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By DICK O'BRIEN

The report on a trip you have made is usually interesting only to yourself, and is calculated to be rather boring to the people who feel compelled to listen to it. What time you left home, how far you drove the first day and each succeeding day, how many gallons of gasoline per mile and the number of flat tires (not counting the ones who ride in the car with you), make up one section of the report. Then you tell of the hotel or tourist camp experiences, the places of historic interest visited, the unexpected meeting with people you have known before and the type of food and service encountered. This is just the outline and can be, and usually is, filled in with infinite and monotonous details. . . . Well, I made a trip last week, so don't go away, I want to tell you about it. We left home an hour later than we had planned. We lacked a hundred miles of getting as far the first day as we expected. We drove too fast to see, much less enjoy, the scenery. Our gasoline mileage was not phenomenal, and the food and service was about like we have at home. We found the people using the same sun, moon and stars which arrived a little later than we are used to, seeing them but they stayed just as long when they did get there. We would like to give a little advice to those of you who may drive through the mountain section of New Mexico and Arizona. If the road sign says "Curve Ahead," it ain't foolin'. The curves are so sharp and short you have an opportunity about every half mile to see if your tail light is burning and if the luggage is still hanging on the rear of your car. You can do this by simply glancing out the side window. And when the sign says, "Hill Ahead," you may be sure the most conservative man in the state worded the sign. As you approach these "hills" you see the sun only when he is at meridian height, or peeks through at you from narrow break in the "hill." There was one sign that bothered me a lot until I had a happy thought which proved a perfect solution. All through New Mexico we saw signs which read, "Open Range, Look Out for Livestock." After 50 miles of uneasy driving, expecting a "livestock" to dart out from behind every bush, I hit on my happy idea. I turned the steering wheel over to my wife and let the "livestock" look out for themselves. I hope she is too busy to read the column this week. If she isn't and does, don't expect one next week. I'll probably be convalescing. . . . What we call "the Bankhead highway" in Texas should be called the

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EVENTS TO COME

- July 7-13 — Menard Encampment, Menard.
- July 9-11 — R. A. Camp, Lueders.
- July 12-18 — Sunday School Week, Ridgecrest.
- 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.

ARKANSAS PASTOR TAKES CAMP WORK LEADERSHIP

Acceptance by Dr. Alfred Carpenter, Blytheville, Ark., of the position of superintendent of camp work for Southern Baptists, has been announced by Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary-treasurer, Home Mission Board.

For seven years pastor of First Baptist Church, Blytheville, the new camp superintendent was for five years prior to that associated with the Home Mission Board, first as pastor of Balboa Heights Baptist Church, Panama, and superintendent of mis-



DR. ALFRED CARPENTER

sion work in the Canal Zone for three years, and two years as field representative of the Church Building Loan Fund.

In coming again to the Board, Dr. Carpenter will have charge of cooperative work with chaplains and with churches near military training camps, a work committed to the Home Mission Board by the Southern Baptist Convention at its recent annual meeting in Birmingham.

A native of New Jersey but reared in Oklahoma, Dr. Carpenter is an alumnus of Oklahoma Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

While in the Canal Zone Dr. Lawrence said that Dr. Carpenter had ministered to service men stationed there in the army and navy. He had close contact with the chaplains located in the Zone.

On the train coming to Atlanta Dr. Carpenter said he had talked with perhaps 30 men in uniform—lieutenants, privates, marines. He asked each two questions: "What can we do to help the men religiously? How can we do it?"

"Without exception," he commented, "they made it clear that they were hungry for Gospel preaching. One man said, 'Our chaplain takes off his coat and preaches. We like that.'"

Dr. Carpenter was converted, ordained and sent out by the First Baptist Church of Mangum, Okla. He was also married there. He and Mrs. Carpenter have no children. He has served Arkansas Baptists as member of the state mission board, president of the Arkansas Baptist assembly, president of the board of control of Jonesboro Baptist College, member of the state committee on missions and evangelism, and superintendent of evangelism.

Dr. Carpenter will begin his army camp work August 1. He resigned his church in Blytheville, July 2, Dr. Lawrence said.

ATTENDANCE REPORTS IN WESTEX CHURCHES

Due to the fact that there was no paper last week, reports are given for June 29 and July 6. Send your reports to Box 1560, Abilene, in time to reach the office by Tuesday morning.

Sunday School Reports			
Church	Enr.	Att.	
Burk Burnett	June 29	712	400
Littlefield	June 29	512	237
Crosbyton	June 29	386	208
Nolan	June 29	260	170
Drasco	June 29	122	63
Cross Roads	June 29	95	35
	July 6	92	76
Tye	June 29	80	52
Training Union Reports			
Burk Burnett	June 29	172	77
Cross Roads	July 6	72	53

The Baptist Sunday School Board publishes 79 periodicals with a total circulation of over 5,000,000. To move these at one time would require a train of 175 railway mail cars well loaded.

LUEDERS ENCAMPMENT SHOWS GREAT GROWTH

The West Texas Assembly at Camp Lueders, June 23 to 29, was marked with increased attendance, an unusually good program and a forward spirit in every respect. A collection of well over \$1,000 was taken under the leadership of Dr. W. R. White, camp pastor for the week. The most of this fund will be used for improvements on the grounds.

Among new features being discussed for the next assembly are a modern cafeteria overlooking the river, a building for the school of music, and additional family-size cottages.

Many individuals are discussing the erection of family cottages before next summer. These will not only be used by the family during the encampment, but will be available throughout the year for recreation. Inducements noted are the low cost of maintenance, reasonable building costs, camp supervision the year around, and the religious atmosphere.

Experienced campers estimated 2,000 people in attendance during some portion of the encampment. A total of 806 were enrolled in classes, with possibly some duplications. The W. M. U. department recorded the largest class attendance, followed in order by the Sunday School, the Training Union, the school of music and the Brotherhood. High attendance occasions were the Brotherhood rally Friday evening and the three sessions Sunday.

Hardin-Simmons University furnished the Sunday afternoon program with music by Mrs. Lola Gibson Deaton and Dean Edwin E. Young. Addresses on Christian education were delivered by Dr. W. T. Dalton, comptroller, Dean L. Q. Campbell, and President White.

Lawson H. Cock, Southwide Brotherhood secretary, who spoke daily during the encampment, addressed the Friday evening rally of men. He was followed by a sermon by Dr. White.

Other visiting speakers included Dr. John W. Cobb, Dr. and Mrs. G. S. Hopkins, Prof. I. E. Reynolds, Mrs. W. E. Henderson, Rev. Bill Marshall, and Mr. and Mrs. Leo E. Waite. Vesper services were conducted by Rev. E. D. Carver.

Baptist Southwide institutions are valued at \$25,000,000—and the debt is 10 per cent of that amount. The goal is "A debtless denomination by 1945." Every dollar given to the Hundred Thousand Club reduces the debt 100 cents.

THINKING IT OVER

With Dr. W. R. White

A WONDERFUL CHALLENGE

I did not realize that there were so many deserving young people who were not able to pay their way through school. Applications for assistance come with every mail. Multitudes of excellent young people in every part of the country who desire a higher education must be assisted in order to achieve their high desires. A large number of them are quite deserving. Pastors write me every day about some excellent young people in their churches who must have assistance. I am always glad to have such letters and to do anything possible to cooperate with the pastor and with those seeking to assist young people. I shall ever be open to their appeal and shall ever give myself the best way that I can to better service instruction situation.

There are several things, however, that need to be known by the public and by the patrons and friends of our institution. In the first place, the school cannot possibly help all who make application. There is a certain amount of such work that can be done but beyond that there is a difficulty too great for the school to surmount. In every instance where individuals and churches can give some assistance to their own townspeople, it will be fine for the church and will also help young people. This will enable the University to do much more and to help many more.

There is another important observation which all should keep in mind. Those who are friends of the University should seek to get as many full-paid students to come to us as they possibly can. Those who are able

MENARD ENCAMPMENT MEETING THIS WEEK

The 17th session of the Menard Encampment is in session on the bank of the San Saba river one mile from Menard from Monday afternoon, July 7 through Sunday, July 13. Classes will be held in Sunday School, Training Union, W. M. U., Brotherhood, and music.

Assembly sessions are being held in a large concrete pavilion in a pecan grove, across the river from the recently reconstructed San Saba Mission.

Rev. Philip C. McGahey of Breckenridge is camp evangelist, speaking twice daily. Vesper services will be conducted by Dr. Jas. W. Middleton of First Church, San Angelo. J. D. Riddle of Abilene is song leader with Mrs. Riddle at the piano. Rev. Fred De La Shaw of Paint Rock will have charge of recreation.

Other faculty members include Dr. M. E. Davis, Brownwood, Dr. Edward B. Jenkins, Paul Counts, and Milford Howell of Abilene, Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Aly of Kermit, and Mrs. J. E. Jackson, who has recently returned from China. Several have more than one period.

District 16 workers on the program include Mrs. Exton Talley, Miss Vivian Glidewell, Miss Fay Holden, Mrs. B. B. Burk, Mrs. C. P. Orrick, and Miss Virginia Vedder. Rev. M. E. Fairchild of Menard is camp pastor, Mrs. Fairchild is camp secretary, Grover and Roger Landers of Menard are respectively president and secretary of the camp.

There will be services at the camp all day Sunday.

TEXAS MEXICAN BAPTISTS REPORT 1,200 BAPTISMS

The Mexican Baptist Convention of Texas, which met at Houston June 23-27, reported 1,224 baptisms during the past year. The convention was preceded by evangelistic services at three Mexican churches in the city with 20 professions of faith. Preaching for these services were Dr. J. W. Beagle and Dr. J. L. Moye of the Home Mission Board, Rev. Davido Travis, Brownwood, and Rev. Pedro A. Hernandez, Abilene.

Convention officers elected included: Pascual Hurtiz, San Antonio, president; Adelina Garcia, San Antonio, W. M. U. president; Carlos Paredes, Waco, Training Union president; Pedro A. Hernandez, Abilene, Sunday School president; Daniel Delgado, Eagle Pass, secretary.

WHAT WE PLAN TO DO WITH THE \$300,000 ASKED FOR IN THE EMERGENCY CAMPAIGN

By J. B. LAWRENCE,



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BAPTISTS ASKED \$300,000 FOR CAMP MINISTRY FUND

By T. C. Gardner

Sunday, July 27, is the day when Southern Baptists will undertake to raise \$300,000 to be used for religious work among the soldiers of the South. Texas has been asked to raise \$35,000 on that day.

It will be remembered that Texas Baptists outlined a program in behalf of the soldiers in the fall of 1940. Dr. A. C. Miller was employed to direct the soldier's work. He has done his work superbly and will continue to lead us in that endeavor. Texas Baptists have always been interested in their army camps and have been constantly doing religious work among the soldiers. At this time seven of our finest Texas Baptist preachers are giving all of their time to religious work in the army camps. This work is being directed by Dr. Miller.

It will also be remembered that when Texas launched the campaign in behalf of the soldiers' work, the financial budget called for \$50,000. Of that amount \$27,000 has been raised. Now is a good time for Texas to cooperate with Southern Baptists in raising the \$300,000, a part of which will provide the funds necessary to complete our program for soldiers' work in Texas.

Committees have been appointed in each of the 17 districts to promote the soldiers' work and to aid in raising the \$35,000 in Texas Sunday, July 27.

Dr. W. W. Melton, General Secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, is chairman of the State Promotional Committee and is leading the campaign to raise the \$35,000. Other members of the State Promotional Committee are A. D. Foreman, Sr., Houston; Harlan J. Matthews, Marshall; Mrs. E. F. Lyon and Dr. Wallace Bassett, Dallas.

STATE BOARD TO MEET IN BAPTIST BUILDING

The Baptist Executive Board will meet in the new Baptist building at the corner of Pacific and Ervay Streets Tuesday morning, July 15, at 10 o'clock. This will be the first state meeting to have a session in the new auditorium on the first floor of the new Baptist building. When the Board convenes Dr. Harlan J. Matthews of Marshall, president, will preside, while Dr. W. W. Melton, General Secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, will present important matters to the Board.

One of the important matters that Dr. Melton will present to the Board will be the religious work among the soldiers. He will explain to the Board that Southern Baptists will undertake to raise \$300,000 on Sunday, July 27, and that Texas' part of this is \$35,000.

Dr. Melton will report that during the first six months of this convention year Texas Baptists have raised more than \$500,000 on the \$1,100,000 that they have set out to raise during this year. This is an increase of \$81,000 over the same period of time last year.

There are 86 members of this board. All of them are expected to attend this session. Including the visitors who are expected to come to inspect the new Baptist building, more than three hundred Baptist leaders of Texas are expected to attend this session.

DANCE HALL REVIVAL CONTINUES THIRD WEEK

There have been 21 conversions at "Mary's Place" in two weeks of evangelistic services. The meeting will be continued at least another week.

"Mary's Place" is, or rather was, a dance hall and reputedly one of the lurid night spots of Abilene. It is just east of the city limits on Highway 80. All readers of the Abilene dailies have heard of it.

But Mary found the Lord the other day, under the guidance of J. J. Toombs, mission chairman of the University Church Brotherhood and A. K. Bailey, member of Friendship Mission. Her first act, after accepting Christ, was to make the round of the neighborhood apologizing for bringing her establishment into the community. Then she sent to Pastor Millard A. Jenkins of First Church, requesting him to preach at the dance hall that night.

By the time for services to begin, a sack had been hung over the dance hall sign, the nickleodeon and other evidences of the previous nature of the establishment had been removed, and a crowd which came overflowed into the yard. Carloads of soldiers, driving up, were astonished to see a revival meeting in progress, Mary with beaming face testifying to her joy in her new-found Savior, and her mother repeating that she had prayed long years for that day.

Services are being conducted under the auspices of Friendship Mission, with a number of ministers and workers from various churches assisting in the meeting. Sixteen had been received for baptism through Sunday night, with ten already baptized.

Most active of the workers in the meeting is Mary herself. She has expressed a desire to see a permanent mission established in her building and to give her life to mission work.

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ON COOLING OFF

Years ago Dr. J. B. Cranfill, we believe it was, told of his "cooling drawer." He said when he was tempted to write something sarcastic, bitter or cutting, he would go ahead and get it out of his system while he was in the notion. Then instead of publishing the article or mailing the letter in which he had vented his spleen, he would lay it in the "cooling drawer" to be re-read when the heat of his passion had died. After that, most of them found the way to the waste basket.

If all of us followed a similar cooling process when hurt or angry, instead of speaking or writing things which we will later regret, life would be much happier, both for ourselves and for those who come in contact with us.

Most of us have had a promising day spoiled by someone, in person or by mail, who takes the occasion to unburden himself of an in-growing grudge and makes us the target of his barbs. Perhaps we have given occasion for some offense, but a vigorous attack always puts one on the defensive instead of bringing penitence. Perhaps we can get a lesson from the long-suffering Christian, who is said to have refused to sign a petition to oust a dance hall from his neighborhood. Instead, he prayed mightily for the proprietress, and was rewarded by having the dance hall turned into a mission.

If we cultivated more the Christian virtues of patience and forbearance, if we were more prone to pray than to fight, we would spread more happiness as we go along our way. Someone has said, "Never criticize the walk of your neighbor until you have stepped on the nails that are in his shoes."

CHRISTIAN IDEALS

Christian people in general and religious leaders in particular need to be most careful that all their business and social relationships are always above reproach.

There is no standard which Christians are obligated to meet that is not also the duty of every person living, but because others measure far below the standard, it is all the more a reason that the Christians should strive to attain it. Because there are some who have called themselves Christian who are living in seeming content on a low level, it is all the more important that those in places of church leadership must maintain the highest ideals.

This ideal goes beyond questions of common honesty and shady dealings. It involves every relationship of life. Dr. John L. Hill says that if a person is really a Christian his dog and cat ought to know it. Some other philosopher has said that a true Christian will not leave a dirty ring in a bath tub which some other person must use.

We confess to believe and to follow the Golden Rule. Yet, we develop the most boorish manners on the highway, disregarding the rights and comfort of others in our rush to get nowhere and do nothing. We go on picnics and leave the site unfit for anyone else to enjoy. We attend encampments and litter the ground, clog the plumbing, damage the property and annoy our neighbors. We make business deals and back out, if we can, when we find they are not as much to our advantage as we thought they were. We . . . But what's the use? Everyone knows the shabby score, due as often to unthoughtfulness as to unregenerate selfishness.

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect."

NOT GRUDGINGLY

When the Apostle Paul wrote the early Christians to give, "not grudgingly," he was referring to money matters and lots of us today still need to heed his admonition. But we believe that no violence will be done to the spirit of the text to give it another application.

Too often, when we are asked to do some task for the Lord and His church, we will squirm and twist and hunt for excuses until the joy that might have been associated with the task is in a large measure destroyed before acceptance is finally given. If some Christians should put in as much time working for their church as they give to explaining why they are not able to do what is asked of them, they would have much more joy in their religion and it would be a great joy to others.

This is not to say that everyone should attempt to do everything that some enthusiastic person asks of them. That would result in none of the tasks being really done well. It is not amiss, we think, for a Christian to take time to breathe a prayer before accepting any work of a religious nature, or other, for that matter. Decisions of more than ordinary importance should be made the occasion of deep prayer and serious meditation. After that, the answer should be a definite yes or no, given in reason and a clear conscience.

There is no occasion to destroy the joy of service by expecting to be begged, like a spoiled child. Such people usually wind up by destroying their Christian usefulness, for busy people have no patience with babies who have to be petted along.

Christianity is a joyous religion and those who serve the Master best are those "who enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise." When "the Lord loveth a cheerful giver," we believe it refers to the givers of their time and themselves quite as much as those who give the money with which they may be possessed.

NEWS NOTES

Rev. Edwin Kraemer of Barstow has entered military service as a chaplain.

of his recent meetings have been in Oklahoma and this is the time of the Falls Creek Assembly.

Rev. L. A. Doyle of Anson will assist Pastor J. G. Dandignac in a revival at Gillespie.

Mrs. J. Walton Moore will be one of the missionary speakers at Latham Springs encampment July 15 to 23.

Rev. Cooper Waters of Merkel will assist Pastor Willis Taylor in a revival at Ovalo, beginning July 20.

Archer City Church has called Rev. Edward Townsend, who resigned at Fort Davis to accept this work.

Singer George Reynolds of Childress has an open date for a revival meeting from August 3 to 17. Most

First Church, Littlefield, closed a two weeks Vacation Bible School with 166 enrolled and 116 average attendance.

Rev. W. C. Taggart, Jr., has entered the national service as a chaplain and is now stationed at San Antonio.

Rev. Dick Griffin has resigned as pastor of Magnolia Church, Houston, to enter the seminary. He has done a very effective work in the Houston Church.

Rev. Kermit Melugin, CCC chaplain, preached at First Church, Lubbock, June 29, in the absence of Dr. C. E. Hereford, who is on his summer vacation.

Lawson H. Cooke, Southwide Brotherhood secretary, spoke June 29 at First Church, Abilene. This straight-thinking layman aroused great interest.

Joe Evans, El Paso ranchman-layman, is guest speaker for a joint meeting of the Brotherhood and W. M. U. at Emmanuel Church, Albuquerque, July 11.

First Church, Sweetwater, is having six home prayer meetings each evening four times this week, preparatory to the revival beginning July 13, with Dr. C. E. Matthews leading.

Rev. D. H. Joiner, who has resided at Fort Davis and served four small churches in District 7, has resigned and will enter the College of Marshall with his two sons.

Rev. J. Wm. Arnett has accepted the call of the Caddo Church and will move on the field this week-end at the close of the summer session of Southwestern Seminary.

Rev. Henry G. Weins, Megargel pastor who is a native Russian, was the speaker for the men of Merkel Church on June 23. The Merkel men are sponsoring a Mexican mission.

Missionary J. W. McGavock of Chila spoke at the evening hour at First Church, Burkburnett. The address was illustrated with pictures of the country and the Baptist work there.

Rev. Sam Malone, former editor of the West Texas Baptist, was a visitor in Abilene last week. He is now assisting Missionary H. H. Summers in a revival at Fence Lake, New Mexico.

Crosbyton reports eight conversions in one of the best Vacation Bible Schools. Pastor Noel V. Guice served as principal in the school which had 179 enrolled and an average attendance of 125.

Pecos Valley and Big Bend Associations will hold a joint "Fellowship" workers conference and picnic at Fort Stockton on Thursday July 17. The program will begin in the afternoon at 2 and a barbecue supper will be served picnic style at the park at 7.

Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Hopkins and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Liles will assist in a Sunday School enlargement campaign in Pecos Association the week of September 21 to 27. Rev. C. T. Aly, Kermit, is associational superintendent.

Dr. McKinley Norman reports 53 additions, 33 for baptism, in meetings with Pastor Jack Manning, Burkburnett, and John E. Whit, Mt. Vernon. His son, Wayman Norman, is directing the music in most of his summer meetings.

There were 19 conversions, about 40 rededications and 13 surrendering for special service at the Girls Camp at Paisano the week of June 24. The boys had a great camp the following week. Rev. Clyde Childers was pastor at the girls' camp and Dr. I. L. Yearby for the boys.

The North Park Church, Abilene, was greatly cemented in the recent revival led by Missionary H. D. Blair of Cisco Association, reports Pastor F. A. Hollis. In addition to many rededications there were six baptized and three added by letter. The work on the new education building for North Park is going steadily forward.

Rev. W. R. Derr of Ralls is leading in a revival meeting at Dickens which began July 6. On July 20 Rev. C. R. Joiner of Spur will begin a meeting with Pastor Derr and the Ralls Church. D. C. Hamilton, new education director at Vernon First, will lead the music.

Ralls reports 13 converted in Vacation Bible School. There were 54 enrolled in spite of continuous rains. Although they have had rain for 10 consecutive Sundays, there have been additions regularly, including the mayor of the town and an aged woman who recently came for baptism.

Clyde reports three conversions in the Vacation Bible School led by Misses Charlene Good and Melba Moore. There were 75 enrolled in spite of a busy berry season and another school at the same time. Pastor O. D. Welch has completed his first year with increases in enrollment and attendance at all services.

Evangelist Wm. H. Joyner has just closed a revival in College Avenue Church, Lubbock, in which there were 22 additions and many rededications. Pastor A. E. White recommends Dr. Joyner as a sound Gospel preacher and a speaker of great ability. He reports the work greatly revived and strengthened.

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ale and establish for them denominational contact and standing.

2. The Government is building chapels in which services can be held, but the Government is not furnishing sufficient equipment. The chaplains will need an organ, or a piano; they will need song-books, Sunday School and B. T. U. literature and other things that go with and make church services effective. This will have to be furnished because the chaplains are not able to furnish it and the salaries of the soldiers are not sufficient for them to buy it. When we remember that there are about 225 Baptist chaplains in the camps already, we begin to see what this item alone will mean.

3. We will need to furnish Testaments and other religious literature for the men not only in the regiments over which Baptist chaplains preside, but for the Baptist men in every regiment. There will be at least 300,000 Baptist men in the camps and each of these men should have a New Testament.

4. The Government has made it possible for the chaplains to invite pastors of churches to the camps to hold services. The superintendent of camp work for the Home Mission Board will arrange with the chaplains for special evangelistic services. Pastors and singers will be needed. In many instances these men will be willing to contribute their services, but their expenses will have to be paid and the men in the camps will not be able to pay this expense. The Home Mission Board will have to provide expenses when not provided by local churches. We are hoping to have a great wave of evangelism throughout our camps equal to that held in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. Hundreds of thousands of men were converted during that period. May we have another experience like that!

5. I have many letters from chaplains calling our attention to the things they need. One chaplain calls attention to what Episcopalians are doing for the Episcopal chaplains. He sends us two booklets which they have provided and a folder entitled, "A Greeting from Your Chaplain," which gives helpful hints to recruits. This is being furnished to the Episcopal chaplains in such quantities that they can give each one of the men in their regiment a copy. We Baptists ought to do something like that. We need a well written book for our soldiers in training that will give them instructions for their daily Christian life. This book should not be too

Sunday School Lesson

By HIGHT C MOORE

July 13, 1941

CHRISTIANITY EXPANDS IN ASIA

Read Acts 19:1 to 21:17
Study Acts 19:8-10, 23-32

Setting out from Antioch of Syria in A. D. 54 upon his third missionary tour, Paul visited the churches in Galatia and Phrygia and then proceeded to Ephesus, the capital of the province and the chief emporium of western Asia. It was a stronghold of paganism and was especially renowned for the practice of magic and the worship of Diana. The Temple of Diana standing at the head of the harbor, exhibiting a magnificent architectural splendor and adorned with the richest treasures of all nations, was one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Politically, Ephesus was one of the free cities of the Roman Empire. The people were luxurious and dissolute. But among them Paul spent three of the most successful years of his ministry. Night and day with tears he preached in private houses, in the synagogues, and in the school of Tyrannus. Near the close of his faithful and effective ministry, and most probably in the year 57, the apostle met with fierce and tumultuous opposition. But as soon as the storm subsided he departed for Macedonia in pursuance of his plans for the furtherance of the Gospel.

1. Ministry in the Synagogue
PREACHING was the first phase of Paul's ministry at Ephesus. Following his usual custom, Paul began his regular work in the synagogue of the Jews. Here he spent three months. The burden of his ministry was "the things concerning the kingdom of God." In formal address and in personal argument he convincingly taught the people. There were some who accepted his teaching, but others in their unbelief and hardness of heart rose before the multitude and bitterly denounced Christianity. These opponents were sufficiently influential to convince Paul that the aggressive work which he planned at Ephesus could not be carried on with the synagogue as a base.

2. Services in the School
TEACHING was now transferred to the schoolroom of Tyrannus who was evidently a sympathizer and friend, if not a convert and disciple of Paul. It was a most convenient and strategic meeting place, and here Paul arranged to have daily meetings for instruction and consultation. Vigorous as the work was, and hard as it was on those who did it, there was no opposition for a period of two whole years. That it was fruitful, there is no question.

3. Missions Through the Province
EVANGELISM carried the Gospel through the province of Asia. Visitors to Ephesus from near-by cities and villages were attracted to the lecture hall of Tyrannus to hear the apostle; and they scattered his teaching far and wide over that region. Very likely also some of the Ephesians were sent out to evangelize the surrounding country. It is possible that Paul himself went to various cities in the neighborhood and laid

long, but it ought to be well written and prepared to help the service man in his daily devotional life. We want him to come away from the camp a good Christian. It will take 250,000 copies at least to supply the demand.

6. We need also books, magazines and other good reading matter in the reading room of the chapels where the men can come and spend their leisure hours.

The second part of our work is on the outside of the camps in connection with the Baptist churches in the communities contiguous to the camps. There are more than 130 communities which have grown up outside the camps and in these live many of the families of the officers. In many of these communities there are only part-time churches, absolutely unable to minister to these enlarged new communities. We must help these churches to serve the boys in the camps and the communities outside the camps.

2. We will need at practically every camp a worker who will con-

the foundations of some of the seven churches of Roman Asia. At any rate, "all they which dwell in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks."

4. Stir among the Silversmiths
OPPOSITION was fomented by the silversmiths. The success of the Gospel meant to that extent the failure of idolatry. In consequence of Paul's ministry, therefore, the business of idol-making in Ephesus was on the decline. The waning market for silver shrines of Diana was first felt by the silversmiths of the city, and they determined to get Paul out of the way. Their meeting was assembled and addressed by the president of the guild, Demetrius, who shrewdly adverted to the source of their wealth as being paralyzed by Paul whose work tended to make the splendid temple a byword and to rob the great goddess of her glory. The crowd, wildly indignant, shouted, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians!"

5. Tumult in the Theater
VINDICATION followed the outburst of fury which threw the city into utter confusion. Rushing into the streets and perhaps enlisting the aid of the police they laid hands on two of Paul's traveling companions, Gaius and Aristarchus of Macedonia, and crowded into the great amphitheater with a view to crushing out Ephesian Christianity and its apostle. Learning what was going on, Paul started to enter the amphitheater and appear before the people, but he was prevented by the brethren and by some friendly officials who entreated him not to run the risk. Meantime, everything was utter confusion within the amphitheater, for some yelled one thing and some another while the majority had no idea what drew them together. After a time, the Jews, wishing to clear their skirts of any responsibility that might be attributed to them for what Paul had done, put forward Alexander, one of their number, to address the mob; but when they saw that he was a Jew, the uproar broke out afresh and for two hours like madmen, the multitude cried, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians!"

Gold in the Golden Text
So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.—Acts 19:20.

Think of "the word." It was the word not of silversmiths or town clerk, not of Diana or her devotees, not even of Paul and his staff, but "the word of the Lord." It was, therefore, the gospel message, the good news of salvation, guidance in service, guarantee of the life beyond.

Daily Bible Readings
July 14—Choosing Good Company. 1 Cor. 5:9-13.
July 15—Social Responsibility. Gen. 4:9-15.
July 19—Personal Fitness. Dan. 1:8-16.
July 17—Not Enslaved to Drink. Titus 2:1-8.
July 18—Education for Temperance. Jer. 35:5-10.
July 19—Reverence for Personality. Matt. 12:9-12.
July 20—Building the Kingdom. Gal. 6:6-10.

tact the boys outside the camp, working with the Baptist churches. Practically every church will need to prepare a recreation room for the boys. They will need books and magazines and simple games. This is not only true of the country churches, but it is also true of the city churches. Most of these boys will go from the camps direct to the cities. Shall we allow them to drift, or shall we make some provision to give these boys a resting place, a recreation room where they can sit and talk and read and play simple games during the week, and then get them into the services on Sunday. We will need a worker for every town and community contiguous to the camps to help in this work.

3. As time goes on, we will realize more and more the need of this outside work. Since at least 500,000 men will be out of the camps every week-end, flooding the towns and cities adjacent to the camps it stands to reason that we must do something to direct them to our churches for services on Sunday. Our city churches and pastors will realize more and more the necessity of a strong denominational program to help them in their effort to reach these men for Christ.

There is no end to the things that can be done and that should be done for these boys in the camps, where things are different and strange and new. On the inside of the camps we will work through the chaplains; outside the camps through the pastors and the churches.

The Light That Never Fails

By Alvin Hatton

Awarded the diamond-studded gold medal given by Judge Wm. H. Atwell of Dallas to the member of the Junior or Senior class of Hardin-Simmons University writing the best essay on this subject.

Some say that Hope is the light that never fails for in a world where many are losing heart, hope has been the sustaining beacon; some say that Faith is the light that never fails, because the world's progress has been built on man's confidence in man and in the future; some say that Love is the light that never fails for where men truly love one another this earth has found peace, and thus it could become one great brotherhood.

Perhaps all are right, so far as they go, for no higher principles could be laid down than these three—faith, hope, and love. But principles emanate from the personality that produces them, and can be valid only if that person is capable of making them so. Thus today, when men are groping in darkness and having the very bulwarks of civilization blasted from around them, they need to link their lives and their governments to something more than principles, even great principles. They need to reach back beyond these and grasp the source of all great principles—He who is truly the Light that never fails.

Two thousand years ago wise men from the East followed the light of a star that led them to the Light of the world. Jesus Christ came into a world of darkness to bring light to the lives of men. Who can say that He is not the Light that never fails? He was God's Son and He spoke the truth with authority when He said, "I am the Light of the world."

Today men are walking in darkness and not only their cities are suffering from "blackouts," but their hope, their faith, and their love is darkened as well. To these men Jesus says, "I am the Light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." The picture of an individual without Jesus is darkness, and the same is true with the nation without Jesus, "the Light of the world." Christianity has not failed men, but men have failed to accept Christ. Many have a form of religion they call Christianity but there is no Jesus in it. It is counterfeit. But to the person or nation will find that He is one drive out all darkness, and let Jesus be the Lord and Master, that person or nation will find that He is one who will not fail them. He is the Light that never fails.

"He that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out," Jesus said. He will not fail to accept anyone who will come to God by faith in Him. But men can shut out this Light from their hearts and lives. This was true when Jesus walked among men in the flesh. "He came unto his own and his own received him not." The Light did not penetrate the hard hearts of the self-satisfied, self-righteous Jews. He told them that He was from the Father, that He and the Father were one; but they mocked Him, they hated Him and they rejected Him. They criticized Him for making the blind to see, yet that was His mission on earth: to bring light to men, not only to their blinded eyes, but to their souls, which had been darkened and blighted by sin. Think about it! Here was the Son of God, the Light of the world among them, yet they were so blinded by sin that they could not realize this great truth. He told them He spoke the truth and that He was the truth, but they only continued to try harder to get Him out of the way. The tragedy is that today this Jesus is still in the reach of all men and they continue to reject Him. They are willing to go on with their own plans and programs and leave out the Light of the world. To be sure many have found Him as Savior and made Him Master over their lives, but just as it was when He was on earth in the flesh, He is still unpopular in the ranks of men.

Although the Light did not penetrate the hard domes of Jerusalem, a strange thing began to happen. With a small beginning the Christian movement went forward slowly but ever more surely. Jesus had said to His disciples, "Ye are the light of the world." He wanted them to be torch-bearers of this Light. He said, "Go into all the world." Now even the hard Roman Empire that ruled the world began to receive this Light. The greatest missionary perhaps was the Apostle Paul, who was ordained by God to be a "Light to the Gentiles." Of course Christianity had a slow and hard beginning; Christians were put to death for the show of it and the sport of it. But men could not deny, even as now they cannot, that any genuine Christian has something

that is beyond human understanding and explanation. Not only how they lived for Christ, but how they died for Him, must have served as a great advertisement to this great religion and movement.

With the coming of Light there comes knowledge, with knowledge wisdom, with wisdom power, with power riches, with riches either service or selfishness. When the Roman Empire officially took over what they called Christianity, they had so mixed it with paganism and sin, that it could truthfully be said that they had a form of Christianity but denied the Christ of it. They build great cathedrals decked with diamonds that would shine in the sunlight, and the brilliance of it all was too much for the Light of the world to be seen. These were not built for the glory of the Son of God, but for the glory of the Holy Roman Empire and the Emperor, Pope and Roman Catholic Church. They shut out the Light of the world from their hearts and from their whole system of religion. Jesus wants first place in the lives of men. He wants to be before their gold and diamonds. He must be Lord of all or He will not be Lord at all. He is not an intruder. If men choose to shut Him out, He will not force Himself upon them.

So the pages of history are darkened because the Light failed, it practically went out; not because Jesus failed men, but men failed Him. So dark were the days and years that followed, that history calls this period of time the Dark Ages. For years men lived in this period of darkness with a loss of their learning and civilization. But the Light had not completely gone out. Perhaps all along in the hearts of some, the Light of Heaven was aglow. Finally some one was bold enough to step forward and publicly denounce the Roman Catholic Church. His name was Martin Luther, and he is remembered as one who had much to do with the starting of a great reformation and revival of true religion and learning. From this time forward things began to happen, both in the hearts and in the minds of men. Men began to study and grow intellectually. They began to invent things for the advancement of industry and civilization in general.

With the coming of light comes knowledge, with knowledge comes wisdom, with wisdom power, and with power riches. This time it seemed that men were going to use their power and riches in the right way. In England we see such men as Wycliffe and Tyndale willing to give their lives that people might have the Bible to read. Then as the printing press is invented and books are written and published, everyone seems to have at least a small chance at learning.

All this because of Jesus? Why not? All along men have questioned this; and yet let man shut out Jesus and one sees the light of learning and civilization go out. Even the little advancement that seems to be made without Christ could not be made if it were not for His influence in the hearts and lives of men. He is the Light of the world, the Light that never fails.

For the cause of Christ men were willing to leave their places of ease and go down into the jungle of Africa the Dark Continent, to tell the black inhabitants about the Light of the world. Others went to India, others to China, and some had already come, seeking a place to better worship God, to the western world, and build a country on the principles of freedom and Christianity.

America has received that Light, in fact America was built upon that Light. Again we see the process repeated—with the coming of light comes knowledge, with knowledge wisdom, with wisdom power, with power riches with riches either service or selfishness. We are the richest nation in the world, the most powerful. God has blessed America. In Europe the lights are going out. No matter what might come may we in this nation remember that, as Lloyd George once said to the English Parliament, "It is Christ or chaos." May we as a Christian nation become more thoroughly Christian; may we as an enlightened country become more enlightened because of our relationship to the Light of the world.

May God give us the courage in this country to live for Christ and be willing to die for Him and the noble cause of freedom and democracy on which this nation was founded. May we remember that we have all power in heaven and in earth if we have Jesus, the Light that never fails. To the Christian He says, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world." He will not fail us; may we not fail Him.

Faith is never a complete failure.

BAPTIST WORK IN SOUTH BRAZIL GREATLY BLESSED

By Harley Smith

Caixa Postal, 118 Porto Alegre, Brazil

God marvelously blessed our work on Sunday, March 9. One fine young man came forward for baptism in the morning service at the Central Church of Porto Alegre. He gave a striking testimony—one of the best that has been heard in the church so far. He told the church in plain, simple words that he wanted to be baptized in order that he might be of greater service to the cause of Christ. He wanted to fulfill his obligation as a Christian in every way even to the point of tithing.

Such a testimony was wholesome coming from a young man of nineteen years of age. The church voted to accept him as a candidate for baptism and he was baptized at the evening service. There were two others received by letter.

In the afternoon, the writer of these lines, went to a small church, the First Baptist Church of Canoas, twelve miles away. There were nine candidates examined for baptism and eight of them were accepted, one by church conference.

God is revealing His face to us in a most peculiar way. Much has been done for the Master in these sixteen years of service, but not all that might have been done. However we bow our heads in humility and gratitude to Him for His wonderful blessing.

It is time for our furlough, but God continues to bless and to multiply our work so that there is, it seems, no stopping place.

Please remember to pray for us in this most fruitful field of the world. Pray that there may be a great turning to God in our day.

Book Review

"Are All Roads the Same?" is a timely book written by Dr. E. C. Routh, editor of the Baptist Messenger of Oklahoma, and published by the Broadman Press, Nashville, Tenn. There are ten chapters in this timely book, and as I read page after page, I find myself wishing that every member of every Baptist church had an opportunity to read it and study it. I find that there is a great deal of loose thinking on the part of our Baptist people of today. Many of our people could not tell you to save their lives why they are a member of a Baptist church.

One Baptist said to me recently "The church does not save one, so what difference does it make? I had just as soon be a member of the Presbyterian church as the Baptist." This person was a university graduate, a teacher in a public school and a leader of youth. This person had no real conviction about a New Testament Church, about baptism, about grace and about Scriptural Christian service. If this person had read Dr. Routh's book, "Are All Roads the Same?" I believe that she would have had deep convictions relative to all of these matters.

Dr. Routh discusses in a most attractive manner the great doctrines believed in and practiced by the people who call themselves Baptists. The book is readable. It is informing, inspiring and indoctrinating. All Baptists should read it. Remember that Baptists must indoctrinate or Baptists will disintegrate. Also remember that while the world is at its worst the church is needed at its best. The church cannot be at its best unless and until its members are thoroughly grounded in the faith.

"Are All Roads the Same?" is the name of the book by Dr. E. C. Routh. Order it from your Baptist Book Store. The price is only 35c.—T. C. Gardner.

PROGRAM

Stonewall Association Workers Conference, Meeting with Beulah, Rev. J. G. Lee Pastor
10:00 Song service, led by Mrs. Reece Ward.
10:10 Devotional, G. D. Railsbrook.
10:25 The Proper Observation of the Church Ordinances, S. R. Respass.
10:55 The Proper Growth of a Church Members, R. E. Jones.
11:25 Duet, Mrs. W. H. Porter and Mrs. C. N. Gilbert.
11:30 Sermon, E. T. Powers.
Lunch.
1:00 Board and W. M. U. meetings.
1:45 Song service, Mrs. Ward.
2:00 Conferences.
2:30 Inspirational address, W. T. North.

Adversity is the first path to truth.—Byron.

FRIENDS OF JESUS

By T. C. Gardner

"Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." Christianity is in need of friends. I mean real, genuine, devoted, sincere friends. Jesus, the Savior of the world, is in need of friends. I mean true, loyal, faithful, dependable, faith-filled friends.

"Friend" is a word in a class by itself. "To be a friend of Jesus is to share in an experience far transcending anything else knowable in life." It was the friends of Jesus who told others about his power to save. It has been the friends of Jesus through the years who have had a part in extending his blessed gospel to the uttermost parts of the world. To be a friend of Jesus means that we have a large place in our heart for youth, for people, and for the evangelization of the world.

Note again that Jesus said, "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." One who is a friend of the Lord will be praying about ways and means of enlarging his evangelistic and missionary program. He will be thinking of winning others to Christ, but he will, likewise, be thinking of training and developing all of those Christians that they might serve Christ effectively and heroically. All Christians need training, indoctrination, development. The Training Union is designed to provide such things.

Jesus needs friends who are learners. He said, "Learn of me." He also needs friends who are lovers. He said, "If ye love me ye will." Then he needs friends who are leaders. "It is glorious to learn how to lean upon the everlasting arms." Jesus, likewise, needs friends who are leaders. Men and women to lead in winning the lost, teaching the word, and training for service. Perhaps, the greatest need in our Baptist churches today is that need of spiritually trained leadership. In these perilous times in which we live, Jesus needs friends who are laborers. Friends who love him so much that they will receive the biggest possible thrill out of "laboring together with God." Friends of Jesus who are learners, lovers, leaders and laborers, will be constantly looking to the Lord Jesus and saying, "Here am I Lord, take me, break me, make me, use me."

PROGRAM

Workers Conference, Callahan Association, Meeting with Admiral Church Wednesday, July 9
Theme: Spiritual Re-armorment.
10:00 Song Service.
10:15 Devotional, Glenn Purvis.
10:30 The Need of Spiritual Re-armorment, H. C. Reddock.
11:00 Recognition of Visitors, Announcements, etc.
11:10 Special music.
11:20 Sermon, "Re-arming by Prayer," Straus Atkinson.
12:00 Noon, Dinner, "Come and Get It."
1:00 Board meetings.
1:30 Song service.
1:45 Re-arming by Separation, Howard Martin.
2:15 Special music.
2:30 Re-arming by Consecration, W. C. Taggart.
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PARABLE OF THE MOTE AND THE BEAM OR THE BLIND GUIDING THE BLIND

Luke 6:29-42

The parable of the mote and the beam, or as it is sometimes called, the blind guiding the blind, is a part of the Sermon on the Mount, which was delivered to a large gathering of people just after Jesus had selected the Twelve.

A mote is a small particle of dust such as can be seen in a streak of sunlight coming through a crack in the wall. Though a mote is a very small thing, let us not forget that it can cause a great deal of trouble. The person characterized as one with a mote in his eye is perhaps the conscientious Christian who does the best he can, but in spite of all his efforts stumbles now and then. He is not perfect, to be sure, but his sins are minor and human, and he is all the while seeking forgiveness for his slip-ups.

A beam may be thought of as something like a bridge timber. Of course

the illustration is overdrawn for no one could have a bridge timber sticking in his eye; but if a person could have such a thing in his eye, he would certainly be blinded by it. The sin of the Pharisees was so outstanding that they were completely blinded by it. The person with a beam in his eye is one who is blind to his own sins and is groping in the darkness for the sins of the other fellow. Such a thing is a case of one who is totally blind trying to lead one who is only partially blind. The result is that both fall into the ditch.

Two lessons may be drawn from this parable. (1) The Christian who is doing the best he can by the help of God need not be discouraged by the taunts of the world nor does he need to try to please the world instead of God. He will fall in the ditch if he tries to please the world. (2) The Christian who would lead others to Christian living must look with care to his own life. It is the duty of every Christian to seek to live such a life that no one can say that he is a blind guide.

Rambling Remarks

(Continued from page 1)

"Levi Garrett" highway in New Mexico. About every quarter mile you take a dip. It makes you feel like you are driving through East Texas. Oh, yes, I nearly forgot to tell you where we went and what for. We went to Arizona to attend Marie's wedding. It just shows to what lengths some people will go to get a son-in-law. She was married in the altar of the First Baptist Church in Phoenix on the morning of July 4. I had been told by several preachers who had performed the ceremony for their own children that I was in for a new and trying experience. I treated their warnings very lightly, but would not advise other preachers to do so. We finally got to where we could laugh a little about it, but it is still a rather serious subject to me. Maybe later I will try to describe it in this column. When you have lived with them and for them for 20 years, loved

them, spanked them, caressed them, and scolded them, sat uneasily by their beds when they were ill, won them to the Lord and baptized them, and shared their joys and sorrows every day and night, you will find it rather trying to stand before them and speak the words which give them to another and start them out on the most sacred venture in life. I suppose there are humorous angles but I can't see them yet. Good luck, Marie.

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More Missionary Adventures of the Invincible Twenty-two

By Bobbie Copeland

The Invincible Twenty-two are still going in full swing in spite of the extremely hot weather in South Texas. It is so hot that we hardly know what it means to be cool, but the census taking is still going on, even though some of us blister so that a powder puff cannot touch our noses without a yelp.

The campaign in Medina River Association proved to be a very successful one in the fourth week of our work. There were 51 professions of faith that week, and we conducted 11 Vacation Bible Schools. This country was centered around Kerrville, and I had a great time working among the ranch people at Mountain Home, just out from Kerrville. It proved to be a full week as we had a Vacation Bible School, took a census, taught a study course, and then had a young people's revival all in the same week. I had 55 young people helping in the choir whom I count it a privilege to have worked with. Even though it is a small community and the homes are scattered, they are getting ready to rebuild their building, enlarge spaces for the Sunday School then rock the building. We were all made happy on Sunday afternoon when the work for that week closed with this little church getting the banner with a grade of 99 per cent. They worked hard for it even though it looked as if we might not accomplish much at the first of the week.

We left Kerrville early Saturday morning, June 28, for San Antonio Association. Brother Ray wanted the monkeys to have the opportunity of seeing their relatives so he toured us through Brackenridge Park and several other places of interest such as the missions, the Alamo, and Buckhorn Saloon. Up to this time we have had 1,400 enrolled in the Bible schools, had 40 schools, five Mexican schools and one Negro. In all there have been 207 professions of faith not counting the past week in San Antonio. The Lord is blessing our feeble efforts in many ways.

I had the privilege of working in Mitchell Terrace Baptist Church in San Antonio the past week. I believe that is the best little church I have ever worked with. It is not fully a year old yet, but they have 98 enrolled in Sunday School with 96 there last Sunday. I worked with a very consecrated group of young people while there. Their pastor and his wife are a young couple wide awake in the Lord's business. One does not wonder why such a group are advancing in the work for each night after we finished our study course even though it might be late, they gathered in their different groups for their prayer meetings about their work. If something wasn't going along as it should instead of fussing about it they went to the Lord in prayer. If more of our people would do that today we would have more churches banded together instead of having so many split up. We had 65 enrolled in the Bible school and had nine professions of faith in a decision service on Thursday morning. No matter how tired we get or how hard the work is, if we can see results like that we are

determined to go on and give of our very best for the Master.

The workers headed for Dilley on last Saturday for a week in the Winter Garden Association. Even though I am separated from the group this week in Abilene I am praying for a great campaign there. In coming back to lead the music for the Girls' Camp at Lueders we are praying to see many girls take their stand for Christ. There is nothing more beautiful than a group of some 600 girls 100 per cent for Christ.

The campaign with the Invincible Twenty-two closes July 20, after a week's work in Uvalde Association. We are planning a trip over into old Mexico next Saturday, where I will join the group again. After our week in Uvalde we will head for beautiful Alto Frio Encampment which meets July 21 through 29. They are going to have the Circus Tent for us to stay in as they did last year. It proves to be a real circus when you put 19 girls in one tent. After that the group will be separated, going different places. Some will return to their homes and others of us have work down there the rest of the summer.

District 6 is one of the greatest mission fields I have ever seen. We do not have to go to the foreign fields to do our greatest mission work. There are those right here in Texas that we are neglecting every day whom we find are hungry for the Gospel. Brother Ray is a hard working man and is carrying a heavy load, but there is never a grumble from him in any way. He shows the spirit of Christ in his responsibility, and has won many to Jesus by the life that he lives before them. It is a privilege to have worked with two like him and Brother Lites, who go about with an untiring spirit. Before long we hope that more mission work may be done among our people who are not able to hire someone to come into their church. Young people, give your summer for Christ!

PROGRAM

Quarterly meeting of Sweetwater Association W. M. U. Auxiliary, for quarter ending June 30, to be held at Lamar Street Church, Sweetwater, Thursday, July 17.

President, Mrs. C. C. Compere; recording secretary, Mrs. Ray Matheson; Mrs. Cooper Waters, Young People's leader, presiding.

Theme: "Show Us the Way." Chorister and pianist, Y. W. A., University Church, Abilene.

10:00—Hymn, "The King's Business." Devotional, R. A., North Park, Abilene.

10:15—"Our Best for Jesus," Sunbeam Band, Lamar Street, Sweetwater.

10:35—"If I Were You," Sunbeam Band, South Side, Abilene.

10:55—"Jesus and I," Sunbeam Band, Merkel.

11:00—Special Music, G. A., Immanuel, Abilene.

Recognition of all young people working on Forward Steps, visitors and new members.

11:10—President's and Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer's reports.

11:55—"Show Us the Way," message, Miss Jaxie Short, First Church, Abilene.

12:15—Covered dish luncheon. 1:15—Hymn, "O Zion Haste," Devotional, Miss Gwynn King, Y. W. A., South Side, Abilene.

1:30—"The Way Through Mission Study," Mrs. P. L. Ullom, First Church, Sweetwater.

1:50—"The Way Through Stewardship," G. A., First Church, Abilene.

2:15—"What Y. W. A. Means to Me," Laverne Burks, Y. W. A., University Church, Abilene.

2:30—Poem, "Your Question—Your Answer," Y. W. A., Merkel.

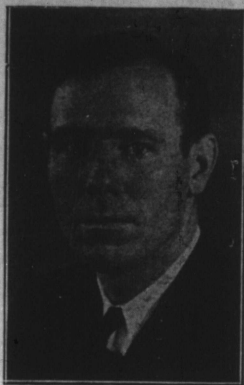
Hymn, "Living for Jesus." Reading of Minutes, Mrs. Ray Matheson.

Closing prayer.

GIRLS' AUXILIARY WORKING IN CLYDE CHURCH

The Intermediate Girls Auxiliary of Clyde Church has an enrollment of 27 with an average attendance of 18 for the past quarter. These girls are enthusiastically caring for the work of an A-1 Standard G. A. During the past quarter they gave jellies and scarfs to Hendrick Hospital and has special programs on hospitals, old ministers, Christian education, Lueders Encampment, and stewardship besides special study on missions in Europe. They are doing directed personal service and studying forward steps. There are eight who have completed the first step of maiden and three who have completed the second step, lady-of-waiting.

MINERAL WELLS CHURCH SECURES TOMMY GODFREY



Tommy Godfrey, education and music director of First Church, Corsicana, has accepted a similar position with First Church, Mineral Wells, announces Pastor W. M. Turner, who has recently gone to that pulpit from Pecos. Mr. Godfrey assisted Dr. E. T. Miller at the Corsicana Church for three and one-half years, during which time he has become recognized as one of the leading men in his profession in the state.

The Mineral Wells church faces a challenging situation, in view of the location of Camp Wolters just outside the city, which has resulted in a great increase in the population.

GREAT SUNDAY SCHOOLS IS ZONE MEETING THEME

"What Makes a Great Sunday School," was the theme selected by Hebron Sunday School officials for their program at the meeting at Riverside July 6, 3 p.m. At the June meeting Noodle's subject, "Duties of a Sunday School Teacher," was well discussed.

Sunday Schools comprising Zone I are listed below, giving name of church, pastor, and superintendent in order:

Amity, O. B. Tatum, Jack Benningfield.

Compere, O. B. Tatum, Ross Merritt.

Golan, R. H. Williams.

Hebron, Doyle Hughes, J. H. Clark.

Hodges, E. B. Atwood, Lee Welch.

Noodle, A. R. Posey, Loss Story.

Prairie View, J. L. Price, supt.

Riverside, Clebert Jones, Albert Story.

Shiloh, J. B. Bradford, A. J. Armstrong.

Stith, W. L. Daniel, C. R. Rogers, Sr.

Truby, Loyd Gentry, J. W. Grogan.

H. G. Smith, Supt. Zone 1.

Mrs. V. L. Merritt, Sec.

BUDGET INCREASE PLANNED FOR DISTRICT NINE

The financial committee of the Executive Board of District 9 has recommended an increase in the district budget and in gifts from the district through the Cooperative Program for the convention year of 1941-42, reports Rev. W. R. Derr, Ralls, board president.

The new budget for the district calls for \$3,888 for general work in the district and asks the churches to contribute a total of \$40,000 for the missionary and benevolent work of the denomination outside the district. pastor of First Church, Port Arthur.

LAWSON COOKE TO SPEAK TO RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS

The program committee of the Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association has announced that Mr. Lawson H. Cooke, Memphis, Tenn.; Mrs. Homer L. Grice and C. J. Allen of Nashville, Tenn.; and Dr. A. E. Tibbs of the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, will appear on the program of this organization August 25-27. Many other religious educators, including a large number of educational directors in the Southwest, will appear on the program of this conference. All sessions will be conducted in Cowden Hall of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Entertainment is being furnished by the Seminary at \$1.00 per day per person. Reservations should be made through Mrs. W. E. Kimbrough, Seminary Hill, Texas.

STERLING CITY REVIVAL

Dr. C. E. Lancaster, pastor of First Church, Big Spring, assisted Pastor C. B. Stovall in a recent revival at Sterling City which resulted in 11 additions. The church was greatly helped in spite of continuous rains. Pastor Stovall is entering his third year in this work with a greatly enlarged program. A Vacation Bible School is now in progress at the Mexican mission of this church.

DONATIONS CONTINUE FOR HOSPITAL CHARITY FUND

Donations of cash, foods and linens continue to come almost daily to Hendrick Memorial Hospital, reports Superintendent E. M. Collier. The following list completes offerings received for June. These gifts are credited to the charity fund of the hospital.

Earth W. M. S., 7.00; Seagraves W. M. S., 2.50; Caddo W. M. S., 13.15; Pampa W. M. S., 6.30; Mrs. M. H. Compere, Dallas, 5.00; Mrs. T. C. Nichols, Abilene, 5.00; District 17 W. M. S., 20.60; Miami W. M. S., 5.00; Munday Church, 2.18; Garden City W. M. S., 2.00; Lubbock, W. M. S. First Church, 10.00 for linen fund; Sterling City W. M. S., 1.17.

W. M. S., Immanuel, Talpa, 11 bath towels, 2 wash cloths, 2 sheets, 2 pr. pillow cases.

Cottonwood Church, 7 scrap books, 9 bath towels, 2 pr. pillow cases, 1 sheet.

W. M. S., College Heights, Plainview, 9 towels.

Slaton, W. M. S., 17 bath towels, 28 wash cloths, 21 napkins, 8 sheets, 6 pr. pillow cases.

Eastland W. M. S., 16 pints jelly. Anson W. M. S., 7 wash cloths, 12 bath towels.

Amherst W. M. S., 11 bath towels, 5 wash cloths.

Sparenberg W. M. S., 4 bed-side table covers, 12 dresser scarfs, 2 dish towels, 2 bath towels.

Whiteface W. M. S., 6 bath towels, 1 sheet, 2 pr. pillow cases.

Clyde W. M. U., 24 dresser scarfs, 30 jars jelly, 10 dish towels.

Graham W. M. S., 6 glasses jelly, 4 wash cloths, 5 bath towels, 1 sheet, 4 dresser scarfs, 5 pairs pillow cases.

Snyder W. M. S., 3 pr. pillow cases. Sterling City W. M. S., 8 pillow cases.

Abilene, First Baptist W. M. S., 5 sheets, 3 bath towels, 2 face towels, 10 pillow cases.

PLAINS YOUNG PEOPLE MEETING AT CETA GLEN

Barring persistent rainfall, the camps for boys and girls of District 9 are being held this week at Ceta Glen, near Happy. The boys were to go Monday afternoon and the girls Wednesday afternoon.

Rev. Roy Shahan of Littlefield is evangelistic speaker for the girls and Rev. L. Boyd Reavis of Plainview, for the boys. Mrs. C. L. Culpepper will bring mission messages. District Missionary J. Lowell Ponder is camp director and Mrs. Ponder, camp secretary. Mrs. R. L. Mathis, state young people's leader for the W. M. U., will have a part in the program for the girls.

A large number of the most capable leaders among Plains Baptists will share the program of the week.

PLAINS AREA TO HAVE LAYMEN'S ENCAMPMENT

Lawson H. Cooke will be the principal speaker at an encampment for men which will be held August 18 to 24 at Ceta Glen, a branch of the Palo Duro Canyon, near Happy. This is the first men's encampment for the Plains area. It is being promoted by the Brotherhood organization of District 9.

NEWS NOTES

Immanuel Church, San Angelo, reports 202 enrolled in the Vacation Bible School, 135 of whom had a perfect attendance record. Miss Ruth Rich organized and led the school.

The July Workers' meeting of Concho Valley Association, which met at Christoval July 7, was the quarterly W. M. U. meeting of the association.

Canyon reports 113 enrolled in their Vacation Bible School which scored 985 points out of a possible 1000. A community school was being conducted at the same time.

First Church, Bryan, observed their 75th anniversary with a homecoming on July 29. Rev. W. H. Andrew is pastor. Former pastors now living are Dr. John A. Held, editor of the Gulf Coast Baptist and Dr. R. E. Day.

He that has no cross will have no crown.—Quarles.

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THE DEVIL'S TACTICS

By Edward B. Jenkins

We met a young pugilist on the train from one of the north-midwestern states. He had fought in over 100 contests and had won nearly all of them. We asked him what was his first move when the gong sounded. He said he always tried to hit his opponent in the face at the very first blow. This would make his opponent angry, and he would fight recklessly and fail to protect himself. This would give him an opening and he could land a knock-out blow.

How like the devil. He is a dirty fighter; he will hit under the belt. He seeks to make God's children angry by having some one (sometimes a church member, we did not say a Christian), to give them a dirty deal or mistreat them or persecute them, and thus seek to embitter them. Then he tries to make God's children feel that God does not love them or care for them. He endeavors to turn them against God.

Paul said: "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices" (II Cor. 2:11).

PROGRAM

Jones County Worker's Conference
Meeting With
West Side Mission, Stamford
July 22

Theme: Holy Spirit
10:00—Song and Devotional, Sidney Cox.

10:30—Work of Holy Spirit in Conviction, H. E. East.

11:00—Work of Holy Spirit in Believers, P. D. O'Brien.

11:30—Sermon, Dr. Douglas Carver.

12:00—Lunch.

1:30—Board Meeting and W. M. U.

2:00—The Baptism of the Holy Spirit, L. A. Doyle.

Adjourn.

Southern Baptist per capita gifts in 1940 were \$7.91 and they ought to be ashamed of such a low figure. It is only a fractional part of a tithe of the income of Baptist people.

Church Bulletins

NOLAN

It is exactly 11 o'clock Sunday night, and I am writing you this bulletin from Mullin, Texas, where I am in a revival with Rev. Ivan Paulk. We got off to a good start in the first service last night, and in spite of two other revivals in town, our tent was almost full tonight. There is a very splendid spirit among the people. We had two conversions tonight—a married woman and a girl 16 years old. Conviction is growing, and we are praying for a mighty outpouring of the spirit upon this church and people.

We are glad to announce that Evangelist B. B. Crimm will be with us in our summer revival at Nolan. He will be there Sunday morning, August 10 and be with us through Sunday night, August 24. Let us begin now to set everything in order and be much in prayer. We should have the greatest revival in the history of the church.

You will be glad that we are feeling better and expect to be tip-top before our next revival near San Antonio. Pray for us and the work daily for we need your prayers so very much. Remember we love you dearly and think of you hourly. We are especially remembering the Egger families tonight. May God tenderly bless, comfort and sustain in this sad hour.

DEAN ELKINS, Pastor.

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