

VOLUME IV

CALLAHAN COUNTY CAMP MEETING BEGINS AT ADMIRAL FRIDAY

Final preparations have been made for the county-wide camp meeting which begins Friday night of this week at Admiral, a few miles south of Baird. Dr. W. T. Rouse of Waco is to do the preaching in the meeting. Pastor Joe R. Mayes of Baird will conduct the singing.

A large old time brush arbor has been constructed, a delco lighting plant installed and sufficient camping conveniences have been made to accommodate all campers.

According to W. A. Foster, pastor of the Admiral church, special days have been set aside for the various churches of the county. The schedule for these churches follows:

Monday—Atwell, Admiral, Cottonwood, Baird.
Tuesday—Potosi, Clyde.
Wednesday—Oplin, Denton, Eula, Rowden, Bell Plains, Dudley.
Thursday—Cross Plains, Dressy.
Friday—Putnam, Scranton, Colony.
Sunday, September 3, will be associational day. All churches in the associational are requested to dismiss their Sunday schools at the local churches and meet on that day for a great county-wide Sunday school.

In the afternoon of that day a county-wide B. Y. P. U. will be held. The annual meeting of the Callahan County Association will meet at Admiral on Wednesday, September 5, beginning at 10:00 a. m. J. H. Burnam of Putnam is moderator of the association.

Pastor Foster states that there will be plenty of shades, water, fuel and other accommodations have been provided. An invitation is extended to all the churches in the association to cooperate in the meeting. Outside visitors will also be welcomed and assured every courtesy possible.

THIRTY ADDITIONS IN BROWNFIELD REVIVAL

"Pastor C. E. Lancaster, of the First Church, Coleman, and Mr. Ewell Bone of Simmons University assisted Pastor E. V. May in a good meeting at the First Baptist Church, Brownfield. Although the rains which had come caused the farmers to be very busy, and also kept many of the people away, and the fact that a few of the services were rained out or almost out, the meeting was far-reaching in results for good. There were about thirty additions and professions, sixteen of whom came on profession and baptism.

"Brother Lancaster is very able as an evangelist. He preached the word and depends upon the Lord for the results. His preaching is free from the sensational and the base. He creates no problems to handicap the pastor after he has gone. Brother Bone is a very fine singer and leader of song. His heart is in the work of winning the lost, and he sings the gospel in the spirit of the Lord. Then to his work with the young people is most indeed."—E. V. May, Brownfield.

TWO SIMMONSITES START ON TRAMP AROUND WORLD

After spending the last year teaching in the Hawaiian Islands and a brief visit to their alma mater, Elmer Atwood and John Carver, two graduates of Simmons, are off to see the world.

The two Simmonsites are going sight-seeing through the United States and Europe, and are planning to make the trip a sort of tramp. After the completion of the sight-seeing trip they plan to take their Doctor's degree and return to the Hawaiian Islands to teach.

Atwood and Carver have been teaching in the islands and are planning to teach English and Carver, science. The former is a son of Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Atwood of the Simmons faculty.

DEDICATION OF 1,000 ACRES TOLD BY BUREN SPARKS, ALPINE

The eighth session of the Paisano encampment has just closed. It was marked by great crowds, a rich program and a wonderful fellowship. For months a sinister drought maintained a strangle-hold upon the throat of the big cattle country. Cowmen were becoming despondent, and thirsty cattle lowed plaintive prayers for saving showers. It was evident that some one had their prayers answered, for at the opening of this year's encampment, the winds blew, the lightnings flashed, the thunders of the mountains rolled—and then the flood not in years, has the west witnessed such rains. Sinal seemed close akin to the opening of this year's session. For the information of back-state people, let it be said that in the Trans-Pecos country, Paisano encampment is looked on as a drought-breaker. Despite the foods and the impassable roads in some sections, the attendance was larger than at any time in the past. According to the tally of the cowboys, some four hundred were served each day for breakfast, and an average of six hundred for dinner and supper, with fifteen hundred and more served each Sunday. After the rains the weather conditions were ideal. The report of the weather bureau showed our daily average temperature the same as Denver, Colorado. With neither flies nor mosquitos to bother, the campers could pull their blankets about them and lie down to peaceful dreams.

Dedicate 1,000 Acres

One of the big events this year was the dedication of the thousand acres comprising the encampment grounds. The service was held in the afternoon of the closing day, the sermon was preached by Dr. Geo. W. Truett and the prayer offered by Rev. L. R. Milligan, president of the encampment. More than two thousand people were present at this service. No doubt this is by far the largest acreage ever dedicated and set aside for religious purposes among Southern Baptists. Some eight years ago a movement

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STADIUM BE FINISHED WITHIN A FEW DAYS

Work on the Simmons steel stadium is all but complete as the Brand goes to press, and according to E. C. Lewis, contractor, the entire job will be finished by next Wednesday—considerably ahead of the schedule.

Workmen in charge of laying the steel finished last week end, putting on the finishing touches Monday morning, and all of this week the men have been putting on the lumber. Practically all of the lumber was in place Thursday afternoon, and remained only to be bolted in place on the steel girders. The frame of the stadium has gone up rapidly, less than two weeks having been occupied in its erection. The last carload of steel for miscellaneous use was received only last Friday, and put in place in three days.

The section facing east is 300 feet long, and twenty one rows high. It represents an expenditure of approximately twenty thousand dollars, and has a seating capacity of almost five thousand persons. And according to Coach Bridges, seven more rows of seats can be added behind those already in place to increase the capacity

APPEAL FOR B. Y. P. U. BUILDING AT LUEDERS

During the past year the Y. W. A.'s of this great section have built a dormitory for girls on the Lueders encampment grounds at a cost of \$80,000 that is a credit to the organization. If you have not seen it, it would do you good to drive over and examine it. There is hardly one Y. W. A. to five churches; whereas there is nearly an average of five B. Y. P. U.'s to each church. Why can't the B. Y. P. U.'s do as much and more than the Y. W. A.'s? They can and will if you will give your hearty co-operation.

A movement has been started to erect one or two dormitories for the B. Y. P. U. boys and girls to accommodate about 250. They will be built under the direction of the Executive Committee's direct supervision. Competent supervision will be available at all times. The building or buildings will be open during the encampment to B. Y. P. U. members without charge.

The First Baptist Church of Abilene guarantees \$150 on the basis of raising at least \$1500, or one-tenth of the amount raised. The First churches of Stamford, Electra and Sweetwater guarantee \$100 each. What will your church do? Will you do your bit to promote the elevation of the ideals and morals of the young people of this great section.

If your church is on the budget and a collection can not be taken for this cause in the church, then we would suggest that an encampment committee be appointed to make a personal appeal to parties who might be interested in your community. May we depend upon your church for at least \$7.50 or more?

Send all donations or pledges to Miss Geraldine Hill, care First Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas. Pledges may be paid in cash December 1 as we want to complete the building by January 1, though we urge as much cash as possible now.

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SANITARIUM HEAD RETURNS FROM TRIP

L. A. Sanders, superintendent of the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium returned the first of the week with his family from a vacation trip.

Abilene the trip was made through the Panhandle to Denver, Yellowstone Park, to Seattle where Mrs. Sanders' brother was visited. From Seattle the party went to San Francisco where relatives were visited and where Mr. Sanders attended the meetings of the American Hospital Association and the Protestant Hospital Association Convention.

In commenting on the conventions Mr. Sanders said: "These conventions were both well attended by superintendents. We had the opportunity of studying many new hospital appliances, and heard discussed many constructive plans and ideas. We brought back some good ideas which will be put in operation for our own hospital."

Mr. Sanders also visited a number of hospitals on the trip and he found that the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium is one of the most modern in the entire country.

The Sanders returned by way of Grand Canyon, Roosevelt Dam, viewed the ruins of the cliff dwellers in Arizona and came into Texas by way of El Paso. On the trip their car registered 6,662 miles.

COWBOYS MAKE TRIP TO N. Y. ON HORSEBACK

Simmons cowboys are still making records. A real cowboy had the time former student of Simmons, was "rated" a picture in the New York Evening Journal, and sends back a clipping of the picture to prove that he is stepping high.

He should step high, because his name is Hightower, Bob as the first handle, and he won his latest laurels by riding from Magdalena, New Mexico to New York City on an actual bronco with still seven days left of his allotted time.

Bob tells the story himself in a communication received this week by J. W. Atkinson, owner of Atkinson Drug store on the corner of Ambler and Hickory. He also sent a clipping of a four column picture made in the Bronx which was carried in the Evening Journal for August 3.

In the picture, Bob and his companion, George Hollingsworth, are shown between their broncos, on which are seated the two "prettiest girls in Washington Heights."

Hightower and Hollingsworth left Magdalena, New Mexico, on two broncos, horses that had never been broken with the intention of making the big city within a month. They got there with seven days to go. As they went through the country, they sold pictures of themselves which were made in Magdalena on the fourth day of April, on each one of which was the slogan: "Magdalena New Mexico, 4-528 to 180th Street New York City."—Simmons Brand.

Rev. P. D. O'Brien of Munday has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church, Florida, and will move on that field within a few days. Brother O'Brien has been pastor at Munday for several years. Several times during that period churches have made unsuccessful attempts to move him from this section, but our loss will be the Plains section's gain.

STATEMENT FROM M. H. WOLFE

In order to promote harmony and create the utmost cooperation of all Texas Baptists, with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and in order to secure the fullest fellowship among all of the brethren, those who suggested, a few weeks ago, the organization of another Baptist Convention for Texas have abandoned the enterprise with the earnest hope that better operation and fellowship will prevail among Texas Baptists and we trust all of the brethren will help reach that goal in the same cordial spirit.

Furthermore, Baylor University is now waging a campaign to raise a large sum of money for the institutions and the hope is here expressed that nothing will get into the denominational life that might hinder the success of that campaign.

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HIGHLAND PARK CHURCH HOLDS GOOD REVIVAL

"We have just closed our revival services," said Dr. A. A. Duncan, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Waco, Texas. Our people are delighted with Dr. Copeland and his splendid preaching and teaching.

"The revival has been saved and our church greatly revived and its spiritual life quickened and enriched. He is sound in the faith, fearless and tender in proclaiming the truth. The pastor has never been assisted by a man of God, who not only placed the emphasis on God's word, but who constantly used it in all his preaching and teaching with greater power and effectiveness."—G. E. Kennedy, El Paso, Texas.

Rev. L. R. Stegall, a former West Texas pastor now residing at Guyman, Oklahoma, has just closed a good meeting at Clairmont. He also visited his mother in Dickens county after which he left on a trip to Old Mexico.

PLANS BEING COMPLETED FOR GREATER BAYLOR CAMPAIGN

WACO, Texas, August 20.—Texas Baptists, to meet the money challenge of Waco, will go "over the top" for \$2,000,000 in the Greater Baylor campaign, now progressing simultaneously over the state.

More than 1000 workers have already pledged their time and effort to the campaign drive and within 15 days, the entire state will be organized from 18 districts, into Baptist associations, county, city and church campaign clubs, each having an official chairman to direct procedure of the drive.

West Texas and the Panhandle section of Texas are ranking near the top, for campaign activity.

Rev. D. H. Heard of Big Spring has accepted the chairmanship of district five, with Abilene as the key city. His territory covers four Baptist associations.

Rev. W. F. Ferguson of Snyder, has accepted the chairmanship of the Mitchell-Scurry association; Rev. W. T. Hamor of Anson, Jones county association; Rev. Pat O'Brien of Munday, Haskell county association; Paul Barron of Midland, Big Spring association; and all will cooperate with Rev. Heard to promote the campaign in that section.

E. W. Provence of Lubbock, business manager of Texas Technological college, formerly occupying the same position at Baylor, has accepted the chairmanship of the Panhandle section of the campaign. Dr. Finney stated that each association in the West will be thoroughly organized for the campaign. He is meeting, he says, with much encouragement from friends of the institution all over this section.

A call has been issued for a rally to be held at Snyder on September 5 for the purpose of completing the organization of this district. After completing the organization in this section, Dr. Finney will organize the associations in the Panhandle.

It is planned to complete the campaign for the raising of the two million dollars before the regular annual meeting of the State Convention at Mineral Wells in November. The Baylor campaign comes as a result of the special session of the convention which met at Waco some time ago. At this meeting the Convention accepted propositions from the citizens of Waco and Dallas to raise two million dollars in these cities for provided the Baptists of Texas would building and endowment for Baylor, raise a like amount to be applied on indebtedness and endowment.

FIFTEENTH SUMMER TERM NEARS CLOSE

ENROLLMENT FOR THE SUMMER TERM REACHES 550

The fifteenth summer session of Simmons University will come to a close this week. The regular fall term will begin on September 25.

Final examinations, Dean Wiggins has announced, will begin Thursday afternoon at one thirty with seven o'clock classes due for finals first. Eight o'clock classes will meet for examinations at eight o'clock Friday morning, nine o'clock classes Friday afternoon, ten o'clock Saturday morning, and eleven o'clock and afternoon classes Saturday afternoon.

Registration for the summer term exceeded any previous mark of enrollment for a summer session. The total figure was estimated at five hundred and fifty, according to information given-out Wednesday. This number included an unusual number of graduate students as well as man finishing work for bachelor degrees.

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PRESIDENT SANDEFER ATTENDS HOOVER MEET

President J. D. Sandefer of Simmons University was one of the throng of 100,000 persons at the Stanford University Stadium at Palo Alto California, last Saturday to hear Dr. Herbert Hoover enunciate the policies upon which he is making campaign for the presidency of the United States.

The Simmons president attended the event of the public notification to Hoover of his nomination by the Republican party as an interested citizen and as a dry Democrat who has pledged his support to the Republican party, inasmuch as the moral issues involved which surpass any explanation made by Dr. Sandefer before he left Abilene two weeks ago.

MERKEL CHURCH HAS 50 ADDITIONS IN REVIVAL

Merkel has just had a great revival with Rev. Chas. T. Whaley of Sweetwater doing the preaching of local forces in charge of the music.

There were some fifty additions to the local church with forty-two public professions of faith. Thirty have already been baptized and others await baptism.

The church gave Brother Whaley a little more than \$500 at the close of the meeting and he led them to give the pastor a 1928 Ford Ford sedan.—Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

CENSUS REPORT SHOWS MEMBERSHIP OF 3,524,378 IN 1926

EDUCATIONAL WORKERS MEET AT SEMINARY SEPTEMBER 4 TO 6

L. A. MYERS
Chairman Publicity Committee

The Sixth Annual Session of the Texas Baptist Religious Educational Workers' Association will meet on Seminary Hill, September 4-6.

The general themes for the various conferences include: teaching and training, missions, course of study, recreation, publicity, worship, measuring results, evangelism, finances.

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STOCKTON PASTOR TELLS OF HODGES REVIVAL

"I have just returned from Hodges Church, where I was with Rev. J. Perry King and his fine people of Hodges in a ten days evangelistic work with a finer group of people in all of my life.

Both pastor and people are full of conquering faith, whom God is always glad to honor with victory. Even in the very first service, and in the absence of the fine pastor, who was away in another meeting which he closed three days later, I could see that the folks had a hold on God that would assure victory.

I desire to drop a hint to some other pastors, (including myself), that might help us to solve some of our problems; and that is, if we would expect a great harvest in anything, material or spiritual, we must do two things in advance. First, we must select the best seed for sowing; and second, we must do some good cultivation. This pastor had done both of these. He has been with this good church for five years, taking it as a mere child and nourishing it, and giving it the best of care and attention with the greatest of patience and love until it has grown to be the best rural church that I have ever known, having built two years ago a building that many of the large town churches might be proud of, with a basement and Sunday school rooms and have enabled the Sunday school to obtain the Standard and the Senior B. Y. P. U. has also their penant and the other two B. Y. P. U.'s will soon qualify for the Standard.

They have been paying their pastor a seven hundred and fifty dollar a year and at the close of the meeting raised the salary to nine hundred so this will explain why the Lord gave us forty odd souls saved and thirty additions to the church during the ten days, twenty-five of whom came for baptism.

The seed had been sown and well cultivated and the harvest was ready to be gleaned. May God give us more such places in Texas. The congregations numbered from a hundred to five hundred at each service. Several fine people were saved in the last service.—Leon Frazier, Ft. Stockton

STANLEY TAYLOR RETURNS FROM REVIVAL MEETINGS OVER FIVE WEEKS PERIOD

Stanley F. Taylor, student in Simmons, returned to Abilene this week after five weeks of evangelistic singing in revival meetings conducted by R. C. King, another Simmons student. Taylor is completing his summer courses by correspondence and will be in other meetings soon, he states. He and King were in two weeks meetings recently at Antelope and Bethel, both in Rannels county. Reports indicate that splendid results attended both campaigns; according to Taylor, there were 16 conversions at Antelope and 19 at Bethel.

Following the meeting at Bethel, Taylor and King proceeded to the Christoval Baptist Encampment where the former participated in the activities of the young people at the meeting, speaking once before the young peoples' department of the Sunday day school and singing in the B. Y. P. U. services.

Stanley Taylor is a brother of Charlie Taylor, the evangelist.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 15.—The Department of Commerce announces that, according to the returns received, there were in the United States 23,347 churches of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1926, with 3,524,378 members, as compared with 23,580 churches and 2,708,870 members reported in 1916. The total expenditures for 1926, as reported by 22,538 churches, amounted to \$42,904,583, including \$32,886,566 for current expenses and improvements, \$9,761,615 for benevolences, missions, etc., and \$256,383 not classified. The total expenditures reported by 21,078 churches in 1916 were \$16,063,743.

The value of church edifices (including furniture and equipment) as reported by 21,128 churches for 1926, was \$173,456,955, which may be compared with \$58,348,373 reported by 19,268 churches in 1916.

Of the 23,374 churches reporting in 1926, 1,855 were located in urban territory (incorporated places of 2,500 inhabitants or more) and 21,519 were in rural areas. Of the total membership, 968,059 were in the urban churches and 2,558,319 in the rural churches; and of the total expenditures \$23,723,050 and 20,483 rural churches, \$19,181,513. The value of church property reported by 1,814 urban churches was \$100,235,835 and that reported by 19,314 rural churches was \$73,221,480.

Sunday schools were reported by 19,882 churches of this denomination in 1926, with 229,848 officers and teachers and 2,345,630 scholars. The number of officers and teachers in the Sunday schools as reported for 1916 was 160,171 and the number of scholars, 1,665,996.

CHANGES DATE OF MEETING

The following program of the Texas Baptist Religious Educational Association to be held at Seminary Hill, Texas, September 4-6, 1928:

Tuesday A. M.—Course of Study C. T. Hodges, Presiding.
1:45-2:00—Devotional and Song Service: Claud Lawson.
2:00-2:30—Course of Study for Pupils Needs: Dr. E. B. Atwood.
2:30-3:00—Discussion: J. W. Mason.
3:00-3:45—Open Discussion: F. W. Forum: O. C. Knight.
3:45-4:30—Missions.
G. C. Miller, Presiding.
7:15-7:30—Devotional and Song Service: Wendell Foreman.
7:30-8:00—Teaching Missions: C. F. O'Neal.
8:00-8:30—Discussion: Miss Mabel Elrod.
8:30-9:15—Open Discussion: Grady Metcalf.
Wednesday A. M.—Recreation
W. A. Chisholm, Presiding.
9:15-9:30—Devotional and Song Service: Chas. O. Cook.
9:30-10:00—A Church Program of Recreation: Taylor McCasland.
10:00-10:30—Discussion: L. E. Watie.
10:30-11:15—Open Discussion: T. W. Vaughn.
11:15-12:00—Question Box and Open Forum: V. M. O'Hair.
Wednesday P. M.—Publicity
Chas. I. Russell, Presiding.
1:45-2:00—Devotional and Song Service: Lee A. Stulce.
2:00-2:30—Keeping the Church Before the Public: Andrew Allen.
2:30-3:00—Discussion: L. E. Posey.
3:00-3:45—Open Discussion: P. D. Walker.
3:45-4:30—Question Box and Open Forum: Ralph Gatlin.
Wednesday Evening—Worship
L. H. Turner, Presiding.
7:15-7:30—Devotional and Song Service: M. F. Montsinger.
7:30-8:00—Training in Worship: J. E. Lambdin.
8:00-8:30—Discussion: W. L. Day.
8:30-9:15—Open Discussion: O. T. Wheeler.
Thursday Morning—Finances
H. F. Saunders, Presiding.
9:15-9:30—Devotional and Song Service: R. F. Royal.
9:30-10:00—Solution to Church Finances: L. L. Cooper.
10:00-10:30—Discussion: G. S. Hopkins.
10:30-11:15—Open Discussion: Harry P. Wooten.
11:15-12:00—Question Box and Open Forum: J. D. Carroll.
Thursday P. M.—Measuring Results
Miss Norma McIntire, Presiding.
1:45-2:00—Devotional and Song Service: Sam Lewis.
2:00-2:30—Measuring Results of Our Work: Dr. N. E. Drummond.
2:30-3:00—Discussion: Miss Lucile Cloud.
3:00-3:45—Open Discussion: H. B. Lyon.
3:45-4:30—Question Box and Open Forum: Dewey Ray.
Thursday Evening—Evangelism
Carey B. Gardner, Presiding.
7:15-7:30—Devotional and Song Service: J. B. Taylor.
7:30-8:00—Persistent Evangelism Through Our Church Organizations: Edgar Williamson.
8:00-8:30—Discussion: R. L. Brown.
8:30-9:15—Open Discussion: J. W. Bailey.

CHANGES DATE OF MEETING

The Rannels Association will meet August 28th at 10:00 a. m., instead of 1:30 p. m. The change being made by the Executive Board in session August 7th at Hopewell.—W. L. Rodgers, Secretary.

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WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS

In this issue we are publishing an editorial from the *East Texas Baptist* which deals with a statement in the last issue of the *West Texas Baptist* about an East Texas Convention. Our statement that brought forth the ire of our eastern contemporary was this: "We are informed on good authority that a movement is on foot looking to the organization of an East Texas Convention." We are glad to publish the editorial in question, which is self explanatory. Furthermore, we are glad the *East Texas Baptist* let us off as lightly as he did. He is new in the newspaper game, and being new he is full of enthusiasm and spizerinkum. Sometimes it is rather dangerous for a fellow editor to get up against a combination of that sort.

Speaking of conventions, there's no telling just how much unnecessary anxiety has gone to waste over rumors of a West Texas convention. Of course these rumors have been unfounded. There has been from time to time some talk among the brethren in regard to a new convention, but never has there been any serious consideration of this subject by leaders who would be in position to put over such a proposition. In the last issue of the *West Texas Baptist* a writer made some suggestions of a Western Convention; in this issue another pastor comes out with some suggestion on a new convention. Frankly we do not believe there is the remotest danger of a new convention in Texas for at least some time to come. However, we are glad to let any brother discuss this question or any other question confronting Baptist welfare. We believe this policy will tend to promote Baptist fellowship in Texas. For example, we published in the last issue a rumor (and by the way we still maintain that it came from reliable sources) to the effect that a new East Texas Convention was being planned. This brought the matter out in the open, and our friends in the East promptly denied and thus put to an end the matter. Had it not been brought out in the open, perhaps the rumor would have floated around over the country growing rapidly as it went, and doing irreparable harm. We still maintain that one of the things that has brought greatest harm to the cause of Texas Baptists is the policy of keeping the lid on our denominational press. This policy has almost made a financial wreck out of our paper and a spiritual wreck out of our fellowship. When you keep the lid on public opinion for any considerable length of time, there is a great danger, always of a terrible explosion.

THE FORGIVING SPIRIT

When Jesus was on the cross, He said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." When Stephen was stoned he cried, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." In the last letter which Paul wrote, he said: "At my first defense no one took my part, but all forsook me: may it not be laid to their account." Jesus, Stephen, Paul, all teach us to forgive, even when men persecute and kill. If we cherish in our hearts any thoughts of revenge or retaliation we have not the spirit of Christ. Life is too short, and there is too much work to be done for us to spend any time planning how we may get even with those who have wronged us.

In the prayer which Jesus taught us to pray is this petition: "Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." "As we have forgiven." Then Jesus added this comment: "If ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." God will not hear our prayers if in our hearts we harbor malice or the unforgiving spirit. Jesus told the story of a man who was forgiven a debt of \$10,000,000 yet did not forgive a man who owed him \$17. "So shall also my heavenly Father do unto you, if ye forgive not every one his brother from much as ye have sinned against God; yet God, for Christ's sake has freely forgiven us.

There is a great word for every one of us in Paul's immortal words on love: "Love suffereth long and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, taketh not account of evil; rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth with the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hoped all things, endureth all things."

Let every one leave with our Father the adjustment of wrongs, real or fancied. He has said: "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." He knows all things and has all power. The Judge of all the earth will do right. May His will be done on earth even as it is done in heaven.—Baptist (Oklahoma) Messenger.

EAST TEXAS CONVENTION

(From the East Texas Baptist)

Imagine our amazement when we read the editorial in the *West Texas Baptist* "Concerning New Conventions," and found that the writer, as we understood from reliable authority, "that a movement has been started looking toward the organization of an East Texas Convention."

We were under the impression that our abode in East Texas had been of sufficient duration for us to learn something of what was in the minds of the brethren of this section and at no time such a movement had ever been mentioned. But that we may know if there was such a movement on foot and as to just how some of the brethren might feel concerning such a statement "from reliable authority," we wrote a few of the leading pastors of this section to get their views before declaring that such report was without foundation.

Dr. F. S. Groner, president of Marshall College wrote: "There is no reason for discussing something that does not exist." Pastor R. G. Behrman of the First Baptist church, Mineola, states that he had heard of a movement to establish an East Texas Encampment and thought that it should be done. He said: "Maybe that is where the editor of the *West Texas Baptist* got his 'hunch.' I think that it would be well to set the brother straight on the matter."

Expressing himself in no uncertain terms and advising open instead of veiled methods of accomplishing such, the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Marshall, Rev. S. H. Frazier, writes:

"I have seen several remarks and statements in the papers concerning the formation of an East Texas Convention, but I am frank to say that I do not know the source, and so far as I am personally concerned, I think that all such attempts are without the proper accrediting."

"It seems to me that Texas Baptists had enough of division and the ugly spirit that accompanies it."

"So far as I am personally concerned, if there should come a time in Texas Baptist life when a division of the General Convention should be wise, I think we ought, in the meeting of the convention, announce the purpose and plan and let the division be made amicably and in order under the leadership of the spirit of the Lord Jesus."

"I think all attempts at division arise from disgruntled groups or individuals and are hurtful to the Cause of Christ."

"Personally, I think it would not be an unwise thing to have something to say in the *East Texas Baptist* concerning this matter."

Dr. J. R. Nutt, pastor First Baptist Church, Lufkin would be against such movement and so states in his communication which reads as follows: "So far as I know, there is no movement on foot to organize an East Texas Convention. If such movement should be started, I should be against it with all my might."

"I cannot think of a greater mistake that could be made than to organize another convention. I can not think of any reason why such should be done."

We believe that we know the attitude of East Texas Baptist on matters concerning our general work. They all want our unified work to continue without any divisions and are most heartily for every object fostered by our general body. It has been the purpose of the *East Texas Baptist* to help bring about a cohesion among East Texas Baptists that will make Baptists of this section a real force that will count in all Baptist endeavors throughout the state and we shall continue to pursue this course even though there may be some things that we might dislike.

We do not believe that Baptists of Texas could do a more effective work with three or four conventions instead of one, in fact, it might tend

to the lessening of the effectiveness of our work, therefore we say, "let us dwell in love and unity."

"Keeping Politics Out of the Pulpit"

M. T. ANDREWS

Never perhaps in the history of this country has the secular press had so much to say about "keeping politics out of the pulpit" as in the last few months. It is interesting to observe how newspapers that ordinarily manifest no interest in the churches whatsoever, have suddenly become very solicitous, even jealous, for the influence of the church. Friends of the churches appreciate this interest, and wish it might have been shown sooner and would continue after November, 1928.

With all due respect to the newspapers, the occupants of the pulpit have an idea that it is just about as inappropriate for the newspapers to try to set the standards for the pulpit and pass on the themes to be discussed there, as it would be for the pulpit to try to regulate the newspapers.

I want to raise a question with the newspapers: What is "keeping politics out of the pulpit?" In all their discussions there is a painful lack of discrimination that a newspaper man aiming to mould a fair public opinion ought to have. Since they only become disturbed about this matter during political campaigns, we must infer that what they mean by "keeping politics out of the pulpit" is that the pulpit must keep mum during political campaigns on all questions involved in these campaigns even though these questions involved moral phases that are vital to the very life of Christianity.

To illustrate the newspaper's argument would be like this: I insist that my commission from the Bible reads thus: "Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering." But the newspaper's argument would be like this: "That you mustn't do these things during a political campaign. Do them when no issue is involved."

I insist that whole chapters of "The Word" call wicked rulers, politicians if you please, on the carpet to account for the sin and misery they have brought on the people, but the newspapers advise me to keep quiet about that until the campaign is over and the ruler is restored to his political throne.

I insist again, that whole chapters of "The Word" I am to preach, but their anathemas against that chronic criminal of society, that persistent meddler in American politics—the liquor traffic. But the newspaper man admonishes me to skip all these chapters during a campaign in which this traffic is the paramount issue in politics. His advice is tantamount to saying, "Don't bother about the Devil while he is mauling the life out of you in a political campaign, but wait until he has you utterly crushed, then try him out."

With each sermon on civic righteousness in the city's life, and use as my text, "Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood, and establisheth a city by iniquity," but I am immediately warned by the secular press and political henchmen that I "ought to preach the gospel" and not try to run the city's affairs.

Well, I may be very obtuse about some things, but I think I know whose advice ought to regulate my conduct about such vital things. I am accountable to a higher authority than those who show no interest in the pulpit except when they want its voice stifled on moral questions.

The gospel preacher in his pulpit has been the inspiration behind every great reform. With ceaseless vigilance he stood guard over the sacredness of American liberty, and it was through his efforts that the amendment to the Constitution securing religious freedom and the separation of Church and State was adopted.

It was the preacher's voice in the pulpit that was first raised against slavery, denying the state the right to traffic in human flesh.

It was the voice of the gospel preacher that was first raised against that most gigantic gambling institution that ever fastened its fangs on civilization—the Louisiana lottery—and drove it from our borders.

And it was the gospel preacher's voice that first joined the battle with this country in its alliance with now outlawed liquor traffic, making a righteous public sentiment that has written its doom.

All of these questions were political questions, and the champions of these vices hurled their curses at the pulpit, just as they do today and treated them as erratic and crazy. But with all of this attempted intimidation, the real preacher has been unafraid, and his voice has been one of the most potent forces in the progress of civilization.

Lord Melbourne returned from church one day in a rage of madness, exclaiming, "The preacher that preaches, why doesn't he preach the gospel? Why he actually insisted to day on applying religion to one's private life."

Dr. Lorimer, of Boston, said once, "As long as I have contented myself with vaporish and feathery generalities, and with fluffy sentimentality, I have been let alone; but whenever I have advocated specific measures of reform, I have been treated as erratic and crazy, and admonished to 'preach the gospel.'"

Dr. B. M. Palmer, that mighty Presbyterian orator, stood like a sentinel of righteousness in New Orleans for fifty years, and fought like a soldier for civic righteousness. They cursed him to be sure, but when he died, every street car stopped and every legitimate business was suspended for five minutes out of respect for the city's "First Citizen."

The newspapers might admit, if they are fair, that there are two sides to this question. As for me, let the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing," but the preacher of righteousness, true to his call, will do his duty as he sees it.

Evil is no less evil, when it heads up in political candidates. Principles are not to be soft-pedaled, because they unavoidably involve personalities.

BAND RETURNS FROM LONG MOTORCADE TRIP

The Simmons University Cowboy Band, having made the sixth annual motorcade trip of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, returned to Abilene Friday, after making a trip of more than two thousand miles along the scenic route of Texas and along the Mexican border.

During the past week the Cowboy Band has given concerts in quite a number of towns and cities, and has been heartily received by huge crowds of welcoming delegations to receive the motorcade travelers.

Going to Del Rio from the Davis Mountains, where the campers spent a night last week, the bandmen played in towns along the way, and gave rousing concerts at all stops of the company. In Villa Acuna, Mexico, just across the border from Del Rio, the motorcade spent an entire day.

A hearty reception was given the visitors by the town and speeches of welcome made by the officials. The band then played a typical West Texas program for the natives, receiving cheers and a volume of applause from the hundreds of Mexican natives gathered for the occasion.

Coming back to West Texas by way of Fredericksburg, the trippers were again royally received, and entertained for the night.

At Brady a delegation met the motorcade miles out of the city and escorted them to the reception plant in their honor. Home grown ice watermelons were served the visitors, and afterward the bandmen were requested to play.

Other towns receiving the company were San Angelo, Ballinger, and Coleman on Thursday. The trippers finished the trip, fifty in number, disembarked at Brownwood Friday after a beautiful trip and vacation period.

ATTENTION YOUNG WOMEN!

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SHALL CHRISTIANITY FAIL?

WILL C. McCLUNG
The Christian religion has unquestionably been the glory of civilization. The star of hope arose for the unnumbered millions and guided the Wise Men to the manger of Bethlehem. Light was shed abroad in a darkened world, a fountain was opened in the desert, bread was abundantly supplied to the hungry; the Great Physician had come to heal the world's hurt. Was that beneficent and glorious coming merely a temporary affair? There is an increasing number that insist that Christianity has served its purpose, that it has outlived its usefulness, and is not adequate to the needs of our present day.

The enemies of organized Christianity are well organized and are beginning a militant offensive to destroy it root and branch. There is a well known corporation operating under a charter granted by the state of New York, whose avowed purpose is to destroy religion in general, and Christianity in particular. In the constitution adopted by this organization, Article 11, the object of such organization is stated as follows:

"The object of the society is to abolish belief in God, together with all forms of religion based on that belief. In prosecuting its work which shall be purely destructive, the society shall hold public meetings and erect radio stations for the delivery and broadcasting of lectures, debates, and discussions on science and religion; publish and distribute scientific and anti-religious literature; and conduct a general propaganda in the United States and Canada against the church and clergy."

"Will undertake to abolish public chaplaincies; to tax ecclesiastical property; to repeal Sunday legislation; to abrogate all laws enforcing Christian morals; to stop the bootlegging of religion into the public school; to prevent the issuance of religious proclamations by public officials; to remove the church cross from above the National flag; and to erase the superstitious inscription that defaces our coins. Its main purpose is to wage war on religion itself, in accomplishing this purpose, we shall begin by attacking Theism, the tap root of the upas tree of religious superstition. There is no God; and our supreme effort will be to free mankind from the fear of a nonentity. The worshippers of a verbal idol must end."

This same organization has inaugurated a Junior Atheistic movement to enlist all the boys and girls in the schools between the ages of seven and seventeen. They have a complete organization for Juniors, and where as many as four can be enlisted in any one school they establish a "chapter" and when the members are graduated into college they become members.

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"Purifying" the Democratic Party in Texas--It is to Laugh

B. A. COPASS
The recent meeting of "regular" Democrats in Austin was, according to their published statements, for the avowed purpose of "purifying" the Democratic party in Texas.

Again, they are willing to put the 80 per cent of the Negro vote of Colorado promised to Al Smith; that may help to "disinfect" the great moral leaders among the women like the heads of the W. T. U. in Texas and others of the same kind.

The present writer has just been north and east; the negroes just there also are going to vote for Al Smith; so the "Regular Democrats" can put them in to "disinfect" the hundreds of thousands of up-right Christian men in the State of Texas.

Personally I am going to vote for the Democratic nominees in Texas from the United States Senate and Governor down to the constable in my precinct, but I cannot and will not support for President a man who stands for the things that Al Smith stands for.

Our readers will sympathize with Rev. I. D. Hull fo Snyder in the home going of his wife which occurred last week.

Rev. J. L. Isbell, missionary of the Lamesa Association, was in an automobile accident a few days ago, in which two young ladies of Lamesa lost their lives and their two young men companions were seriously injured.

Rev. Ira Parrack of Merkel is with Pastor Perry King and the Caps church in a revival this week.

Rev. Chas. A. Loveless, formerly pastor at Baird, Mt. Vernon, Pittsburg, Canadian, Temple and other Texas places, is now located at Europa, Mississippi.

The Advance is the name of a new newspaper published at Dallas, as a champion of the cause of prohibition.

Work is going forward on the new educational building annex for University Church, Abilene. We will try to give more details about this building next issue.

Rev. E. T. Miller of Memphis has been with Pastor E. D. Dunlap and the Drasco church in a great meeting; large crowds have been attending, and many are being saved, reports state.

PROSPECTS GOOD FOR LARGE ENROLLMENT AT BAPTIST SEMINARY

L. A. MYERS
Mer. Editor "Southwestern Evangelist."
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Promotion Day
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Intermediates from every section of the state are becoming more and more interested in the state sword drill contest.

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The present writer has just been north and east; the negroes just there also are going to vote for Al Smith; so the "Regular Democrats" can put them in to "disinfect" the hundreds of thousands of up-right Christian men in the State of Texas.

Personally I am going to vote for the Democratic nominees in Texas from the United States Senator and Governor down to the constable in my precinct, but I cannot and will not support for President a man who stands for the things that Al Smith stands for.

Our readers will sympathize with Rev. I. D. Hull of Snyder in the home going of his wife which occurred last week.

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--JESSIE M. HUTCHINS.

STATE B. Y. P. U. DEPARTMENT

The Primary--B. Y. P. U.
Members of the Primary B.Y.P.U. are graded on the following 6 points:

1. Present, 15 per cent; on time, 15 per cent; on program, 15 per cent; memory work, 20 per cent; daily Bible reading, 20 per cent; offering, 15 per cent. A number of the children who are members of Primary unions cannot read. To get credit for daily Bible reading, they must get some one to read the Bible to them daily.

Promotion Day
The last Sunday in September each year is the promotion day for the B. Y. P. U. Members of unions are promoted by groups, by unions, and by departments.

The most attractive promotion certificates that can be secured may be bought from the Baptist Book Store, Slaughter Building, Dallas. They should be ordered right away.

State B. Y. P. U.
A great number of efficiency banners will be awarded by the State B. Y. P. U. convention in San Angelo this fall.

Study Course Week
October 7-12 has been designated as State-wide B. Y. P. U. Study Course week. Every B. Y. P. U. in the state should observe this week of study.

State B. Y. P. U. Convention
Large plans are being made for the State B. Y. P. U. convention in San Angelo November 29th, 30th and December 1st.

State Sword Drill Contest
Intermediates from every section of the state are becoming more and more interested in the state sword drill contest.

Adult B. Y. P. U. Literature
You have been wishing for Adult B. Y. P. U. literature and your wish has come true.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Christoval Baptist Encampment
If we are to judge the success of an encampment by the expressions emanating from the leaders on the field, surely the Christoval encampment was a decided success.

We had three visitation campaigns, making over 1,000 visits, going out into the rural districts as well as the little city of Christoval, thus enlisting people in the Sunday school, that had not been in the Sunday school before.

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Some After Effects of the Big Revival at Drouthy Ridge

J. O. HEATH

Recently I had in the West Texas Baptist a report of Evangelist Whoopemp's great revival at Drouthy Ridge. I promised, then, that I would give another report of the meeting, but I have waited for the excitement to subside, that might get a correct perspective of the effects of the big revival on the Drouthy Ridge church and community. It was a wonderful meeting; one in which cheap sensations abounded; one in which many doubtful stories were told for the truth; one in which coarse illustrations were rife, and in which much cussing gave color and emphasis to the fearless preaching of Dr. Whoopemp.

As I am to talk about the effects of this marvelous revival, I will be with its influence on our community. Now bear in mind that Drouthy Ridge is not a cosmopolitan city, in which representatives of every race have found habitation. It is rather removed from those world currents that have become polluted in their flow through the social iniquities of many counties. Of course we have our sins and they are to be severely condemned; we have our dances and they are to be deplored and banned. But we did not have all the dances that Evangelist Whoopemp knew about, and if he gave us a vulgar exhibition of one of them, it has since become a thrill with the social set of whom the community. The young folks at Drouthy Ridge had never heard about that dancing dance, but when Evangelist Whoopemp showed them the suggestive attitudes of that dance, it immediately became popular. In this humble and authentic report I am remarking that it must surely be wonderful preaching that "suggests more evil than it corrects."

But I would be unfaithful to my special appointment as reporter if I did not mention the bad effect that Dr. Whoopemp's cussing in the pulpit has had on the young boys of Drouthy Ridge. It is sad to report that cussing is on the increase among our men and boys; and that, too, following a great revival brought to us by Dr. Whoopemp, a professional evangelist. When reproved for cussing, our men and boys always report that they are only imitating the lofty and lurid preaching of Evangelist Whoopemp. They even attempt to justify the despicable habit on the ground that it is not wrong for Evangelist Whoopemp to cuss in the pulpit, then it is not wrong for them to cuss on the streets of Drouthy Ridge. Of course they are failing to appreciate the fact that Dr. Whoopemp, being a professional evangelist, is entitled to immunities that are denied to those ordinary preachers, who are pastors. It grieves my heart to report that the pulpit cussing of Evangelist Whoopemp, has had a deleterious effect on Drouthy Ridge, for right now conditions indicate that religiously our present state is worse than before Dr. Whoopemp came to one of his great revivals. Even now some of our loudest cussers are found among those whom Dr. Whoopemp converted during his big revival at Drouthy Ridge. But against all comers I am insisting that it was great preaching, for Dr. Whoopemp's cussing shook the old Ridge and lead some to believe that they can cuss with piety and impunity.

But I am also to report the effects of Evangelist Whoopemp's great meeting on the Drouthy Ridge Baptist church. It would seem that quietness and harmony would ensue as a result of a big meeting, but just the opposite has manifested itself in this church. It pains my soul to report that our fellowship is disrupted and that our serious trouble had its beginning in the great revival. I am greatly surprised that such an awful condition should arise in a church that has just closed a sweeping revival. But why should I be surprised, when just recently a noted evangelist made this startling statement in reporting a certain meeting? He said, "after the meeting closed, it is unusual that a division in our ranks." And as he is himself a professional evangelist he ought to know what he is talking about. Any way the "usual division" came in the Drouthy Ridge church; and it came because of certain gratuitous and unethical activities on the part of Evangelist Whoopemp. During the revival the evangelist developed an antagonistic feeling toward our pastor because he would not endorse all the clap-trap methods of Evangelist Whoopemp. Now our pastor is a vigorous man in the prime of life. He is spiritual, intellectual, alert and courageous. He denounces sin and when it becomes necessary he upbraids the sinner. Yet Dr. Whoopemp did not miss an opportunity to slyly insinuate that our pastor was a cowardly molly-coddle. Representing himself as a man of sagacity and courage, he arrogated to himself the authority to take everything out of the hands of our pastor during the revival. To be plain about it he ignored our pastor except when he would make some stinging remark about the cowardice of pastors, which he often did.

It is with poignant sadness that I announce that the pastor of the Drouthy Ridge church resigned shortly after the big revival closed. His heroic spirit was crushed when he learned that Evangelist Whoopemp had created opposition against him in the church, even going so far as to draw up a petition asking for his resignation and placing it in the hands of Brethren Quitman, Hardtopple and Indifference. To be sure such a petition was a delicious morsel in the hands of those disaffected men and they circulated it so as to greatly injure our pastor. They lined up against the pastor all who came into the church in the Whoopemp revival; and of the other members, especially those whose sins the pastor had condemned, many were turned away from him, being under the influence of Dr. Whoopemp.

It is a sad day for the Drouthy Ridge Baptist church. It is in confusion and distress. It has no pastor and there are tremblings in the hearts of the faithful. In their perplexity the deacons ask the church to meet in conference and as a large number of those who joined the

church during the big revival, had gone back to the world to roll in its revelries, the more auspicious success at the meeting an important resolution adopted. The resolution is to the effect that never will the church again secure a professional evangelist to hold its meetings. The church highly resolved to seek and walk in the paths of evangelism and to walk in them. Of course the resolutions met with stubborn opposition; but those who have the spiritual welfare of the church at heart, feel that if they can lift the blight that professional and mercenary evangelists has cast on the Drouthy Ridge Baptist church, that they will have done a God honoring work. But this church is now in a bad fix. Brother Quitman has quit again and Brother Hardtopple has not been to church since the great revival closed.

NOTE—The West Texas Baptist has come bringing a report of the results of the Drouthy Ridge revival from the pen of my good friend John W. Newsom. But as Brother Newsom's report is so incorrect, I feel sure that he got his information from Evangelist Whoopemp, himself. —Megargel, Texas.

A WORD CONCERNING ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

C. D. OWEN

I have served as your missionary more than ten months. Having come from another state, I had no knowledge whatever of the conditions of my field, for that reason I thought it highly important that I acquaint myself with its conditions and needs.

It would seem that a moment's reflection would convince anyone of the following facts:

First, with the situation as mentioned above, it would take the mission field so as to render his best service. Second, during such a period he is more likely to make mistakes, than he would had he known his field. Third, under such conditions it requires some time for him to gain favor and good will of his people. Certainly it would not be wise for him to spend such a period in a money raising campaign. However, it was a joy, with the cooperation of the brotherhood, to put on our Conquest Campaign and assist churches in getting on the budget plan. We have found pleasure in teaching training classes, assisting the pastorless churches in securing services—with many other things too numerous to mention. I have earnestly sought the direction of the Holy Spirit in all my work. I have appreciated the cooperation of the brotherhood which makes it so much easier to do more efficient work.

There are two things I trust that shall give all of us much concern between now and the annual meeting of our association at Lamar Street Church, October 11-12, 1928. First our simultaneous Sunday school campaign. Our executive board in its last meeting unanimously endorsed this campaign and agreed to assist the missionary in putting on the campaign in September 9-16. The purpose of this campaign is to make at least fifty per cent of our Sunday schools standard. We trust that all our churches that have not a standard school will cooperate in this campaign by having a class taught in building a standard Sunday school during that week. Only cost of campaign will be the price of book and material used in campaign which will be very small. You will hear more of the campaign later.

Another matter of deep concern. We should go to our association clear of debt. The missionary began his work with an association mission debt of nearly \$700. Naturally that indebtedness would grow some during the period just mentioned. During July receipts were sufficient to pay all expenses and pay more than \$40 on indebtedness. "Let every church make a worthy offering for association between now and the meeting of our association and wipe out the old debt. Do it for Christ's sake."

DR. R. T. HANKS HEADS ANTI-SMITH GROUP

PALACIOS, Texas, Aug. 13.—At a volunteer meeting of Palacios citizens held at the city hall Monday afternoon at three o'clock the organization of an Anti-Smith Club was perfected and the following officers chosen: Rev. Dr. R. T. Hanks, chairman; C. W. Simpson, secretary-treasurer; Jno. R. Campbell, chairman of publicity committee; F. G. Clark, chairman of program committee; J. A. Derrick, chairman of membership committee.

Dr. Hanks, chairman, veteran preacher and former pastor of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, in the course of his address to the club Monday afternoon: "You will meet the objection that preachers should not dabble in politics. The answer to that is, we who are preachers opposing Smith are not in politics. An issue of being a law-abiding citizen and of temperance has been thrust upon us, and we are as much interested in the welfare of the people as those who are not preachers. This issue is fundamental to the very life of our Democratic government is at stake. We are not bolters, we wish to stay with the constitution and the platform of the Democratic party. Al Smith bolted the platform by his telegram, and has asked Raskob to bolt the Republican party to become chairman of his committee. He thinks he is bigger than the Democratic party and platform, but I don't. He is simply an unlawful citizen, a nullificationist in a city of seven-fifty-five per cent foreigners. He wants local option that would be nullification of the 18th Amendment. I will not vote to help him in his un-just, immoral schemes." In all probability the Palacios Club membership will reach several hundred in a short time, for this section is overwhelmingly Anti-Smith.

PASTOR FRAZER ADVOCATES NEW BAPTIST CONVENTION

We are always glad to get the West Texas Baptist, for we love West Texas and are glad that we have a Baptist paper that we West Texas Baptists can rightly be proud of.

And as one pastor who lives and works on the extreme boundary of West Texas and perhaps one of the most, if not the most neglected and needy parts of Texas. I believe that a West Texas Baptist convention would mean more for the cause of Christ than anything that could take place among Baptists of our great state. For we have here in the extreme west some of the very finest and most loyal Baptists in all the Southern Convention, and they are never heard from nor given recognition on any part of our programs.

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I remember visiting a fine church in Texas some years ago with a dear friend of mine. It was the church where he was the senior deacon and it was on conference Saturday. After a wonderful message on God's given talents, the church went into conference and among the many things that was transacted, there were three committees appointed by the pastor. This great and good senior deacon was made chairman of each of these three committees, and took the lead without a murmur; there sat a dozen fine young men with nothing to do, and at the same time, were the ones that must take the responsibility of the work of the church of tomorrow.

When he started home after about one o'clock, when this friend said to me: "What did you think of our church and pastor?" I said that I was greatly impressed with the entire service, and especially with the committees appointed.

When he asked me how I was impressed me about that part of the services, I told him I thought he was hindered, the work of that church of tomorrow. He looked really hurt at me and ask me to explain.

I replied: "I believe you are doing what you think is a good thing, and should do, however because of what you are doing today the work of tomorrow will have to lag until other leaders can be trained to take your place. I believe you should stand aside and train these younger men while you are here and show and carry it all with them about the best way to carry on the Lord's work, and after you shall be called home, as you very soon will, according to the allotted time given to men, you will leave men trained and well able to step into the breach and take care of the work."

At the very next conference that deacon brought up the matter of electing four young men for the office of deacons, and his only son and three other fine young men were chosen, and at the next meeting were ordained.

In just a few months, this fine senior deacon died, but he had helped to train another to step up and under the mantle, and go on with the work. This same thing ought to be done in our state work. I have in mind (and many will guess of whom I speak), a man who has one of the biggest and most responsible places in Texas to fill. He is doing it well, but we are placing him in the hardest place on the battle line, and in so doing, are shortening his life as fear of his own important church, and at the same time robbing ourselves of his much needed and inspiring presence. If we had a convention in the western part of the state we could divide the load, and make it lighter on those that have been carrying it already too long, and put some others who have been standing aside and smothering back suggestions and ideas that might mean the solution of some of our problems.

I don't confess to know the best way out, but we must try and save our Baptist situation before it reaches the stage of the Democratic party of today. So let us pray that God will make His way known to us and help us to be willing to follow His way, even though it may mean for us to give up some of our own pet ideas. —Leon Frazier, Fort Stockton, Texas.

SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL WITH TYE CHURCH

The Tye Baptist church has just closed a good meeting, August 5-12, in which Lawrence Fitzgerald did the preaching and Blonne Foreman led the singing. There were twelve additions and nine professions. There were ten additions by letter. There is no better help to be found anywhere than these two men. Brother Fitzgerald is well known in the west, and needs no words of commendation. Brother Foreman is one of the many volunteers who have spent years of preparation for work in the foreign fields only to find when he is prepared that he cannot go. How long will Southern Baptists turn deaf ears to the great commission and let trained workers stay in the homeland when God has called them to other lands. The Tye church dedicated a new building in April. The pastor has been with the church three years but will give it up in September. He is in the Southern Seminary.—J. M. Sibbey, Pastor.

Missionary F. A. Pope of the Jones County Association was in a revival meeting last week at Turner's Chapel. The services were held at night only, due to the fact that the farmers were very busy in their crops.

ASSOCIATIONAL ANNUAL MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

Below is published again this week, the meeting places and dates for West Texas Associations for September:

Panhandle: Hulver, September 8 p. m.—Moderator, O. C. Watson, Clarendon; clerk, Edgar Owen, Lelia Lake. Dickens County: Roaring Springs, September 4, 7 p. m.—Moderator, A. P. Stokes, Aiton; clerk, V. F. Crabtree, Dickens. Floyd County: Floyadada, September 4, 3 p. m.—Moderator, R. E. L. Muncey, Lockney; clerk, C. J. McCarty, Lockney.

Mitchell-Scarry: Dunn Church, September 4, 8 p. m.—Moderator, moved; clerk, N. E. McGuire, Lorraine. Parker County: Weatherford, First Church, September 4, 10 a. m.—Moderator, Sam Morris, Weatherford; clerk, J. E. Berry, postoffice not given. Red Fork: Goodlett, September 4, 10 a. m.—Moderator, P. P. Lewis, Quanah; clerk, Reuben Smith, Chillicothe.

Haskell: Munday, September 5, 10 a. m.—Moderator, I. N. Alvis, Haskell; clerk, Joe Burton, Munday, Texas. Jones County: Stith Church, September 5, 10 a. m.—Moderator, A. S. Barkley, Anson; clerk, F. A. Pope, Anson. Throckmorton-Young: Elbert, September 4, 10 a. m.—Moderator, G. W. Black, Graham; clerk, A. E. Oatman, postoffice not given. Cottle-King: Paducah, September 6, 10 a. m.—Moderator, E. D. Morgan, Paducah; clerk, W. L. Lieth, Stewart.

Lubbock: Lubbock, Nineteenth St. Church, September 6, 7 p. m.—Moderator, M. C. Bishop, Post; clerk, Marcellus Watkins, Lubbock. North Fork: New Hope Church, September 6, 10 a. m.—Moderator, C. A. Baxter, Shamrock; clerk, H. I. Duke, Wellington.

Stonewall County: Gerard, September 10, 10 a. m.—Moderator, J. Johnston, Jayton; clerk, A. I. t o n Vaughn, Jayton. Brownfield: O'Donnell, September 11, 10 a. m.—Moderator, W. K. Horn, O'Donnell; clerk, E. V. May, Brownfield. Erath: Alexander, September 11, 10 a. m.—Moderator, moved; clerk, J. A. Bays, Lingleville.

Palo Duro: San Jacinto Church, September 11, 10 a. m.—Moderator, W. H. Fuqua, Amarillo; clerk, W. C. Garrett, Amarillo.

Tierra Blanca: Hereford, September 13, 10 a. m.—Moderator, moved; clerk, W. R. Derr, Plainview. Wichita-Archer: Holliday Church, September 15, 7:45 p. m.—Moderator, W. H. Townsend, Wichita Falls, clerk, H. J. Ballew, Wichita Falls. Canadian: Pampa, September 28, 7 p. m.—Moderator, W. H. Sewell.

SANITARIUM NOTES

The meeting of the association period of the year is at hand and the writer of these notes will visit all associations possible, if owing to so many of them meeting at the same time that I cannot be with you, I am giving you some statistics to be governed by.

At the close of our third year, we had entered five thousand patients. Twenty three hundred were not members of any church. What a host to be reached for the Saviour. One in every six patients is either charity or part charity. Not a single patient has been turned away from our doors in eighteen months because they could not pay. Let it be understood if this is to continue that those who can pay must come to us for service. It is not fair as has been done in a few instances to send charity patients to us and those who pay go to other places.

We had as well say it now because of equipment. We can render service that can't be had anywhere in the west. Don't be afraid to say this, we can prove it if need be. We believe we have as good doctors as are in the land. So you who are able to pay, you should come to us. One of the things equally as important are fellow Baptist and other friends must carry on with us with their money, cooperation and prayers.

One other thing as has already been done at Waco for the Central Texas Baptist Sanitarium, we most earnestly ask every church in West Texas to designate that part of their funds for hospitals to be sent to the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium. Brother Geo. J. Mason says he will be glad to do this if the churches so direct. In May out of thirty-six thousand dollars plus sent to Dallas, we received twenty-nine thousand and forty cents. Why the friends of other institutions designated us out of it. We only ask you to do what others are doing.—S. F. Baucum.

Miss Durelle Gooch is enjoying a trip to Denver and other points in Colorado while on her vacation.

Miss Ruth Nelson will visit her father in Breckenridge and friends and relatives in Anson and Ft. Worth while on her vacation.

Mrs. Ruby Eubanks left Monday morning for Irwin, where she will visit with her sister, Mrs. Smith, the remainder of her two weeks vacation.

Miss Iva Ward and Miss Virgie Rape have returned from Lueder's Boy Scout Encampment. They report a fine time and also many cut fingers and stumped toes.

Miss Gladys Taggart left the first of last month for Rotan, after completing three years training. The following will finish within the next two weeks: Miss Louise Armistead, Mrs. Nilla Covington and Miss Ruby Hughes.

Miss Johnnie Bob Cowan of Rochester, who has been away three months on a sick leave, is with us

again. Mr. William Letbetter, a Simmons student has arrived and is to fill the office vacated by Mr. Ira J. Marshall who leaves the first of September for his vacation and then enters Baylor Medical School at Dallas. HAZELLE HARMON, Student Nurse.

We feel a loss, indeed, with the departure of Miss Evelyn Gullede, our dining room girl. Miss Gullede attended Simmons last year. She will teach this year at Roby, Texas.

With hearty hand-shake and jolliness, glad to see you back," Mr. and Mrs. Sanders, Homer and Alden were welcomed home from their four weeks

auto tour of 6600 miles along the Pacific Coast. The following student nurses will take their vacation beginning August 24th: Miss Vera McDaniel of Paris, Mr. Pat Morrison, Miss Hazelle Harmon of Midland. HAZELLE HARMON, Student Nurse.

DIXON IN REVIVAL Large crowds mark the opening days of the meeting at Evergreen, Louisiana, where Rev. Wm. S. Dixon, the preacher, singer, Baptist evangelist now is holding forth. Previous to that he was in four East Texas meetings.—Wm. S. Dixon.

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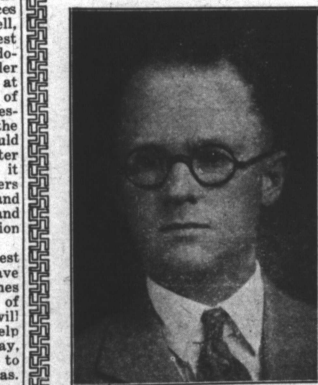
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