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SIMMONS UNIVERSITY LAUNCHES INTENSIVE PROGRAM

President Sandefer Gives Interesting Facts About Simmons and Her Growth

By President J. D. Sandefer

This is a very brief resume of the institution to the end that the present status of the University be clearly presented to its friends. Simmons was founded nearly forty years ago through the vision and sacrifices of the early pioneers of the West, notably ranchmen. It was, and has ever since been the child of the Sweetwater Association. The Association at that time embraced a large part of what is now the West and Southwest section of Texas. In its early struggles for the first building, the attention of Dr. Jas. B. Simmons, of New York City was enlisted. He and his family subsequently became interested to the extent that they made substantial contributions to make possible the first two buildings. Later, Dr. Simmons made a provision in his will that ultimately resulted in one-half his property, approximately \$50,000, coming to the institution. In what was known as the "Foundation Agreement" between him and the trustees of the institution, it was set out that none of the properties should ever become encumbered with debt. He also provided, in said agreement, that should the institution ever reach such possibilities as to warrant, in the discretion of the trustees, its name being changed to Simmons University, such action should be taken.

Simmons College, now Simmons University, has never been a part of the correlated Baptist school system of Texas. Its trustees and management have ever co-operated with all our Texas and Southwestern Baptist programs, but have felt all along that it would be better for the institution to pursue a more independent policy of growth and control, which policy had the hearty endorsement of Dr. Simmons when he made his only visit to the institution, a few years before his death. Again, the friends of Simmons, in the early days of the correlated school system, felt that since one of the objects of organizing the schools into the correlated system was to pay their debts, and in those days the institution had no debts, that its interests could not best be served by any effort to change its general policy from its earliest moorings.

The management of Simmons, in its desire to be co-operative, and not be misunderstood, has never, in fact, made a direct appeal to its constituency for support. Practically the entire plant, consisting of twelve buildings, more than fifty thousands dollars in equipment, and nearly one-half million in endowment, has been made possible almost wholly by direct appeal to a limited number of individuals. The mother church, the First Baptist Church of Abilene, is the only exception to this general rule.

The institution has ever sought to keep its outgo within its income. During the first thirteen or fourteen years of my connection with Simmons, it never owed a debt totaling \$4,000. It was not until the high cost of living, coincident with the adjustments following the late World War, really forced an increase of our overhead and marked the beginning of our deficit. The trustees, in their desires not to be misunderstood but to help put over the great 75-Million Campaign, permitted Simmons to be so related. The State Board, of which two members of my board, and I were members, felt that all of our schools could plan their programs on the basis of our receiving at least fifty per cent of the amounts fixed for each. On this assumption, with the influx of students that demanded more buildings and teachers, we laid our plans. Instead of our receiving two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, which was one-half of our estimated allotment, we received one hundred and forty thousand plus. We have received practically nothing since the first two or three years of the 75-Million Campaign. All of the other schools have shared more or less the same disappointment. The fact remained, however, that this left a debt on our trustees which has been carried.

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Baptists Pastors and Laymen Hold Interesting Meeting

The Women's Missionary Union and pastors' and Laymen's Conference, meetings both opened in Mineral Wells Tuesday morning, the women meeting at the First Baptist church, the men at Convention hall. Both groups were in session throughout Tuesday and Wednesday.

Dr. Truett spoke at the First Baptist Church Monday evening at which Dr. George W. Truett, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, delivered the address, was a service which literally filled the church to capacity, the crowd also occupying the steps and walks.

Dr. Truett's subject was: "The Imperial Call of the World to Baptists Today," and was handled in a manner possible only to a man of great soul and mind and with a power to give others a vision. He is by natural inclination, by training and experience, world minded, and his sense of Christian responsibility to all men everywhere he sought to give over to the great congregation within sound of his voice.

Pastors' and Laymen's Conference
The Tuesday morning session of the Pastors' and Laymen's Conference opened at 9:30 in Convention Hall with approximately five hundred delegates registered with many coming in every hour.

The song and praise service was directed by Lynn Coleman of Dallas. A devotional address was given by Reverend C. A. Powell of Abilene.

The dominant theme at the morning session was missionary work and was emphasized by the following addresses:
"The Missionary Idea in the Old Testament," by Reverend Charles S. Pierce of Dallas.

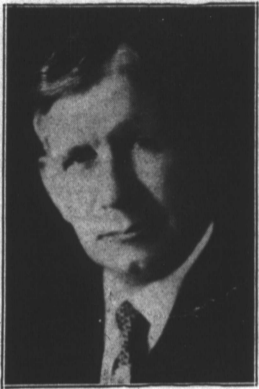
"The Missionary Spirit in the New Testament," Reverend A. E. Prince, Brownwood.
"The Pastor Arousing the Missionary Spirit in His People," Reverend T. V. Vasi, El Paso.

Afternoon Session
Judge Burrette W. Patterson of Cisco delivered the devotional address at the opening of the afternoon session at two o'clock followed by an address on "Teaching Missions in the Sunday School," by Reverend C. E. Shirar of Breckenridge.

"The Value of a School of Missions in Every Church," by Reverend A. Venting, Seminary Hill, Fort Worth.
"The B. Y. P. U. Training a Generation of Missionaries," Reverend C. W. Culp, Fort Arthur.

Tuesday Evening
The program for Tuesday evening was as follows:
7:15—Song and Praise Service, Robert H. Coleman, Dallas.
7:45—Devotional Address, Reverend A. C. Miller, Cisco.
8:15—"The Junior College Discovering and Training Missionary Recruits," Dr. F. S. Groner, President College of Marshall, Marshall, Texas.

Seminary Leaders To Conduct Revival At University Church



DR. L. R. SCARBOROUGH



E. L. CARNETT

Dr. Lee R. Scarborough, president of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, and former pastor of the First Baptist church of Abilene, is to conduct a revival meeting at the University Baptist church here beginning Sunday, December 2.

Dr. Scarborough will be assisted by R. L. Carnett, song evangelist, also of the Baptist Seminary.

Mr. Carnett, who conducted the song service at the recent Baptist convention at Mineral Wells, is said to be one of the best choristers in the south. He is also reputed to be an unusually fine organizer and leader and the possessor of a charming voice.

The new educational building of University church is nearing completion and will be in readiness for Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. meetings the first Sunday in December, according to announcement Saturday by J. Lee Tarpley, educational director of the church.

A formal opening of the building, with suitable program, will be held soon after the revival meeting closes, Mr. Tarpley said.

Local Churches To Be Represented At B. Y. P. U. Convention, San Angelo

Baptist churches of Abilene are planning to send large delegations to the state convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of Texas, which is to open Thanksgiving morning in San Angelo for a three-day session. Fifty young people will probably go from the University Baptist church, J. Lee Tarpley, educational director, said Saturday. First Baptist church and Southside Baptist church will also be well represented, it is reported.

Walter Jackson, educational director of the First Baptist church, and Mrs. Jackson, will have parts on the program, both as conference leaders and speakers.

John L. Boggs of Sherman, president of the B. Y. P. U. of Texas, will preside at the convention, features of which will be inspirational addresses, conferences, demonstrations, musical programs, life problem discussions, and an exhibit of B. Y. P. U. work.

An innovation for the 1928 convention will be a sword drill contest for intermediate B. Y. P. U. members. Elimination contests have been held in Unions throughout the state and the final contest will occur at the San Angelo meeting.

B. Y. P. U. banners will be given to the most efficient primary, junior, intermediate, senior and adult Unions and also to the most efficient city, associational and college organizations. Two attendance banners, one to the church having the largest attendance and one to the B. Y. P. U. with the largest delegation, will also be presented.

Many prominent ministers and church workers of Texas and other states will take part on the program.

CONVENTION SPARKS

By J. N. Campbell of De Leon.

"Not even God could cut a tree down with a dull axe—He might knock it down."—S. P. Brooks.

"If the iron be blunt, and one do not whet the edge, then must be put to more strength."—Ecl. 10:10. The application is: Sharpen your axe in the Baptist college.

Romeo Hebert of Jennings, La., was converted fourteen months ago and he has already won to Christ 565 of his own French people.

"For the past twelve months the Texas Baptist institutions make the best showing in their history."—Carr P. Collins. He said that their aggregate indebtedness on August 31st, 1928, amounted to \$5,389,979.45.

When the Conquest campaign was launched two years ago, we were told that the aggregate indebtedness on Texas Baptist institutions amounted to \$6,078,626. In two years the receipts of the Conquest campaign for debts amounted to \$1,010,000. It had been the plan to continue the annual Conquest campaigns for five years, but the Mineral Wells convention discontinued them.

Last year Texas Baptists gave for denominational work (not including the Conquest campaign) \$516,444.97. This year we set as a goal, \$600,000, but raised the sum of \$447,814.49. For the ensuing year the goal is \$850,100, including \$320,100 for debts.

"We are not facing a new day unless we change our road"—Secretary T. L. Holcomb. The proposed new road is a gigantic campaign in January and February in which an effort

will be made in each church to get subscriptions to denominational work to be paid with the same conscience and regularity that the pastor's salary is paid—monthly.

Dr. Holcomb insisted that the Baptist headquarters at Dallas is a service organization rather than an overhead board of control.

"The budget plan is the only plan that has not failed in Texas."—T. L. Holcomb.

Dr. Holcomb captured the convention. He comes to the office of secretary after a seven-year pastorate at Sherman in which time the church had 1,891 additions.

"Most of our institutions the past year made more than they spent—also paying their own interest charges."—Carr P. Collins.

"In the United States over sixty thousand Protestant churches reported no converts last year. Six thousand, six hundred, sixty-eight Southern Baptist churches reported no baptisms—842 of them in Texas. Thirty-five thousand baptisms in the largest number Texas has ever had. This year let us set as our goal, 50,000."—W. Y. Pond.

"At last reports Texas was so dry that the Rio Grande could hardly get past it to the Gulf."—Hight C. Moore.

"The whole Bible may be read in sixty hours. The Sunday School Board has prepared free leaflets which divide the Bible into 365 portions in order that one may read (Continued on Page 4.)

West Texas Pastors Endorse Movement At Meeting On University Campus Friday

DR. E. Y. MULLINS, NOTED BAPTIST LEADER, IS DEAD

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 23.—A.P.—Dr. Edgar Young Mullins, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here an international leader, died at his home at noon today.

He suffered a stroke of paralysis Nov. 10 and had been unconscious most of the time since. From his first illness physicians said there was little hope. He was 68 years old.

Dr. Edgar Young Mullins, who served as president of the Baptist World Alliance and of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was at the age of fifteen, a full-fledged telegraph operator.

Dr. Mullins was a product of Texas. As a small boy he worked as printer's devil and as type-setter in his home town of Corsicana, Texas, where he had lived since he was eight years old. He contributed part of his wages towards sending his older sister through college. After his sisters were graduated he was told that his father had found means to send him through college. He entered upon a liberal arts course in the Texas State Agricultural College.

Four years later, after his graduation, he wandered one night into the tent of a traveling evangelist at Dallas. That night he was among the converts. He returned home and became active in religious work at his father's church in Corsicana.

The youth determined to enter the ministry. He entered the Southern Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., at the age of 25. Dr. Mullins received his degree. Kentucky became his adopted state. His first pastorate was at Harrodsburg, Ky. From there he went to the Lee Street Baptist church, Baltimore, where his work came under the notice of Joshua Levering, president of the board of trustees of the Southern Baptist Seminary.

Dr. Mullins left Baltimore to take the pastorate of the First Baptist church at Newton Center, Mass., then considered one of the most important Baptist pulpits in the United States since he Newton Center Baptist Theological Seminary was there.

Head of Seminary
In 1889, the Baptist seminary at Louisville closed its session without a president. Shortly thereafter, the Baptist Argus at Louisville, wired Dr. Mullins for his picture. His curiosity was aroused. He went to telegraph office at Newton Center to investigate. The operator was out and Dr. Mullins was granted permission to flash his own query over the wire. Much to his surprise he found that the Boston office was calling Newton Center with a message which invited Dr. Mullins to accept the seminary presidency. He immediately wired his acceptance.

In addition to his administrative duties, Dr. Mullins wrote numerous books on theological subjects. A number of these have been translated into other languages. For three years he was president of the Southern Baptist Convention and in 1923 was selected as president of the Baptist World Alliance, composed of 12,000,000 religious workers.

Dr. Mullins was born in Franklin county, Mississippi, June 5, 1860. He was the son of Rev. Seth Granberry Mullins. Both his father and father's father were preacher-planters in the county. During his pastorate in Harrodsburg, Ky., he married Miss Isla May Hawley.

Met Real Test
When Dr. Mullins accepted the presidency of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, a real test confronted him. Strife had torn the school in the closing months of his predecessor's administration. This disturbed condition reacted through the entire denomination. All eyes were centered on the new president. Many were watching for an opportunity to entangle him in his talk or his actions. In a comparatively short time, however, he put his house in order.

Dr. Mullins not only stabilized the school and started it on an unprecedented quarter of a century of progress, but he unified the entire denomination on many questions. During his administration the endowment of the seminary was increased from \$400,000 to \$1,700,000. His guest holdings at the school from \$310,000 to approximately \$3,000,000.

As president of the Baptist World Alliance, Dr. Mullins strove many years for religious freedom for persecuted minorities in Europe. While Queen Marie of Rumania was a guest in America, he created a stir by declaring that in her country religious persecution was extant. The queen refused an interview with Dr. Mullins at this time but shortly after her return to Europe called a conference of religious representatives.

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In response to an invitation extended by President J. D. Sandefer of Simmons University, a large number of pastors, missionaries and other workers in West Texas met at the Sirs auditorium last Friday morning, the object of the meeting being to discuss further the plans launched early in the Fall for a delaying and advancement program for the university.

At the opening of Simmons in the Fall the matter of a Fall debt paying program for the university was discussed by a representative group of West Texas pastors, but on account of the Baylor debt paying campaign which was to be running until the 4th of December, it was decided that the Simmons program would not be put on until after the meeting of the State Convention and the closing of the Baylor Campaign early in December.

At the meeting last Friday President Sandefer set out in full detail the attitude of Simmons toward the organized work, and the urgent needs of the university that must be met right away if the institution is to continue to serve this great section of Texas. A full statement from President Sandefer appears in a separate article in this issue of the West Texas Baptist.

At the meeting Friday a committee was appointed to direct the activities of the workers in this section for the Simmons program. The committee is as follows: Sam Malone, Abilene, Chairman; C. E. Ball, Rule; W. T. Hamor, Anson; A. C. Miller, Cisco; Dr. R. N. Richardson, D. B. Swanzy and Nelson Hutto of the Simmons faculty. President Sandefer is an ex-officio member of the committee.

The committee held its first meeting following the general meeting Friday and appointed the following associational chairmen, whose duties will be to get the facts of the program to each of the associations: Mitchell-Scurry Association, W. C. Ashford, Colorado; Fisher County, A. L. Johnston, Rotan; Jones County, W. T. Hamor, Anson; Runnels County, John M. Riddell, Winters, Lamesa Association, Ross A. Smith, Lamesa; Callahan Association, Joe R. Mayes, Baird; Cisco Association, A. C. Miller, Cisco; Haskell, C. E. Ball, Rule; Stonewall, C. A. Baskin, Aspermet; Throckmorton-Young, W. E. B. Lochridge, Graham; Mrs. O. T. Anderson, Olney; Dickens Association, Pastor Rodgers, Spur; Brownfield, B. M. Shepherd, Tahoka; Palo-Pinto Jack, Alvin Billberry, Jackboro; Brownfield, D. D. Johnson, Brownfield; Pecos, L. E. Frazier, Fort Stockton; Big Spring, D. G. Wells, Big Spring.

The motion which committed the workers at the Friday's meeting to a definite Simmons program recommended that a definite program be launched in West Texas each year in the interest of Simmons University and that the month of December this year, beginning on December 5, be devoted to an intensive campaign for Simmons. No definite goal was set for this year's program, but it was suggested that the churches be asked to make as a minimum one dollar per member.

Texas Baptists Close 80th Annual State Convention

Pat M. Neff of Waco, former governor, was re-elected president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas at the opening session at 7:30 p. m., Wednesday evening at the opening service of the 80th session of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, his election by acclamation followed his nomination by R. H. Coleman, Dallas.

Three vice presidents elected were: Rev. John Held, Mexia; J. B. Cranfield, Dallas, and Rev. Dow H. Heard, Big Spring. Rev. J. H. Pace, Beaumont, was re-elected recording secretary. Two convention secretaries, Rev. J. L. Truett, Whitewright, and Rev. D. B. South, San Antonio, also were re-elected. Neff was concluding his second year as president when re-elected. Convention officers were recommended by a committee which met in a brief session at 1:30 p. m. The committee had the recommendation of the next convention city in its hands.

Neff Takes Chair
Neff presided as the general session opened. The opening business session was followed by an address of welcome by Rev. Harlan J. Matthews, pastor of the First Baptist church, Mineral Wells. The annual convention sermon was preached by Dr. W. R. White of the First Baptist church, Lubbock, his subject being "Missions."

The second session of the convention met at Convention hall Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, starting off with a song service led by Lee Stulce of San Angelo.

Beginning with a miscellaneous business session at 9:15, former Governor Pat M. Neff, elected president of the Texas Baptist association for the third time, presided and read a number of messages and long distance phone calls of greetings to the convention, several of which were from Beaumont, the city seeking the convention for 1929. A motion prevailed that the recording secretary be given authority to reply to all of the greetings.

Following the reading of the greetings, a male quartet favored with a song. Members of the quartet were Professor E. L. Carnett of the Baptist Seminary of Fort Worth, first tenor; Lee Stulce, educational and musical director of the First Baptist church at San Angelo, second tenor; Dow Mooney, Dallas evangelist singer, first bass, and Jerry Cox, gospel singer of Fort Worth, second bass.

President Neff then introduced the officers of the association for the coming year, who were present at that time.

Dr. J. C. Hardy speaks at Belton, Texas, was the first speaker on the morning program and his time was devoted to giving a report on Baylor college for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1928. Dr. Hardy reported a total registration in all departments of the college as 2,164, a figure slightly smaller than for the previous year, but he added that this number is gradually increasing. During the past summer term more than 900 registered.

The report included the announcement that the Baylor college summer term has been increased to a term and a half which enables a student to make half of a long term during the summer months.

The academy of Baylor college has the highest affiliation of any of its kind in the Southern states, Dr. Hardy said, and urged patronage of the school's curriculum.

Religious life at the college is on a high plane and students have Sunday school every Sunday and other forms of religious work. Dr. Hardy especially praised the work accomplished during the revival at the college last spring.

Baylor University Banquet
The annual banquet of Baylor university, Waco, held as an accompanying event to the Baptist General convention, was given at the Crazy hotel Wednesday evening, commencing at 5:30 o'clock.

Covers were laid for 164 in the main dining room of the Crazy hotel, an excellent menu being served on four long tables, attractively and appropriately appointed.

Dr. S. P. Brooks, president of Baylor university, who has been one of the feature speakers of the convention, was in the chair.

Dr. George W. Truett, pastor of the First Baptist church, Dallas, was the feature speaker, his stirring and inspiring talk holding the luncheon company to strict attention.

Baylor College Needs
Among the needs of Baylor college, Dr. Hardy said, the most important is a Fine Arts building. At present the school has a Fine Arts faculty equal to the best in the land, but have the tremendous handicap in not having suitable equipment for the care of students drawn to Baylor college by these teachers' reputation.

This need, however, is expected to be remedied soon. The Presser Foundation of Philadelphia that promotes music as the Rockefeller Foundation does medicine and as does the Carnegie Foundation library works, has made a donation of \$50,000 to the college, on condition that friends of the school give another \$50,000, for a building and equip it in worthy fashion. The Alumni association of Baylor college has agreed to donate \$25,000 of the additional amount.

The need is growing for a new modern dining room and kitchen for Luther hall and is becoming noticeable.

Summing up the entire financial needs of the school, a total of \$1,000,000 is needed to erect buildings and purchase equipment to make Baylor college the outstanding institution (Continued on Page 4.)

Fisher County Association Holds Workers Conference

I am writing today again a word from Fisher county... Brother Brown as pastor. Here not from Fisher county...

Brother Brown as pastor. Here not from Fisher county... The church at Roby made the heart of Brother and Sister Reid glad Saturday night, November 3, by giving them a good pounding.

How Simmons Secured Cafeteria-Chapel Bldgs.

In the spring the 1927 Simmons University did not have the present chapel hall and cafeteria. In the fall when the students returned after a summer's vacation, there were two new buildings on the campus—buildings which called forth comments of praise from the students, as well as from the outsiders who were shown the new structures.

By J. C. Solomon testified to by his own words, I am still carrying some of five thousand dollars on the two propositions, and feel that friends of mine will relieve me of the responsibility. One would think that there must have been several large contributions to the propositions, but the largest contribution was \$2,000.

here to Fargo, Oklahoma, and then to Parma, Oklahoma, then to Quail, Texas, and then home by the 23rd of December. This is the greatest evangelistic field I have ever been in. It would be no trouble for me to go on all winter in this field. John W. Newsom.

WORKERS' MEETING OF THE RUMBLETS MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

To be held with the Drasco Baptist church, December 4, 1928. 10:00 A. M.—Devotional—Rev. R. C. King. 10:30 A. M.—Paul's Plan of Financing the Church—Rev. J. H. McClain.

leges for which their presidents talked. Dr. S. P. Brooks had spoken for Baylor university, its activities during the year and its needs. Burleson college at Greenville, the report of Rev. John Caylor said, had suffered the "most bitter year of its history," but was looking for relief at this time.

SOUTHWEST TEX. BAPTIST HAS CHANGED EDITORS

Starting with this issue of The Southwest Texas Baptist, Rev. J. N. Marshall becomes the editor and publisher. Rev. J. E. Nicholson, will serve as associate editor. Brother Marshall is too well known for me to need to write at any length concerning his useful life.

Dr. J. E. Nicholson, president of the convention, was chosen as the speaker for the luncheon. A number of gifts toward the fund were laid on the table immediately after the association voted its institution. Announcement of a \$63.01 collection for installing a fountain in the girls' training school building at the seminary was made by a representative of the W. M. U. The collection was taken as result of a plea made at the W. M. U. meeting Tuesday.

Discusses Mexico's Attitude Toward Religious Bodies

President Calles has kept his word to the Mexican people in regard to the election of a provisional president. He has done an excellent work through the years as an evangelistic preacher. He will keep the fires of evangelism burning in his own and our hearts by holding meetings and in fusing into the paper the spirit of evangelism.

Plains Baptist News

(From The Plains Baptist.) A CAR LOAD OR MAIZE FOR BUCKNER ORPHAN HOME Our orphan home at Dallas needs lots of maize very badly and the brethren of Staked Plains association by common consent agreed to make up a car load and send it to the orphan home.

man race. He presented the very heart of Missionary Baptist, and the only purpose God had in committing to them the great world commission. J. Walton Moore, our missionary from China is to begin a series of meetings with W. C. Garrett and his good church in Amarillo October 20.

PALO-DURO WORKERS CONFERENCE

W. C. Garrett of Second Church, Amarillo reports a fine spirit in their Workers Conference in October at the First church in Amarillo. The representatives of the Trans-Canadian association attended also. There had been up for a time the question of combining their associational mission work, but after further prayer and council it was finally decided not to do it.

REVIVAL AT WAYLAND COLLEGE

In the revival held at Wayland college during the first week of the school, P. J. O'Brien, the new pastor at Floydada doing the preaching, all the boys and girls in the college were saved except two. It was a real revival for all the faculty as well as the student body.

STAYS AT TAHOKA.

B. N. Shepherd, the strong popular pastor at Tahoka, has declined the call given him by the church at Crowell and will stay with his church at Tahoka. He is very glad he is not leaving the section. We need such men as he is. There is a fascination about a call to a new field to most us preachers, and it is a temptation to yield. A real builder does not go from one field to another every year or two. He cannot build and change his field. A pastor had to stay, if he develops a field. It takes time. Short pastoratees keep both the preacher and the church down.

CONVENTION SPARKS—

(Continued from page 1.) The Bible through in a year.—Hight C. Moore. Howard Payne has 709 students enrolled—a hundred more than a year ago. Simmons has a thousands—a hundred of them ministers. Baylor at Waco has over fifteen hundred—111 of them ministers.

WEST PLAINS ASSOCIATION

This is the youngest association in Texas. It had its first annual session this year at Amherst. They have thirteen churches covering the most of the Bailey and Lamb counties. They elected J. W. Hembree of Plainview moderator and W. W. Carpenter of Sudan clerk. There were a goodly number of visitors present. There was a good spirit and missions was the key note. There was about \$1,000 made up in pledges to put a man on the field as missionary. They voted to ask the state board for \$50 a month for this work.

THE GIRLS THAT ARE WANTED FOR TRAINING

The girls that are wanted are home girls—Girls that are of the mothers, right hand, That fathers and brothers can trust too, And the little one's can understand.

WEST TEXAS BAPTIST SANITARIUM RECEIVES STATE APPROVAL

The West Texas Baptist Sanitarium had a visit this week paid by the Secretary of Nursing Education, Miss Julia C. Kasmier, R. N., of the Texas State Board of Nurse Examiners, who is on her annual tour of inspection of hospitals approved by the state. While in Abilene, Miss Kasmier was the guest of Miss Lovelle Thompson, Director of Nurses of the Sanitarium.

NEWSOME IN OKLAHOMA

This leaves me in the middle of a meeting at Mt. View. We had a good meeting at Booker, Texas, and this one has the appearance of being a good one so far. We will go from

Discusses Mexico's Attitude Toward Religious Bodies

President Calles has kept his word to the Mexican people in regard to the election of a provisional president. He has done an excellent work through the years as an evangelistic preacher. He will keep the fires of evangelism burning in his own and our hearts by holding meetings and in fusing into the paper the spirit of evangelism.

Some religious bodies have thought these laws subservive and unnecessary. They have withdrawn from the country. The Episcopal church had declared to remain, register and obey the laws. We have been treated with courtesy and consideration. The government has never refused us permission to open new missions. The way has been opened to us to make a contribution to the spiritual life of the great republic to the south.

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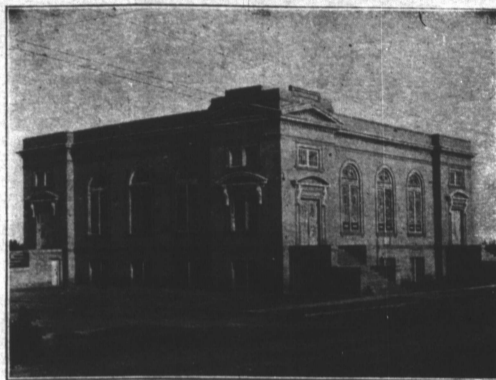
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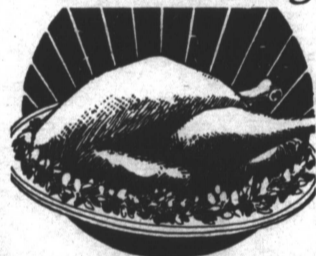
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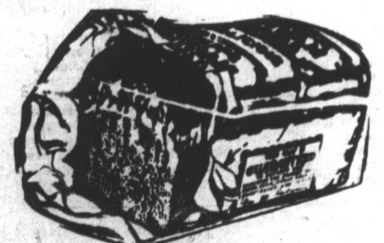
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Budget Campaign To Be Launched By Baptists

Five or six years ago, a little child was born to Texas Baptists. He was an unwelcome child to many, but received by all and called the Budget. Texas Baptists adopted the Budget plan for financing its work and announced to the world. Though this child was not born under the most favorable circumstances, he gave promise of growth and many believed he was soon to be the joy and pride of this state, as his cousins have in other states of the South.

Sunshine and nourishment are essential to growth and development. The new member of our Texas family has not had these. He has been put off in a dark room and given so little nourishment that he is about dead. But two courses remain for us. Bring this child out in the open, nourish him, give him a chance; or else, plan to bury the dead.

If Texas Baptists do not discipline themselves, face these matters as men, think in terms of years instead of days, deal in the consciences of men instead of dollars they can get out of them, base their financial program on the scriptures instead of experiences; there is nothing but chaos ahead for them.

At the last meeting of the Executive Board of the Convention, a "Budget

get Promotion" Committee was appointed. Its members are: Wallace Jassett of Dallas, J. Frank Murrell of Greenville, C. E. Matthews of Ft. Worth, M. A. Jenkins of Abilene, and J. Howard Williams of Corsicana. The Convention has had a "Budget Control" Committee for some time. This committee has rendered invaluable service as the "Bulldogs of the Treasury," safely guarding and wisely directing the expenditures of the Convention. The new committee is to promote its income.

The latter committee has had three meetings and will make a report to the Convention. Our new State Secretary, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, has met and worked with us throughout. It will propose that 1929 be made a Budget year and that a goal be set of 1000 churches paying regularly into our State work. It will propose a plan so constructive in its nature that we believe it will challenge the admiration and co-operation of the entire state.

I am not privileged to write more at this time, but will add that our emphasis must be changed from "collecting money for emergencies, to developing men with New Testament consciences that plan this committee will propose has this in mind.

PRESIDENT SANDEFER GIVES INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT SIMMONS UNIVERSITY

(Continued from page 1).

ried by them as individuals since then. These debts have increased substantially.

During these years we have built four additional buildings, and they have practically all been financed without additional embarrassment to the board. I repeat that these obligations have been hanging heavily on a board that never knew debts before, and though our enrollment is far the largest in our history, it is a fact known to all school men that increased student bodies are increased liabilities once a certain period of growth has been attained.

All of our institutions cheerfully and gladly contribute free tuition to ministers and their wives, and one-half literary tuition to their sons and daughters. We usually enroll from one hundred to one hundred and fifty ministers and missionaries in Simmons each year. This alone creates, in a way, a deficit of approximately twenty thousand dollars. I would not be president of an institution that did not make this concession to God's called servants. I mention this fact to the end that those of you who read this may realize our contribution to our denomination in general in this one particular item.

The trustees and management of Simmons have been trying to find an opportunity to get the status of this institution on the hearts of our western people, especially, who ought to be more vitally and concretely interested in its welfare than those who are remote from it and naturally know less of its merits. We have found it difficult to do this in view of the tremendous obligations upon our great denomination. Yet, the Simmons board of trustees is carrying the only debt obligation it ever made, and at the same time, is willing and will ever be so, to help liquidate all of the other obligations upon our great Baptist cause.

More than a year ago, at our Convention in Wichita Falls, an Education Commission was appointed to make recommendations and to work out a saner policy with reference to our Baptist schools, even looking toward the consolidation of some, and maybe moving on closing others. This Commission let it be known months ago that the schools, in the main, that survived would have to finance themselves, and not look to the board further for support. The management of Simmons had known for years that aid could not be expected from this source. Our trustees held a meeting last May, and announced a program of one and one-half millions of dollars, covering a period of five years, one million to be added to our endowment, and one-half million to be used for buildings and in liquidating the above referred to debts.

In June, the State Convention met in called session in Waco. The results of the Convention and the Greater Baylor Campaign are known to all well informed Baptists. The program we had announced our program to try to save our situation here, it was thought wise not to press our program, lest we be misunderstood, until after the State Convention in Mineral Wells. A meeting of fifty or seventy-five ministers from the West, who attended our opening in September, was held, and all of them except a few felt that we ought to go ahead and try to relieve and save our own Western situation. However, it was ultimately and unanimously agreed to withhold any effort on our own program until after the Convention in Mineral Wells. All were urged to do what they could in their fields to make the Greater Baylor Campaign a success. All agreed that following the Convention no just criticism could be directed at our efforts to relieve our economic depression here.

A meeting of some sixty or seventy-five pastors in the West was called in conference in Simmons University Chapel last Friday morning. It was unanimously felt that all pastors should endeavor to get their collections for the Greater Baylor Campaign out of the way by December 4th. It was unanimously agreed that the remaining Sunday in December should be given to earnest and prayerful efforts on the part of the pastors and the friends of Simmons University, wherever the cause is presented, to ask for an offering to the end that the trustees be relieved of the burden under which they have been laboring. Action similar to this is practically the same conclusion that most of the schools have reached. Simmons, not in the correlated system, carrying all her indebtedness, feels that the hour is ripe to present her merits to the churches, and for the first time in the history of the institution, to ascertain whether or not the pastors and friends whom she has sought to serve during the years feel that she possesses merits worthy of their concrete, economic response.

We might as well be perfectly frank about it. We are living in a new age educationally. Other denominations recognize it, and some of them are closing practically all their schools save one or two, and seeking then to make those left as very particular as the schools. Our Baptist folk must do the same thing, or else we will not be able, through our institutions, to command the respect, support, and confidence of our own denomination, including our Baptist graduates going out of our great high school system in Texas and neighboring states.

Simmons University has educated nearly one thousand ministers and missionaries during my twenty years of service here. We have sent out thousands of young men and women into all legitimate fields of intellectual and spiritual endeavor. It does seem that this is one Christian institution in the West that, due to its age, its services, its equipment, its endowment, and its thousands of former students and graduates, ought to be saved for the denomination and for God. If those of you who read this feel as I do, will you not, with all the religious wisdom and consecration of which you are capable, make a really worthwhile effort for Simmons University, whose president has given you just about the best of which he has been capable during the past twenty years, and who has never before made a direct appeal to the churches of the West, and to churches in all Texas, for that matter, wherever the institution has friends? My feeling is that in any territory that would be regarded as border territory, every donor ought to be urged to make an offering and designate his money to the institution of his choice. Surely nothing could be fairer than this.

I conclude by saying that a policy of the strictest economy will continue to be pursued by the management of Simmons University. Every effort will be made on the part of this consecrated Baptist faculty, as they touch the lives of your sons and daughters, to enrich them spiritually, and to lead them to a knowledge of Jesus Christ, if they should come to us without having found Him as Saviour and Lord. I pray God's richest blessings on everyone who reads this, and urge you to do that which you ought to do toward all our causes. I invite you to write me a word of sympathetic encouragement, if you are in consonance with our efforts to save and to continue to build here in this great Western empire a Christian university for the glory of God and His cause.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. KATE MALONE

On the twenty-ninth day of September, 1928 at Plainview, Texas, God saw fit in His infinite wisdom to call from her earthly home Mrs. Kate B. Malone, wife of Robert Malone who preceded her in death some years.

Mrs. Malone with her family moved to this community in the early days. She was a devoted, consecrated and faithful member of the Caps Baptist Church of which she was a charter member. After many years, she moved to Plainview, Texas, where she was living when called to her reward.

Mrs. Malone though seventy-five years old, had not grown weary in her Master's service. So fixed was her faith, and her love for His cause that when life's sun was setting she was ready, willing and anxious to

leave this world of sorrow and disappointment and enter into that haven of eternal joy and peace. Though our hearts are sad because of her homegoing, we recognize the infallible wisdom of God in calling His redeemed to be with Him, humbly in submission to His holy will. To the bereaved loved ones we extend our deepest sympathy and commend them to God's grace.

"Mrs. Malone has gone to yonder city, To abide forever more,
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She has reached a brighter shore.
Earth has lost a precious jewel,
God's own hand was in it all,
In His wisdom it hath pleased Him,
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The Challenge of a Great Gift

By L. R. Scarborough

As chairman of the program committee appointed by the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for the Christmas campaign, I wish to say some vital words to the brotherhood about this important and significant movement.

1. The movement for this offering was passed unanimously by the Southern Baptist convention on the recommendation of the executive and promotional committee. Hence, it comes with the full weight of the approval, recommendation and urgency of the Southern Baptist convention. This ought to mean much to the denominational forces and all of our churches.

2. The significance of this offering is very great indeed. If successful, the results will be glorious and challenging to our people. Just think of what it will mean if we raise two million! It will pay the entire debt of the Foreign Mission board; it will put one-half million dollars additional on the debt of the Home Mission board; it will pay \$40,000 of the debt of the Education board; it will add \$180,000 to the work of the Annuity board; it will pay \$100,000 on the debt of the Southern Seminary; it will pay \$90,000 on the debt of the Southwestern Seminary; \$70,000 on the debt of the Bible Institute; \$40,000 on the debt of the New Orleans hospital, \$20,000 for the W. M. U. Training School at Louisiana; \$10,000 to the Negro Theological Seminary. It will bring the debts of these ten great causes down to less than four million. So, this ought to appeal to every Baptist in the entire South. The accomplishment of this great undertaking will not only reduce the debts of these institutions, but it will save in one year a large sum of interest that we would otherwise have to pay.

3. The division of these funds is based upon the co-operative program percentages. It will be divided along the lines and with the percentages that all the money of the co-operative program is divided.

4. There is no way of calculating the value and importance and far-reaching effects of this tremendous movement to all the interests dear to Southern Baptists.

5. Why should there not be a general movement among our people to give far less to each other and to their families and friends and make a real Christmas, showing the Christ-spirit, out of the coming holidays, and turn these gifts that we usually make to selfish and family ends to the great cause of Christ? Christ gave Himself to others; and if we make this large gift to these causes we will exemplify the real Christmas spirit. May I urge all the pastors and all the forces in our churches to plan for, pray for, and make every possible arrangement for a great, generous, free-will, thank offering to Jesus Christ during the Christmas holidays, either the Sunday before or the Sunday after Christmas? The Sunday before would be far preferable.

6. The challenge of Mr. Levering's great gift of \$100,000 to this cause ought to stir all Southern Baptists in a great fashion. In a little while after he made this gift, God called him home. It was the last significant gift of this princely leader among the laymen of Maryland Baptists. He from the Heavenly Home looks down upon Southern Baptists, and doubtless longs to see his gift challenge the hearts of all the Southern Baptists to let us see to it that his gift brings a full harvest.

May God help the forces of Southern Baptists to rally to this great movement.

New Arizona Convention Has Fine Beginning

By Richard E. Day, President Arizona Baptist Convention and Francis W. Starring, Executive Secretary.

We are responding to urgent appeals for a statement regarding the reported organization of "The Arizona Baptist General Convention" which announces its intention to apply for membership in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Arizona Baptist Convention, organized more than 36 years ago, affiliates with the Northern Baptist Convention and must not be confused with the new organization, which carries the designation "General." Our Convention in its 37th year is making most encouraging progress, particularly in evangelistic and missionary work, and has not the slightest inclination to withdraw from the Northern Baptist Convention.

The new convention in Arizona signifies merely a new name for a movement initiated ten years ago when C. M. Rock organized the First Church "Southern" of Phoenix. By the year 1926 ten churches had been organized in Arizona and grouped under the name Gambrell Memorial Association, affiliating with the New Mexico Convention and thus indirectly with the Southern Baptist Convention. With hardly an exception these organizations are small, struggling churches formed as a result of division over personal and petty matters such as might divide a congregation in Oregon or Maine. Doctrinal questions could not be seriously considered in Arizona Baptist Convention and every affiliating congregation stands solidly for all the fundamentals of our historic Baptist faith.

The divisive movement in Arizona, erroneously named "Southern," has been an arrested movement for the past three years. Several attempts have been made to split our churches but without success in a single case.

Only one doctrinal point has been seriously advanced by those who have sought to divide our churches. This has been the question of the administration of the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Our Convention has steadfastly refused to make so-called "alien immersion and open communion" the doctrinal test of Baptist fellowship in this state. Our churches do not have a uniform practice in these matters, and in this respect are like a considerable and influential group of Baptist churches in the southern states.

There is no doubt that this new organization, "The Arizona Baptist General Convention," will apply for admission to the Southern Baptist Convention. If the Southern Baptist Convention receives this Arizona organization, all fraternal agreements of record between the Southern and Northern Conventions relative to Arizona will be violated. Furthermore, it will evidently be a step in the direction long advocated by some of the extreme Southern leaders, namely: The realization of an ambition to extend the work of that Convention to the Pacific coast.

That this conclusion is not far-fetched can be shown by the following quotation from an announcement made officially by Rev. S. E. Stevenson, clerk of the new Arizona Baptist General Convention, this report appearing under date of September 27, 1928, in the WEST TEXAS BAPTIST published at Abilene, Texas.

"This brings the number of states affiliating with the Southern Baptist Convention up to twenty. The work of Southern Baptists is destined ere long to reach the Pacific coast. In a few years Southern California will come to the Southern Convention. They are now seriously considering it. When California shall take this step there will be a chain of New Testament witnesses from the Atlantic seaboard to the Pacific coast."

The "Southern" work in Arizona will possibly be permanent, continuing in about the same numerical proportion of 1 to 6 with ours as at the present time. Workers of the New Mexico Convention and Southern boards will continue to come into the state as they have in the past. They will leave the bulk of missionary

SAN ANGELO HOSPITAL HAS OPEN HOUSE

The San Angelo hospital held "open house" to its friends and supporters on the evening of Nov. 20, 1928, when 500 people visited the new building. This hospital is a Baptist institution, located in San Angelo, a rapidly growing town in western Texas. The building is of 75-bed capacity, fireproof, and of the latest design of hospital construction, containing many unique and original features. The building was planned and erected under the direct supervision of Rev. D. R. Pevoto, who has devoted fifteen years to designing, building, and operating hospitals in Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

Mr. Pevoto also planned and directed the first campaign for funds for the erection of this new building. To this first list of subscribers has been added from time to time, other gifts, until the total of individual gifts has reached seven hundred. This hospital has a large and unoccupied territory to serve, and its future success seems to be assured. Mr. Pevoto will not remain with the institution as its manager. He prefers to devote his time to building hospitals for which he is especially fitted.

ALL DAY MEETING AT SHIELDS BAPTIST CHURCH

A large crowd attended the all-day service held at Shields Baptist Church, Coleman county, on Sunday, Nov. 4. Many visitors were present from a number of other communities. At the morning hour Dr. A. B. Deter, Baptist Missionary to Curitiba, Parana, Brazil, brought a wonderful message on "What We Have Done and What We Have Not Done." Superb interest held the listeners gripped within its power as thrilling incident after incident was narrated from his own life, so rich in experiences. The crowd listened attentively until almost one o'clock when a sumptuous meal was served out in the churchyard by the ladies of the church.

After the lunch hour Mrs. A. B. Deter spoke to an even larger audience than had been present for the morning service. Her inspirational address was well received. The pastor, A. Ben Oliver, took up an offering to help Dr. Deter buy a small portable organ for use in his missionary tours of the interior of Brazil. Approximately a third of the amount required was raised. Possibly no single day within the history of the church has proved more inspiring to the membership and helpful to the visitors.

PERSONAL SERVICE REPORT

For Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1928. Big Springs Association—Devotional services 12, visits 586, conversions 1, bibles 24, good literature 178, garments 90, baskets of food 49, hours in nursing 26, number engaged in P. S. 3, in outside charity 3. Chairman, Mrs. J. C. Douglas, Big Spring. Fishers—Visits 100, conversions 6, good literature 24, garments 12, baskets 2, hours of nursing 6, in Per. S. 12.

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nursing 242, number in Per. S. 5. Chairman, Mrs. J. L. Keen, Hamlin. Lamesa—No report. Chairman, Mrs. M. O. Grant, Lamesa. Mitchell-Scurry—Devotional services 113, visits 1181, bibles 4, good literature 83, garments 489, baskets 228, hours of nursing 167, in outside charity 42. Chairman, Mrs. Jim Merket, Hermlight. Stonewall—Garments 4, baskets of food 4, hours of nursing 394. Chairman, Mrs. F. L. Whitaker, Jayton. Sweetwater—Devotional services 86, visits 2235, conversions 5, bibles 2, good literature 450, garments 397, baskets of food 25, hours of nursing 315, number in Per. S. 196, in outside charity 30. Chairman, Mrs. A. R. Booth, Merkel. All chairmen sent reports in time. Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Geo. L. Paxton, District Chairman.

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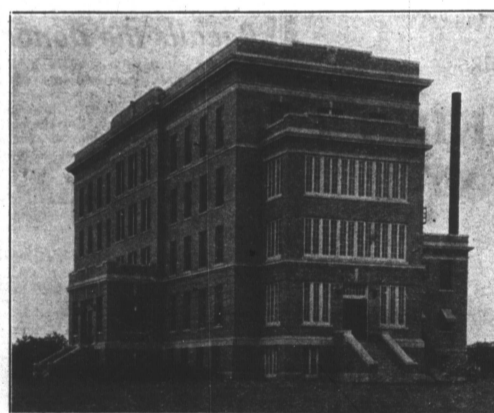
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