIEN

I used to think if the children would just grow up and get off my neck, from under my feet and out of my hair that I could sit down, slip my tie off, loosen my collar band and get some work done. Well, today as I sit here trying to think of a remark worth writing, the two girls are in college under the feet and in the hair of the professors, and the two boys are in grammar school wrestling with their long division and making their first explorations with the great characters of history, and their mother on her way to a state W. M. U. board meeting, and I wish I had the whole gang right here in the room with me carrying on just as a normal family of four youngsters do. Boy, I like that gang! ... Sam Crawford, father of the Crawford boys who have made history in and for Hardin-Simmons university, told me this one. It seems that on a certain Christmas occasion one of the brethren in the local church had been accused of overloading his liquid tankage capacity with intoxicating beverages. He was brought up in church for it but stoutly denied that he got drunk. His accuser was radically positive that he was drunk. After much discussion an old deacon with a tendency toward mercy arose and said: "Brother moderator, I make a motion that we forgive brother so-and-so for gittin' drunk, or for not gittin' drunk which ever he done." ... Which reminds me of a story told me by Bro. J. C. Taylor, of sainted memory, who was my first missionary and great blessing to my early ministry. It seems that a brother in the church had been accused by one of the sisters of swearing. He denied the charges and refused to apologize to the church for a thing he didn't do. The Saturday conference had lasted until far into the afternoon and was still deadlocked, his accuser saying he did, and he declaring he didn't. Finally the tired moderator said to the lady, "Now you just tell us exactly what you heard the brother say." "I don't like to use that type of language," she answered. "Well, that is the only way we can decide this case, so unless you are willing to tell us exactly what he said, we will have to dismiss the case against him. Did he or did he not cuss?" "Well," she shyly replied, "he cussed figuratively. He said 'by jing'." ... I often hear people say that we do not have as much discipline in our churches as we should, and they usually cite the fact that church trials were frequent in the olden days. I wonder which is to be preferred, the old-fashioned way of trying to pull up the tares from among the wheat, and washing a lot of dirty linen in the church's front yard, or letting the tares and wheat grow together until the time of harvest and allowing the separator of the great judgment to do the dividing. ... I do not mean to grow philosophical but I wonder

EVENTS TO COME

Sept. 25—Annual Promotion day in all Sunday Schools and Training Unions.
State Brotherhood Convention, Dallas, Sept. 26-27.
Oct. 1—H-SU Homecoming
Oct. 4-5—Concho Valley Association, Barnhart.
Oct. 7—Cisco Association, Ranger.
Oct. 16—B. T. U. Elimination Contests, Local Unions.
Oct. 23—B. T. U. Elimination Contests, Churches.
Oct. 27-30—Southwide Baptist Youth Conference, Memphis, Tenn.
Oct. 30—B. T. U. Elimination Contests, Associations.
Nov. 8-11—Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas.
Nov. 14—B. T. U. District Contests.
Nov. 24-26—B. T. U. State Convention, Wichita Falls.

LOUISIANA SECRETARY PLANS COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES

In line with the movement projected by the Southern Baptist Convention, a definite plan has been offered in Louisiana for a correlated associational program.

In that state the offices of Baptist state secretary for Sunday School, Training Union and Student Union are all centered in the person of G. Kearnie Keegan. It seems that Mr. Keegan has found that there are more meetings than he has time to get around to sharing. At any rate, he has worked out a program for monthly associational meetings in which the auxiliary bodies are emphasized in turn.

Instead of having a general workers' meeting monthly for the association plus a B. T. U. federation plus an associational Sunday School session, the Keegan plan contemplates a unified program once monthly. This makes it possible for the Sunday School, Brotherhood, and Training Union to have charge of the associational program once quarterly. No change is contemplated in the associational program of the W. M. U. as it is now conducted.

At the conclusion of the program brief group conferences of the auxiliaries not in charge of the program will be held to check up on the work being done in the churches. This will also allow the associational Sunday School work to meet the Standard of Excellence requirement for a monthly meeting.

Advantages claimed for the correlated program are that it emphasizes the fact that all the organizations are a part of the local church program, developing the church spirit, yet keeping the identity of each unit organization; it keeps before the entire associational constituency the problems and advantages of the different auxiliaries; and most visible of all benefits, it eliminates unnecessary meetings, conserving the time and energy of busy people for more effort in the local situation.

SOUTH SIDE CONTINUES FORWARD MOVEMENT

Following the recent revival led by State Evangelist W. Y. Pond, which is often declared the greatest ever held in South Side Church, Abilene, there has been a continued growth in numbers and in spirit, and Pastor W. C. Ashford is happy over the situation.

The Sunday school average for the last year was reported to the association as 346. However, there had been a growing interest during the summer, culminating in a record crowd of 417 on the last Sunday of the meeting. This record fell on September 25 to 419 registered for the Bible school.

Superintendent Hubert S. Hays reports that the Sunday school, for the first time in years, went into Promotion Day with a completed corps of officers and teachers, all filled with the spirit of service.

Plans are under way for the organization of the Brotherhood at an early date. The church is operating on a cash basis, and the only problem is that of providing space for the growing Sunday school, which may have to be solved in the near future.

POTOSI CHURCH NEWS

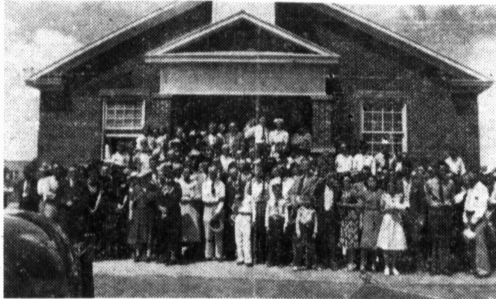
Sunday, September 25, was a great good day at the Potosi Church. We had 90 in Sunday School. Brother B. N. Shepherd, our District missionary, preached for us Sunday at eleven o'clock, on "The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ," and we are glad that he came our way.

Sunday afternoon at the Brotherhood meeting we had 14 present with four new members. Dr. N. A. Moore of Hardin-Simmons talked to us on the opportunities and possibilities of the Brotherhood.

Sunday night we had 88 present at the B. T. U. and Brother Tidwell preached Sunday night, using the subject, "Come, for all things are ready—and they all together begin to make excuses." He preached a great sermon on excuses. We think if Mrs. Tidwell can keep him under control she will make a great preacher out of him some day.

On the second Sunday in October at four p. m., the Brotherhood will discuss Tithing and Foreign Missions. We would be glad to have more men to attend these meetings.

Coahoma Church Homecoming



The above picture shows the front of the new \$10,000 Baptist Church at Coahoma and a part of the hundreds who attended the Homecoming Day celebration of the completion of the building, September 11. The photograph does not include the beautiful belfry, a gift of pioneer members at Coahoma who did much toward the erection of this building. A sketch of the history of the church appears in this issue. Photograph courtesy of Pastor N. W. Pitts.

STEWARDSHIP THEME AT LAYMEN'S MEETING

The tithing movement was the heart of the program at the first annual statewide meeting of the Baptist Brotherhood in Texas. R. A. Springer of Dallas, layman's leader for the state, shared the chair with J. C. Hardy of Belton, William Fleming, Fort Worth and Earl B. Smyth of Dallas. Out of state speakers included Lawson H. Cooke, General Secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South and Earl V. Pierce, former president of the Northern Baptist convention.

The spirit of the meeting was very fine, says Judge E. S. Cummings of Abilene who spoke on "Rendering Accounts." "It was the first time we have seen our new secretary in the chair at a great laymen's gathering," he continued, "and I think we have the right man for the place." However, presiding over a great convention is no new task for Secretary Springer who has served as president of the Texas B. T. U. convention, the largest annual religious gathering in America.

Messengers to the conference remarked on the many interesting and inspiring messages brought by the speakers and emphasized that there was very little repetition of thought in the many addresses.

Following the Fort Worth gathering, a regional Brotherhood conference is planned for Abilene, meeting October 17. District President Cummings has announced that all the speakers on the published program have accepted the invitation to attend.

The Sweetwater association workers' meeting for October will be held at Salt Branch Church, Thursday, October 6.

To Hold Revival



REV. LAWRENCE FITZGERALD
Mexico, Missouri

The fall revival of University Church, Abilene will begin Sunday, October 2 and continue for two weeks. Pastor Chas. A. Powell announces that Rev. Lawrence Fitzgerald, pastor at Mexico, Missouri will do the preaching. The visiting pastor-evangelist has many friends in Abilene, having graduated at Hardin-Simmons University in 1928. He also delivered the baccalaureate sermon for his alma mater at the 1938 commencement.

During his college days Lawrence Fitzgerald was outstanding as a debater and student pastor, he having served the McCaulley Church for about three years. In addition to his bachelor's degree he holds a Th.M. from Southern Seminary and has all but completed work for a Ph.D. at Yale when he accepted the Missouri call. He is described as essentially a young people's preacher and has held

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HISTORICAL ACCOUNT OF COAHOMA CHURCH

By Mrs. Della Lay

The history of the Coahoma Baptist Church between the years of 1891 and 1916 is very incomplete and subject to correction, on account of lost minutes and records. I have gained my knowledge of the earliest history from the memory of old time members and friends.

In the spring of 1891 a group of Missionary Baptists came together in the home of C. J. Robinson. With Rev. D. W. Adams as pastor, they organized the first Baptist church in the community which they named the Central Baptist Church. The charter members of this church were as follows: Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Murry, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Robinson, Mrs. Fannie Roton, Mrs. Alvie Stovall, Mrs. Cynthia Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Sawyers, Misses Josie and Symantia Sawyers and Charlie Sawyers.

Church services continued to be held in the homes of C. J. Robinson and F. I. Murry until the first public school was built in 1892. The services were then held in the school building, which was located in the southwest corner of the place now owned by W. J. Jackson.

The first revival meeting was held in the summer of 1891, in the shade of the trees in Hackberry Draw. To show the loyalty and faithfulness of these early members, one family was known to have driven a yoke of oxen five miles to these services, which they attended every Sunday.

Rev. Currie was called as pastor with no correct record of the date, or of how long he served the church. Regardless of the hardships and long distances, members attended these services and the church grew steadily. Rev. Salters accepted the call of the church, which he served one year and Rev. Simpson succeeded him as pastor, serving only two years.

Still seeking to carry out the Great Commission, the church called Rev. R. T. Hanks. Six years marks the length of time Rev. Jim Hull served as pastor. Strife arose in the church and scattered the members. Still a few remained and called Rev. Q. Brown as pastor, where he labored for two years.

The church made very slow progress during the next few years. After a meeting held by Rev. M. C. Bishop, a supply pastor, the church was greatly revived and called Rev. W. B. Davis as pastor in 1907. This congregation decided to build the first Baptist church building which was located on the south side of the railroad in the village of Coahoma. The

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ALBANY SHARES IN COOPERATIVE GIFTS

Pastor W. M. Joslin writes that instead of having no contribution to state work in August as indicated in the list of gifts published in the West Texas Baptist last week, Albany sent in \$24.81 to the Cooperative Program and \$5.00 to the Hundred Thousand Club. We gladly make this correction for this fine pastor and church and assure them that the omission is evidently due to a clerical error somewhere up the line as a check-up shows that we printed it according to the copy furnished us. Thank you for the correction, Brother Joslin.

HSU HOMECOMING

Friday Night, Sept. 30—Pep Rally, Auditorium, 7:30 p. m.
Saturday, October 1:
9:30, Registration at Chapel.
10:00, Student Artists' Program at Chapel, with KRBC broadcast.
10:45, Visiting Hour.
12:00, Executive Committee Board Meeting, at luncheon at Cafeteria.
12:30, Ex-Cowgirls Luncheon, Hotel Wooten.
4:00, Registration and Get Together at Mary Frances.
5:30, Barbecue on Campus at Mary Frances.
Special table and get together for H-S Club.
8:30, Homecoming Game, H-SU Cowboys and Centenary.

Wendell Foreman, superintendent of the Elmdale schools, was chosen director of the Sunday School Zones 1 and 2, Sweetwater association, at the September meeting, last Sunday. The next meeting will be with First Church Abilene, Sunday afternoon, October 30.

MISSIONARY



By R. N. SHEPHERD
Missionary, District 17

The Cooperative Program And What It Does

The word COOPERATE is the key to all success where two or more people are undertaking a task. In the the Lord's work that is true. COOPERATION does not mean COERCION. In our plan for work every church and every person must volunteer. Before we volunteer to do things we must know what we are to enter. Therefore, I present the following for your consideration:

There are more than 24,674 Southern Baptist churches; 21,880 Baptist preachers; 204,000 baptisms during the year May, 1937, to May, 1938; 4,500,000 church members; 22,700 Sunday Schools with 3,200,000 pupils; 33,700 B. T. U.'s with a membership of 700,000; \$30,000,000 was given for all purposes last year, of which amount \$24,500,000 was for local work and \$5,000,000 for missions.

Texas Baptists, as do the others, work in the following fields with indicated results:

Baptist Student Unions in the schools, J. W. Marshall, state worker, enlisting students in the churches of the towns and cities where the schools are located.

There are some 8,500 B. T. U.'s, with a membership of 170,000.

Texas Baptist churches number 3,150 plus, members, 650,000.

Sunday School, G. S. Hopkins, S. S. Missionary. Out of 667 Standard Sunday Schools in the Southern Baptist Convention, Texas has 231. Of 117,816 awards for training, Texas has 25,621. Of 15,898 increased enrollment in the S. B. C., Texas had 9,992.

Baptist Training Union work is led by Dr. T. C. Gardner, Texas has led in this field during all the year. Dr. Gardner is, we think, the leading living figure in the important work. Womens' Missionary Union work, with its leading Missionary spirit, is one of the important fields in which we work.

Brotherhood work is getting going well at this time, with Mr. R. A. Springer, Dallas, leading. He is giving about half of his time to this work. Monday night and all day Tuesday the laymen and their pastors were meeting at Ft. Worth, in the Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium, to lay plans for the work. We hope every church was represented by at least one layman and the pastor. Brethren, what more important move can we make just now than to harness our man power?

Texas, through the Cooperative Program, is helping take care of the

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HOSPITAL ASSOCIATIONS MEET IN DALLAS

Superintendent E. M. Collier of Hendrick Memorial Hospital and Julian H. Pace, assistant, were among the estimated five thousand persons who were in attendance at the meetings of the American Protestant Hospital association and the American Hospital association convening at Dallas, the former last week and the latter this week.

The Protestant association held business sessions Friday and Saturday, September 23 and 24. Sunday afternoon was given to a prayer and praise service. Most of the pulpits in Dallas were occupied at both preaching hours by guest speakers from among the hospital executives.

The general association began its sessions Monday, September 26 and will continue through Friday.

The American Hospital association is the largest organization of its kind in the world. High standards of efficiency end equipment are required for membership in the body and much credit is given to its efforts in maintaining increasingly higher professional and technical standards.

Our Lueders Encampment

AN EDITORIAL

It is unthinkable that the Baptists of Central West Texas should lose the Lueders Encampment. Yet it is possible. Other encampments have fallen into outside hands because of insufficient financing and are irrevocably lost.

On good authority we understand that outside interests are anxious to come into possession of our property on the banks of the Clear Fork. We are told that they expect to make it profitable by uses widely different from the causes to which that institution was dedicated.

Four thousand dollars is a small price to pay for a central rallying point for district interests. Four thousand dollars is an insignificant sum for a place where our boys and girls may have a few days of camp life. Where, except in a religious encampment, can your child have a camp vacation under responsible supervision for only two dollars? Where else, in this great scope of country, is there a place for an outing which will also bring them close to Christ? Only four thousand dollars, a dime or so for each of us, for a place where every year dozens of young lives, bright with the promise of youth, consecrate themselves on the altar of Christian service; where scores, annually, come for fun and return with the priceless gift of eternal life; where multiplied hundreds find refreshment and reconsecration, pledging anew the vows of a happy day!

We could pay our debt by selling our camp to be used by the Devil, but we will not. Those of us who have contributed to make this assembly ground possible will gladly add more to maintain our investment; we who have put nothing into it will joyously become partners with God in this great enterprise.

There lie forty acres, dedicated to recreation in a spiritual atmosphere; to education in affairs of Kingdom interest; to inspiration which will lead us to new heights of achievement for Christ. We must make it ours, to have and to hold, for ourselves and our heirs, forever.

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MEETINGS AND MEETINGS

In our news columns this week a brief notice of the Louisiana plan for coordination of certain denominational activities. If sufficient interest is manifested we may print the entire plan as suggested by Secretary Keegan. We will also welcome brief, constructive letters on the subject, which, we believe, is one of the most important of our promotional problems.

The Louisiana plan may not be what we need in Texas. This editor does not profess to know the answer. But we do believe that denominational meetings have increased almost to the saturation point.

One of our fine, active workers has calculated that there are 66 week days during the year in which there is a session of some sort of state, district, or associational meeting which he is expected to attend. This is eleven of the fifty-two weeks and he made no allowance for the Baptist World Alliance, the Southern Baptist Convention and the encampments; for invitations to meetings of other bodies of which he is not a member; for sessions of committees and boards which must function between times. If he answered all these demands he would be left with scarcely half his time and something less than half his energy to devote to the task to which he has been called and which provides his living.

This is not an exceptional case. All our district missionaries and most of our fairly prominent pastors and educational directors are confronted with a similar situation. All these meetings are inspiring and the causes which they promote are of enormous value but if they become so continuous as to hinder visitation and soul winning some adjustment needs to be made. What do you think?

THE PRICE OF HATE

Whatever the outcome of the disastrous situation in Europe, one very definite fact is inescapably apparent. It is that democracy as we have thought of it in America is being ground to death between the millstones of communism and fascism.

Where the ruthless drive of the authoritarian states is felt, there democratic peoples are being forced into alliance with communism as a measure of defense.

Spain had a representative, republican government, with radical leanings, perhaps, but at least they were endeavoring to work out their national problems in peace with their neighbors and they were holding the element of extremists in check. Then came the Italian and German sponsored fascist rebellion and the forces of the communists were unleashed to strengthen national defense.

The government in China headed by Chiang Kai Shek had warred for years with the communists, driving them back from Canton to the Great Wall. Just as ultimate victory was in sight the Japanese invasion swept in and Chiang, too, was compelled to turn to his erstwhile foes for assistance.

Now, under the oppression of an arrogant Germany, Czechoslovakia has turned to a leader who is charged with communist leanings and a third people, striving for freedom, is flung into the leprous embrace of Moscow.

The dragon's teeth from which sprouted this tragic harvest were sown in the winter following the World War when the nations who "fought to make the world safe for democracy" insisted on crushing the democratic aspirations of the German people under impossible burdens.

The idealism of Woodrow Wilson got the "boys out of the trenches before Christmas" by offering an olive branch to the German people as distinguished from the government of the Kaiser. But this high idealism was cynically overridden in favor of the same sort of so-called practical realism which has permitted the march of the dictators from one unhallowed success to another until today, like Nebuchadnezzar's tree, they overshadow the Earth.

If France and England had helped the German people toward making a success of a peaceably-inclined, self-governing republic with a fraction of the time and money squandered in the effort to forge a steel ring of enemies about a stricken people, they might not have been faced with this dilemma of a suicidal war or a humiliating, enfeebling peace.

It is too late now for recriminations and regrets. Only as they may offer a guide to a better tomorrow, is it worthwhile to review the mistakes of yesterday. The blunders of twenty years ago cannot now be cured. The price of them must be paid in full—paid in blood and tears—most of it by generations then unborn, most of it by innocent lives.

The price that has been paid and is now being paid for that splurge of atheistic hate which centered in the treaty of Versailles is the remorseless crushing of the lofty ideals which prompted the tremendous sacrifices of that disastrous and futile conflict. Selfishness and sin are reaping their toll.

But we may learn from this world tragedy that peace and joy and love can never be secured through the agencies of greed and hate; that there is a sure day of reckoning when we reap as we have sown; that only the overflowing love of Christ can save the citizens of this world from an impending chaos.

PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES

Friday, September 30—
J. Walton Moore, evangelistic worker, Chefoo, Shantung, China (now on furlough because of illness, 1701 Sandefer St., Abilene, Texas).

Saturday, October 1—
W. C. Taylor, Field Secretary for Latin America, Caxia 352, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Miss Helen McCullough, educational worker, Shanghai, Ku, China (now on furlough, 810 Frances St., Houston, Texas).

Sunday, October 2—
P. W. Hamlett, evangelistic worker, Wusih, Ku, China; J. W. Lowe, former evangelistic worker, Tsingtao, Shantung, China (now on pension, Altmont Hotel, Baltimore Maryland).

Monday, October 3—
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Caudill, missionaries to Cuba, Regla Marti 68, Havana.

Tuesday, October 4—
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Greno and Miss Kathryn Sewell, missionaries to Cuba, Bejucal, Havana Province.

Wednesday, October 5—
Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Machaso, Vitoria, Havana Province; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. de Armas, Jacovina, Havana Province; missionaries in Cuba.

Thursday, October 6—
Miss Mary E. Moorman, former educational worker, Yangchow, China (now on pension); W. C. Newton, evangelistic worker, Hwanghsien, Shantung, China (now on furlough, 4809 Faquir Ave., Richmond Virginia).

MISSIONARY MESSAGES

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District Missionaries. One-fourth of the salaries are paid by the Board. The following is a summary of the work done by the District Missionaries during the last Convention year, given by Dr. R. C. Campbell in his report to the Convention:

Days Labored	6,313
Revival Meetings Held	157
Sermons and Addresses	5,334
Delivered	5,334
Churches Assisted in Organizing	16
Received by Baptism	979
Received by Letter	751
Books, Bibles and Tracts Distributed	36,946
Sunday Schools Organized	27
B. T. U.'s Organized	109
Deacons and Elders Ordained	219

Considering the fact that the district missionaries' task is primarily promotional along the lines of Missions, Sunday School, B. T. U., W. M. U., and Brotherhood, and in the field of evangelism by helping others arrange for meetings, this above looks fairly well.

In addition to the above we are carrying our Christian education work in our colleges, universities and seminaries.

Our hospitals are among the best existing. Those who give to the Fall Round-up with a Love Offering will be helping carry on in the mentioned fields and many other important phases of work too numerous to mention in the short space allotted for this.

Monday and Tuesday of this week hundreds of our finest laymen were in Fort Worth with their pastors making plans for more effective work for the coming year.

It is indeed, thrilling to think that Baptists will undertake to do MIS- SION work on a much larger scale during the Convention year of 1938-1939. We are to give a million dollars to spread the ONLY SOUL and LIFE SAVING messages known to man. When I remember that the sun never sets on our mission work around this world, my heart leaps with joy.

With the above in mind I know every Baptist in this District will have his 25 cents ready for the LOVE OFFERING in October. Many will want SHARES. Some should give thousands and will. That is such a splendid investment. Everyone giving, on an average of 25 cents, will bring our part of the goal asked for. Every boy and girl old enough to be a member of a church can earn and give 25 cents during October. Pastors, deacons, Sunday school teachers, B. Y. P. U. leaders and parents, you will lead them to have this SPECIAL BLESSING, won't you? Let us make it 100 per cent this time in number of people giving and amount.

Elsewhere in this paper you will find an important announcement about an All-District Laymen's Day. Please pray and work to make it what our LORD would have it to be.

The Taylor County B. T. U. Federation will meet Sunday, October 2, at University Church, Director Finis A. Williams announces that all department programs will be in a charge of Hardin-Simmons students.

News Notes

Rev. J. W. Russell, director of the mission work at the Brick Plant community, Abilene, has been holding service at Delk Church, Jones Association, which have resulted in the reorganization of the church and Sunday school with 15 additions to the membership, five of whom came for baptism.

Superintendent Bryce Twitty of Baylor Hospital, Dallas, entertained the officers of the Protestant Hospital Association Thursday evening, September 22. E. M. Collier of Abilene was among the guests.

Invitations have been sent out for the wedding of Joyce Lee Cole and William Byron Scarborough at the Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, on Saturday, October 1.

The Jones County Workers' meeting for next month will be with First Church, Stamford, on Tuesday, October 19.

Rev. T. A. Gibson of Lubbock recently assisted Pastor E. W. Lloyd of Danville, Arkansas, in a revival at Corinth Church. The Arkansas Baptist reports that this was the first Baptist meeting in that community in 15 years.

There were 238 additions to Polytechnic Church, Fort Worth, in a revival led by Evangelist Hyman Appleman.

First Church, Cisco, had a total of 76 additions in their September revival in which State Evangelist Jesse Yelvington assisted Pastor Judson Prince.

On the day that he arrived at his new pastorate at Hico, Rev. Alvin Swindell started a revival meeting which resulted in 20 additions. At the close of the meeting in town, the services were continued at a rural school.

On September 19 Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Saunders set out on their return to the dangerous task of mission work in China.

Rev. Chas. R. Talley, Jr., of Ranger assisted Pastor Russell Dennis in a revival at Pioneer resulting in 24 additions with 11 by baptism.

Union Association, which includes Houston, had 14 classes in an association-wide training school, with 100 enrolled.

Among the chapel speakers at H-SU since the opening of the fall semester have been Dr. W. Y. Pond, Dr. Perry F. Webb, Dr. A. B. Deter and Dean L. Q. Campbell.

Sunday School Field Secretary W. J. Lites conducted a Sunday School revival at Muleshoe last week with splendid response.

Rev. J. Manley Reynolds preached at Truby, September 25.

Rev. W. C. Taggart of Abilene was supply preacher at Sweetwater last Sunday.

Dr. E. B. Atwood filled the Haskell pulpit Sunday in the absence of Pastor M. N. Whatley who was away in a revival.

Rev. George Thomas was with the Scranton church, September 25, supplying for Pastor C. E. Dick who is in a meeting at Balmoreha.

Rev. Fred Eastham of Wichita Falls and Harry Piner of Pampa are conducting a revival with Dr. J. Howard Williams and First Church, Amarillo.

Dr. A. D. Foreman of San Angelo this week concludes a revival at First Church, Amarillo. In the year ending September 1, this great church had received 621 members, with 110 coming for baptism.

First Church, Oklahoma City, Dr. W. R. White, pastor, baptized 162 out of 512 additions during the past year.

Rev. Phil McGahey of Breckenridge is in a revival at Central Church, Pampa.

There have been 110 additions in ten days to First Church, Abilene, where Dr. Perry F. Webb of San Antonio is engaged in a revival meeting. Seventeen were baptized Sunday night and a number of others are awaiting baptism.

Pastor Alfred A. Brian resigned at Merkel, where he had labored well since the first of the year, to accept (Continued on page 3)

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

October 2, 1938

By Hight C Moore

THE ONE TRUE GOD

Exodus 20: 2, 3; Isaiah 45:22; Mark 12:28-34; 1 Corinthians 8:4-6

The First Commandment sees and sets upon his solitary and omnipotent throne the one true God whose we are and whom we serve. He is our only Savior as declared in Isaiah. We are to love him supremely as Jesus taught with emphasis. And as Paul wrote we should know him as God the Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

1. Sovereignty of God (Exodus 20)

Serve God as our Sovereign. (1) Our duties to God who is our divine law giver and leader take precedence over our duties to ourselves and our fellow men. To Israel, gathered in awe on the little plateau dotted with their tents, God spoke from the towering abrupt height with cloudy cap vivid with lightning and reverberant with thunder. First he revealed himself as their God who had led them out of Egypt. Then he proclaimed the fundamentals of his law. The first Table of the Decalogue dealing with our duties to God contains four Commandments in which respectively Jehovah permits no rival, no formality, no sacrifice, and no desecration. Stating it positively, we may say that in these first four Words from the Mount, the Lord demands submission to his sovereignty, sincerity in his worship, consistency in his service, and conformity to his law. (2) Our duty of submission to his sovereignty is taught in the First Commandment:

"Thou shalt have no other Gods before me." There is no room for two thrones in any life, and God must be supreme. Polytheism, or the doctrine of many gods, is here given a death blow. And with it goes atheism, or the doctrine of no god; and pantheism or the doctrine that God is everything; and even deism which, while recognizing the existence of God, denies revelation and rejects Christianity. God is sovereign, and before him we must bow with submissive hearts and obedient lives. The First Commandment is the bedrock of religion.

2. Salvation from God (Isaiah 45)

Trust God as our Savior. Here is a mandatory invitation. It comes through Isaiah from God who is our only Savior. It is for everybody even to the remotest corners of the earth. It bids the sinner look in faith to God who will wash away every stain. It promises free and full salvation from the dominion and consequences of sin.

3. Love to God (Mark 12)

Love God as our Lord. The question was raised as to the Great Commandment in the Law of Moses. That commandment was not a matter for theological disputation as the rulers made it, but of divine interpretation and application, as Jesus showed the inquiring scribe. Thus the First Table of the Decalogue, dealing with duties to God, is summarized in the one great Commandment: Love God supremely. For, love of God covers the four Commandments, requiring submission to his sovereignty, sincerity and his worship, consistency in his service, and conformity to his law. Similarly the Second Table of the Decalogue, dealing with duties to man, is summarized in the Commandment: Love thy neighbor as thyself. Thus six commandments are covered: For, love preserves the home, values life, insures social purity, respects the rights of property, seeks and spreads only the truth, and crowns itself with unselfishness. The Scribe saw and seized the point and Christ commended him.

4. Knowledge of God (1 Corinthians 8)

Know God as our Father. Paul was writing the Corinthians about meat offered to idols. Ability to eat the sacrificial meats without harm was possible to him who knew fully what he was doing. However, a mere knowledge of facts could not settle the question in all its bearings. So Paul makes a triple contrast with this incomplete and unsanctified knowledge: First, with love, for knowledge inflates as a bubble, while love builds up as a temple; next, with perfect wisdom for the conceited man knows nothing yet as he ought to know; and lastly, with loving omniscience, for the devout heart is known of God fully, approvingly, and in great mercy. Two features of that knowledge might have enabled the Corinthian Christian to partake of sacrifices without harm to himself: First, since an idol is an emblem of nothingness it could be argued that meats are not affected by being offered; and again in the ardent belief in the one and only God the question of food was considered irrelevant and unimportant. Certainly belief

in the one God as contrasted with the numerous non-existent deities of pagans, is a central truth solving a thousand problems and slaying unnumbered heresies. Who is the one God? "The Father"—dearest name for God—the originating source of all creation and the one goal for the believer. Who is the one Lord? Jesus Christ is the efficient agent in all creation and the Redeemer of the saved. Such knowledge imparted a power of resistance to the lesser vices connected with idolatrous sacrifices.

Gold in the Golden Text

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. Deuteronomy 6-5.

Love. "Thou shalt love." A life without love is a life without light or joy or usefulness. Our hearts are made to love. But love wisely.

Love God. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God." He is love. He is entirely and infinitely lovable. He wants us to love him. There is every reason on earth and in heaven why we should love him. There is no reason whatever why we should withhold the love that is due.

Love God supremely. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all—all—all." Love is love, but he will tolerate no rivals in our hearts. We must put him on the throne of our affections. All other loves must be lesser loves.

Love God unreservedly. "With all thine heart and with all thy soul." Not a fiber of the heart, not a nook of the mind, not a secret of the soul, not a strand of strength is to be kept from him. Love with reserve is cold love.

Love God actively. "With all thy might." Our love calls for energy. We must devote our whole mind to him. We dedicate to him all our powers. Do we really love anybody for whom we would not live, work, suffer, and if need be, die?

Home Daily Bible Readings

- September 26, The First Commandment. Ex. 20:2, 3.
- September 27, The One True God. 1 Cor. 8:4-6.
- September 28, The Great Commandment. Mark 12:28-34.
- September 29, Teaching the Commandment. Deut. 6:1-9.
- September 30, Keeping the Commandments. John 15:12-20.
- October 1, The God of All Nations. Rom. 10:10-13.
- October 2, Delight in God's Law. Psalm 119:97-104.

A TRIBUTE TO A PASTOR

Dr. J. T. King has passed into his seventh year as pastor of the First Church, Rising Star. During his ministry with us, our church has had the largest Sunday School, and B. T. U. in all its glorious history.

Dr. King has the ability to reach men for Christ, and our young people gladly follow his leadership. During the past six years there have been five of our young men surrendered to preach. His advice is sought by the young and old.

Pray for us as we journey on together as church hand pastor. Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Maynard Directors Young Peoples' Work.

AN UNUSUAL WEEK-END

By Dick O'Brien

Last Wednesday night the church at Mangum, Oklahoma, extended me a call to become their pastor. In spite of the honor bestowed on me I could not see my way clear to leave my present pastorate, so after a brief visit with them, I declined the call. Saturday morning a friend from Colorado came over and we renewed friendships and grudges on the golf course. Saturday afternoon I had a letter with a local postmark, and hesitated to open it because I have received so many disagreeable, unsigned letters since coming here. But this one was signed and was so full of kind things that it set my heart to singing. Sunday we had a wonderful crowd at all services, and the Lord gave power for victory. Brother L. D. Hull, who is our missionary pastor working on the West Side, baptized five adults in the afternoon. I baptized five in the same water at the evening service, and Brother Ortiz, our missionary to the Mexicans, baptized a man above 60 years of age immediately after I was through. We have a missionary arm to each of these groups so all of these became members of our church. We are very happy.

Hardin-Simmons News

Big Award Goes To Senior Student

Martha Jane Moore Wins National Honor

Martha Jane Moore, senior, has received the Elizabeth Lowmder fund award given each year to the highest ranking student in the nation who is going to school through aid of the Margaret fund.

The Margaret fund is for education of the children of foreign missionaries. Miss Moore is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. J. Walton Moore, formerly missionaries to China.

The H-SU student was graduated from the China Inland Mission, a British school at Shanghai, in 1934.

The award was in the form of a certificate of honor and a check for \$200.

Miss Moore is majoring in mathematics and minoring in English. Her average in three years' work has been 92 plus.

BSU Plans Active Year On Campus

S. E. Smith, president of the Baptist Student Union, is planning an active year of work.

Plans have been made to begin the campus prayer meeting at 7:30 o'clock each morning in Mr. Bond's room. Smith emphasizes the fact that all students and faculty members are urged to attend these services.

The B. S. U. is planning for and urging attendance at a series of revival services being conducted at the First Baptist church by Dr. Perry F. Webb of San Antonio.

Bill Marshall, Texas state B. S. U. secretary, will be on the campus soon to spend a week teaching a course on the B. S. U. manual. This course will be open to all students.

RAY DAVIDSON EDITS BRAND

Ray Davidson of Abilene, staff writer on the Reporter-News and senior student, was elected editor-in-chief of the Brand, student weekly paper of Hardin-Simmons University. Barefield Thomas of Abilene, junior and varsity debater was chosen business manager in the election this week.

NEWS NOTES

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a call to Levelland. He has already begun work at the new location. This fine leader will be greatly missed in Sweetwater association and District 17.

Pastor E. F. Graham of Miles reports a growing prayer meeting attendance with increased use of Bibles.

Rev. W. H. Joyner, state evangelist, is now in a fine meeting with First Church, Gregory, Texas. There were 40 additions the first week.

Dr. Carl E. Hereford of Lubbock will assist Pastor C. G. Sewell and Central Church, Phoenix, Ariz., in a revival meeting November 13-27. Miss Blanche Rose Walker will conduct a week of prayer conferences preceding the meeting.

The tenth session of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona will meet at Phoenix, October 20-21.

GULF COAST BAPTIST COMPLETES FIRST YEAR

Last week the Gulf Coast Baptist, edited by District Missionary J. D. Brannon, completed the first year of publication with the best paper of the year. Thousands of friends of Missionary Brannon throughout West Texas are happy to know of the great work which he is doing for the Lord in Houston and the Coast area. There is no more strategic field in the entire South and the Baptist work is ably represented in the missionary of District 4.

EVENTS IN OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY

C. C. Andrews, Baird, Texas. Who was the man that "during his life time killed more than thirteen hundred of his enemies, but at his death he slew more of his enemies than he slew in his life before," and what was the occasion?
—Judges 16th Chap.

H-S. U. Band Instructor



Richard Young, who has been added to the School of Music at Hardin-Simmons University, to instruct in brass instrumentation, is a graduate of Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois. While there he was assistant director of the college band. He has also studied at the Vandercook School of Music in Chicago for two years and at the Arthur Jordan School of Music, Indianapolis, for three years. E. Edwin Young is dean of the School of Music at H-SU and Marion B. McClure is professor of Band Music and director of the Cowboy Band.

Campus Prexy



G. Avery Lee, preacher, singer, debater, journalist, scholar—a student with a list of activities as big as that smile—is president of the Hardin-Simmons University student body. He was elected last spring, after a razzle-dazzle campaign.

CISCO REVIVAL

Dear Editor:
Am sure, since the report has not been made, that the brethren will be happy to learn of the glorious revival that recently came to a close in the First Baptist Church, Cisco.

At the suggestion of the pastor the meeting was held in the open. Jesse Yelvington, State Evangelist, did the preaching and George Reynolds, Childress, Texas, led the singing. Huge crowds came to hear the gospel every evening for two weeks. There were 95 conversions and additions and 76 of this number united with the church by profession of faith, statement, and by letter. Many old timers are saying this was the greatest meeting in Cisco in years.

Our first year in the church here is coming to a close. It has indeed been a glorious one. God continues to bless us.

Your brother in Christ,
JUDSON PRINCE.

Admissions to the Oregon State Hospital of patients suffering from alcohol psychosis have risen from a 1926 low of 3.6 per cent of all patients to 19.9 per cent in 1937.

The National Voice says that beer has yielded less revenue in five years than the wets promised would be yielded in one.

The Christian Science Monitor magazine quotes Mrs. Emily Post as saying that society has turned thumbs down on cocktails, which are no longer considered fashionable. The tea table has come into its own again.

Nearly fifty milk bars in the city of Sidney, Australia are dispensing 25,000 gallons of milk a week.

The only safe foundation for democratic government is Christian morality.

NEGRO BAPTISTS ARE IN EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN

By L. R. Scarborough

I had the pleasure recently of attending and speaking to two national negro conventions of Baptists—one at Fort Worth, the American National, presided over by Dr. Prince of Galveston; the other at St. Louis, The National, presided over by Dr. L. K. Williams of Chicago.

Both were largely attended by messengers from all over the United States. The meetings were harmonious and marked by great enthusiasm and power.

It was a thrill indeed to speak to them on our Southwide Revival, and urge them on their own initiative and organization to join us in seeking to win lost men to Christ. They unanimously and heartily accepted the Southern Convention's invitation and challenge, and voted to go out after lost men in all the areas of the United States. The conditions of Pentecostal revivals were accepted by them, and it is expected that all their forces will participate.

They can help us to lead many whites to Christ, and we can help to lead many negroes to Christ, if we will.

I have known and greatly valued Drs. Williams and Prince for many years. They are both great men and leaders. They will help us and we will help them in this great task.

Historical Account—

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name of the church was changed from Central Baptist Church to Coahoma Baptist Church.

Rev. F. M. Rollins succeeded Rev. Davis. In 1909 Rev. S. C. Shipley accepted the call of the Coahoma Baptist Church and labored in this field of service until 1922. Quite a bit can be said about Rev. Shipley's connection with the church because it covered such a long period of time.

Under the leadership of Rev. Shipley the church made rapid progress for a while. The final payment was made on the church building in 1915. They made the decision to move the church building to the north side of the railroad where it has remained with several alterations until recently. To Rev. Shipley we owe a word of thanks for his faithful service during a severe drouth and the World War.

Rev. Walter Smith accepted the call of the church in 1923. Rev. W. D. Green was called as pastor on September 6, 1924. During his pastorate, the church bought the first piano which took the place of an organ.

Rev. E. E. Mason was the next pastor. Soon after Rev. Mason came electric lights were installed in the church and a new annex was built on the west side of the building. Rev. L. A. Thigpen accepted the pastorate in 1929 but stayed only a short time. The church did not have a pastor for a period of six months.

By showing its eagerness to go forward, God directed the church to call Rev. W. R. Derr in January, 1929. The lively work of Rev. Derr caused it to become necessary to reseat the church. Seats were secured July 12, 1930, at a cost of \$616.00.

The church enjoyed its first homecoming in the spring of 1932. Rev. W. D. Green was called a second time serving until January, 1935. Rev. A. A. Watson was the first pastor to serve full time, making it necessary to buy a house for the pastor's home. The church paid \$575.00 for the parsonage.

The present pastor, Rev. N. W. Pitts, was called into this field of service in February, 1937. He immediately began to encourage the church to construct a new building, since the old one was well worn and inadequate to take care of our Sunday school needs. Miss Ramsey Saunders generously donated lots for the new building, making the location more desirable. Liberal donations from members and friends made it possible for the church to be erected.

Grounds were broken for the erection of the new building in March, 1938. Workmen immediately began to build. The first service was held in this new building July 31, 1938.

Each year since this church has been organized, there have been revival meetings which have been greatly blessed by our Lord. Much good has been received and the results will last through eternity. It is our greatest aim and need to win the lost to Christ and so carry out the Great Commission.

This history was written of the homecoming service of the church, September 11, 1938.

Mrs. Frances Pingrey of Niles Center, Illinois, has been awarded \$20,000 damages against the owner of a tavern which sold liquor to the woman driving a car which struck and injured Mrs. Pingrey.

SUGGESTED QUOTAS FOR THE ANNUAL BUDGET

Sweetwater Association, 1938-1939

In accordance with the order of the Association in its annual meeting and upon the request of the Executive Board that such quotas be released at the earliest possible date, we, your committee, bring the following quotas as suggested for the churches as suggested share for the annual budget:

Abilene, First Church	\$360.00
Abilene, University	175.00
Abilene, South Side	150.00
Abilene, Immanuel	50.00
Abilene, Sunset	20.00
Abilene, Temple	20.00
Abilene, Calvary	20.00
Abilene, North Park	20.00
Blackwell	75.00
Blair	20.00
Caps	10.00
Cedar Gap	50.00
Colony Hill	10.00
Elmdale	10.00
Hamby	40.00
Hylton	20.00
Lawn	10.00
Mt. Olive	30.00
Mt. Pleasant	10.00
Merkel	175.00
Moro	10.00
Neill	30.00
New Live Oak	20.00
Nolan	60.00
Ovalo	20.00
Salt Branch	30.00
Shep	40.00
Sweetwater, First	175.00
Sweetwater, Lamar	40.00
Trent	40.00
Tye	20.00
View	20.00
White Flat	10.00
Maryneal	10.00

Each church is requested to take up their suggested quota, pass on it, and notify Mr. Joe P. Self, Merkel, Texas, (Treasurer of the Sweetwater Association) at the earliest date possible as to the disposition of same.

Respectfully submitted,
Alfred A. Brian, Chairman
Joe P. Self
C. D. Owen,
Committee.

DR. DETER KEPT BUSY

For one of the few Sundays since he has been in the States, Dr. A. B. Deter of Curitiba, Brazil, rested September 25, his idea of a rest being attending all services at First Church Abilene, during the revival being conducted by Dr. Perry Webb.

Thursday of this week he is to speak at chapel at H-SU, where his daughter, Virginia, is a student. Sunday he will be with the South Side Church, Abilene, and East Fourth Street Big Spring. October 9, he will be with First Church Wichita Falls; October 15, he will speak in the Foreign Mission day program at the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville. Following that he and Mrs. Deter will spend a few days with her people at Rochester, New York, and a short time with their son, Dick, who is in the employ of the National Broadcasting Company, New York. They will then sail for Brazil, arriving about November 19.

This week Dr. and Mrs. Deter are enjoying a visit from their son, Captain Dwight Deter, U. S. Medical Corps, stationed at William Beaumont Base Hospital, El Paso.

LAYMEN'S PROGRAM

District Seventeen Meeting. Abilene, October 17.
E. S. Cummings, District Layman Leader, Presiding.
7:00 Song and Prayer.
7:15 "Our October Objectives"—Rev. C. E. Hereford, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Lubbock.
7:45 "Mobilizing Our Men"—F. B. Malone; M. D., Lubbock.
8:15 "Plans and Purposes"—Missionary B. N. Shepherd, Abilene.
8:45 "1939"—Dr. R. C. Campbell, Executive Secretary, Dallas.

It has been said that "Hell is paved with good intentions." "Procrastination is the thief of time." "Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today." "Regularity is a virtue." "Habit is like a sewing thread in the life of a child, but the same becomes a cable tow in the life of the grown man."

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PROGRAM

Cisco Baptist Association
Meeting at First Church, Ranger,
October 6-7, 1938

W. M. U. PROGRAM

Thursday, October 6, Morning Session:

9:30—Song Service, led by Mrs. J. R. Bucy, Rising Star.

9:40—Devotional, Mrs. J. I. Cartledge, Eastland.

9:50—Greeting, Mrs. Charles T. Tally, Ranger.

10:00—Response, Mrs. W. M. Joslin, Albany.

10:10—Special Music, Ranger.

10:15—Recognition of Visitors and Wives of Ministers.

10:20—Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer's Report, Mrs. W. V. Gardense, Cisco.

10:20—Corresponding Secretary-Albany Mrs. R. E. Richie

Breckenridge Mrs. George L. Kelly

Caddo Mrs. Bess Carey

Carbon Mrs. John Hendricks

Cisco East Mrs. R. L. Garrett

Cisco First Mrs. W. W. Fewell

Desdemona Mrs. H. H. Williams

Eastland Mrs. W. S. Adamson

Gorman Mrs. Homer Miller

Moran Mrs. Glenn Cottle

Olden Mrs. C. P. Croft

Pioneer Mrs. W. H. Brooks

Ranger Mrs. W. L. Jackson

Rising Star Mrs. Joe Small

11:40—District President's Message, Mrs. J. B. Buckley.

12:10—Announcements.

12:15—Solo, Mrs. Phillip McGahey, Breckenridge.

12:30—Adjourn for Lunch.

Thursday, Afternoon Session.

1:45—Song Service, led by Mrs. Phillip McGahey.

1:55—Devotional, Mrs. Judson Prince, Cisco.

2:10—Special Music, Ranger.

2:15—Reports of Standing Committees:

Benevolence, Mrs. Craton Adams, Okra.

Missions, Mrs. Leon McPherson, Cisco.

Mission Study, Mrs. H. H. Goodnight, Caddo.

Personal Service, Mrs. H. N. Balderee, Olden.

Stewardship, Mrs. Lawrence Martin, Moran.

Education, Mrs. C. C. Cash, Ranger.

Periodicals, Mrs. H. D. Blair, Cisco.

Margaret Fund Mother, Mrs. J. R. Bucy, Rising Star.

Young People, Mrs. Phillip McGahey, Breckenridge.

3:15—Address, Mrs. P. D. O'Brien, District Y. P. Leader.

3:30—Report of Nominating Committee; Election of Officers.

3:40—Solo, Rev. H. D. Blair.

3:55—Address (John 9:4), Miss Viola Humphreys, Missionary to China.

Thursday Night:

7:00 Devotional and Song Ser-

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vice, Rev. Russell Dennis, Pioneer.

7:20—Organization.

Election of Officers.

Report on Public Morals, Judge Homer Bouldin, Moran.

Religious Literature, Rev. J. I. Cartledge, Eastland.

Hospital, Mrs. A. A. Davis, Carbon.

8:15—Sextet, Ranger.

Annual Sermon, Rev. Judson Prince, Cisco.

Friday Morning:

9:00—Song Service and Devotional, Rev. H. N. Balderee, Olden.

9:20—Appointment of Committees.

Report of Committee on Order of Business.

Buckner Orphan's Home, Rev. A. A. Davis, Carbon.

Treasurer's Report.

Report of Associational Missionary, Rev. H. D. Blair.

Associational Missions, Rev. Judson Prince, Cisco.

Report of State Missions, Rev. Orville Richardson, Nimrod.

Report of Home Missions, Rev. W. M. Joslin, Albany.

Report of Foreign Missions, Rev. Wilson Akins, Caddo.

Message by Dr. Thomas Taylor, Howard Payne College, Brownwood.

Report of Committee on Obituary, Rev. N. A. Sanders, Gorman.

Recognition of Visitors.

11:30—Song Service and Missionary Sermon, Chas. T. Tally, Jr.

Lunch.

Friday Afternoon:

1:45—Devotional, Rev. Wilson Akins, Caddo.

2:00—Report of Sunday School, Mr. Raymond Waller, Moran.

Report of B. T. U., Mrs. Chas. T. Tally, Jr., Ranger.

Report of W. M. U., Mrs. H. N. Balderee, Olden.

Report of Laymen, Mr. Carter King, Albany.

Message, "Co-ordinating Educational Work of Church," J. D. Riddle, Abilene.

Christian Education, Rev. P. C. McGahey, Breckenridge.

Address, "Place of Christian Schools," Dr. N. A. Moore, Hardin-Simmons U.

Report of Committee on Committees.

Report of Nominating Committee, Rev. H. D. Christian, Cisco.

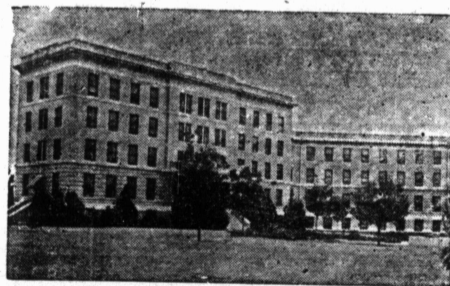
Report of Digest of Letters, Mrs. P. C. McGahey, Breckenridge.

5:00—Adjourn.

SENTENCE SERMONS

By O. D. Henley
One Excuse may keep a soul out of Heaven; but millions of excuses cannot keep a soul out of Hell.
The habits of the wise are simple. Moments of sin deprive us of an eternity of blessing.
A sinner wants Christ no worse than he wants to forsake his sins.
Our best deeds are done without premeditation.
All sin causes more or less despondency.
Satan rejoices when anyone fails; don't be like him.
The road back is a sad track.

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E. M. Collier, Superintendent

W. M. U. DEPARTMENT

Inspirational Address On W. M. U. Work

Given by Mrs. Phil McGahey at
Sweetwater Association

Far reaching in vision, with an unconquerable spirit, and deeply conscious of the great significance of our God-given three-fold ministry of missions, education and benevolence, our women have gone into every nook and corner of this entire state, obeying their Master who said to Mary, on that early resurrection morning, "Go tell my brethren."

We do not wonder at the progress of our women when we think of the many missionary study books that they have studied from year to year. Then each month coming together to study their Bible in the most effective ways. Studying to show themselves approved unto God.

This year our Womens' Missionary Union are celebrating their Jubilee Anniversary of the Southern Baptist Convention. Oh, how notably they have carried on. Like Mary, they have been standing across the Cross of Jesus, beholding the world's greatest tragedy with bleeding hearts; yet seeing in it the world's greatest hope for redemption; the shedding of the blood of the crucified One.

We want our message to be like the great preacher of the first century when he said: "I am determined to know nothing among us save Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

Our women have carried on with unshaken trust and conquering courage, believing in the promise of Jesus "Lo, I'll be with you always."

We realize that all is obtained through prayer, so the special prayer hour is urged, then calling our women together three times a year for special seasons of prayer which have brought untold good.

The women have seen the beckoning hand of Jesus, and the cloud of encompassing witnesses leading them on to greater victory to bring in His kingdom; and with faces to front, girding our armor more closely about us, lifting the shield of faith high, as a goal rather than protection, we press forward into the work with a determination in our hearts to be busy, always realizing that Jesus is our captain, and He has said, "I'll be with you to the end."

There is a beautiful golden thread which runs through our W. M. U. work; connecting us with the entire world and making us to work in one accord. Without this thread we would fail.

It is the thread of missions. It is connected at one end with the throne of Heaven and with the other end the Cross of Calvary. In its texture is woven the love of God for lost people. It shines with the sheen of the street of the new Jerusalem and is as the promise of God to His people to save a lost world.

Dr. Lyman Beecher was asked what is the greatest thing that a person can do in this world. Dr. Beecher said the greatest thing was to win a lost soul to Jesus Christ.

The coming of the women very early in the morning bringing sweet spices, evidences their love for their great friend and Master. We find here a perfect illustration of pure love. Without love we cannot evangelize.

God loved and he gave his only son. Jesus loved and he trod the Via Delaroso and flung himself upon a Roman cross as the world's offering. Our brave men of the world war loved—their bodies lies in Flanders field, while their spirits wing out as a priceless heritage.

Our women have a place in winning to Christ because Jesus said to Mary first, "Go tell." First to the woman at Jacob's well, he revealed the Messiah. First to His chosen Maiden, God had told of the world's Saviour.

The task is before us, and our love for Him in full adoration we should go forward to put first the King and His kingdom.

"He that provideth not for his own hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel." So in our graded Womens Missionary Union we have our family taken care of. Training our children from the age of 6. Training them for the men and women of tomorrow.

During the world war a French captain looked over his army and said, "Men, I have a task for one of you to do. It means privation and probably death. Who of you love your country enough to say you will go?" From its lines three Frenchmen stepped out. The captain, turning to an American Red Cross man, demanded him to say which of the

men must go. The American Red Cross man said he remembered a game he played when he was a boy back home. So he played the game that day, saying: "Eenie, meenie, miney, mo; 1, 2, 3; you must go." The Frenchman who was selected to go stepped out, mounted his horse, rode out into the rain and darkness; then turning with a smile on his face, "That was a fine game that you played with us today. And I won, didn't I?" There are many of our brightest youth who have been chosen by the Great Captain to "Go." The ride off into the rains of discouragements, into the darkness of heathenism. If you or I have been the right kind of leaders for them, they shall someday mount upon high and with a smile shall say, "I won, didn't I?"

There is a myth which tells that in a far away land there was let down from Heaven a golden ball. It is said that whoever touched the ball might receive a peculiar blessing. Day succeeded day and dawn succeeded dawn and no one was able to touch the golden ball. A nold grey haired man said, "Let us lift up a youth that he might touch the ball and through him we all might receive a blessing." Nearly 2,000 years ago there was let down from Heaven a Saviour of the world. It was said, "Whosoever shall look upon him shall receive eternal life." Are we as grown men and women going to lift our youth up, through our training them, that they too might have eternal life and that through them and our winning them might receive a blessing.

Only yesterday, I read of an awful tragedy, the wholesale loss of life because of the negligence of one whose duty it was to keep in repair the bridges over which a fast train must span an awful chasm.

My first thought was of the spiritual condition of those who were killed and I wondered is each had crossed safely the spiritual bridge to eternal life ere the summons came.

God has honored us in letting us deal with young people in making bridge builders for boys and girls who are passing through the most critical period of their life. Oh, that we may realize that the chasm, the years of restless, thoughtless youth, must be spanned; that, at this time, when the sullen stream of sin threatens to engulf him, someone must throw the bridge of eternal life across the turbulent waters.

Would that I were an artist that I might paint for you a picture of life. On the left I would paint a wide road with hundreds thousands, yes, millions of America's brightest and best standing looking upon this road. The horrible thing I would have to paint would be, men and women, the words, "Church Members" written across them, beckoning to these young people. Pointing for them to look at the avenue of seeming pleasure. They show them the card tables, the alluring lights of the road houses standing wide open. Life of ease and luxury beckons. They do not show them that around this crooked road there are pitfalls that they cannot see; there are snares that they cannot detect. There are chasms that they cannot cross. Oh, is there no one to build the bridge so sorely needed? On they go, the promising youth; down and down; until we hear that awful wail, "Lost! Lost! Lost!"

Now let me paint another road. Narrow though it seems, yet we see thousands of our young people joyfully going on their way. Day by day we witness self-sacrifice; we observe noble deeds done for the Master's glory; we see joy and peace and happiness in the lives of those who travel therein. And at the end we hear the Master's voice as he says, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of our Lord."

Is there any need today of this great bridge building? The need is the same today as it was when our Lord stood on the mountain in Galilee and said, "Go teach."

What unspeakable joy, when, through your efforts, my fellow workers, the gulf is spanned, the chasm crossed and shouts of newborn souls are heard as they pass over the newly-formed bridge of life eternal in Jesus Christ, the hope of the world.

Jesus builded the first bridge when

he spanned the gulf with his own body for the lost sinner to pass safely from death unto life. He wants us to be bridge builders over the same chasm of life to make roads easier and burdens lighter for our cides, divorces and sins in every way young people in this day when sui-prevail.

And old man going a lone highway, Came, at the evening, cold and gray,

To a chasm vast, and deep, and wide,

Through which was flowing a sullen tide.

The old man crossed in the twilight dim,

The sullen stream had no fears for him

But he turned, when safe on the other side,

And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old Man," said a fellow pilgrim near

You are wasting strength with building here;

Your journey never again must pass this way;

You have crossed the chasm deep and wide—

Why build you the bridge at eventide?"

The buidler lifted his old gray head:

"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,

There followeth after me today

A youth, whose feet must pass this way.

This chasm, that has been naught to me,

To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be—

He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;

Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."

About five years ago the king of England was to speak over a radio hook-up. Fifty-nine radio receiving stations were ready. Just as the king was ready and the people all over the world tense for fear that they would not hear a word, someone tripped over the wires in the main station, breaking them asunder. Mr. Harold Vivian, the chief controller, grasped the wires in his hands, standing for 15 minutes until the king had finished. The doctor said, "Mr. Vivian, why did you risk your life like this?" Mrs. Vivian answered, "The king's message had to go through."

Nearly 2,000 years ago the King of Kings and Lord of Lords spoke words of royal invitation. He planned that the message reach the uttermost parts of the world. There were no telephones, telegraphs or even radio hook-up stations; however, He planned a way. Salvation and peace was to be transmitted through human agencies. The great love of God was to so energize the hearts of men and women, boys and girls that there would be no chance for the current to be cut off.

Today we are looking to our young people as never before. We must teach them the necessity of giving out the King's message. If we fail, what then?

RAMBLING REMARKS

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if our churches should not use more prophylactic measures, and thereby reduce the need of therapeutic procedure. ((See Webster)... I appreciate the thoughtfulness of the person down at H-SU who sends me the Brand each week. I would like to see the expression on Dr. W. D. Bond's face when he reaches the last verb in the first editorial of the last issue. I think the Brand is well edited this year, thanks for putting my name on the mailing list...

Speaking of funny things in news items, didja read that one the other day where the writer was telling about the funniest things that happen in sports? Among other things, he said, "If a football player tears his pants from California to Florida to Maine it throws the crowd into hysterics. It seems to me that a rip like that would merit some reaction from the crowd... I tried to build a dog house for the twins' pup. I remarked to a friend passing by that I was afraid I did not have enough lumber to finish it, and he replied, "Sure you have, use your head." He went away laughing like he had said something smart, but I can't figure out what it was... I wish preachers would quit saying "thi-sour" for "this hour."

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

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Balance on Hand at Beginning of Period	\$104.08
Receipts:	
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Total Receipts	731.36
Total	\$835.39
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Missionary	\$770.00
Total Disbursements	\$770.00
Balance on Hand at End of Period	65.39
Total	\$835.39

I hereby certify that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Rev. A. A. Brian,
Treasurer.

PROGRAM

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October 6, 1938

Theme: Responsibility of the Church in Teaching and Training New Members.

10:00, Song and Praise arranged by Buster Horton.

10:10, Devotional, Mrs. S. J. T. Williams.

10:20, Teaching the Bible, Rev. W. C. Ashford.

10:40, Responsibility of Training, Lem Ray, Shep.

11:00, Responsibility of the W. M. U., Mrs. J. R. Fielder.

11:20, Responsibility of the Brotherhood, E. S. Cummings.

11:40, Special Music.

11:45, Sermon, Rev. G. N. Elrod, Roscoe.

12:15, Lunch.

1:30, W. M. S. and Executive Board Meetings.

2:00, October Mission Month, B. N. Shepherd.

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A New Program Calling For 3,600 New Unions

By T. C. Gardner

There are more than six hundred full-time churches in Texas. All but a few of them have not enlisted, trained and developed more than forty per cent of their membership. Someone recently said, "There are 659,000 white Baptists in Texas, but only about 200,000 of them are systematic proportionate givers, that not more than 200,000 are giving anything to the Baptist Cooperative Program."

I do not know whether the above statement is true or not, but I do know that all Baptists need to be trained, indoctrinated, informed, inspired and challenged. They need to be trained to give at least one-seventh of their time and one-tenth of their income to the Lord. I also know that the Baptist Training Union is an organization designed to train our Baptist people in keeping with the will of Christ Jesus. We believe that if we are going to enlist the unenlisted, train the untrained and develop the undeveloped, we must set up new training union organizations that will have a place in them for every member of the family.

A New Organization Program
Many of the full-time churches in Texas are making an effort now to organize at least one new union in each of the six departments. This calls for the following new unions: Beginner, Primary, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, and Adult.

Six new unions set up in each of the six hundred full-time churches in Texas would be a total of 3,600 new unions. Each new union would call for a minimum of seven new officers, or a total of 25,200. Think of the value of giving special work—jobs, if you please—to 25,200 people. We believe that the 3,600 new unions could begin with an average attendance of fifteen to each union. This would immediately add 54,000 to the attendance of the Baptist Training Union in Texas.

One church plans to have half as many unions meeting on Sunday night as there are classes meeting at Sunday school hour Sunday morning. A good plan to set up new adult unions is to interest a Sunday school class made up of the wives of another class of men and get the two

classes to be responsible for organizing a new union.

Men and women need fellowship; they like to meet each other. The adult union provides an opportunity for men and women to read the Bible together, study things together; pray together, win souls together, and have their social functions together. Church groups that pray and play together, stay together.

If you are a member of a full-time church, take this plan of new organization to your pastor, educational director, and B. T. U. director. We desire to start an honor roll immediately of those churches that will undertake this before our State B. T. U. Convention meets in Wichita Falls November 24-25-26.

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