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ESSAYS



By J. Henry Littleton

It has been some time since I had an article for the West Texas Baptist. The camps are over and now I will try to resume these lines once a week.

The Encampment was one of the best we have had in many years. The attendance was large. We have no way of knowing how many attended. I would guess around fifteen hundred. I hope we can work out a plan by next year so that we can number each one coming on the grounds. The program was one of the best. The offering was the best we have had in many years. We cannot as yet make a complete report but will work this week getting one together.

We had something over five hundred girls and more than three hundred boys in attendance. There were many conversions and rededications. I feel like the camps this year were worth more than all we have put into it. Let's begin now building a better and larger camp. Mrs. Woodrum led the camps in a great way. The district should be proud of her as their young people's leader.

We are in the day of emergencies. Many things to be done. The first and most important just now for Texas Baptists is to raise the \$35,000 for our soldier work. The Seventeenth District will meet this emergency in a worthy way. We raised nearly twenty-five hundred in the other drive. We will do more this time. No church or member or pastor who passes this opportunity can face on the street, without a blush of shame, these fellows in uniform who are giving themselves in such a worthy way.

Many are in their summer meetings now and many others will be soon. Let us pray daily that many will be led to know Christ in these services.

RUNNELS ASSN. TRAINING U. MEETS AT BALLINGER

"Growing a Great Training Union" was the theme of the meeting of the Runnels Association Training Union meeting at Ballinger Sunday afternoon, July 13. A devotional talk of Miss Genevieve King of Ballinger and an address by Alton Low of Winters were features of the program. A group from Winters brought special music. Monthly association meetings will be held in the future instead of zone meetings.

EVENTS TO COME

- July 14-20 — Lampasas Encampment, Lampasas.
- July 15-23 — Central Texas Encampment, Latham Springs, near Hillsboro.
- July 19-25 — Training Union Assembly, Ridgecrest.
- July 21-29 — Alto Frio Encampment, Frio Canyon, near Leakey.
- July 29-August 7 — Paisano Encampment, Paisano Pass, between Alpine and Marfa.
- August 18-24 — Brotherhood Encampment, Ceta Canyon.
- August 18-24 — District 10 Encampment, Ceta Glen, near Canyon.
- August 23-31 — Preachers School, Ridgecrest.
- August 25-26 — Southwestern Religious Education Association, Seminary Hill.
- August 25-26 — Brotherhood Rally, Lake Brownwood.
- August 28 — Runnels Association, Wilmett.
- August 28 — Clay Association, Vashiti.
- September 2 — Panhandle Association, Memphis.
- September 2 — Baylor-Knox Association, Vera.
- September 3 — Fisher Association, Highland Home.
- September 4-5 — Cochran-Hockley Association, Levelland.

MANY CONVERTS WON BY INVINCIBLE TWENTY-TWO

By Lemon Prichett

A good report of workers in the Medina River Association: Only 13 of the 22 workers left Kerrville Saturday for San Antonio. The Medina River Association had terminated the fourth week of their trip. The rest of the workers stayed on their fields to conclude their work and come later. If any discouragement was met by these workers, only a glance at the beautiful mountains in Southwest Texas, fringed with the blue of the sky, would inspire them on to greater heights.

Wherever these workers go, they are given every kind of work to do: teaching study courses, taking religious census, conducting Vacation Bible Schools, forming new classes and departments, standardizing them, and many of the workers supply for the pastor during their stay in the church.

Last week a revival with reviving results was reported in McNeal near Luling. The workers here were Miss Leota Corder, Miss Opal Webb and Mr. Wayne Britton. Week before last Mr. Duane Parker held a week's revival at the First Baptist Church Mission in New Braunfels where Brother M. C. Todd is the pastor.

In Comfort new Sunday schools were organized under Miss Ruby Wheat. Last week including the revival, 48 souls were saved from the imperiling clutches of sin. These workers hope to pass the mark they made last year. Let's give them our prayers.

The Invincible Twenty-two terminated their stay in the San Antonio Association July 5. In spite of the holiday on the fourth, good reports were given. For the past four weeks the workers have reported 207 conversions, with innumerable rededications and convictions. The largest number of converts was reported by the Theo. Avenue Church where Miss Ruth Brigham and Miss Frances Osborne are assisting Brother Willis J. Ray, our district missionary, in conducting a revival. Brother A. D. Skinner is the pastor.

At Charlotte, where Miss Imogene Wilhelm and Miss Ruby Wheat worked, an interpreter was required to speak to the Mexicans in the Vacation Bible School. The results in San Antonio Association are as follows: 50 conversions; 9 V. B. S. with near 400 enrolled; 216 enrolled in classes; 126 examinations; 4 new Sunday School departments organized; 212 at the commencement program at Palm Heights.

The first award of eight books were awarded to Mitchell Terrace where Rev. Ralph Gresham is pastor. Miss Opal Webb and Bobbie Copeland were the workers there. This church has 80 members and had 95 present at the commencement program. The second award went to Blomdard where Rev. J. F. High is pastor. The workers at this church were Mrs. H. H. Hamon and Miss Leota Corder.

DISTRICT 6 MISSION TEAM VISITS IN OLD MEXICO

By Bobby Copeland

It was late Friday night when I arrived in Dilley, after helping in the camps for girls and boys at Lueders. The workers took a tour over into Old Mexico Saturday to see the sights. We are really proud of our dear old United States. We came to Carrizo Springs for a Mexican dinner then on to Uvalde late that afternoon for our new assignments.

Rock Springs, where I am working is a dandy place. The pastor and his wife are a young couple doing a great work among the ranch people. I am trying to interest them in coming to H-SU to complete their education.

I will be here until Sunday, then from July 21 to 29 at the Alto Frio Encampment. The first week of August I will be with the First Church of Lockhart, then for two weeks will help Brother Willis Ray in a two weeks meeting in San Antonio.

"I am offering my services, at my church's expense, to appear before any meeting that would seek to increase its offering to this \$300,000 fund by July 27. A lot of things I couldn't speak on, but this is one that I feel I could say something about that would turn people to the need of this offering."—Pastor Oley C. Kidd, First Baptist Church, Tullahoma, Tenn.

BAPTIST MEN IN SERVICE



Our Boys— "CARRY CHRIST TO OUR CAMPS"

By J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Baptist Home Mission Board

"And now concerning the collection" for the Camp Work on July 27. In cooperation with your state secretary I am appealing to you for the offering for camp work.

Out of our homes—your home and mine—have marched 750,000 sunny-faced lads into the army camps of the South. These boys away from home are meeting an emergency sacrificially. They have given up job, home, sweetheart, church. They are being up-rooted and planted into an abnormal life. Home, family, friends, churches—all that has been their accustomed environment—are far away.

They are facing temptations to live carelessly, to let standards slip, to permit the pattern of Christian living to be blurred and obscured.

Shall we not provide for their spiritual needs? They are giving their best. Let us give them our best. Let us carry Christ to them while they are in training.

In behalf of these boys I am appealing to you. Your church is interested because these boys are members, and will come back to the church with their habits of church attendance broken unless we provide for their spiritual needs while they are in training. It would be a tragedy to save our country at the loss of the souls of the boys!

Give liberally to the Emergency Offering for Camp Work on July 27.

"Defend The Defenders"

By Carson Taylor

That there may be certainty in the minds of all as to the reason for the elimination of beer from the camps let's do some third grade arithmetic. A whiskey glass holds one ounce. Whiskey is usually about half alcohol, so the person who drinks a glass of whiskey will get a half ounce of alcohol. A bottle of beer contains twelve ounces. The alcohol content will run from four to six per cent or even more. Let's say four per cent. Any third grader will tell you that four times twelve is 48. So the difference between the amount of alcohol in a bottle of four per cent beer and a glass of fifty per cent whiskey is a mere matter of two drops out of a hundred, what the older pupils would call two per cent.

If it was six per cent beer (six times twelve equal 72) it would actually contain twenty-two drops per hundred more alcohol than a glass of whiskey. So the person who drinks six glasses of four per cent beer per day is getting the same amount of alcohol as the person who drinks six whiskeys per day.

Leading physicians like the Mayo Brothers and Haven Emerson, of Columbia, say that the person who drinks even two or three whiskeys per day is definitely on the way to becoming an alcohol addict. There is only one cause of alcoholism (a disease)—only one thing that makes a person an alcohol addict (creates the craving)—one thing only that is responsible for every drunkard—who, by the way, was first a moderate alcohol addict before he became an immoderate one, i.e., a drunkard—and that is the addition of small dose to small dose of alcohol.

There is no natural desire for alcohol like there is for food and the gratification of other instinctive desires. If a man uses alcoholic liquors, it is because he has been, induced in some way to take it a sufficient number of times to establish a craving for its narcotic effect. (This is the "chance" the brewers wish to exploit with the boys in the camps).

The brewers are much more familiar with these things than are the fathers and mothers whose boys are

STORY OF BURKS' DEATH GIVEN BY EVANGELIST

By Avery C. Willis

The many friends of the late Rev. E. E. Burks, pastor at Pearsall, Texas, who accidentally shot himself with a 22 rifle Saturday, June 14, have requested that I write an article to you concerning his death.

Bro. Burks was at his home alone about 9 a. m. and by all indications, he had planned to oil his gun, as the oil can was sitting on the porch near him. The verdict of the sheriff, doctor, and coroner was that he set the hammerless 22 down in natural position, and it being loaded went off and resulted in his death four hours later.

They took the gun out and set it down three times consecutively and it snapped each time. The sheriff remarked if the gun had been any account this man would still be alive.

Bro. Burks was one of the most promising young ministers in Texas. He started to High School when he was 19 years old in Blytheville, Ark. He received his L. I. degree from Junior Baptist College, Jonesboro, Ark., his A. B. degree from Union University, Jackson, Tennessee, and his Th. B. and M. R. E. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

He was a very successful pastor with a shepherd's heart, also, he had an evangelistic fervor that few pastors have. You seldom ever saw him without a tract or something in his pocket for one of his members.

He pastored, while in school, Bay, Arkansas, North Jackson Baptist Church in Jackson, Tennessee, and South Mayde, Texas. His first pastorate after leaving the Seminary was Throckmorton, Texas, where he spent three years and did a very constructive work. Moving from Throckmorton to Pearsall about a year ago, Bro. Burks had everything to encourage him.

The Pearsall Church had made great progress under his leadership. The budget of the church almost doubled. They had just raised his salary, and had given him a vacation in order that they might go to Canada to visit Mrs. Burks' father and relatives. He had looked forward to this trip and had made all preparations to go the following week. Bro. Burks was elected moderator of the Winter Garden Association. He also had been requested to teach a course in Alto-Frio Encampment this summer.

He was held in high esteem by the town. He had preached the baccalaureate sermon in high school a few weeks before his death. The members of the other churches, business men and the men of the street were there to mourn his death with his dear wife and three daughters and a host of others.

The funeral services were conducted by Dr. Perry F. Webb, of the First Baptist Church of San Antonio, who baptized Bro. Burks 16 years ago, and by Dr. Alford Carpenter in the First Baptist Church, Blytheville, Ark.

Mrs. Burks' present address is 51 Worthey Road, London, Ontario, Canada. She says that her heart is with Southern Baptists, so she plans to return to Texas and do some type of religious work as the Lord opens to her.

MISSION GROUP REPORTS SAFE ARRIVAL IN AFRICA

Nine Southern Baptist missionaries, who with three children sailed for Nigeria, Africa, in May on board the Egyptian steamer El Nil, have cabled the Foreign Mission Board reporting their safe arrival at Lagos, Nigeria. West Texans are especially interested in this news as the list included Miss Mildred Smith of Abilene and Winters and Dr. and Mrs. H. Glenn Walker and their two small sons, who now count Midland as home.

The Walkers will go to Ogbomoso, where he will have charge of the leper colony. Miss Smith will go to Iwo; Rev. and Mrs. I. N. Patterson and their son to Abeokuta; while Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Adair with Misses Alma Graves and Margarte Marchman will remain at Lagos.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul O'Neal, with their daughter Ann, and other missionaries from the ill-fated Zam Zam, have arrived in the United States from Europe, where they were taken by a German raider. Their plans for the future are uncertain.

No man has yet spoken something that isn't so when he has told what the Lord said.—Lyman Wren.

HISTORIC PAGEANT WILL FEATURE GREATER H-SU PROGRAM SUNDAY NIGHT

Baptist churches in Abilene will dismiss preaching services Sunday night for the Christian Education program and pageant which will be held at the Hardin-Simmons stadium, beginning at 8:15.

Features of the program will be a massed choir from all the churches, a pageant depicting historical events of Christian Education, including the founding and growth of Hardin-Simmons University, and an address by President W. R. White.

The pageant will be under the direction of Miss Willie Ray McDonald, H-SU graduate and former speech arts teacher, now of San Antonio. Abilene alumni have a number of committees at work on the preparation for the occasion.

Pageant scenes will portray the session of Sweetwater Association which voted to found a Baptist "high school" at Abilene and will continue through the early days of the institution, the administration of the late President J. D. Sandefer and conclude with the coming of President White.

A public address system will carry the words of the speakers to the thousands who are expected to fill the football stadium at Parnamore Field.

EXTENSION LIBRARY TO OPEN JANUARY 1

The matter of the Extension Library of the Southwestern Seminary for the benefit of preachers in the Southwest has progressed to the place that the committee feels certain that it can be put into operation by January 1, 1942.

The nucleus of the Library has been provided in the gift of 1300 books, the same being the personal library of the late Dr. Forest Smith of Fort Worth and president of the Seminary Board of Trustees. Plans are under way for the housing of this library at the Seminary where it will be supervised by Dr. L. R. Elliott, librarian.

At a recent meeting the committee voted unanimously to begin operation of this service January 1, 1942. The following rules were adopted.

1. Membership Fee. Two dollars per year. Postage on books paid by the Extension Library (under present postage rates). This membership fee helps to defray the expense of postage and to expand the resources of the library.

2. Membership. For all Baptist preachers and other Christian workers.

3. Borrowing Limit. Books may be borrowed for 30 days, and may be renewed for 30 days provided there is no other request for the book. As a rule not more than three books may be borrowed at any one time.

4. Each borrower is responsible for all loss and damage to books beyond ordinary wear.

It is the hope of this committee that a larger number of preachers of the Southwest will become constant users of the library. The committee is requesting the West Texas Baptist to give publicity to this project. More information will be presented at the State Brotherhood Convention and State Convention at Abilene this fall. Signed: L. R. Scarbrough, Seminary, L. R. Elliott, Seminary, A. D. Foreman, Jr., Amarillo, Floyd Chaffin, Coleman, Clarence A. Morton, Chairman, Ballinger.

ATTENDANCE REPORTS OF WESTEX CHURCHES

Send reports of Sunday School and Training Union attendance to Box 1560 in time to reach this office by Tuesday morning.

Sunday School Reports		
Church	Enr.	Att.
Littlefield (rain)	512	217
Crosbyton	386	213
Drasco	135	76
Cross Roads	94	68
Tye	80	55
Johnson Chapel	66	35
Training Union		
Cross Roads	71	31

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THE FIGHT CONTINUES

The victory won by dry forces in Texas in a district court only two brief weeks ago has been lost, temporarily at least, an injunction from an appellate court restraining the enforcement of the law prohibiting physicians from writing more than a limited number of prescriptions for liquor. The case is to be heard on its merits July 24 and regardless of the decision on that date, we may be assured that the final word rests with the state supreme court, which is now in recess.

Meanwhile, those drug stores which have made liquor selling their chief business, and those doctors who have prostituted one of the most noble professions, are again in business in full blast, and young people, in uniform and out, are being debauched by this nefarious traffic in narcotics.

Dry forces in Abilene and Brownwood, in cooperation with the Texas United Drys, have employed an able attorney to assist the attorney general's department in the defense of this suit. Such a step costs no small amount of money and churches and church people, upon whom the burden of the anti-whiskey fight always falls, have been niggardly in their support of the dry organization.

First Church, Abilene, last Sunday took a free-will offering amounting to around \$200 for use in the present effort to stop the flood of prescription liquor. If other churches would follow their leadership in this respect, a war chest for the dry forces could be built up which would avoid costly delays—costly in economic loss of purchasing power which should go to legitimate business, costly in traffic accidents and in lost earning power, costly in happiness blighted and lives ruined, costly in souls swept to destruction through the sale of narcotic alcohol.

A BAPTIST SERVICE ORGANIZATION

A recent issue of the Baptist Student Magazine advanced the suggestion that the Baptist Student Union be expanded to include soldiers as well as students. While such a plan would probably be a great influence among college men in the army, we doubt that it would do much toward reaching the men who did not have that connection as college students.

But an adaptation of that idea to include all men, in whatever branch of the national defense service they may be found, is, we believe, the keynote to Baptist work in the camps. From what we hear of Dr. Alfred Carpenter, he appears to be the man to launch such an organization on a Southwide basis.

The B. S. U. has been of inestimable service in binding Baptist students to the church in the college town, in the home town and to the denomination as a whole. Its work in that respect has been equalled only by its success upholding Christian ideals among Christian students. The secret of this success is that it has made students realize that it may be collegiate to be a Christian. Back of this achievement have been leaders who can talk the students' language, who can think their thoughts, and in whom the young people have the fullest confidence.

With such a pattern of success before us, the idea can be adapted for Baptist service men. We doubt that soldiers are more difficult to reach than students, though there is certainly a difference in psychology and in approach. None would be so hardy as to claim that this, or any other system, will reach all the men, or even all the Baptist men, or so much as a major fraction of them.

It seems reasonable to suppose, however, that an organization of the men themselves, centered around a Master's Ministry, which can be found in every regiment of a citizen army, would be of the greatest advantage in assisting our camp pastors, the churches in camp towns and at home and the Baptist chaplains in reaching the men. It should strengthen men in the Baptist faith whether they be stationed at Camp Bowie, Camp Barkeley, Camp Beauregard, Panama, Manila, Iceland or Singapore. It should assist men in military service to realize that one can be military and Christian in the tradition of Stonewall Jackson, Robert E. Lee and George Washington.

The idea, we believe, will appeal to the men, for it will be their own organization which they can take with them wherever they go and not be left behind with the out-worn equipment on leaving each camp. It will utilize those Baptist men who have had positions of more or less leadership in the home churches.

Practical minded men will ask what will such a plan cost. The answer is, practically nothing above the projected expenses attached to the current plans. The organization already in existence, together with the volunteer help which they can enlist, is capable of setting up such a movement. Camp pastors will welcome a step that will mightily assist in bringing men to the chapels, which will be the logical meeting place, in camps where they are located.

This plan will fit exactly with Dr. Lawrence's avowed emphasis on religious activities, rather than recreation, as the Baptist contribution to men in service. It fits with Baptist experience of growth through organization. It appeals to men who are interested in having a part in Christian service. It fulfills the promise of the Master to be with even two or three who are gathered in His name.

Why not organize the Baptist men in service of their country for a higher service?

NEWS NOTES

Singer Mark Short is in a revival with Pastor C. Y. Dossey at Salem, Illinois.

Rev. Roy Shahan is in a two weeks meeting with Pastor O. L. Oldham at Esponela, New Mexico.

Rev. Cooper Waters of Hylton will assist Pastor O. A. Hendon in a revival beginning Friday, August 1.

Rev. Byron Bryant of Aspermont is assisting Pastor M. F. Richardson in a revival at Potosi. Services began July 13.

Rev. Joe R. Mayes has just conducted a church revival at Clairemont. Pastor R. E. Jones says the church is in a much stronger condition.

Dr. John W. Cobb, Dean of Wayland College, supplied at First Church, Lubbock, July 13. Pastor C. E. Hereford is returning from his vacation this week.

Rev. W. T. North, pastor at Peacock, was recently in a revival at Anthony, N. M. Pastor J. C. Moore of Anthony is to assist in a meeting at Peacock the last of July.

Rev. Chas. R. Smith of Broadway Church, Galveston, is to assist Pastor Howard Martin in a revival at Corinth Church, Jones Association, from July 25 to August 3.

Rev. T. J. Sparkman is preaching and Rev. Bill Bell leading the singing in a revival at Trent. Pastor Fred Porter expects the meeting to continue two weeks.

Lake Pylant has resigned as education director at University Church, Austin, and has been ordained to the ministry. He will spend the rest of the summer in evangelistic work.

S. T. Watson and Wayne Evans, young preachers of Clyde Church, are in a revival at Midway community northeast of Clyde. They plan to hold other meetings during the summer.

The revival at "Mary's Place," former dance hall near Abilene, continues into the fourth week. A total of 27 conversions have been reported, nearly all adults.

Rev. T. J. Sparkman is to preach in the revival at Drasco Church, beginning July 21. Rev. W. C. Taggart of Abilene will supply for him during the summer meetings.

James Everett Day, who was baptized recently at Friendship Mission, has been licensed to preach and is conducting some of the services at the "Mary's Place" revival.

Cedar Gap Church observed the 57th anniversary last Sunday by beginning a revival with Rev. Clyde Campbell assisting Pastor M. E. Hall. One charter member, "Granny" Stevens, is still an active member.

Rev. Chas. Smith of Broadway Church, Galveston, is preaching and Rev. W. I. Taylor of Tuscola and Ovalo is leading the song service, in a meeting with Pastor F. R. Cole and the Caps Church.

On account of illness of Dr. C. E. Matthews, pastor for Travis Avenue Church, Fort Worth, First Church, Sweetwater, has postponed their summer revival until such time as Dr. Matthews can come.

Rev. J. T. King, who is now pastor at Walnut Creek Church, Austin, reports the work growing nicely with increases in Sunday School and Training Union attendance. Their revival begins July 27.

Rev. Clyde Jackson is assisting Pastor Howard Martin in a revival at Oplin, which will close Sunday, July 20. Good attendance and great interest were reported for the early days of the meeting.

Evangelist Graves Darby will preach and Ewell O. Bone of Breckenridge will lead the song services in a revival at East Cisco Church, beginning July 20, announces Pastor Russell Dennis.

Marjorie and Margaret Dennis, twins of Raton, N. M., who sang last year in the choir at First Church, Abilene, while attending school, were married July 6. Secretary Harry P. Stagg of New Mexico Baptists officiated.

Scott W. Hickey will be the evangelist in the Sardis revival, eight miles west of Roby, to begin Friday night, July 18. Phil J. Little is the pastor. These two preachers were in a revival with this same church 14 years ago.

Albert Conway will lead the singing in a revival at Johnson Chapel beginning August 1. Mr. Conway is an evangelistic singer who has recently surrendered to preach. He has some open dates for later in the summer, and may be reached at Route 5, Abilene.

The church and community at Floyd, N. M., was greatly blessed in a recent revival in which Rev. J. F. Nix of Abernathy did the preaching and Rev. Chas. Tarrance of Abilene was song leader and director of work with young people. Thirty-seven were converted and joined the church, including entire families. The crowds were swelled by attendance from Clovis and Portales.

Rev. W. A. Nicholas spoke at Elm-dale at the morning service June 13. In the afternoon Layman J. J. Toombs of University Church addressed a meeting of the men. After evening service more than 50 young people gathered for a friendship circle in fellowship hall.

Rev. R. M. Hickman of Bluffdale, brother of Mrs. T. A. Havins of Temple Church, is doing evangelistic work this summer. He has open dates for the week of July 20 and the first week in September.

FISHER W. M. U. HOLDS QUARTERLY MEETING

The quarterly meeting of Fisher County W. M. U. was held at First Church, Roby, July 2. The young people rendered a program using as their theme "Show Us the Way." The morning devotion was led by Corrine Atkins, McCauley. "Our Best for Jesus," by Rotan Sunbeams and "Jesus and I," by a Sunbeam boy from Roby were followed by the song, "Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam." Sylvester G. A.'s gave some reasons why go to Luaders. Rotan R. A.'s used the subject, "Rescuing Our Budget from Debt."

A playlet, "The House of Do-What-You-Can," by Rotan young people was followed by a message by Rev. L. L. Trott. After lunch Miss Jonnie Patterson of Munday led the devotional. Elizabeth Truly of Rotan spoke on Show Us the Way through Y. W. A. windows. This was followed by the Y. W. A. initiation service. A reading, "The Question—Your Answer," ended the day's program.

Several of the churches reported having sent magazines, linen, fruit, and cash to Hendrick Memorial Hospital, and cash and magazines were sent to the army camps. Programs were held and cash offerings made for Old Ministers' Relief. Some of the women sewed for the Red Cross.

MRS. S. R. BRUMFIELD,
Publicity Chairman.

PROGRAM

Workers' Conference, Lubbock Association, Tuesday, July 22, at Morton

Rev. Guy Self, Witharal, Presiding.
10:00 Singing and prayer, Mr. T. R. Harrison, Levelland.

10:15 Soul Winning, the Chief Business of Every Christian, Rev. Jack Moses, Ralls.

10:40 S. S. Conferences by Departments, directed by Rev. C. E. Roark, Idalou.

11:10 Aiming at Our Goals, Rev. C. E. Roark.

11:20 Special music, Mr. T. R. Harrison.

11:25 Dr. John W. Cobb, Wayland College, the Sermon.

12:00 Lunch.

1:15 Executive Board and W. M. U. Sessions.

2:00 Song and Prayer, Mr. T. R. Harrison.

2:10 The Greater Wayland Campaign, Pres. G. W. McDonald, Wayland College.

2:40 Business.

2:45 Winning More Souls by Utilizing More Winners, Rev. J. L. Ponder, Plainview.

"I think that the bringing together of the young men of America into the training camps places upon us a responsibility from which we cannot shrink, and opens a door of opportunity which would be hard to equal."

At Fort Jackson, near Columbia, are 43,000 men away from home, under a new environment, facing new conditions. Not only will they respond to the right kind of spiritual program; they are hungry for it.—Pastor R. C. Campbell, First Baptist Church, Columbia, S. C.

241 Baptist Churches were added to the Southern Baptist total in 1940, bringing the figure to 25,259 churches.

Sunday School Lesson

By HIGHT C MOORE

July 20, 1941

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHURCH REGARDING BEVERAGE ALCOHOL

Read and Study 1 Corinthians 5:9-13; Titus 2:1-8

The topic for today is drawn out of two passages from Paul. The first was addressed to a young church (Corinth) which needed to exercise discipline in its membership for immorality including drunkenness. The second was addressed to a young minister (Titus) who needed guidance on this and other matters, in planning the educational work in the Cretan churches under his care. Thus our attention may be focused upon the responsibility and duty of a church within its own membership regarding beverage alcohol.

1. Training in Church Discipline (1 Corinthians 5)

THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH MUST DISCIPLINE ITS MEMBERSHIP. In a previous letter (not preserved to us) Paul had called upon Corinthian Christians to sever their connections with all pagan pollutions in church and city. They misunderstood his mandate, some of them perhaps wilfully. So the apostle writes again. Note:

The Wicked World. Corinth was very corrupt with its brazen licentiousness, its grasping greed, its fraud and thievery, its lecherous revels, its gangrenous idolatries. Out of this welter of wickedness a band of believers had been rescued and redeemed. What must be their attitude to their former associates and present neighbors? Separateness without social and civic isolation; necessary interchange without identification of interest; contact without co-work or contamination. It must never be a recognition that connives at vice nor an association that approves wickedness. Now deeper probes the apostle.

The Corrupted Church. Here is the main trouble. The names of licentious people were on the church roll; also some who were notoriously avicious and greedy; and some who were dividing their time between the church services and their old ceremonies in idol temples. Can the church tolerate such immorality in its membership? Can those who are faithful to Christ and the church condone such conduct by association that approves it? Not for one moment nor in any slightest degree. If the church among its own members cannot, or will not, maintain the highest standard of morality, it is disobedient to God and despised among men. It cannot judge those who are without unless and until it judges those who are within. Therefore the church itself as an independent and responsible body must withdraw its fellowship from "any man that is named a brother" who in his impenitent immorality has been guilty of gross and scandalous sin. The purity of a Christian church is even more important than the legal purge in ancient Israel (e.g., Deut. 19:19; 21:21; 22:24; 24:7). Think a little farther with Paul.

The Just Judge. Within its own membership a church has the jurisdiction specified in the New Testament. But that is included in the infinite sweep of God's sovereignty. To him the church is responsible for the performance of its duty and to him the world must give account for its wickedness. And the Judge of all the earth will do right.

2. Teaching in Church Development (Titus 2)

THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH MUST INSTRUCT ITS MEMBERSHIP. The hints given by Paul to Titus his helper in the island of Crete are, if possible, more helpful now than ever. Here is sevenfold teaching.

Teaching Sound Doctrine. To be helpful it must be "healthful," wholesome, beneficial. That means also that it must be true not only in itself but be true in its scriptural content, radiating from him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. It is practical in its adaptation and application to everybody seeking guidance in the making of good homes, good churches, great countries, and a better world. Let Titus speak exactly and always what and only what becomes or befits such teaching.

Teaching Older Men. What can a young pastor teach the aged men in his congregation? Several things from Paul; to be temperate, for an immoderate old man is a sight most pitiable; to be self-controlled, and so masters of themselves; to be grave without being glum, and dignified in

demeanor without being stiff and unapproachable; to be sober-minded, and thus sensible in speech and act; to have vigorous faith in God, in goodness, and in the good; to love so sincerely as to be always tolerant and friendly; to be patient and steadfast while awaiting the summons to the Better Country.

Teaching Older Women. What are the traits to tell them? They must be exhorted to be reverent in deportment without any fancied halo or "pious air"; to be true in their talk without injurious gossip or slanderous statement; never to become slaves of drink (think of it! And yet it is said many of them in Crete were heavy drinkers); to be teachers of what is right, giving good counsel and advice to the juniors in their circle. Who is lovelier than a devout mother of mothers and fathers?

Gold in the Golden Text

Ye are the salt of the Earth.—Matt. 5:13.

Read again the opening verses of the Sermon on the Mount for a description of the character that Christians should exhibit and the influence they should exert in the world.

Daily Bible Readings

July 21—Greetings (Salutation). Romans 1:1-7.

July 22—Inspired Letters. 1 Timothy 3:14-7.

July 23—Inspired Letters. 1 Timothy 1:3-11.

July 24—The Lamp in the Dark. 2 Peter 1:19-21.

July 25—A Word of Warning. Jude 3:4.

July 26—Exhortation to Steadfastness. 2 Peter 3:14-18.

July 27—Benediction. 2 Corinthians 13:13-14.

'ENTERTAINS STRANGERS'

By Edward B. Jenkins

When a small boy the Sunday School where we attended gave an ice cream supper on the lawn of the church. They issued tickets and we children went out to sell them to make some money for the Sunday School. In our community lived a rich Englishman whose big house cost thousands of dollars, and was surrounded by a hundred acres of lawns, walks, flower gardens and pools and little houses, among them was a little chapel.

We had an idea that we could sell several tickets at the palatial home. So we went up (fools rush in where angels fear to tread) and rang the door bell. A colored servant answered our ring. She conducted us through a large reception room, and when we stepped in we were amazed as our feet sank in plush carpet. On the walls were beautiful paintings, and gorgeous tapestries. Over the large fireplace was a mounted moose head.

Up the stairs treading in plush carpet and our mind filled with the idea that we might be able to sell a half dozen tickets we were ushered into the presence of the lady of the house. When our request was presented she stormed out at the servant demanding as to why she had let us into the house. We left in a hurry and never again entered that home (we have been in a number of homes in this country and in Europe that were far more fine than this one. But in our boyish mind there came a dislike for rich people; but when we became converted the Lord took that dislike out of our hearts, and now we look on them with pity rather than hatred.

"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." (Hebrews 13:2).

SENTENCE SERMONS

Folks won't pay until they realize they owe.

A good judgment often dies for the want of exercise.

Many folks who ask for comment want compliments.

He who is less interested in making a life than in making a living will be more interested in getting than in giving.

Flowers, transplanted from one heart to another always live.

Souls do not change masters when they enter eternity.

Some impress you: others depress you.

Some worry over the problems of state, but more over the problem of estate.

The hopeful can be more helpful.

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"Defend The Defenders"

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being called into training. Following are excerpts from an editorial in the *Brewer's Digest* May, 1941:

"One of the finest things that could have happened to the Brewing Industry was the insistence of high ranking officers to make beer available at arm camps. . . ."

"The opportunity presented to the Brewing Industry by this measure is so obvious that it is superfluous to go into detail. . . ."

"Here is a chance for brewers to cultivate a taste for beer in millions of young men who will eventually constitute the largest beer consuming section of our population. . . ."

"The present conscripted army is the jealously guarded pride and joy of the entire nation."

This editorial was written since the death of the lamented Senator Sheppard. However, two words in it furnish a good text for his bill, "Jealously Guarded." The purpose of the Sheppard bill is to defend the boys of this army which they say "is the joy and pride of the entire nation" from their two worst enemies, alcohol and venereal disease. The title begins, "That in the Interest of Common Defense" and each of the three important sections begins "That in the Interest of Common Defense." In the last ten weeks I have read 6,000 pages on the historical phase of the alcohol problem. If there were space it would be interesting to relate how alcohol has affected the course of history—Nineveh, Babylon, Alexander the Great, Greece, Rome, Battle of Hastings, Indian Wars, Battle of Trenton, Waterloo, The World War, and the Fall of France in 1940. Here is the latest on what it does to nations and a revealing comparison with our own nation.

The *Newsweek* for September 2, 1940, quoted the Vichy regime that alcoholism was the chief cause of France's moral collapse, and that "the countries chief problems are not Germany, but tuberculosis, cancer, syphilis. . . ." The Frenchman, the world's heaviest tippler's consumption being 2.14 quarts which is 5 pints per week. Next our record.

The Internal Revenue reports (1940) show the United States' average consumption per person is now 2.14 pints per week. These same reports show per capita consumption was 11.18 gallons in 1935, which is 13.5 pints per week—only five years ago. How long will it be until we reach five pints per week?

The brewers look upon this occasion as their opportunity to push the per capita consumption in the United States closer to that of the French while the Sheppard bill is designed to push these totals farther apart. As to which would be best for the boys—your boys—and best for the army which they make up, and the country this army is to defend, it is for you fathers and mothers of them to say.

The connection between alcohol and venereal disease is well known. Very pertinent is this long but revealing quotation from *Guard Your Race*, an address on eugenics, by C. W. Saleeby, M. D., F. R. S. E., of London, a renowned British physician, delivered at Toronto, Canada, November 24, 1922:

"Now there is more to say. Alcohol is not only a racial poison in it-

self, as asserted by students of the subject from the Angel of the Lord recorded in the 13th chapter of Judges to us modern students who are trying to study the matter from a scientific standpoint, but it is also the chief accomplice and confederate of venereal disease, and perhaps this is the very worst thing alcohol does."

"All over the world the nations during the war and now during peace, are trying to fight venereal disease, in the first place because of its cost, in the second place because they want to protect the individual, and in the third place, when they are enlightened enough, because they know that nothing destroys a race like venereal disease."

"I will give you some evidence in support of my contention that you, who are fighting against alcohol, are fighting for the prevention of venereal disease, and have already done more than all the doctors and all the medicines and all the clinics and all the official schemes for venereal disease yet recorded."

"During the war this was an urgent matter. There was at one period a number of British soldiers alone equal to an army corps in hospitals suffering from venereal disease. Very soon after the war broke out the War Office asked me to go and lecture to the troops on this subject and other subjects connected with military hygiene."

"This is what we did. We had a syllabus of a model lecture on venereal disease, approved by Lord Kitchener, and we (using our discretion, of course), followed this syllabus and lectured to the soldiers. These were official parades. The man had to be there; they had to listen. The colonel was in the chair. They were all there. We spoke our full word to them. When it was done they thanked goodness and then stepped across the road in the military camp into the wet canteen, also thoughtfully provided, just like my lecture, by the authorities. When the liquor was in, my lesson was out. This drug is a pure narcotic from the beginning of its action to the end; first of all it paralyzes the highest part of our nature, judgment, sensibility, capacity for self control, and when these things are gone the sex instinct just runs riot, because it is no longer under control, can no longer be sublimated into action of noble kinds, and the man falls into temptation."

"In a report which is now being published in England of the Adolescence Commission, there is my evidence to say that in my judgment those lectures to over a third of a million soldiers during the war on my part were a farce and a waste of time in so far as venereal disease was concerned, because the wet canteen provided by the authorities more than nullified any possible good that such lectures as mine could have done. In effect we failed. Every army in the war failed except those armies or parts of armies that eliminated the liquor factor. The American army succeeded. The Canadian army succeeded in limiting liquor in Canada. In Canada, but not overseas."

"During the great meeting called in London by the Strength of Britain Movement, of which I had the honor to be chairman, I remember challenging Bonar Law for his share of responsibility that Canadian boys had come over to England and that Canadian wheat had been saved from Canadian plates for the purpose of the war and sent over to England, had been handed over to the brewers and distillers for their purposes—until we got that stopped—and turned into beer and whiskey, to corrupt those Canadian boys—grain that might have been grown by their own father's doors in your beautiful Canadian west for the ruin of those boys' body, soul and the race."

The Sheppard bill as revised the new number of which is H. R. 2475 is designed to defend our defenders from these two fifth columnists alcohol and venereal disease. Senator Johnson of Colorado secured the combination of these two bills, Senator La Follette has given notice of asking reconsideration of the vote on these two bills. Write your senator, urging him to vote against such reconsideration and to vote for H. R. 2475 as amended to include the Sheppard bill. Time is an element. Do it at the earliest possible moment."

AID ASKED FOR WAYLAND COLLEGE

By Roy Shahan

One of the most important institutions and greatest assets that we have in this section of Texas is our own Wayland College. This college, though small in size is great in spirit and its contribution to Christian Education and Christian Leadership not only in this section of the state, but its influence has been felt throughout the State and beyond.

Wayland has struggled for her existence for many years and has survived through many hardships and trying experiences, even when many of her friends thought she would have to close her doors.

This has been possible by the sacrificial spirit of the faculty through the lean years through which the school has passed. Wayland is now in the best condition that it has been in for a number of years, yet her needs are many.

One of the reasons why Wayland has had such a hard struggle is that the Churches of this section have not given the support that she rightly deserved. A program of support is now being suggested to the churches of this section of the plains country that will greatly aid the school if we will accept the suggestion.

The plan is for each Church to endeavor to raise as a MINIMUM twenty cents (\$.20) per member per year for the support of the school. This money is to be used for new equipment and repairs to the buildings. The buildings are badly in need of repair and the new equipment is sorely needed to add to the efficiency of class room work. The present income will not pay the general running expense of the school much less take care of these needed repairs. Some repair work has been done through special offerings and personal gifts by a few friends of the institution. But this has been very limited and has not taken care of the school's needs. Now is the time for our churches to rally to the needs of Wayland.

The plan is that an offering be taken now or as soon as it is thought best by the local church. This is to make some repairs to the buildings this summer and buy needed equipment for the fall opening of school.

A FEW of our churches responded to the appeal for aid in repairing the boys' dormitory some months ago. It is hoped that every church will respond this time in a great way.

STATE BOARD MEETING OPENS BAPTIST BUILDING

A meeting of the State Executive Board Tuesday, July 15, was the first large official meeting in the auditorium of the new Baptist Building in Dallas. The building, a three story structure at Pacific and Ervay, was bought and remodeled by the Southern Baptist Relief and Annuity Board for a home office building.

It also houses the Baptist Book Store in Dallas, the offices of all state secretaries, and the editorial offices of the Baptist Standard, and an auditorium seating about 250 in addition to the offices of the Southwide agency. The building is air conditioned throughout and has a foundation sufficient for added height when it is needed.

Wednesday the Relief and Annuity Board held open house to editors of Southern Baptist papers and other leaders of the denomination.

No evil habit, however small, shall have dominion over me.—Frances Willard.

On July 27 Southern Baptists will make their emergency offering for work in and near army camps, with a goal set at \$300,000.

Men, we will never convince our own boys that we think much of the church as long as we give them dimes for the show on Saturday and pennies for the church on Sunday.—Lyman Wren.

Emmette Chandler

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SWENSON W.M.S. HOTESS FOR QUARTERLY MEETING

By Mrs. G. C. Torrance

The quarterly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of Stonewall Association met at Swenson July 1. Although it was rainy weather again, everything was clear and pleasant inside.

The theme of the day was "And He saith unto them, 'Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.'" Matthew 4:19. Mrs. Reece Ward sang a solo in keeping with the theme. About 60 were present, including Mrs. J. B. Buckley, District president; Mrs. L. Q. Campbell, district corresponding secretary from Abilene; and Miss Maye Bell Taylor, missionary from Brazil.

We are always glad to welcome our pastors and laymen. Among those present were pastors Gilbert, Jones, Bryant and Respass and Rev. J. R. Mayes. Layman Ed Hahn was also with us through the day.

Each of our four societies were represented and gave encouraging reports. We have tried this quarter to follow our Lord in prayer, Bible study, and in gifts. Some reported boxes sent to Buckner Orphans Home, also some canning for the Home.

Our young people's secretary, Mrs. C. E. Brannen, is pressing that work and it is growing. Our young people's organizations were represented in our program. The trio of Jayton Y. W. A. rendered two songs. The Swenson Junior G. A. sang a missionary hymn, and the Aspermont Royal Ambassadors played an instrumental number.

Mrs. Buckley brought an interesting and inspiring report of the Southern Baptist Convention. The report of our corresponding secretary-treasurer and the standing chairmen were very encouraging. The apportionments of each society have been met to date. Rev. C. N. Gilbert discussed Christian Education, a part of the work which seems to be most neglected in the association. The day was concluded with an address by Miss Taylor, who told of her work in Brazil. Her hearers left resolved to pray more and to do more for Foreign Missions.

Southern Baptist newspapers increased their circulation more than 37,000 in 1940.

Plans are going forward for erecting two new buildings for Spanish work, according to Rev. C. W. Stumph, Home Mission Board missionary, one in Gallup and one in Yrissari, N. M.

PARABLES OF THE LORD

Discussed By COOPER WATERS

PARABLE OF THE WISE AND FOOLISH BUILDERS

Matt. 7:24-27

The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders was given as the conclusion of the masterful SERMON ON THE MOUNT. To hear and do the Word of God is to be like the man who builds his house on a solid rock foundation. To hear His Word and fail to do it is to build on a shifting sand foundation. The only solid foundation on which to build a life is the Word of God. It has endured and has not been shaken through the centuries.

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1. Stands steadfast even if the earth shifts under it. In building the Wilson Dam on the Tennessee River the engineers had ninety-eight cores cut out of the very bedrock itself to a depth of fifty feet and at a diameter of about thirty-six inches. The holes out of which these cores were taken were filled with solid concrete reinforced with steel. These concrete

pillars serve as the foundation of that great structure. Even if the bedrock should shift, the solid foundation will stand steadfast; so the life built on God's Word.

2. Withstands the onslaughts of the elements. The rain, the wind, and the floods may come but the house built on a firm foundation will stand up under them all.

II. Some Shifting Sands.
1. Jealousy and envy. The life built on such flimsy foundations is due for a fall. The envious or jealous person covets one thing today and another tomorrow; there is no solidarity to such a foundation.

2. Popular opinion. The person who tries to be always in the limelight of popularity is on a wild goose chase. Popular opinion changes with amazing rapidity.

3. Personal whims and fancies. We can not please even ourselves and had better not try always to do so. Take the Word of God as the rule of life and love for whatever it says and follow it wherever it leads and pay whatever price it demands.

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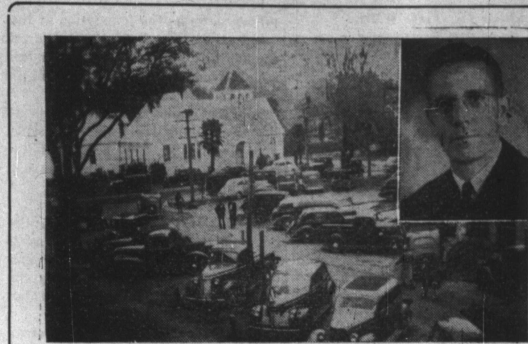
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Serving the Soldiers Is the Baptist Challenge

By Marel Brown



First Baptist Church becomes center of increased activity in the defense program growth at Starke, Florida. These little white churches throughout the south are now trying to do the impossible task of

ministering to thousands of soldiers in nearby camps. Southern Baptist offering on July 27 will provide more building space, more workers, more literature, more libraries, more preachers. Inset is Pastor A. E. Lightfoot.

When a community's chief commodity changes overnight from strawberries to soldiers somebody must act quickly in re-styling the process of harvest. Starke, Florida, is faced with just that necessity.

Before the first stake was driven to mark the bounds of Camp Blanding, Starke was a quiet, confident little town whose citizens received their income, either directly or through some by-product, from the truck farms that thrived in the rich, black loam of northern Florida. The principal item grown was strawberries—large, luscious berries that could be picked and boxed and stacked in orderly rows to be sold on schedule to northern markets.

The pretty, white building of the First Baptist Church in Starke was the gathering place for the Baptist families. Pastor A. E. Lightfoot earnestly went about his work each day with adequate time to minister to the needs of his own people and the community of 2,000. There was sufficient room for the usual attendance at his Sunday School in the morning and the Training Union Sunday evening.

But now all is changed. Starke has taken on the look of a construction camp. Trucks crowd its tree-lined streets. Thousands of people, army officials, salesmen, men seeking work, tourists—those who have business in Starke and the inevitable loiterers—have turned the town into a beehive of activity. All because Camp Blanding has been located at its very doors. To date there are more than thirty thousand soldiers encamped there for training, and as fast as more facilities can be provided the number increases.

Starke is only one such place. Change the word strawberry to cotton or tobacco or cattle; change the name of the town to Alexandria or Palacios or Hitchcock, and the shift would be true of any one of the 120 army or air corps bases now being established or enlarged with much-room rapidity in the South. The little brick or white frame churches in

CHURCH SCHOOLS FURNISH THE BALANCED EDUCATION

By C. E. Bryant, Jr.
Baylor University

(This is another in a series of articles on Christian Education).

The Christian president of one of the South's great state universities recently held that "most college students have kindergarten concepts of Christ. State schools are told," he said, "take this child and carry him on in history, music and science, but don't disturb his religion." We spend hundreds of thousands of dollars testing physical laws, but we merely play at the task of learning spiritual truths taught by Christ.

This educator insisted that religion is not a set of hollow principles and ceremonies which can be drilled into youth by routine lectures, but its principles, to become vital, must be tested in the laboratory of daily living as a chemistry student tests a theoretical principle.

Therein lies one of the strongest arguments for our church schools. For in the classroom, on the campus and in the dormitory, the student in the denominational college actually "breathes" Christianity. The visitor can sense it whenever he steps upon the campus.

The majority of our ministers and 98 per cent of our home and foreign missionaries were trained in church schools. Whenever a church seeks a consecrated leader, it looks to the graduates of the denominational college.

Church college graduates have scholarship and culture of the highest type, and with it they have Christian consciences; a combination that allows them to spread Christian principles throughout the land. They render a distinctive service for the Kingdom.

Doctors, dentists, nurses, merchants, farmers, bankers, lawyers, journalists, statesmen, industrialists, homemakers, men and women in every vocation who receive their education in Baptist schools are carrying the Christian message around the world to bless the world.

Let's make it a call to support the denominational school.

When parents send their children to the denominational school, they insure the child a balanced education to qualify him to meet world problems. When you contribute financially to the denominational school, you buy a share in a Christian world for all time to come.

SOUL-WINNING STRESSED IN ZONE I MEETING

By Mrs. V. L. Merritt

As a part of his extensive visitation program to Sunday School Zones of Zone One the past five weeks, Supt. H. G. Smith stressed "Soul-Winning" during the month of June. This was again given particular emphasis in Hebron's program in the July meeting at Riverside where Rev. Clebert Jones is pastor.

Each discussion on the theme: "What Makes a Great Sunday School" had Soul-Winning as the central thought. The elements essential in the making of a Great S. S. are: The Bible, Mrs. J. H. Clark; Consecrated Workers, Elven Rogers; and The Standard of Excellence, V. L. Merritt. Special music was rendered by the quartet composed of Rev. D. E. Hughes, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. O. R. Douglas and Mrs. V. L. Merritt.

An unusual interest both in attendance and Spirit was manifest at this meeting when officers and teachers from Noodle, Stith, Riverside, Compere, Shiloh, Truby, and Hebron Sunday Schools were in attendance. Some were hindered because of baptismal services and one such service was postponed until after the Zone program.

The custom of having no August meeting will be disregarded and the meeting will be at Stith August 3.

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SOLDIER DAY OBSERVED JULY 13 AT BALLINGER

Dr. A. C. Miller, supervisor of Baptist missions among the defense service organizations in Texas, was guest speaker at First Church, Ballinger, Sunday, July 13. The occasion was the observance of "Soldier Day."

At the morning service Pastor Clarence A. Morton presented and the congregation took part in the dedication of a service flag in honor of all young men of the congregation who are in the service. Parents, families and friends of the honorees were given special recognition.

Those listed on the service flag at present are: Clarence Richards, navy; Wilburn Batts, Gerald Henderson, Orlando Middleton, air corps; O. L. Golden, J. C. Johnson, Harold McDonald, Wayne Morgan, marines; James Parrish, J. L. Waddell, Clayton West, Denman White, infantry; J. P. Burk.

On June 6 the church observed "Twin Day." There are 15 pairs of twins in the church and 24 pairs were present. This will be an annual feature.

TRAINING RALLY TO BE AT ABILENE JULY 22

A mass meeting for Training Union workers of Sweetwater Association will be held at First Church, Abilene, at 7:30 Tuesday evening, July 22, announces Miss Jaxie Short, director. This will be the first mass meeting for the association since January.

At a meeting for the leaders and sponsors at Merkel there were nine of 37 churches in the association represented. All churches of the association are urged to have representatives at the Abilene meeting, those without Training Unions as well as those with the organizations. There will be a general session and departmental meetings to which all Training Union members and all others interested are invited.

BIG SPRING FIRST HAS STANDARD VACATION SCHOOL

First Church, Big Spring, reports 18 professions of faith and eight rededications in a Vacation Bible School last month. This school, of which Irbey Cox, new director of education, was principal, was the first standard school in the history of the church. There were 179 enrolled with an average attendance of 136, including six denominations besides Baptists, although there were two other large schools in the city at the same time.

OKLAHOMA EVANGELIST TO LEAD ELMDALE MEETING

Rev. Jerry Cox of Tulsa will lead in a ten-day revival at Elmdale Church, beginning Friday, July 18. He is missionary of the Tulsa-Rogers Association.

One feature of the services will be a talking motion picture each evening before the preaching service. The pictures are not only inspiring and instructive but also have attracted large crowds wherever Missionary Cox has gone, states Pastor W. A. Strickland.

"Just two miles outside of the main gate that leads to Fort Benning proper is a vast section of territory unchurched. The government has built a housing project for non-commissioned officers; already two hundred homes and more being built. This section is sadly in need of some sort of religious leadership."—Pastor Geo. C. Gibson, Rose Hill Baptist Church, Columbus, Ga.

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MIXING POLITICS AND RELIGION

By Cooper Waters

If a preacher should say one word for or against a candidate seeking a public office from his pulpit he would then and there be branded a political preacher and be accused of "mixing politics and religion." Yet that same preacher can go into his study and write a letter on church stationery, sign his name and mail it out to his members and friends, soliciting their vote for some candidate and feel perfectly conscience-free about dabbling in politics. It is difficult to see the difference in the two types of preacher-politicians. What is worse, the unsaved who do not especially care to see the difference, certainly do not uphold preachers and denominational leaders who engage in such practices.

The current campaign for the office of senator from Texas has brought out a great deal of this type of politics-in-religion. This writer has received letters from more than one denominational leader endorsing candidates for this office. During the general election last summer some of our leading preachers and state workers all but took the stump for some of the candidates. The disheartening thing about it was that nearly all the candidates for every office were able to get Baptist preachers somewhere to write letters for them.

This article is not to condemn or criticize any one who has indulged in this practice of endorsing candidates through the mail and over the radio. Neither is this article to contend that we are not to exercise citizenship rights and have political interests. A question is simply raised as to the advisability of such activities. There is no doubt but that many people have determined in their minds that it is trying to mix politics and religion. Religious leaders have to forego many things in order not to offend the brethren. Baptists have always stood for separation of church and state. We wonder if this is not one of the things that we should forgo for the sake of winning the lost and for the sake of maintaining complete separation of church and state?

PLAINS CHURCHES START THE 11TH ASSOCIATION

The Hockley-Cochran Association has been formed and will hold the first annual meeting at Levelland on September 3 and 4. This makes 11 Baptist Associations in Texas.

The new body is composed of 12 churches from Lubbock Association, which formerly included most of four counties and 34 churches, and two of the Brownfield Association, which had 30 churches in three counties.

Church Bulletins

CROSS ROADS AND PLEASANT VALLEY

The meeting at Clairemont was a good one. There were no conversions but a general upbuilding of the church. Brother R. E. Jones is doing a fine work and some other church is missing something by not having him for two Sundays a month. We organized a Training Union and had a study course during the meeting.

The pastor will be in a meeting at North Roby from Friday night through July 27. Rev. Wiley Hardy will preach at Cross Roads next Sunday. There will be dinner at the church and singing afternoon. Brother Jones will preach at Pleasant Valley on the fourth Sunday. We had a fine day last Sunday.

JOE R. MAYES, Pastor.

SALT BRANCH

Our meeting at Salt Branch will begin Friday night before the third Sunday in July. This will be July 18. Rev. W. K. Horn of Post will do the preaching. Singing will be cared for by church members. Preaching days the second and fourth Sundays. Every one has a cordial invitation to come and worship with us.

O. A. HENDON, Pastor.

JONES ASSOCIATION TREASURERS' REPORT

Cash on hand June 1	\$ 39.19
Receipts from Churches:	
Hawley	1.35
Hamlin	9.60
Anson	10.00
Bethel	5.73
Stamford	15.00
Corinth	12.00
Lueders	2.00
Total from Churches	\$ 55.68
Bulletin Collection	3.40
Total Cash	\$ 98.27
Total Disbursed	52.50
Cash on hand July 1	\$ 45.78
Disbursed:	
District Missions	\$ 35.00
Mexican Missions	15.00
Bulletin	2.50
Total Disbursed	\$ 52.50

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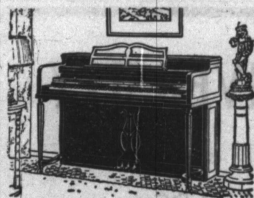
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SOUTH PLAINS CHURCH HAS HOMECOMING DAY

Friendship Church in Lubbock Association had the first homecoming on June 29, with visitors coming as far as 300 miles. Three charter members who had a part in the organization 25 years ago were present. Rev. Joe R. Mayes, a former pastor, preached the morning sermon. J. D. Brandon, one of the charter members, read a history of the church. Pastor W. K. Horn called the roll of former members. Two licensees of the church, Ross Holland and S. Tip-ton, brought messages. After a day of fine fellowship and a good dinner, the church voted to make the homecoming an annual affair.

Share Abundance With the Unfortunate

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