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## RAMBLING

EMARKS



By DICK O'BRIEN

A certain type of people seem to think they are what the doctor ordered just because other people think they are pills. Someone has said that the maniac is beside himself, and the egotist is inside himself. . . . Well I am still seeking for a proper atmosphere for the writing of this column, but I have definitely found the best time to do it. I was just over at the church house where about five or six men are busy getting the dining room ready for a Brotherhood banquet tonight. They thought of three things in two minutes for me to do, and I assured them the deadline for rambling remarks was at hand, and since there were only five of them I that if I accommodated them I would be neglecting my nine readers, and felt it would be democratic to stay with the majority. I lost two readers last week. I will not call any names but really they are not the type to read a column like this appreciatively, and their surrender was not unexpected. However, I picked up two others, one of them Brother U. Collins, a dear friend of the old college days who is now residing in the Magic Valley. This is the type of reader I have been anxious to attract. The permanency of this work depends on the class of people who patronize the column, and of course the nature of the column has something to do with the class of readers enlisted. Take Shakespeare, for instance, he has people all over the world who quote him, and practice the philosophy of life found in his poems. But of course his work has had much longer to catch on and fire the imagination of the public. Just give us time. No I don't mean at Huntville. . . . The other reader lives in Abilene, of all places. A Mrs. Payne. She sends me a clipping comparing life in the good old days and now. The kind of clothes they wore, and wear, the kind of stores and business methods, etc. I would like to reproduce it here, but it is our policy to stick to original material only. She declares that she does not smoke, cuss, gamble, drink or have any other bad habits except she does read rambling remarks. It pays me for Mrs. Pain to list r. r. as a vice. Yet it might at that, a lady told me today that her eight-year-old boy was saving empty shotgun shells and had been eyeing their gentle old cat all this week. If he does what I think he is planning on, my advice is to send for the repair man, because that erstwhile gentle feline is due to scatter furniture all over the landscape. Another woman told me every cat in her

## EVENTS TO COME

- February 26—V. B. S. Conference, Districts 9 and 10, Amarillo.
- February 27—V. B. S. Conference, District 11, Wichita Falls.
- February 27-28—District 16—Convention, San Saba.
- February 27-March 3—Annie W. Armstrong Offering for Home Missions.
- February 28-March 2—District 7 Convention, Immanuel Church, El Paso.
- March 6-7—District 17 Convention, Sweetwater.
- March 7-8—District 9 Convention, Lubbock.
- March 8—V. B. S. Conference, District 16, Brownwood.
- March 8-9—District 10 Convention, Amarillo.
- March 9—V. B. S. Conference, Districts 7, 8, and 16, San Angelo.
- March 10—V. B. S. Conference, District 17, Abilene.
- March 10—District 11 Convention, Childress.
- March 16-17—District 8 Convention, Odessa.
- April 9—B. T. U. High Attendance Day.
- April 11-13—State Sunday School Convention, Waco.
- April 18-19—District 17 W. M. U. Convention, Ranger.

## OKLAHOMA CITY PREPARES FOR CONVENTION



View of main business district Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where the Southern Baptist Convention will meet May 15-21, 1939. The white building in the lower left-hand corner is the Municipal Auditorium in which all sessions of the Convention will be held, including the W. M. U. meeting, the

sessions of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood, and the conferences of the Pastors.

Oklahoma City, which was founded in 1889, now has a population of 225,000. It is one of the cleanest cities in America.

## CAMP LUEDERS RETREAT REPORTED A SUCCESS

By J. S. TIERCE

On February 16, 17 and 18 a Pastors' Retreat of District 17 was held at the Lueders Baptist Encampment grounds.

As the pastors and deacons arrived they found that every possible arrangement had been made for their comfort. In spite of the cold, ice, and sleet, warm fires were burning in open fireplaces and stoves, and a warm welcome greeted those who "braved" the weather and attended.

The cafeteria dining room which would seat more than a hundred people had been "weather proofed" and equipped with stoves. This, seated with chairs, was used for both a dining hall and auditorium. "All-weather" cottages equipped with fireplaces or stoves were used for sleeping quarters and rest. The food, abundant, was in keeping with camp life. There was everything from fresh country sausage and black coffee to the more delicate dishes.

Dr. N. A. Moore, Bible Teacher of Hardin-Simmons University, along with other speakers on the program were on hand to discuss the book of Second Timothy and other subjects. These round table discussions covered topics of interest, even the doctrine of Election and Predestination. An informal program was followed, while seated around an open fireplace filled with backlog and glowing embers. Prayer, soul winning and song had their place.

In spite of the cold there were 18 in attendance. They were there from as far away as Jayton, Breckenridge, Ranger, and Abilene. There was a call for more such meetings. And the time set for the next one was May 4, 5, and 6. Rev. P. D. O'Brien of Stamford, was asked to arrange the program.

## FIFTEEN HUNDRED IN PLAINS TRAINING UNION

The First Baptist Church, Amarillo, has set an attendance goal of 1,500 for Sunday night, April 9. The training unions of Texas have one Sunday night in the year that they call "High Attendance Night." That night this year is April 9.

We believe that every church in the State will profit by suggesting a high goal. The goal should be set now and an organization set up looking toward reaching it.

As goals are set, they should be sent to Secretary T. C. Gardner, 708 Burt Building, Dallas.

## TRAINING UNION TOPICS FOR SUNDAY, FEB. 26

Adult: Loyalty to Christ's Program a Test of Obedience.  
Senior: Loyalty to Our Worldwide Program.  
Intermediate: The Hundred Thousand Club.  
Junior: Judson and the First Burmese Bible.

## EAST FOURTH STREET PLANS HOMECOMING

Coincident with the opening of their spring revival, East Fourth Street Church, Big Spring, is planning a homecoming service Sunday, March 4. A splendid work has been accomplished by the loyal and consecrated membership of this church, led by Pastor W. S. Garnett.

Plans are being made for a great occasion on homecoming day and all former members and former pastors are urged to be present for the services of the day.

## PASTOR TIERCE BEGINS FOURTH YEAR AT CLYDE



On February 1st the pastor of the Clyde Baptist church, Rev. J. S. Tierce, began his fourth year as pastor. They have been fruitful and happy years.

Some of the things accomplished by the church during this time are:

The Sunday School has just received recognition as a standard school for the fourth consecutive year. During the past three years 109 awards have been issued to those completing Sunday School study courses, six such courses having been held.

The church has maintained a complete B. T. U. organization. The B. A. U. and junior union has been recognized as standard unions. Five study

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## COTTONWOOD ORGANIZES FIRST TRAINING UNION

Under the leadership of Pastor E. L. Redden and a group of workers from Hardin-Simmons around eighty were enlisted February 19 in the first Training Union ever organized in the Cottonwood Church.

Assisting in the organization and in the program of the day were Pastor and Mrs. Redden, Rev. and Mrs. Jack Badley and Miss Bobbie Copeland. Special music was rendered by Mrs. Redden and Miss Copeland.

The junior department enrolled 18 members, intermediates 6, seniors 8, and adults approximately 50. Everyone enrolled remained for the evening preaching hour and the attendance was reported as one of the largest in years. Members are enthusiastic over the Training service and will have a study course soon.

Pastor Redden recently resigned at Westbrook to re-enter the University and has since then undertaken the work at Cottonwood.

## BROTHERHOOD ORGANIZED IN SEMINOLE CHURCH

Men of the Seminole Church were led in forming a Brotherhood organization in the Church Thursday evening, February 16, by Pastor O. C. Curtis.

Round table discussions of such topics as Should the Church Adapt Itself to Modern Conditions, How May We Make the Church Services More Attractive, and Should the Church Advertise, were conducted by J. B. Airheart, T. A. McCuiston, and Sam Malone.

## ALCOHOL A SOCIAL PROBLEM

By WILLIAM TRUETT WALTON

Amos 6:1-6  
Discussion of Sunday School Lesson, February 19, 1939.

The facts you and I meet every week are sufficient to convince us that our problems are not solving themselves. The question of intemperance is certainly no exception to this observation. Nothing much will be done about it until we get an awakened public conscience and righteous indignation over the outrage perpetuated on this and the next generation. Every three months we have a lesson on this subject, and after the last one it occurred to me that it would be well to let the newspapers do much of the talking today. So I began clipping stories from the daily press that illustrated the weary round our peace officers have to face in trying to keep society decent because of the sale of intoxicants in Texas, and there were so many I have selected only a few.

Here's one from the Dallas News where two drunken men were arrested at different times the same day for driving the same automobile. The police arrested one driver after catching him weaving through downtown traffic in a borrowed automobile. As they bundled this drunken driver off in the squad patrol car the owner came along, saw the car idle, got in, started the motor, and since he was also heavily inebriated, he was arrested in a few minutes.

One from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram is interesting also. Two drunks were driving in opposite directions on the same street and ran into each other, landing one in the hospital and the other in jail. The first one was jailed as soon as he was able to leave the hospital.

Another excerpt from the Dallas

News speaks for itself—"Details of a beer tavern brawl that resulted in cracked heads for participants Friday night were related by a dozen witnesses Saturday before the grand jury."

Another from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram tells of a Mr. "X," forty-six years of age, who was driving while drunk, and on a residential street he ran down an honored and respected citizen, wounding him fatally. When the 91st District Court of Eastland County opened for this term there were fourteen criminal cases on the docket, three of which were indictments for driving while intoxicated.

These are just a few cases taken at random from the daily press but they all clearly illustrate the need for a state-wide awakening of the public conscience.

In the Scripture cited for the lesson today we have Amos, the minor prophet with a major message. A man who stood as the relentless enemy of the sleepy conscience and said: "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion." In his annotation of society he catalogs three groups as ancient as mankind and as modern as misfortune.

The first group is composed of those whose consciences are asleep and we have our full share of them. These are so broad minded that they believe any man who wants to get drunk has that privilege for it is his business solely. But no member of that group has had his family car wrecked by a drunken driver, none of his family are in the hospital because some man at the wheel had his brain added with drink, and none of his family has been killed by a man under the influence of Society's Pub-

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## MISSIONARY

ESSAYS



By B. N. Shepherd  
Missionary, District 17

Our immediate opportunity in District Seventeen is the District convention, meeting with First Church, Sweetwater. It covers all phases of our work, Sunday School, Training Union, W. M. U. and Brotherhood. The time is March 6 and 7. The department conferences will help every one who attends. Both Sunday School and B. T. U. leaders will conduct such conferences each day, both in the morning and afternoon. Bed and breakfast will be furnished free "for nothing." Please pray and be there.

Following that convention and only three days after, March 10, Mr. G. S. Hopkins is bringing to us at Abilene Rev. Sibley Burnett of Nashville and J. I. Gregory, state worker for our district, for a one day conference with pastors, Sunday School superintendents and Vacation Bible school leaders. Let us meet them there!

Lawrence Trott is proving his splendid record as a pastor in the church at Rotan. It was my pleasure to lead them in a B. T. U. revival with Byron Fletcher, H-SU, leading seniors, Bobbie Wash, H-SU, leading the intermediates, and Miss Helen Turnidge, a volunteer for special work, leading the juniors. There were 200 enrolled, with a large per cent of them finishing the courses.

It was such a joy to preach for the First Baptist Church, Haskell, for a week recently and have fellowship with the noble, studious and consecrated pastor, H. R. Whatley. One cannot fellowship with that group and not be enriched in the inner man.

Pastor Talley, Ranger, is in District 15 this week representing the Training Union department of the State convention of Texas, speaking to the associational workers on evangelism. It was the missionary's privilege to "pinch hit" for him. There were 500 in Sunday School and 200 in B. T. U. Five united with the church during the day Sunday.

The associational B. T. U. had a largely attended meeting Sunday afternoon at Eastland. Plans were perfected for an associationwide B. T. U. revival to be conducted the week of March 13. Chas. T. Talley, Jr., is director.

Fisher association worker's meeting was one of the best, in spite of the cold, last Monday. It met with Sardis Church, Brother Alcorn pastor. There plans were completed for an

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## CITY MISSIONARIES MAKE EXCELLENT REPORT

Nine conversions with five baptisms, 26 babies given diphtheria antitoxin, 100 patients treated in the free clinic, over 500 garments given away and 25 sick visits were some of the outstanding features of the monthly report of Rev. and Mrs. Jame Alexander, city missionaries of First Church, Abilene.

In addition to the Community Center mission which they have conducted for several months, the Alexanders are now leading in the work at the Brick Plant mission several miles away.

The medical work at the clinic is contributed by doctors of the Hendrick Hospital staff, assisted by the nurses from the hospital. Medicines are donated by individuals.

Work at the sewing room, where mothers are taught to sew and allowed to use a machine for family sewing, has been extended to include a class for girls. Mrs. J. R. Fielder has been teaching Bible stories to the children who come on the sewing days.

An average of 120 attended Sunday School at the two places and 102 attended Training Unions.

## PROGRAM ANNOUNCED FOR DISTRICT 17 CONVENTION

Dr. A. D. Foreman, San Angelo, Dr. T. C. Gardner, and W. J. Lites, Dallas will be among the speakers from out of the district who will appear on the program of the District Seventeen convention which will meet Monday and Tuesday, March 6 and 7, with the First Baptist Church, Sweetwater.

Pastor J. M. Sibley of the host church will welcome the visitors with response by Pastor W. C. Ashford, Southside, Abilene. J. D. Riddle, director of music and education in First Church, Abilene, will direct song services at the general meetings.

Department conferences for the Training Union will be held in six sections on Monday and Tuesday afternoon. Sunday School conferences will meet in the afternoon Monday and Tuesday morning.

The Women's Missionary Union will hold sessions Monday evening and Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. J. Walton Moore, who is planning to return to China in the summer, will address the women on that mission field. Mrs. J. B. Buckley, district W. M. U. president, will conduct a round table before the whole convention Tuesday afternoon.

Laymen of the district will have a banquet Monday evening with an outstanding layman as principal speaker. The banquet will be followed by a singsong and the election of officers for the ensuing year. A fellowship period will precede the meal.

Dr. T. C. Gardner, state Training Union director, will conduct the conference for general officers and pastors; Mrs. Gardner will lead the intermediates on the first day. Rev. J. M. Sibley and Mrs. P. D. O'Brien will replace them on Tuesday. Broughton Harden, Stamford, will have the young people; Mrs. H. A. Pender, Abilene, Juniors; Maltha Cagle, Primaries; Mrs. J. H. Dean, Blackwell, Beginners; and Rev. J. I. Cartledge, Eastland, District B. T. U. director, adults.

Mr. Lites will conduct the conference for pastors and general officers

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## BRO. FRY TEACHES COURSE AT RULE

Dr. W. F. Fry, professor of English Bible at Texas Tech, Lubbock, led the Rule Church in a Sunday School study course, February 12 to 19, teaching two classes each day. The poetical books of the Bible were taught in the mornings with an enrollment of 34.

"The Book We Teach" was used for the evening class of 78 and the members feel that it was one of the best study courses ever held in the church and that a great blessing will be derived from it.

## PREXY STARTS DRIVE FOR CAMPUS PAVING

President J. D. Sandefer made the first donation last week in a quiet drive to raise \$4,000 to match a PWA grant for paving the "circle drive" of the H-SU campus. The loop, which passes nearly all the buildings on the campus, is almost one-half mile in length. At a meeting of the trustees and some others interested in the project a number of gifts were made and it is expected that the balance will soon be donated.

Most of the recent improvements on the campus have been made possible by non-Abilenians and the Abilene board members feel that the paving should be financed by friends of the university in the city.

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### CONVENTION CITIES

Recently the Western Recorder, one of the best edited of our Southern Baptist papers, raised the question of the meeting place of the Southern Baptist Convention, which this year will be the quest of Oklahoma City.

The Recorder offers the suggestion that instead of meeting at Atlantic tidewater, as at Richmond last year, and again in the West as this year, that a central location be chosen such as Memphis or else alternate between that city and New Orleans.

In behalf of the vigorous and growing Baptist forces of the great Southwest we register an objection. There is no reason apparent why we should not have the 1940 convention at Memphis or some other central city if the invitation comes and the members want to go there, but there is good reason why it should not be a permanent practice.

Inasmuch as central locations will ordinarily draw larger and more representative gatherings, there is good reason for meeting centrally more often than at other places. But the benefits of visiting around are reciprocal. Baptists should see at first hand the needs and the accomplishments of other states and by following a circuit of the South many more individuals will attend in the course of say, ten years than if there should be one convention center.

Let's keep passing our conventions around and have more occasions such as the Golden Jubilee at Richmond last year.

### THE ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING

Next week the women of our mission societies will emphasize the matter of Home Missions and, through their emphasis, call to the attention of all of us the vast importance of this vital task.

There came a time when many Southern Baptists felt that the day for missions in the homeland had passed. The frontier was gone, the country was dotted with Baptist churches, most associations had a local missionary and so great numbers folded our hands to take our ease in Zion.

It is plain now that missionary effort in the Southland should have been doubled and redoubled. To our astonishment new frontiers are cropping out on every hand.

Our big towns are becoming industrial centers with large sections of the people taking Sunday either for a holiday or for another day on the job. Our towns are filling with tractor refugees, bitter and bewildered. We have for our neighbors great throngs with alien tongues and no knowledge of our Christ. We are confronted with a crusade to communicate our negroes. In population which is scarcely increasing, we are face to face with a growing paganism.

All these unchristian tendencies are being combatted by the Home Mission board in so far as their funds will permit. It is to arouse a wider and deeper interest in this work that our women are engaging in this week of prayer, honoring a great, womanly soul whose life was dedicated to the cause of missions in the homeland.

The call for aid in the foreign lands was never so great, the fields abroad were never so ready for harvest. We must not fail them. But if we don't want to see missionaries from China, Brazil or some other land coming to bring the Gospel to our children's children, we must come mightily to the aid of every missionary effort to Christianize America, to convert Texas, to save the lost in our home towns.

### HOME PRAYER MEETINGS

The plan of holding cottage prayer meetings in homes during revival periods is a familiar one. It is probably not used as often as it should be for where the plan is earnestly followed a good meeting usually results.

This idea has been expanded by the Baptist Church of Rotan, New Mexico, as part of the preparation for the Revival Year. They are not meeting in a few conclave places but are going systematically into every home in the church.

As we understand their method, no effort is made to have everyone attend all the services but an interested group is meeting in each home for a period of prayer.

Here is a plan that is worthy of wide repetition throughout the country. If such a program is followed in the spirit of Christ, most of the problems of the churches would find solution.

Is there a difficulty in the financial program? People are always ready to give sacrificially to the object of their deepest affections. And there is no way of getting people interested in any thing that surpasses persuading them to pray definitely for it.

Is there division within the church? It will not withstand these quiet hours of surrendered supplication.

Are there unenlisted members? Surely a reborn soul will respond if his brethren meet him in a Christlike spirit and really pray.

Are there unsave in the families of the church? No better plan could be had for them to meet the Lord than for interested neighbors to come into the home and bear them to the Throne of Grace.

Over and over our leaders have emphasized that a Southwide revival must come in response to anguished prayer. When every Baptist home becomes an altar from which multiplied petitions wing to the Father's throne, then we may expect to see backsliders renewed in the joy of their salvation and sinners seeking the ark of safety.

May we not have a widespread practice of this plan for prayer-meetings in every Baptist home.

## News Notes

Dr. George W. Truett and his lifetime co-worker Robert H. Coleman were in a revival at St. Petersburg, Fla., last week.

Luther Holcomb will conduct a youth revival at Ada, Oklahoma, March 5 to 12.

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins was in his pulpit at Abilene, Sunday, after a fine two-weeks revival at St. Cloud, Florida.

Dr. B. A. Copass of Southwestern Seminary was a guest speaker at the Louisville, Kentucky, Evangelistic conference, February 7 to 9.

Gaines county, which voted dry last spring, will have a beer election on March 4.

Friday, February 24, is a world day of prayer which will be widely observed by women throughout the country in union prayer meetings.

Rev. A. A. Brian, formerly of Merkel, now of Levelland was the principal speaker of the Lubbock association Sunday School conference which met Sunday afternoon, February 19, at Calvary Church.

Pastor D. G. Reid of Immanuel Church, Abilene, is now at home in the new pastor's home built by that church.

Dr. E. S. James of Vernon is in a revival at Electra and Pastor Lum Hall of Electra supplied at First Church, Vernon, last Sunday.

West Zone Sunday School workers of Sweetwater association met at First Church, Sweetwater, February 19.

There were 37 additions, eleven for baptism and a great forward movement in the work of the young people of First Church, Lubbock, as the result of the Youth Revival led by Rev. Bill Marshall, state B. S. U. leader.

Dr. J. Howard Williams of Amarillo assisted Pastor B. M. Jackson of Enid, Oklahoma, in a revival which resulted in 68 professions and additions, 38 of them for baptism.

I. E. Reynolds, director of the school of Sacred Music at Southwestern seminary, is conducting a gospel music school at First Church, Lubbock this week.

First Church Sweetwater had a signing of the church attendance pledges last Sunday.

Rev. W. L. Leach, a West Texan who has served the First Church, Truckman, Arkansas, as pastor for two and one-half years, has accepted a call to Mountain Home Church in that state and is now on the field.

Salt Branch Church, Sweetwater association, last Sunday called Rev. C. N. Gilbert as pastor. This aggressive young minister who is now a student in Hardin-Simmons was formerly pastor at Central Church, Wichita Falls.

Harold Russ of Hardin-Simmons and pastor at Bradshaw preached at Hatchell last Sunday.

B. B. McKinney, song editor for the Sunday School Board, was in Abilene Sunday visiting his son, B. B. Junior, who is a student at Hardin-Simmons.

The church at Raton, New Mexico, is having prayer meetings in the homes of the members and expect to continue until there has been a service in every home in the church.

W. A. Harrell, Dr. Clay I. Hudson, Mrs. J. E. Lambdin, Mrs. Aurora Shumate and B. B. McKinney of the Sunday School board, Nashville were among the out of state leaders at the New Mexico Training Union officers conference Monday evening through Wednesday morning at Portales.

The Young Women's Auxiliaries of the colleges and hospitals of Texas will have a house party at Southwestern Seminary 16 to 18.

Pastor W. C. Ashford of Southside Church, Abilene, announces that Byron Fletcher has been employed as director of music and assistant to the pastor in that growing church.

The workers of Sweetwater association will meet on March 16 at Tuscola instead of March 9 on account of the district convention at Sweetwater, March 6 and 7 and a Vacation Bible school conference at Abilene on March 10.

## JUST TALK

By Elliott Dudley

### WAR?

Late dispatches report a bloody border clash between French and Italians on the frontier of the French African colony of Tunis for which Italian mobs have been clamoring.

Before this column appears in print we will perhaps know whether this is the dreaded spark to inflame the European powder keg or another of those border incidents which capitols have a way of glossing over.

It may be a trial balloon to test popular sentiment and reactions, or it may be the development which President Roosevelt has in mind in saying that European events may cause him to shorten his trip to the fleet maneuvers in the Caribbean.

At the risk of being foolish enough to forecast in a field more uncertain than Texas weather, it appears unlikely that Italy will deliberately begin a war on France until the loyalist forces in Spain are finally disarmed, even though that sanguine struggle may continue only a few days or weeks at most.

### Stage Set

Whether a general war begins at once, or at all, the stage is set, from the eastern Atlantic to the western Pacific, more completely than ever in history.

In the Far East, Japan is leaving the defence of her Chinese conquests to reserves and hired Chinamen while her veterans are stretched for hundreds of miles along the Siberian border and poised on disputed Hainan island ready to strike, if need be, at French, British, or the possessions of any other potential enemy.

German fostered discord is undermining Russia in her most vital state, the Ukraine. France finds herself facing three hostile borders, with the possibility of having her overseas connections harassed from the air and under the water. England, admittedly unready and outclassed in the air, is willing to pay unbelievable prices for peace.

### Dictator's Luck

It is possible that the dictators luck will hold. Dread of war is the changed evil which has flown from victory to victory; in the Sarre basin, at Dantzig, Austria, and Czechoslovakia. It is again poised for some great tomorrow.

Mussolini, too, has had his share of the breaks. Less spectacular but more bloody and with more dogged determination, he has overridden all opposition in Tripoli, Ethiopia and Spain.

So whether we continue to have a war without battles or begin another series of battles that are not called war, we peer into an unknowing night where only love and God are sure.

## MISSIONARY MESSAGES

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associationwide B. T. U. revival to be March 20 to 25. Bro. Edwin Johnson is the director.

It took three men to fill the place left by Bro. Reid's going to Abilene. Bro. George McBeth is organizer for the Cooperative Program, O. D. Henley is organizer for evangelism and Earnest Smith is district board member.

Jones association worker's meeting at Anson last Tuesday was another of the best. A large crowd gathered and a splendid program was rendered. The Mexican missionary made a splendid report, revealing much effective work done. The Jones and Fisher associations cooperate and keep a Mexican missionary on the field in the two counties.

### Program Announced--

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in the Sunday school on Monday afternoon and J. M. Cook, district superintendent, on Tuesday morning. Other conference leaders will be Rev. P. C. McGahey, Breckenridge; Miss Verna Lee Carson, Abilene; Mrs. Wm. Lockhart, Breckenridge; Mrs. Ben Hardin, Abilene; Mrs. Broughton Harden, Stamford; Mrs. J. L. Anthony, Abilene; and J. D. Riddle.  
Three sermons on the program will be delivered by Dr. A. D. Foreman of San Angelo, Pastor T. A. Patterson, Colorado, and Pastor Jones Weathers, of Merkel.  
Dr. Rupert N. Richardson of Hardin-Simmons will address the convention Tuesday morning and students will bring a W. M. U. program under the direction of Mrs. N. A. Moore.  
The keynote devotional will be brought by Rev. L. L. Trotter of Rotan. Mrs. J. M. Sibley will give a devotional at the W. M. U. session and an octet led by Mrs. P. L. Ullom will sing for the ladies.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

February 19, 1939

By Hight C Moore

### PETER IN SAMARIA

Read Acts 8:4-25  
Study Acts 8:14-25

In the first persecution of the Christians at Jerusalem, Peter and John were imprisoned overnight following the healing of the lame man at the Gate Beautiful. In the second persecution the apostles were beaten by order of the Sanhedrin. The third persecution followed in A. D. 34 or 35, Stephen being cruelly martyred and the church scattered, leaving only the apostles in the capital. But new fields opened, including Samaria where Philip and Peter and John engaged in fruitful ministry.

#### 1. Gospel in Samaria

Evangelism and equipment featured the Samaritan ministry of Philip and Peter and John. (1) Evangelism. As deacon Stephen wrought among the Greek-speaking Jews in Jerusalem, so deacon Philip now labored among the Samaritans who racially hated the Jews and were hated by them. Philip however, must have been not only driven to Samaria by persecution but also drawn to it by the example of Christ years before at Sychar. So waiving any antipathy and without condescension, he visited the Samaritans, located in their chief city, preached Christ unto them, and substantiated his teachings by miracles among the demonized, palsied, and lame. Everybody in the city was aroused and attracted; many believed and were baptized; and there was the great joy that always accompanies genuine revival. (2) Enduement. Peter and John, who were probably sent for as well as sent, came down from Jerusalem to aid in the work. Their visit as representatives of the apostolic body and the church at Jerusalem was stimulating in itself. Their ministry at first was one of prayer rather than preaching. They were instrumental in conferring upon Samaritan believers the Holy Spirit's miraculous power, his converting power having been experienced already. They exposed the hypocrisy of Simon the Sorcerer who had professed faith and been baptized, evidently hoping to attain Philip's power to heal.

#### 2. Greed in Samaria

Exposure and execration featured Peter's contact with a Samaritan profiteer. Note: (1) The Affiliation of Greed. The sorcerer had long bewitched the people of Samaria with his magic arts and led many of them to believe him divinely endowed. Finding himself surpassed by Philip both in ability to work wonders (for Philip could heal while he could not) and in hold upon the people, he made a profession of faith and was baptized. That he joined the disciples with sinister motive is clear. (2) The aim of greed was apparent partly in the consuming interest he had in "the miracles and signs which were done" by Philip rather than in the evangelist's spiritual ministry. Also when Peter and John upon arrival from Jerusalem laid their hands upon Samaritan believers who received the Holy Spirit, then the real character of the sorcerer appeared, for he was but a sorcerer still. He offered to buy from the apostles the power to bestow the Holy Spirit. (3) The anathema upon greed was pronounced instantly, almost indignantly, by Peter who utterly repelled the idea. Let the sorcerer and his silver speech perish together! He made the blunder of his life in thinking that he could obtain the gift of God with money. As a matter of fact such a man with such a spirit had neither part nor lot in a particle of the Holy Spirit's power. And the reason was at hand. His heart had not been regenerated and so was not right before God. (4) However Peter gave the antidote for greed. He called upon the sorcerer to do two very fundamental and necessary things. The first was to repent of his wickedness; and the second was to pray the Lord for forgiveness. On these conditions there was still hope for Simon though he had the poison and corruption of sin typified by the gall or venom of reptiles, and though confirmed in habits of sin, as if bound with the hopes or shackles of iniquity. (5) The answer of greed does not show a change of heart since it did not exactly carry out the apostle's instructions. Instead of praying himself the sorcerer asked the apostle to pray for him and the burden of the prayer he desired was that none of the things should come upon him.

#### 3. Growth in Samaria

Extension and enlargement featured the continued, though temporary, ministry of the apostles in Samaria. They preached not only in the capital city but also in many outlying villages in that province. They testified out of

personal experience and preached the Word of salvation to the Samaritans. Every opportunity to evangelize they utilized as they returned to Jerusalem.

#### Tell the Gospel to All the World

(1) The Gospel Entrusted. To his disciples Christ committed his Word and work. And the spread of the Word is the substance of the work. We have no higher trust than the gospel. We have no higher task than to give it to all the world.

(2) The Gospel Extended. Persecution not only did not put out the fires of Christianity, but it kindled them in new centers. How often opposition has turned out for the furtherance of the gospel!

(3) The Gospel Established. "Sent unto them Peter and John." Evangelism first: then edification. Phillip could win souls; perhaps he was not an expert organizer: Hence the work for Peter and John to do. Converts to Christ must be built up in Christ.

(4) The Gospel Empowered. "Receive the Holy Ghost." The Holy Ghost's work does not cease in our salvation; it also qualifies for service. The Samaritans first received the Spirit's word, and then received the Spirit's power.

(5) The Gospel Misunderstood. "He offered them money." Silver cannot buy spirituality. Miraculous power is not a thing of barter. The Holy Ghost is not for sale! Simon the Sorcerer sinned grievously when he started simony.

(6) The Gospel Vindicated. "Thy silver perish with thee." The apostle's denunciation of the sorcerer was terrible; no wonder the hypocrite winced under it. But even so the path of repentance was open. Thus justice and mercy were joined.

(7) The Gospel Triumphant. "Preached the gospel to many villages." Not persecution in Jerusalem nor cimony in Samaria could stop the progress of Christianity. Wider grew the field, larger the opportunity, greater the results.

#### Gold in the Golden Text

Come ye, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Isaiah 55:1.

"Come" from sin to the Savior; that is, repent of sin and believe on Christ the Savior.

"Come ye" who are in felt need spiritually, being thirsty as in a waterless desert. And hungry as in a foodless land.

"Buy" through grace what cannot be purchased by worldly wealth or earned by all good deeds, for it is free and priceless. "Buy" in faith which cleaves and consecrates to Christ and derive the "wine and milk" which satisfy the deepest needs of man. As water refreshes, so in further symbol wine cheers and milk nourishes the spiritual nature.

"Buy and eat" the water of life, the wine of gladness, the milk of the Word, the bread of heaven. "Eat" and live today, tomorrow, and forever.

#### Home Daily Bible Readings

Feb. 20—The Gospel in Samaria. Acts 7:14-16, 25.

Feb. 21—Jesus and the Samaritans. John 4:27-42.

Feb. 22—Jesus Cleanses the Temple. John 2:13-22.

Feb. 23—The Limitations of Money. Acts 8:18-24.

Feb. 24—The Fulfillment of Vows. Ecclesiastes 5:1-7.

Feb. 25—Religion Undefined, James 1:19-27.

Feb. 26—Sincere Worship. Malachi 1:6-14.

#### DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR TRAINING UNIONS FEB. 27 TO MARCH 5

##### Adult and Senior

Monday—Mark 5:1-20.

Tuesday—Mark 5:21-43.

Wednesday—Mark 6:1-19.

Thursday—Mark 6:30-56.

Friday—Mark 7:1-37.

Saturday—Mark 8:1-38.

Sunday—Sunday School Lesson. Acts 10:30-48.

##### Intermediate

Monday—John 16:1-11.

Tuesday—John 16:12-24.

Wednesday—John 16:25-33.

Thursday—John 17:1-8.

Friday—John 17:9-18.

Saturday—John 17:19-26.

Sunday—Sunday School Lesson. Acts 10:30-48.

##### Junior

Monday—Luke 19:35-43.

Tuesday—Luke 19:1-6.

Wednesday—Luke 19:19-38.

Thursday—Luke 21:1-4.

Friday—Luke 22:1-6.

Saturday—Luke 22:7-13.

Sunday—Sunday School Lesson. Exodus 19:120; 20:18-21.

# DOCTRINAL

## QUESTIONS ON BAPTISM

By C. D. OWEN

1. If baptism is essential to salvation, was the baptism of Christ essential to his salvation?

2. If the blood of Christ cleanseth from all sin. (I John 1:7) how can baptism do it?

3. If baptism is essential to salvation, then is it true that Christ never saved any one directly, as he never baptized any one? John 4:2.

4. If baptism is essential to salvation, then did the thief on the cross go to hell, and did Christ go with him? Luke 23:43. "Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." Is Paradise hell?

5. Paul said that Christ sent him. "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they might receive the forgiveness of sins and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me." Acts 17:18. But Paul said, in I Cor. 1:17, "Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel." Did Paul understand that they were to "receive the forgiveness of sins" by baptism, or by preaching the gospel? In I Cor. 5:15 he said, "In Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel."

6. Paul said, I Cor. 1:14, "I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius." If Paul believes that people "received the forgiveness of sins" by baptism, would he have thanked God that he had baptized none but Crispus and Gaius?

7. If your baptism is essential to your salvation, is not the preacher that performed it, just as essential to it, as Christ?

8. Since Baptism is the work of the individual, if it is that which saves, then would it not be salvation by works, rather than salvation by grace. See Eph. 2:8. Rom. 11:6.

9. If Paul believed that baptism was essential to salvation, would he have not told the Philippian jailer so, when he asked Paul "What must I do to be saved?" Why did not Paul say, "Make the good confession and be baptized, rather than say, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

10. If Peter believed that baptism was essential to salvation, why did he say, "Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls." I Peter 1:9.

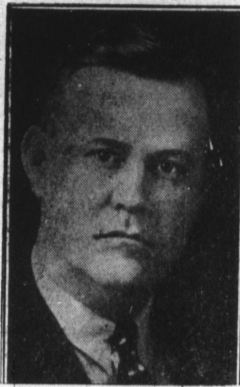
11. If John believed that everlasting life came by baptism, why did he say, "He that BELIEVETH on the Son, HATH everlasting life?" John 3:36.

12. If Christ believed that people were saved by baptism, why did he say to that woman, Luke 7:50, "Thy FAITH HATH SAVED THEE, go in peace?"

13. If no one is saved, except those who are baptized in order to receive salvation, then are all who are not baptized for that purpose, lost and on their way to hell?

14. Is it not true that those who teach salvation only, by baptism will not cooperate in any religious endeavor with churches of another faith, because they consider them lost sinners, on their way to hell? If you hold membership in an organization that teaches such doctrine, are you not a party to it, whether you personally believe it, or not? Think it over.

## CHIEF HACKNEY ASKS RE-ELECTION



T. A. Hackney, Chief of Police of the City of Abilene, has announced as candidate for re-election to that office on his public record as chief law enforcement officer of the city.

He believes that he has done his best for clean, honest enforcement of the law and rests his claim for re-election on his record which is open to the inspection of the public.

Chief Hackney entered the Abilene police department as a patrolman in 1925. He was promoted to night chief in 1930 and served in this position until January 1937 when he was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of W. R. Sibley. In the city election the following April he was elected to the position and is now concluding his first elected term.

Hackney is a member of the First Baptist Church, the I. O. O. F., the Woodmen of the World and the Lions Club. He takes this opportunity to thank the good citizens of Abilene for their vote of confidence in 1937 and their cooperation with his efforts at law enforcement and pledges them his best efforts if they again honor him with the office.—(Political Advertising.)

## FORSAN ORDAINS DEACONS

On Sunday afternoon, February 5, 1939, by the authority and at the request of the Forsan Baptist church, the following deacons were ordained: Brethren Joe Marting and J. B. Hicks. The ordaining council elected Pastor J. Aubry Short, Moderator and John R. Hutto, Secretary. The candidates were questioned by Bro. Hutto and on the termination of the questioning, by vote of the council, are ordination was continued. The sermon was preached by Pastor W. S. Garnett of the East Fourth St. Church of Big Spring, the charge was delivered by Pastor N. W. Pitts of Coahoma, and prayer was offered by Bro. W. D. Thompson of Big Spring.

The ordaining council was composed of the following members: From the Forsan Baptist Church, Brethren J. Aubry Short, C. V. Wash, Glynn Smith, and I. O. Shwa. From the Coahoma Baptist Church, Brethren N. W. Pitts, Ernest Rainey, and Ralph White. From the East Fourth St. Church of Big Spring, Brethren W. S. Garnett, W. R. Puckett, W. D. Thompson, J. D. Wright, and John R. Hutto.

Humanity desperately needs today a moral and spiritual rebirth, a revitalization for religion. There is no sure way to this supreme goal save through adherence to the teachings of the Bible.—Cordell Hull.

"Mony a mickle makes a muckle."  
—Scotch Proverb.

## W. E. BEASLEY

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## REPORT ON AWARDS AND SUGGESTED GOALS

Presented below is a report of Training Union study course awards issued during the months of November and December 1938 and January 1939, as well as suggested goal for each West Texas association during the convention year—November 1, 1938 to November 1, 1939. T. C. Gardner, General Director.

District 7		
El Paso	500	9
Pecos Valley	750	141
District Total	1250	150
District 8		
Big Spring	750	10
Lamesa	500	36
Mitchell-Scurry	750	0
District Total	2000	46
District 9		
Brownfield	600	12
Dickens Co.	200	0
Floyd Co.	300	89
Lubbock	750	164
Staked Plains	300	0
Tierra Blanca	350	0
West Plains	500	0
District Total	3000	265
District 10		
Canadian	250	54
North Park	350	152
Palo Duro	1250	116
Panhandle	350	103
Trans-Canadian	300	136
District Total	2500	561
District 11		
Baylor-Knox	100	14
Clay Co.	250	51
Red Fork	750	84
Throckmorton-Young	400	142
Wichita-Archer	1400	674
Wilbarger-Forard	600	0
District Total	3500	965
District 16		
Brady	350	15
Brown Co.	700	236
Coleman Co.	300	0
Comanche	100	14
Concho Valley	600	132
Hamilton Co.	100	12
Mills County	100	0
Runnels Co.	350	146
San Saba	150	0
District Total	2750	555
District 17		
Callahan	200	71
Cisco	1200	161
Fisher	250	60
Haskell	250	1
Jones Co.	200	24
Stonewall	150	58
Sweetwater	1000	126
District Total	3250	501

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## COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

### PERCENTAGE REPORT FOR JANUARY 1939

Dist.	Missionary	Number Churches	Number Churches Giving January	Percent Churches Giving January	Percent Churches Giving December
1.	M. A. Roberts	176	61	34.6	42.6
2.	Frank Gayer	219	70	31.9	31.9
3.	J. B. Oliver	132	66	50.0	29.0
4.	J. D. Brannon	194	119	61.3	51.3
5.	N. B. Moon	92	45	48.9	53.8
6.	Willis J. Ray	165	113	68.5	68.0
7.	J. A. Kidd	40	32	80.0	75.0
8.	J. J. Strickland	84	28	33.3	42.1
9.	A. C. Huff	174	51	29.3	44.2
10.	J. C. McKenzie	95	65	68.4	65.2
11.	J. M. Riddell	121	47	38.8	46.2
12.	W. R. Hornburg	322	101	31.3	32.9
13.	E. W. Marshall	385	135	35.1	36.2
14.	V. M. Cloyd	220	96	43.6	48.4
15.	W. A. Hancock	244	87	35.6	41.8
16.	J. P. King	211	100	47.4	39.3
17.	B. N. Shepherd	177	69	58.9	44.0
Totals		3050	1285	42.1	42.8

42.1 per cent of all churches gave during the month of January.

R. C. CAMPBELL.

## FANNY CROSBY HONORED IN NATIONAL BROADCAST

A brief life history of the famous Fanny Crosby, the blind hymn writer who attained early fame as a poet and who wrote over 8,000 hymns before she died at the age of 95, will be recounted by Edward MacHugh, The Gospel Singer, during his NBC broadcast on Wednesday, February

22, from 8:45 to 9:00 a. m., Central time. "Tell Me the Story of Jesus," one of the most famous hymns ever written by Miss Crosby, designed especially for children and put to music by John R. Sweney, will be sung by Mr. MacHugh.

Virtue alone raises us above hopes, fears, and chances.—Seneca.

## COMMISSIONER MORRIS ASKS FOR SECOND TERM



George E. Morris, who is concluding his first term as Water Commissioner of the City of Abilene, is asking for re-election to the City Commission on the basis of his record in office during the past two years.

George Morris came to Abilene as a youth in 1912 and since that time has been a well-known figure in business and civic circles. During these years his friendly disposition has won a warm place in the hearts of a large part of the population of Abilene.

In addition to his duties as Water Commissioner, charged with the administration of the growing water and sewer department, Mr. Morris, at the urgent request of his colleagues of the City Commission, has had the supervision of the city abattoir, which was completed and opened for business soon after the present official family came into office. That plant is now doing an extensive business and besides paying all operating expenses is producing a surplus for a sinking fund to repay the city for the cost of construction.

In this election his platform is his open record as a public official and a servant of all the people of Abilene. (Political Advertising)

## H.-S. U. BRIEFS

Prof. H. R. Arrant of the chemistry department and teacher of a class of college men at University Church has been nominated district governor of the Rotary Club. Action will be taken at a Big Spring conference in May.

E. Edwin Young, dean of the school of music, attended a meeting of the directors of the Texas Association of Music Schools at Waco last week.

J. L. Dickson of Roby and Jimmy Linn of Petersburg are surgical patients in Hendrick Memorial Hospital. Both are doing well.

Mrs. A. L. van Assenderp, the former Carol Johnson, a student in the early thirties, now a resident of Java, visited the campus last week.

## LUCIAN WEBB ANNOUNCES FOR RE-ELECTION



Lucian Webb, Abilene businessman since 1923, has announced as candidate for re-election to Place 3, Abilene City Commission. The past two years has been his first experience in the street department and he feels that experience will make possible better service to the people of Abilene in the maintenance and improvement of their streets.

He is proud that the department has been able to open some new streets, such as the extension of Mocking Bird Lane to the Eagle stadium and Larkin street from Fair park School to South Seventh, which the school patrons greatly appreciate. He also takes pride in the large amount of new paving which property owners are glad to get at a minimum cost.

He has received many compliments on the work of installing needed street lights around churches, schools and dark corners and signal lights at dangerous intersections.

Extensive improvements have been made at the airport, which is under his administration. Runways have been widened and lengthened to comply with Federal regulations, making our airport an outstanding one in the state.

Mr. Webb grew up in Taylor county and the City commission is his first political office.—(Political Advertising.)

Evangelist Hyman J. Appelman will be with First Church, Sweetwater June 26 to July 12.

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### DEMAND PROMPT ACTION ON A SERIOUS MATTER

By L. R. SCARBOROUGH

The race track gambling matter is on us again. House Bill 247, offered by Representative Ragsdale of Crockett, which is a bill known as a "Local Option" Race Track Gambling Bill, proposes to legalize race track gambling.

The Committee on State Affairs in the House allowed public hearing the fourteenth of February. Representatives were there from several sections of Texas opposing the bill. A fair hearing was given; both sides represented. The case was stated on both sides.

The bill proposes to allow any county in the state to vote whether or not they will have a race track. The usual procedure for putting on a local option election will be carried out. If a county voted to have it, then the law provides methods by which the race track can be set up and operated. The bill was ardently drawn and called a local option bill, hence capitalizing on the local option idea, which has been popularized in so many elections.

It must be remembered that you can't localize a race track. One in Fort Worth can serve all Texas and the rest of the world. When the gambling passes the county line the law is helpless to punish, unless you have a way of closing the bookies and other strenuous methods.

It appears to be a very generous and charitable bill, because it wants all taxes from it to go to good causes. It gives educational institutions a nice little hand-out, makes plans for growing better stock and a study of that great matter, then it offers some charity to the local institutions where the tracks are open, and it gives the rest of it to old age. You never saw a greater spirit of charity and generosity administered by a group of men who want people to have a chance to gamble on fast horses.

The bill passed the committee fourteen to four. Only four men present on the committee voted against it. Their names are in the public press, and the names of those who voted for it. The fate of the bill was probably decided in the appointment of the committee. Every effort by the opposition to refer this to another committee failed. It indicated that somebody feared that this committee had already voted on the question, the committeemen and those close in who know the facts about this matter. A fine piece of politics has been worked in this case.

The one thing to do is for the conscience of the people as to gambling and to its destructive influence to be aroused, resolutions offered by all sorts of groups—churches, conventions, associations, and other organizations—and sent to representatives, and telegrams and letters sent. There ought to be an uprising of the moral and religious thinking of this country against this bill, and I call on the lovers of Christianity and morality and religion and character to rise up and make their will known to our law-makers. Let them know that we are interested in the right kind of men and women, as well as interested in fine stock raising, and also the preservation of the finer and better elements of civilization and Christianity in this line.

It is an unspeakable shame that our legislators will tax whiskey and gambling and other evils in the name of the old people and the educational institutions of this country. For revenue they are willing to destroy the characters and religious and educational life of our nation, and seemingly sacrifice that for the privilege of carrying on evil and producing crime. This bill is against the best interests of everything dear in our civilization, and the right thinking people of the state ought to rise up against it. I call with all my blood on our people to take a hand and again save our country from the baleful influence of the gambling habit, psychology and losses. It is against morals, religion, business, education, society and everything else. It seems to me we ought to stop it now. Let's fight it in the House, fight it in the Senate, and hope that the Governor will veto it.

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### RAMBLING REMARKS

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community was under observation. Well, I suppose it will be hard on cats and the mammas, but what a great time the kids will have. . . . My heart is not in the column this week. When I returned from Fort Worth today I found an account of the death of Dr. Tom Ratliff, of Colorado. He was one of the grandest friends I have ever had. We mentioned him a number of times in the column while we were his pastor. He was as true to the Lord, to the church and to his pastor as the needle is true to the magnetic pole. And, although I have not seen him for several months, his going has left me lonely and sad. I do not grieve for him for he is trying out the reality of Paul's word, that, "to die is gain, to depart and be with the Lord is far better." But for his loyal companion, and the two fine grandchildren they were caring for, and a host of friends and patients, I shed sympathetic tears. A new, clear tenor voice has been added to the choir eternal. Dr. Tom, as your friend, I pray that God will care for the ones you left behind.

### PASTOR TIERCE

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courses have been taught and 157 awards have been granted.

Through the past years the W.M.U. has been very active. Four circles have enlisted some 70 ladies. All Baptist work has been fostered and supported. Junior organizations are sponsored.

The laymen have not maintained an active organization but a new day is dawning for them.

During the past three years the church has conducted five revival meetings. Few Sundays have passed without additions. There have been 82 baptisms into the church, and 122 received by letter or statement. The church plans to begin another revival in April.

Last December a Sunday School study course was held, in January another was held. During this month an ever member canvass has been conducted getting the budget in order for 1939. In March a B. T. U. study course will be conducted. A Mission Sunday School is sponsored in the church with an attendance of about one seventh of the main school.

The finances of the church have continued in good shape. Missions have been supported, the church re-finished on the inside, an old parsonage debt paid, the pastor's salary increased once, all bills paid, and a building fund is being accumulated to care for future building needs.

The pastor was never happier in any work, and the fourth year began with four additions on the first Sunday, three by letter and one for Baptism. During the last quarter of the year just closed the Clyde High School was accommodated by the church while the school building was under construction.—Reporter.

### R. B. LEACH SEEKS PLACE ON CITY COMMISSION



R. B. Leach, Abilene businessman, has announced his candidacy for Place Number 3 in the Abilene City Commission.

A native of Collin County, Texas, Mr. Leach served two years in the United States Navy during the World War and since his discharge in 1919 has been in the employ of the Texas Company.

He was located in Abilene for a while in 1922 during which time he married. He returned to remain in 1931.

He emphasizes that he is not in any sense a politician but has responded to the urging of his friends to assist in giving the city a strictly business administration free from political entanglements.

Mr. Leach is a member of the Boosters club and is active in the affairs of the West Texas Fair and many civic enterprises.

(Political Advertising)

### Alcohol a Social Problem

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lic Enemy No. 1. When a senior in high school is having to drop out of school because of eye trouble and investigation shows that the father is drinking up every extra penny that comes to the family, and an NYA job becomes the only way the child can pay for glasses and stay in school, it arouses one's conscience if he has one.

Then prompted by genuine patriotism and fearless zeal for the right, Amos fires a second volley. "Ye that put away the evil day . . . that lie upon beds of ivory. . . ."

Here's the selfish group as dangerous to our day as to his. These argue "let's place a tax on intoxicating beverages to lessen the ration sound sources of income." "Let's encourage this measure and give it a cloak of responsibility by paying the old age pension from it and allowing a small part to go to the public school fund." This unholy alliance between good and evil makes a worthy and noble cause dependent upon the increased sale of that which breeds criminals, takes life and damns youth. Yet there are many who defend this action and even try to minimize the results of drinking. Right here we are all reminded of the shock that came to all Texas recently when a youthful criminal killed a man and his wife and brutally mutilated two of the children with an axe. When officers arrested him he said: "I was crazy drunk on beer."

To admit that an enlightened state is dependent upon legalizing drinking so we can pay the government's worthy obligations with a tax on it, is to admit that we are breeding out our brains.

Then this man from the sheepcote and this dresser of sycamore trees has a third thing to say and he pictures another tendency both ancient and modern. . . . but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph."

These have no concern for their fellow man and their reasoning is as familiar to each of us as it is empty of soundness. One of them will say: "I can take a drink or leave it and if it gets another fellow down, if it robs him of his character, his mind, or his freedom, that's just his hard luck." Not one germ of humanitarian feeling much less of Christianity resides there.

Each year on the anniversary of the 18th amendment Morris Shepperd delivers an address before the Senate in behalf of that "noble experiment" which the nation has, at least temporarily, abandoned. Senator Shepperd does not prepare this address and deliver it to impress the folk back home. His great concern is not the length of his term of office or whether the people of Texas will see fit to return him to Washington. His concern is for his fellow man.

The opposition has made so much noise that the thousands who have not bowed their knees to Baal have forgotten their strength. Embarrassed by the sudden about-face on the liquor question in the nation the common man has forgotten his power and value as a thinker and as a voter and each one feels that he is without influence.

The power and value of small things has just been demonstrated to the nation by the annual drive for funds with which to combat infantile paralysis which is carried on in the name of President Roosevelt's Birthday. This year less emphasis was placed upon birthday balls and the public school children were taken into the program and asked to give dimes to this worthy cause. According to the United Press story of Sunday morning more money was turned in to the executive mansion this year to com-

### TOURING WEST TEXAS WITH B. T. U. WORKERS

By T. C. GARDNER

At Ranger: The First Baptist Church, Ranger, had a Baptist Training Union training school with 201 enrolled in classes and 156 taking examination. Rev. Charles T. Tally, Jr., the pastor of the church, is making a tour of District 15 speaking in the interest of the Baptist Training Union work and, at the same time, promoting the State Convention which meets at Austin November 30 and December 1, 2.

At Amarillo: Mr. Malcolm E. Dillard, the fine B. T. U. director of the Pierce Street Baptist Church at Amarillo, reports a fine training school. Seventy-nine people took the examination and have requested awards.

At Merkel: The First Baptist Church at Merkel recently had a training school. Ninety-one diplomas and seals have been requested. Mr. Ted McGehee is the B. T. U. director.

At Wichita Falls: Wichita-Archer Baptist Association is one of the nine associations in Texas that received more than one thousand training union diplomas and seals in 1938. The number received in that association was 1,401. Mr. Gilbert Seal is the Associational Director.

At Abilene: Rev. W. C. Ashford, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, reports a splendid training school. The Junior, Senior and Adult Manuals were taught. Twenty-five took the examination.

At Vernon: Mr. Volus Norsworthy, training union director of First Baptist Church, Vernon, reports a fine training school for that church. There were seven classes taught with ninety-two taking examination.

At Rotan: Miss Annie Taggart is the training union director in First Baptist Church, Rotan. She is now making plans to enlarge the training union as well as to bring all of the unions up to the standard of excellence.

"Shut off your mental steam when you quit work. Lock up your business when you lock up your office or factory at night. Don't drag it into your home to mar your evening or to distress your sleep. You can not afford to allow the enemies of your peace and happiness to etch their black pictures deeper and deeper into your consciousness."

but that dreaded disease than ever before.

The Master is calling on common men to make this state a better and safer place for the character and lives of those who follow us. This is a large order but to do any less will be to deny our birthright.

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### CHURCH BULLETIN SECTION

**BRADSHAW**

Remember! This is our regular preaching day.  
Our goal for this Sunday is 75 per cent at Sunday School.  
We had a good number present last Sunday at Sunday School and B. T. U.  
Meet your pastor and superintendent at church Sunday at 10 o'clock.  
Come and bring someone with you.  
Harold Russ, Pastor.

**GIRARD**

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Psalms 122:1.  
Sunday School, 10:15 A. M.  
Preaching Hour, 11:00 A. M.  
B. T. U., 7:00 P. M.  
Evening Preaching, 8:00 P. M.  
The W. M. S. will meet in the home of Mrs. Paul Rodgers at 2:30 P. M. Monday.

### BEASLEY ANNOUNCES FOR CITY COMMISSION



W. E. Beasley, who is serving as police and health commissioner in the City of Abilene, has announced as candidate for election to a second term in place one.

He has been a resident of Taylor county since 1901 and of Abilene since 1914. Since 1929 he has been associated with R. W. Grimsley and his son Clyde Beasley in the Security Abstract Company.

Mr. Beasley was chosen to succeed Commissioner W. B. Hale on his death in 1936 and is now nearing the end of his first elected term.

The police and health department is one of the most important functions of the city government, furnishing as it does, protection to the life, property and well-being of the citizens and Beasley submits his candidacy on his established reputation and open record.

"It has been my aim as an official," he states, "to work at all times for the best interests of Abilene; and if re-elected, I will continue to do so. I have appreciated the support of my friends in the past, and will again appreciate their vote in the April election."

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