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RAMBLING



By DICK O'BRIEN

I have just about mastered the art of being crowded for time, running on a split second schedule seven days in every week, but I do not believe I will ever get to where I can stand being crowded for space. I need room and lots of it. I do not like to ride in the back seat of a two-door automobile and I dread riding in a crowded elevator and things of that nature. Last year I was passing one of Texas' famous bathing resorts. I decided to go in and try a bath for a change. The colored boy who helped me must have thought he was scalding a hog for scraping the way he soused me in that hot water. After he had soaked me for several torrid minutes he took me to a room and placed me on a narrow table and literally rolled me up tight in a heavy blanket. I could move my head slightly and bat my eyes, but otherwise there I was as helpless as a new born babe. Then he walked out of the room as if he had the afternoon to finish the job on me. I do not suppose he stayed very long but it seemed an eternity to me. Finally, I called him back and frankly asked for immediate relief. The next bath I took I reserved the right to keep my arms free when the blanket wrapping started. . . . I remember when I was about six or seven years of age mother and I went down the road about a mile to visit a neighbor. Mother and the lady were chatting and knitting and a little boy about my age and I were looking for adventure. The boy's mother told us that she thought one of her hens had made a nest under the floor of the house and she suggested that we go under and see about it. I did not realize it then, but now I am sure she was trying to get rid of us from under her feet. Well, we went out to investigate. We found a place where a rock which served as underpinning for the house had been removed. This we decided was where the hen had made her entrance. So we made plans to follow. I started to crawl through the opening, but the other boy pulled me back, reminding me that it was his house and their hen, therefore his privilege to lead the adventure. Reluctantly I stood back, yielding the lead to him. Under he went and I was to follow. When his wiggling toes disappeared from sight, I made my entrance. It was awfully dark and stuffy under the old house which had stood for more

EVENTS TO COME

- June 23-29—All Church, all family, encampment, Camp Lueders.
- July 1-11—Texas Baptist Encampment, Palacios.
- July 7-9—G. A., Y. W. A. camp, Lueders.
- July 7-13—Menard Encampment, Menard.
- July 9-11—R. A. Camp, Lueders.
- July 12-18—Sunday School Week, Ridgecrest.
- July 14-20—Lampasas Encampment, Lampasas.
- July 15-23—Central Texas Encampment, Latham Springs, near Hillsboro.
- July 19-25—Training Union Assembly, Ridgecrest.
- July 21-29—Alto Frio Encampment, Frio Canyon, near Leakey.
- July 29-August 7—Paisano Encampment, Paisano Pass, between Alpine and Marfa.
- August 18-24—District 10 Encampment, Ceta Glen, near Canyon.
- August 23-31—Preachers' School, Ridgecrest.
- August 25-26—Southwestern Religious Education Association, Seminary Hill.

PUZZLES AND PROPHECIES MAKE A SUMMER PASTIME

One of the interesting parlor amusements of the time is to demonstrate that Hitler is the Beast spoken of in the Book of Revelation. It gives a wozzie, boogie-man feeling to see the demonstrator reveal a magical code and show how it fits der Fuehrer better than a glove.

The trick is done by numbers and it works like this: Give each letter in the English alphabet a number value, starting with a as 100; b, 101; c, 102; and so on through to z, 125. Now apply these values to the letters composing the word Hitler, and add. The total is the mystical 666 given in Revelation 13:18. Startling, isn't it?

After recovering sufficiently from that thrill, those interested can apply the same code to the letters in the substantial and honorable Anglo-Saxon surname, Holmes, and find the same magic total. So far as is known, no one of that fine old patronymic has ever been accused of being the Anti-Christ.

Inasmuch as the system of numbering in the above code appears to be somewhat arbitrary, one might devise some other code and try it on some other name. For instance, take the old code of school days, a, 1; b, 2; and so on. Apply that to George Washington, the first president—using all five words. Add to the total of those numbers the year in the century in which he was born, '32; the year in which he died, '99; the year in which he assumed command of the Continental army, '75, the number of years that he was president and the number of letters in his name. Total all this and you will have the same 666.

If there is some error in this calculation, you can omit one of the above figures and add some other which will give the correct answer. And if the reader has nothing else to do during his vacation, he might figure out some system which will prove anything else that he is interested in.

DEAF TO ATTEND HOME MISSION CONFERENCE

A new feature of Home Mission week at Ridgecrest, August 3-8, will be the interpretation of the services in the sign languages for the deaf, Dr. J. B. Lawrence has announced.

Miss Fay Osborne of Nashville, Tenn., who interprets for the deaf group in the First Baptist Church, is on the staff of the assembly this summer and has been given the assignment of interpreting in the sign language all of the sessions of the Home Mission conference by Perry Morgan, assembly manager.

Deaf groups throughout the South are invited to send representatives to Ridgecrest Home Mission week. Perhaps each of the more than 100 deaf groups throughout the South could send several representatives. The expenses might be borne by the entire class or by the church. If workers with the deaf or pastors will take the initiative in this matter, no doubt a number of deaf friends can be sent to the conference.

In addition to the personal blessings which will come to the deaf who attend there will be two other very distinct advantages in having a good representation. First, it will give the entire conference a new conception of the significance of the deaf work, since the presence of the deaf and the interpretation of the messages will give an actual example of mission work among the deaf. Second, the deaf friends attending the conference will receive an enlarged view of kingdom work which they will be able to carry back to other deaf Christians throughout the South.

ATTENDANCE REPORTS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 22

Mail your reports to reach this office by Tuesday morning each week. There will be no paper next week but reports for both Sundays will be published on July 10.

Sunday School Reports		
Church	Enr.	Att.
Levelland	812	469
Crosbyton	375	198
Nolan	260	186
Atwell	66	57
Johnson Chapel	66	33
Pleasant Valley	92	31
Training Union Reports		
Levelland	291	137

BAPTISTS ARE TO RAISE \$300,000 FOR ARMY WORK



Dr. W. W. Melton

The Southern Baptist Convention, composed of more than 25,000 Baptist churches and a combined membership of more than 5,000,000 people, has instructed the Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta, Georgia, to promote the religious work in connection with the army camps, navy bases, marine stations, air corps and C. C. C. camps. Although Texas Baptists have been promoting religious work in all of the army camps in Texas, they will cooperate with Southern Baptists in the promotion of the religious work among the soldiers throughout the nation.

Dr. W. W. Melton, General Secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, with headquarters in Dallas, made the following statement in a meeting in Dallas this week:

"The world at its worst needs Christianity at its best. While the United States is making preparations to defend itself, the young men who are in government service need to fortify themselves by trusting Jesus as Savior and Lord." Dr. Melton also said, "While our young men are receiving training to be soldiers of our government, they should also receive the love of Christ in their hearts and thus become soldiers of the Cross and enlist in the Christian army with King Jesus as their Commander."

The time set by Southern Baptists to raise the \$300,000.00 is July 27th. All pastors of all Baptist churches in the South will be invited to participate in this movement. It has been suggested that on July 20th all pastors use as their subject, "Our Responsibility to Our Government-Enlisted Men."

Texas Baptists have been asked by the Home Mission Board to raise \$35,000.00 on July 27th, this being the

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LUEDERS ASSEMBLY OPENS WITH RECORD CROWDS

Record first-night attendance, with ideal weather conditions, an enthusiastic spirit were the gratifying features of the opening of the 1941 West Texas Assembly at Camp Lueders, Monday evening, June 23. The encampment will continue through Sunday evening, June 29.

All the speakers and department leaders were present, with the exception of Rev. Bill Marshall, who was programmed only for the latter half of the week. He is coming for that time, remaining through Sunday. All but two or three of the conference leaders responded to introductions Monday evening. These were all expected Tuesday morning. Dexter Riddle of Wichita Falls and Ewell Bone of Breckenridge have been added to the faculty of the school of music.

Lawson H. Cooke, Southwide Brotherhood secretary, thrilled his hearers in the keynote address of the encampment, calling upon Christians to live in the spirit of Pentecost. "If you deny the resurrection of Christ," he inquired, "how can you deny the resurrection of Christianity at Pentecost?" Mr. Cooke will conduct conferences for men each day and will speak several other evenings, including the Brotherhood rally on Friday.

Jesus achieved ubiquity through obscurity, declared Dr. W. R. White in the challenging initial sermon. He achieved esteem through humiliation, and He revealed that the way to life is through the gates of death. He asserted that the unseen and quiet forces are the forces which overcome. Dr. White recalled his first visit to Lueders in 1922, when he spoke under a tent, supplying for Dr. Truett who was not able to arrive for the opening of the encampment. He returned later when state executive secretary and again as pastor at Broadway, Fort Worth. He is speaking twice daily through the week.

High occasions for the latter part of the week are the Brotherhood barbecue and rally Friday evening and Hardin-Simmons hour on Sunday afternoon.

SCHOOL VALEDICTORIAN IS MISSION VOLUNTEER

Sally Ann Taylor, Crosbyton high school valedictorian and daughter of a Baptist deacon, volunteered for mission service in a successful Vacation Bible School in which 179 were enrolled. The Crosbyton Church by vote pledged Miss Taylor prayers and support as long as she lives, reports Pastor Noel V. Guice.

THINKING IT OVER

With Dr. W. R. White

ABILENE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE CONVENTION

For some time there has been a serious misgiving on the part of the citizens of Abilene, and particularly the Baptists, with reference to our ability to entertain Texas Baptist's Convention this fall. An unusual condition arose due to the coming of a large army camp to this community. However, very recently it was necessary to entertain a convention, not as large as ours, but sufficiently large to test out some things for us. The Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce discovered that it is possible to get an adequate number of homes for keeping a large convention. We have had conferences with the hotel men of the city, with the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, with the Baptist pastors of the city, and with representative laymen. We have come to the conclusion that we are abundantly able to take care of the convention in the good old West Texas spirit.

The auditorium of the First Baptist Church will be available, and the Gypsy Smith Tabernacle, which is being improved from time to time and will be in most excellent condition by this fall, will be available also. It will take care of four thousand people easily. In view of the strategic location of Abilene in the midst of a great Baptist Empire, and in view of the fact that this section is growing and developing rapidly, and in view of the fact that Hardin-Simmons Uni-

versity has been in the convention now for one year, and in anticipation of some possible projects being begun at the University at the time of the convention, we feel that it is imperative that we go ahead with our present plan to have the convention in Abilene.

The building permits for this year already exceed the building permits for the whole of 1940. In other words, the building program of this city is going to take care of and absorb the increased demands that may come upon us, and providing ample space for the entertainment of the convention. There was a large building program last year. Remember that there will be hotel facilities for those who particularly prefer to stay in hotels. We are happy to make this announcement to the Brotherhood.

In view of the fact that we are to have with us this year three conventions, there is unusual interest, particularly on the part of the Brotherhood. The reports come of an increased interest from every part of the state. Many of them are particularly interested in coming to Abilene. So many of our people want to see the mission activities conducted by the First Baptist Church and our State Mission work being done in connection with the soldiers at Camp Berkeley. No doubt many will have sons, friends, other loved ones in the army here whom they shall be happy to meet.

H-SU Alumni Set Up Plans To Complete Memorial Drive

ARRANT PUT IN CHARGE OF \$300,000 H-SU DRIVE

By Herschel Schooley



Prof. H. R. Arrant

H. R. Arrant, professor of chemistry at Hardin-Simmons university, and former district governor Rotary International, has been named executive secretary of the \$300,000 Sanderfer memorial campaign, a high point of H-SU golden jubilee observance, Dr. W. R. White, university president, announced Saturday.

Prof. Arrant will devote the next few months to "successfully concluding" the campaign, and will be given a leave of absence from some other campus duties, Dr. White said.

One-third Raised

He will open a full-time office at Hardin-Simmons Monday to coordinate campaign activities for which Dr. Fred C. Eastham, Wichita Falls, is general chairman, with C. M. Caldwell as chairman for the Abilene area.

A member of the 1920 graduating class at Hardin-Simmons, Prof. Arrant has been a member of the faculty since 1922. A past president of the Abilene Rotary club, he was elected district governor in 1939.

About one-third the distance toward its goal now, an organized campaign will be conducted to fully subscribe the memorial fund during the late summer and fall. Dr. White told a Hardin-Simmons alumni rally at a barbecue Friday night on the campus.

Erection of a memorial library-auditorium on the campus, honoring the late Dr. J. D. Sanderfer, is the principal objective of the fiftieth anniversary campaign.

New Officers

Officers for the Abilene alumni and exes group was elected, with Dr. Guy L. (Spud) Pattillo named president, to succeed Elton Murphy.

In a brief acceptance talk, Dr. Pattillo urged active cooperation of Abilene area alumni in a local campaign, July 10 to 20, to fully subscribe the local quota of \$100,000, already three-fifths pledged.

Other officers named were Mrs. H. A. Pender, vice-president; Mrs. R. H. McIntosh, secretary, and Mrs. Hyman Harrison, treasurer.

Roy Skaggs, alumni president, spoke to pledge general alumni support for early conclusion of the memorial campaign, and Truett Walton, president.

REYNOLDS CHOSEN HEAD PALACIOS MUSIC SCHOOL

The Texas Baptist encampment at Palacios-by-the-sea is known around the world by its great music program. It seems that the people who go to Palacios sing a little better than they do anywhere else. In addition to the inspirational music of the encampment a school of music will be in session at Palacios July 1-11. Professor I. E. Reynolds, director of music at the Southwestern Theological Seminary, has been chosen to be the dean of the music school at Palacios. In addition to organizing and teaching many classes at Palacios during the encampment, Professor Reynolds will organize a great chorus and train a great choir. During the encampment the chorus, directed by Professor Reynolds, will give "The Crucifixion" by Stainer. The chorus will also bring many other special numbers.

Men and women who are members of church orchestras should attend the encampment at Palacios. They should, of course, take their instruments with them and join the big encampment orchestra that is organized at Palacios each year.

All who plan to go to the encampment should write Rev. B. L. Millard, encampment manager, at Palacios, for reservation. We will all keep in mind that the encampment will have its initial session Tuesday night, July 1. The keynote address will be delivered by Dr. George W. Truett of Dallas. The music that night will be directed by Mr. J. Q. Woodard, music director of First Baptist Church, Beaumont. Mr. Woodard will assist Professor Reynolds in the music school and will direct the music of the encampment from July 1 to 6.

"EVERY SUNDAY SCHOOL GROWING THIS YEAR"

By G. S. Hopkins

Unless there is some very definite effort put forward toward enrolling new pupils this year, it is calculated that the record will show a decided loss. There is not a Sunday School in our great state but what could, bring in enough new pupils between now and the associational annual meeting to show a gain of at least five or ten to the school. If all of our 3,098 Sunday schools in Texas would show an increase of just five pupils over last year, that would be a gain of 15,490. Should there be an increase of ten per school, of course, that would bring the gain up to 30,980. That would surpass any increase that we have had for a number of years, and this is altogether possible.

I am wondering if your church would say "Our church will join the 'Five Club' or '10 Club' or the '10 Plus Club,'" which of course, would be going beyond. If we can have some reports like this from our Sunday schools we will be happy to carry them in the Standard. In order to do this we will have to find out about the new pupils and do some very definite work. Let's take our Master's command seriously: "Go ye into all the world."

It is time Christian people were setting the pattern instead of following the world.—Lawrence L. Trott.

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BAPTISTS AT THE CAMPS

"Can the 'Y' represent Baptists in the camps?" asks the Baptist Message, denominational weekly for Louisiana. Editor Tinnin answers his own question in the negative, asserting that the Y. M. C. A. is a social and recreational organization, while a Baptist church is a spiritual body. This is true. Men's sins cannot be forgiven or their souls saved by fellowship and play, however clean and wholesome these may be.

Texas Baptists also answered in the negative, when in the beginning of the year, they launched a campaign to raise \$50,000 for work among the men in our defense forces, erecting chapels in the vicinity of the larger cantonments, selecting pastors to be in charge of these chapels, and choosing Dr. A. C. Miller as supervisor of the work for the state.

Southern Baptists have followed in affirming this answer and are calling for \$300,000 to be raised on Sunday, July 27, to aid in the emergency placed upon the denomination by the mobilization of the young man-power of the nation. Of this sum, Texas is asked to raise \$35,000.

Some will wonder if this means on top of the \$50,000 mentioned above. Well, not exactly. You see, only a relatively small portion of the Baptist churches in Texas gave to the state fund for work at the camps. If the churches who did not give, and the members of the others who did not give with their brethren, will do their share as well as did those who had a part last winter, it will be no difficult matter.

Dr. Melton, who is chairman for the Southwide campaign, says, "It is unthinkable that the churches should forsake or neglect these young men while they are in the army training camps. The choices of evil are multiplying and are greatly reinforced around these camps. These young men need the church while they are in training, even more than while they are at home."

FOREIGN MISSION EMERGENCY

Following repeated reports of foreign missionaries being compelled to return home because of war conditions, it seems to have come into the minds of some people that the need for funds for Foreign Missions has greatly slackened. Unfortunately, the reverse is the case. The war emergency has greatly increased the expenses of our Foreign Mission Board. And the end is not yet in sight.

This assertion is emphasized by the experience of the missionaries for Africa who sailed on the Zam Zam, a neutral Egyptian boat, sailing from New York for Capetown, South Africa, by way of Brazil. They were nearer the war zone when they sailed past the Statue of Liberty into the Atlantic than they were at any other point of the journey. Yet the vessel was sent to the bottom of the South Atlantic and the hapless passengers, mostly with only their clothes on their backs, and fortunate to escape shell fire, were carried to France. Our government is arranging for their passage home, but they are forced to sign personal notes to pay for needed clothing, hotel bills and transportation.

Our missionaries are not able to repay these heavy expenses out of their own pockets. Southern Baptists would not want them to pay. It is enough that they have, like Paul, risked their all to carry the Gospel. As we understand it, an act of Congress will be necessary to cancel these notes and such claims against the government sometimes are continued from generation to generation.

This incident is perhaps the most dramatic of all the emergencies which have placed an added burden on the Foreign Board, but the cost of it is only a small part of the tremendous load which has been made necessary under these abnormal conditions. We will remember our foreign missionaries constantly in our prayers and our offerings.

DRY ARMY CAMPS

During World War I legislation was passed making liquor selling illegal in a radius of ten miles of an army camp. The late and lamented Senator Morris Shepherd introduced a similar measure for the protection of the men now in the service. After his untimely demise, the bill was brought forward, known as H. R. 2475. This is an act to check the sale of liquor and the spread of commercialized vice in places of easy access to the camps.

Now is a good time to write, wire, or petition your congressman and senator to support this measure. Senator Connally will do his part, but his voice will be far more effective if the people of Texas, where army camps are thickest, urge him to exert all his energy and influence to protect the men in defense duty from such moral deterioration as wrecked the bulwarks of France.

General Marshall, chief of staff of the United States Army, is using his influence, as are many of the wiser heads in high military and naval rank. We have the privilege of the power of combined public opinion.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

Following an established custom, the West Texas Baptist will omit a paper the week of July 4. The next paper will appear Thursday, July 10. Thank you.

NEWS NOTES

Rev. E. L. Redden is the new pastor at Atwell, Callahan Association.

Rev. Kelly Barnett has resigned the church at Central City, Kentucky, effective on August 1.

Rev. James Easterwood of Blanchard, Oklahoma, is in a revival at Bethel Church, Runnels Association.

Dr. W. T. Connor of Southwestern Seminary supplied June 22 for Pastor H. D. Bruce at Midland.

Judge Lee R. York, formerly mayor of Abilene, is Brotherhood president at First Church, Hobbs, N. M.

Rev. Dick O'Brien was recently speaker at the Southwestern district Brotherhood meeting in Oklahoma, with Frederick the host church.

Evangelist Hyman Appelman will lead a city-wide tent meeting at Shreveport, September 14 to October 12.

Evangelist Hyman Appelman and Johnnie Cohen, singer, have been in a revival at Park Heights Church, San Angelo.

Rev. C. P. Cowart has resigned at Merton Valley and has accepted the call of South Bend. He is now on the field there.

Dr. C. E. Matthews of Travis Avenue, Fort Worth, will conduct the summer revival at First Church, Sweetwater, beginning July 13.

The Arizona Baptist Beacon reports Missionary and Mrs. C. F. Frazier doing a great work among the Papago Indians in that state.

Pastors of Wilbarger-Foard Association are meeting for united prayer twice monthly in the study of Dr. E. S. James, Vernon.

Dr. Edward B. Jenkins will supply for the Nolan Church during July and August, while Pastor Dean Elkins is away in a series of revivals.

Evangelist Wm. H. Joyner is leading in a revival at College Avenue, Lubbock. He goes from there to East Grand, Dallas, where Rev. H. E. Fowler is pastor.

Rev. Thurston Rock of Tatum, N. M., is assisting Pastor B. N. Shepherd in the boys' work of the Vacation Bible School at First Church, Hobbs.

Rev. Sam Malone of Seminole, while vacationing at Albuquerque, has been supplying for several churches in central New Mexico, including First Church, Albuquerque.

Melvin Hathneal, teacher in the Petersburg schools, has been employed as education director for the summer at First Church, Tahoka, where Rev. George Dale is pastor.

Dr. Elwin L. Skiles of Cisco has accepted the call of the church at Russellville, Kentucky. He is a graduate of Baylor and of Southwestern Seminary, Louisville, having received his Ph. D. there in June.

Rev. Judson Prince of First Church, Cisco, preached for Pastor Mort Agnew at Mitchell Church in Cisco Association on Saturday evening, June 14th. The church will have a homecoming on Sunday, July 20.

Dr. E. Leslie Carlson of Southwestern Seminary and President John W. Raley of Oklahoma Baptist University, will be among the speakers at the Arizona Assembly at Prescott in August.

Dr. Copeland of Brownfield has given a car for Missionary Luke Johnson to use in work among the Pima Indians of Arizona. Mrs. Copeland is mother of Mrs. J. N. Campbell, state W. M. U. president in Arizona.

Miss Marie Saddler of San Angelo directed the Vacation Bible School at Big Lake. Pastor R. A. Scranton reports it the best in that church. There were 94 enrolled, 83 attended two or more days, and 45 had a perfect record.

D. C. Hamilton of Lubbock has been selected as pastor's assistant at First Church, Vernon. He has had service with First Church, Memphis, Tennessee, College Avenue, Ft. Worth, First Church, Plainview, and Calvary, Lubbock.

Dr. L. J. Mims, field representative of the Baptist Standard, supplied June 22 for Dr. C. E. Hereford at First Church, Lubbock. The pastor and family are vacationing at Huntington, West Virginia.

Cottonwood Church will have an all-day program of dedication and homecoming Sunday, June 29. Pastor E. L. Redden invites all former residents of the Cottonwood community to attend.

Plainview Church, Denton County, where Rev. A. V. Bradley is pastor, will have a homecoming and dedication of their handsome new building on June 29. R. A. Springer, state Brotherhood secretary, will be the main speaker.

Mrs. T. L. Kilpatrick, wife of the former pastor at Iowa Park, was killed in a traffic accident at Avenal, California, where Mr. Kilpatrick is now serving, and will be buried at Iowa Park at 1:30 Friday afternoon, June 27.

First Church, Cisco, has just closed another successful Vacation Bible School. Mrs. Judson Prince, wife of the pastor, has been principal for three years. Cisco has had a school each summer for 14 years with one or two exceptions.

MEN WITHOUT STATUS

By T. B. Maston

The present army draft has revealed a situation concerning some of our workers that has existed for some time. There has been in recent years an increasing number of young men who have felt called of the Lord to full time vocational religious work, but they have not felt that their work was to be preaching. There has been also an increasing demand from our churches and denomination for these men to serve as educational directors, student secretaries, field workers, directors of church music and other lines of religious service. However, little attention has been given to the status of these men in the churches and in the work of our denomination. Many other religious groups have either ordained these men or have given them such recognition that they are classed as ministers.

Because these men have not been given any status they are being put into Class 1 by their draft boards and a number of them have been taken from their work in the churches and inducted into the service. There have been a number of men in the Southwestern Seminary this past year who have been put in Class 1 and who will go into the service this summer simply because they are not ordained and are not "preparing for the ministry." I am sure the Southern Seminary and the Baptist Bible Institute have men in the same situation. Such men in most other denominations would be placed in Class 4. Certainly I am not pleading, and most of these men would not have any plea made for them, that they be given some recognition so as to escape military service, but they should have the privilege of giving that service along spiritual rather than strictly military lines. The main point is that the draft situation reveals a condition that should have been cared for a long time ago.

What are we going to do about these men without status? Something should be done not only for their sakes but as a protection to the churches. Is it not important that we have in these places of service men of high character, sound in the faith, called of God? Some type of dedication or recognition would give the churches an opportunity to examine workers along these lines. It would help to weed out of the field some men who are an embarrassment to their fellow workers and sometimes a seeming hindrance to the cause of Christ. If anything is done about these men, the ordained ministers are going to have to take the lead. Many of you preachers understand the situation. Will a sufficient number of you be big and generous enough to work out this problem faced by many of your co-laborers who have been called of God to dedicate their lives to his service?

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LAWSON COOKE SPEAKS AT UNIVERSITY CHURCH

Lawson H. Cooke, secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, with headquarters at Memphis, Tennessee, spoke at the evening service at University Church, Abilene, June 22. He was introduced by Hiram R. Arrant, Brotherhood president for District Seventeen.

Sunday School Lesson

By HIGHT C MOORE

Lesson for June 29, 1941

LESSONS FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

Read and Study I Corinthians 3:1-15

Renowned at the time of Paul for its commerce, manufacture, art, and learning, Corinth was equally famous for its vices, notably its dissolute manners and shameful licentiousness. On his second missionary journey, Paul, with Silas and Timothy, spent eighteen months at Corinth, winning in the face of Jewish hostility, numerous converts mainly from the poorer classes, and establishing a church, including some Jews and many Gentiles. After a time vicious teachers came and four factions arose in the church: a Pauline party, overzealous for the founder of the church; an Apollonian party, bewitched by the oratory of Apollos; a Petrine party, which, claiming Peter as authority, was bent on mixing up Jewish ideas with Christianity; and a Christ party, which, in antagonizing other elements, became itself a faction. The natural outcome of these dissensions was a loose discipline, abundant irregularities, and a rapid decline from original purity.

1. A Lesson on Love

THE FELLOWSHIP OF GOD'S PEOPLE was required to rectify by love the immaturity and imperfection in the church at Corinth. Addressing them as brethren who knew the grace of God and properly belonged to the church, Paul writes them frankly and faithfully. (1) Their secular spirit must become spiritual. They were carnal in the sense that they were worldly. (2) Their immature development must be outgrown. Let them not remain "babes in Christ" or they will become dwarfs. (3) Their imperfect assimilation must be improved. There is milk, indeed, for infants and the infirm; but also there is meat for the strong and the swift. (4) Their debasing jealousies must be checked and crushed. (5) Their chilling contentions must stop in the interest of peace and prosperity. (6) Their worldly walk, though after the manner of standard men, was unworthy of them as sons of God. (7) Their partisan preferment dishonored Christ and did not honor Paul, Apollos, and Peter. "Cease firing!"

2. A Lesson on Leadership

THE FRUITFULNESS OF GOD'S HUSBANDRY though dependent upon God is accomplished through men. Hence the apostle shows the proper place of the ministry. (1) It is a ministry of evangelism, for the Corinthians had believed in Jesus under the preaching of the missionaries of the cross. (2) It is a ministry endowed, for each preacher could preach only as the Lord gave him the power. (3) It is a ministry diversified, for one is called to plant as Paul did, and another is called to water as Apollos did, but both are simply doing their part in the same field. (4) It is a ministry fructified, for always God must give the increase. (5) It is a ministry properly evaluated, for sowing and cultivation, important as they are, do not occupy the major part of the program, since the increase must come from God. (6) It is a ministry unified, for planting and watering, though performed by different persons at different times, constitute a unity of effort and effect. (7) It is a ministry rewarded, for each worker shall receive the reward commensurate with his labor. (8) It is a ministry co-operant, for our fellowship with each other reaches its highest expression in our being fellow workers for God. (9) It is a ministry deductive, for in this way God's husbandry comes into its own. (10) It is a ministry edifying, for with different workers at different times and tasks God's building is erected.

3. A Lesson on Loyalty

THE FOUNDATION OF GOD'S BUILDING reveals the centrality of Christ in the church and in the life of the Christian. (1) The founder of the church at Corinth was Paul. He was a master builder. He was wise. He wrought according to the grace that was given him. He laid the foundation securely. Others came and built thereon. With them rested the responsibility for the superstructure. (2) The foundation of the church is Jesus Christ. He is the only Savior from the power and penalty of sin. He is the Lord of our lives. His will is our will and his word is our law. No other foundation can be laid as the secure base of the church of the living God.

Gold in the Golden Text
For other foundation can no man (Continued on page 4)

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THE GOSPEL IS TAKEN INTO EUROPE

Read Acts 15:36 to 18:21
Study Acts 16:6-15

After completing their first missionary journey Paul and Barnabas went up to Jerusalem, where, as we have seen, the burning mission problem was solved as to admitting Gentiles to church membership. Returning to Antioch in Syria, the two leaders separated, each taking a helper; and Paul, beginning his second missionary journey, revisited the missions in Asia Minor. Proceeding westward, attended by Silas and from Lystra onward by Timothy, Paul went on contrary to plan but under impulse of the Spirit to the seaport city of Troas. Here Luke joined the party and the visionary Macedonian summoned them to Europe. They responded at once and so planted at Philippi about A. D. 50 the first church on that continent.

After his prison experience at Philippi culminating in the conversion of the jailer, Paul went westward one hundred miles overland to Thessalonica (now Salonika) by the sea, thence sixty miles to beautiful Berea, in the mountains, and, having founded churches in these three cities of Macedonia despite persecution, he proceeded thirty or forty miles to the coast and thence oversea two hundred miles to Athens.

The address of Paul on Mars Hill in the heart of Athens was the feature of his stay there, lasting at most only a few weeks, and less resultful apparently than his labors at any other point in all his vast missionary journeys.

From Athens, the center of culture, Paul went forty miles westward to Corinth, the center of commerce and capital of the proconsular province of Achaia, where he spent eighteen months in a fruitful ministry. Then he returned via Ephesus and Jerusalem to Antioch in Syria, completing his second great missionary journey.

1. The Gospel Directed Toward Europe

THE GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT led to the western extremity of Asia. Some of the new fields in Asia Minor which they planned to enter were closed to Paul and his companions. Thus they traversed Phrygia and also spent some time in Galatia, where Paul, being detained by an unknown malady longer than he had expected, was cordially received by the Galatians and did a remarkable work among them. The Holy Spirit forbade their proposed evangelism in the Roman province of Bithynia. Moreover, they passed by the province of Mysia without attempting to evangelize it. But notwithstanding these providential restraints, there was a great work behind him as well as a great task before him when Paul reached the city of Troas on the shores of the Aegean Sea.

2. The Gospel Desired by Europe

THE MAN OF MACEDONIA beckoning to the southern shores of Europe. At Troas Paul had the good fortune to add another valuable member to his missionary party. It may have been without prearrangement, or, more likely, at the request of Paul, who was possibly still emaciated from his sickness in Galatia, that Luke, the beloved physician; became henceforth the attendant, associate, and chronicler of the great apostle. But the question of questions before Paul at Troas was the field for his future labors. However, he was not long kept in suspense. Before him at night in a vision there stood a Macedonian beseeching him to come to that country. Thus the path of duty was made clear and Paul determined to pursue it without a moment's delay.

3. The Gospel Taken to Europe

THE APOSTLE TO THE GENTILES took the first boat from Troas to a European port. They sailed to the island of Samothrace, which they reached in a day and there anchored for the night. The next day they reached the city of Neapolis, which was an important harbor on the Macedonian coast. Leaving there, they set foot for the first time on the soil of Europe. A journey of ten miles inland (though they might have sailed up the Gangas River) brought the missionaries to the city of Philippi, which as a Roman colony was not only a military center, but also in its government a miniature of the Imperial City on the banks of the Tiber.

4. The Gospel Accepted in Europe
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Let's Return America To Christ

By Thos. C. Ferguson

In these times we have often heard the statement that America needs to return to fundamentals. As Christians, we often say that today Christ is the hope of the world. These things are true, but have we stopped to examine what are the fundamentals, and just what can Christ mean to a war torn world falling about the heads of the tired and weary peoples of all nations.

America is today engaged in the problem of National Defense, and we solemnly assure ourselves that we will defend at all costs our American ideals—our American way of life. Have we, however, examined just what our American way of life originally meant, and from whence came those high ideals that we believe are worthy of our "all out" defense.

As Christians and Baptists we are solidly behind our National leadership in the preparation for the defense of our country, and if need be to the extent of the defense itself with all of the powers at our command that the ideals of this nation shall not perish from the face of the earth. Many perhaps have asked themselves this question: "What can I do." As individual Christians we perhaps have asked ourselves the same question, and if we have not, then we ought to do so, and keep in search until we know the answer.

One of the great American ideals is liberty of conscience—the right to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience. Another is the right of the individual to believe and act as he pleases so long as he does not wrong his neighbor. Another is that every individual child born in this land shall be entitled to equality of opportunity in every field. These are only a few of the ideals which we support as being the American way of life, but they are sufficient for our purposes here, and that is to illustrate that they all flow from the ideal of the importance of the individual—that states and governments, rulers, legislatures and judges, and all of the vast machinery we call a national government, and all things pertaining to it, are created for its service to the individual, and not that the individual exists for the good of the state. This fundamentally is our brand of democracy.

The world has known but two basic types of governments; those that emphasized the state, and those that emphasized the right of the individual. The world has long been familiar with absolutism in the form of monarchs, tyrants and dictators of totalitarian countries. Many hundreds of years ago the Greeks and later the Romans had a brand of government which was called democracy, but it did not recognize the right of all individuals, but a selected few alone. This was autocracy and not democracy according to our beliefs.

A little over nineteen hundred years ago there came among men, a man, "if it be lawful to call him a man," who taught a new doctrine, that is, the importance of the individual in God's scheme of things. For four thousand years the Jewish people had held close to their heart the promise of the Lord Jehovah that he would send a Messiah who would bring salvation. The majority of the promises and blessings and condemnations of those times though were to or of the peoples—nations, not individuals. But when the Son of God walked upon this earth he called to him men as individuals and healed and saved them according to their faith. He called forth twelve men who were neither great nor small, neither rich nor poor, neither ignorant nor highly educated, just common-class men, to whom he committed the privilege and the duties of preserving to humanity the gospel of salvation through faith in him and his one great act of righteousness through his perfect sacrifice. He magnified the love of God toward the individual, and that those institutions of man should serve man, and not man to serve them. Man was called upon to serve One, and Him only. This new teaching upon the face of the earth gathered new converts and grew until it became the sole uncompromising force of the earth today that we call the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, which is hated by all tyrants, and loved by all who love men—by all who love truth.

History is replete with the record of incidents where the followers of the gentle Master of Galilee refused

to compromise with the forces of power. This Wonderful One came into this world when it was in the grip of the Roman Caesars who conquered and ruled by force. The Caesars fell, but Christ lived on. The world has heard the tramping feet of marching forces of other Caesars since that time, but they fell—Christ lived on in the hearts of men and in fact as a living savior of all mankind. Today we hear the clash of swords, and the paens of victory by another force of evil that challenges the Church and teachings of the living Christ. We have the testimony, however, of a man who did not believe in Christ or his church as to what happened in Germany when the present forces of evil began to rise there. A great German scientist, according to reports by the press, said that when these forces began to rise he turned to the great universities, thinking that in them there would be found the power to oppose that evil force; the universities failed him, and he then turned to the great newspapers which had trumpeted their love of truth, but they too fell down; that he then found that the church in which he had had no confidence was standing squarely in opposition to that power, denying its authority or its right to harness the individual both in mind and body, and its members paid for that temerity by being sentenced to concentration camps and to ignoble death, and yet there was no compromise, the church stood firmly in its teachings. This great scientist then said that that which he had once despised, he was now forced to admire. That has been recorded in history for nineteen hundred years, and is true today because the author of it lives and sustains his followers in the paths of right.

For sixteen hundred years the followers of Christ preached and taught the right of the individual before they could gain any recognition for that right. That every man had a right to worship God as he believed and not according to the dictates of the State was its doctrine. After that period this doctrine of liberty of conscience—the right of the individual—began to take hold, but it was not until after the glorious year of 1776 that it became typified into a state. When our federal constitution was adopted, and our nation began its course as a great experiment in the rights of the individual, and that the state served him and not him the state, the principles that were adopted as fundamental to the American way of life were those fundamental things that the lowly followers of Christ had been teaching since the day of the ascension.

It is inescapable to minds that meet the matter realistically, but that every fundamental precept of our democracy came from Christ and that the concepts of those fundamentals in the minds of man were preserved and presented from generation to generation by his believers and followers. Not all people who were called Christian were his believers or followers, nor did they believe or teach these things. Many who worked in his name opposed these principles and compromised with the forces of the Caesars of every age. This can not change the fact, however, that in every age since Christ there have been those people who through faith believed on Him, and preserved as dear to their hearts every teaching of the New Testament. That our heritage is through them there can be no doubt, and that what we term the American way of life was in olden days called the Way of the Lord, or many times simply the "way."

These things being true therefore, if we would turn to fundamentals we must turn to a study of the teachings of our Lord Jesus, and if we would learn what He can mean to hearts broken and torn with the anguish of these times, we must try him in all of his wondrous love for man.

PROGRAM

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- 10:00—Devotional Song Service, W. H. Pillion.
- 10:15—The Importance of Doctrine, Rev. W. A. Strickland.
- 10:35—The Present-day Problem of Indoctrination, Rev. W. I. Taylor.
- 10:55—Some Distinctive Doctrines, Dr. E. B. Atwood.
- 11:20—Announcements.
- 11:25—Special Music, W. H. Pillion.
- 11:35—Doctrinal Sermon, Rev. J. M. Sibley.
- Lunch.
- 1:15—Board Meetings, Association and W. M. U.
- 2:00—Song Service, W. H. Pillion.
- 2:10—Promotional Period: Evangelism, Rev. D. G. Reid.
- Co-operative Program, Rev. W. C. Ashford.
- Sunday School, Rev. T. J. Sparkman.
- Training Union, Miss Jaxie Short.
- 2:40—Inspirational Message, Dr. M. A. Jenkins.

This leads to the further thought then that if now we propose to defend these ideals of living, that we are defending those teachings which are the dearest to every Christian heart, but does America realize this? Let us look at conditions surrounding us and see. The statistics show that less than one-half of the people of the United States profess to be Christians, and certainly as we look about us we can not but be impressed with the belief that less than one-half of those who do profess to be Christians regularly attend worship services. Thus less than one-fourth of the people of the United States worship God. This is certainly a great tragedy from the people who founded the American ideals, who made this nation great. They were as nearly a hundred per cent professing Christians as you could probably have found in any land in any age. They came to this country to find a place where they might worship according to their beliefs, and they valued that worship to the extent that they would have risked to be able to attend it. We say we will defend the right to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience—yet a majority of us do not worship Him. I might be asked then why defend a right we do not value. Why spend billions of dollars, thousands of lives, are being and ruin thousands of men and women physically, mentally and financially to defend that which three-fourths of our people do not conceive as being fundamental. The answer is, of course, that the principle is still worth fighting for, and if we are dying for, but above all LIVING FOR. We will defend it, and many of us will continue to cherish it as our dearest human right.

This brings us then to what we do as Christians. If America is to defend the right to worship God, and the fundamentals of Christianity, then we ought to be Christian, and we as Christians should spare no effort in the name of our Master and for the good of our Nation to awaken all of those professing Christianity but who do not worship or practice their profession to their privilege and their duty to preserve, protect and defend these principles and teachings, and that the only way they can do so is to believe in them and practice every principle of Christianity, and keep Christ's commandments and join in the worship of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit of God. We must emphasize the winning of others, and the true missionary spirit among all believers, and obey the great commission given to all of us. We can thus strengthen the defense of our country, and bring home a realization of all of the fundamental things for which we seek to perpetuate our country and engrave upon the hearts of all Americans the truth and vital living force of these ideals which we say we will defend, even unto death. In short, we must return America to Christ.

A GROWING TRAINING UNION

By T. C. Gardner

The Baptist Training Union in every church should continue to grow. Baptists should always be engaged in the big business of winning souls to Christ. Soul-winning is the ultimate aim of the Training Union. Souls that are won to Jesus should immediately follow Him in beautiful baptism.

All Baptists need to be trained. The sooner we begin training Baptists for real Christian service, the better it is for the individual as well as the church, the denomination, and Christianity at large. The only group capable of leading and training Baptists are Baptists themselves.

If the Training Union continues to grow, Training Union leaders and workers must continue to pray, work, plan, and enlarge the organization. If Training Union leaders and workers will work along the following lines, they will find that the Training Union will continue to grow:

1. Maintain a fully graded Training Union.
2. Make a survey of church membership and take a religious census every year. This is done that we might know the people who should be in the Training Union.
3. Enlist additional leaders, sponsors, and officers. A growing Training Union is constantly in need of additional leaders, sponsors and officers. A reserve list of capable workers should be kept by the pastor and director all the time.
4. Provide adequate equipment and meeting places: The church is the beneficiary of the Training Union; therefore, the church should provide rooms, leaders, record supplies and, in fact, all equipment necessary to grow and develop an efficient Training Union.
5. Conduct two or more training schools every year. If leaders, sponsors and workers are to be trained and developed, there must be a time and place for it. Training schools with the right sort of teachers will aid in solving the leadership problem.
6. Observe weekly visitation. Many people will never attend the Training Union until someone goes after them. We should visit them with an inviting invitation to attend the Training Union and to become a part of it. Regular, systematic and effective visitation will get the people to come to the Training Union. Visit! Visit weekly! Visit daily! Visit regularly!
7. Pray for the leadership of the Holy Spirit: Training Union leaders and officers should learn early in their experience that to grow a great Training Union the leadership must be constantly in touch with God. Leaders and officers should pray in the morning, at noontime and at night that God will continue to lead them in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.—Psalms 5:5.

With a fully graded Training Union where a place has been made in the organization for nursery children, cradle roll children, beginners, primaries, juniors, intermediates, and all the rest, the enrollment and the attendance of the Training Union should be larger than the membership of the church. Churches that maintain half as many unions in the church as there are Sunday School classes, with a general Training Union leadership that will do the seven things mentioned above, will maintain a growing and dynamic Training Union.

PARABLES OF THE LORD

Discussed By
COOPER WATERS

THREE PARABLES ABOUT THE DISPENSATION

Matt. 9:9-17

Jesus gave three parables in rapid-fire order to defend his disciples for feasting instead of fasting and to explain the NEW DISPENSATION to those who held onto the old dispensation. The feast that the newly converted Matthew gave for Jesus and the disciples was probably given on a day that the Jews were supposed to spend in fasting. (A. T. Robertson: "Studies In the New Testament"). This feast disturbed the Jews greatly and they came to inquire of Jesus the why of the violation of the day of fast. Jesus answered with the three parables.

1. Parable of The Sons of the Bridechamber. This parable means that Christ was the bridegroom and the disciples knew it, therefore they had reason to rejoice with a feast. The Jews did not recognize Jesus to be the Bridegroom (Promised Messiah) so they simply fasted as a sign to heaven that they wanted Him to be sent. Fasting represents sorrow and feasting represents rejoicing. The disciples would have time enough to sorrow after He was gone, but they must rejoice with their bridegroom while He was in their midst. They were not fasting for a new dispensation but feasting because it was already here.

2. Parable of the New Patch On the Old Garment. The Pharisees attempted to patch up their old life by observing the Old Testament laws, but Jesus told them by this parable that salvation was not a patched-up affair. Salvation is an act whereby a new creature is made to take the place of the old sinful and sin-loving creature. Christianity is not Judaism patched up, but is something new—a new dispensation.

3. Parable of New Wine in Old Bottles. Wine was put in animal skins and sewed up to ferment. The skin would rot to such an extent that it was not safe to trust it for more than one fermentation. Hence this parable was easily understood by those of that day to mean that the old Judaistic forms could not contain Christianity. For a person to become a Christian he must have a new heart, the old and unregenerated heart is unsafe to trust the new and verile spirit of Christ in. We can not be a Christian by merely keeping forms and customs but rather living and doing the will of God and loving our fellowman. The new dispensation of "worshipping in truth and in spirit" is here.

Rambling Remarks

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than forty years, during which time a ton of fine dust had been swept through the cracks in the floor and mingled with feathers, bits of paper, rags, leaves and other such items. The house was low and we could only move by the greatest of effort. The other boy soon quit trying to talk on account of the intake of dust that stifled him every time he opened his mouth. But I could hear him groaning and grunting as he made his way laboriously forward. About time I got my head under up to my belt, he found the hen, and a setting hen at that. Indignant at the intrusion into the sacred precincts of her nest she flew into his face pecking, flogging and screaming. The boy gave one fierce yelp, swallowed a pound of filthy dust, and reversed his field. His first act of retreat caught me full in the face with both of his bare feet. I made it out all right, and in record time, but in the darkness his wandering feet missed the hole. That was terrible. I was then deeply grateful that he went in first, for it looked like he might not get out at all. His mother, who had extra long arms, finally made contact with his groping feet and guided him to the light. As long as I live, I shall never forget how he looked nor how I felt at that moment. That was one time I was tired and feathered.

BAPTISTS ARE TO RAISE \$300,000 FOR ARMY WORK

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proportion that Texas should raise. Dr. Melton said, "Texas Baptists, 750,000 strong, are expected to march down the aisles of the 3,250 Texas Baptist Churches and lay their offerings upon the altar to take care of our Baptist religious work among the soldiers. We believe that Texas Baptists will raise the \$35,000.00 on this one day."

Dr. A. C. Miller is the supervisor of soldiers' work for Texas Baptists. He and Dr. Melton will take the lead in the campaign in Texas, while Dr. J. P. Lawrence, Secretary of the Home Mission Board at Atlanta, Ga., will lead the Baptists of the South to raise the \$300,000.00 on Sunday, July 27th.

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INVINCIBLE TWENTY-TWO OVEDCOME DIFFICULTIES

By Bobbie Copeland

The twenty-two volunteer workers closed a very successful week in the Gambrell Association under the leadership of Willis J. Ray and W. J. Lites. Even though this was the first week of the campaign the workers entered it with a new zeal and determination to win District Six for Christ this summer. There were 41 professions of faith in this one association with 9 Vacation Bible Schools going in full swing. Two of the students conducted a Bible School for the Mexican children with an enrollment of 55, and continued on through the second week.

The second week of the campaign closed out June 15 with a commencement exercise at First Church, Gonzales. There were 13 Vacation Bible schools held and several taught training classes at night as well as taking a census in the afternoons. The professions totaled something over 44, with every church not accounted for.

The person who says that religious work is a sissy's job just does not know what he is talking about. Many of the places were real mission fields where the work had died down. I had the privilege of working in Greenwood Community out from Gonzales which was the greatest mission field I have ever seen. Even though they only have a small one-room school house to meet in they are willing to set up a new organization for the work and adopt the Standard of Excellence as their goal. We worked under the difficulty of hard rain, but the people came on.

One night it was storming so hard that we could not get to the school house so the few of us turned our meeting into a prayer meeting. I had the opportunity of leading a 15 year old girl to Christ in that storm. As the lightning would flash through the room I could see the light of Jesus on her face as she said she wanted to become a Christian. The greatest part of this work is leading the lost to Christ. We won three children in one family who had been reared under Lutheran leadership yet were saved in our Bible School.

Then in taking our census we see more than just the individual for that is a great opportunity to win a lost soul. My heart was touched as we walked up to a barn where an unfortunate family was living. There we found four children whose mother was dead, and a 15 year old girl had to act as mother for them. They did not even have shoes to wear, but the two older girls accepted Jesus as their Savior while we were in the home. It made our hearts bleed to think that we have neglected the greatest mission field on earth. Such experiences as these bring joy to our hearts that we can help someone share our Christ. This small community with some 34 attending our training class have had 15 professions out of the 34 since the work first started in that community. The Lord is blessing the work and leading out in a marvelous way.

One community turned down two workers and would not permit them to stay and help there. Within the next few days three boys of the same place were killed in a train-automobile crash. These boys were of the age to have been in a Bible School had they permitted the workers to stay. The Lord must always come first in our lives no matter what the cost. Two of our workers stood by the bedside of the 13 year old boy who died in a neighboring hospital, and their hearts were bowed in sorrow that they did not have the opportunity to tell him about Christ. Since coming into the work I learned that a 74 year old man whom we won to Christ in San Antonio last summer during the campaign passed away about a month ago. How happy we were that we contacted him for Christ. No one can realize the joy of service until they get out into it.

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Approved State Extension Department Worker

It is important that Texas' goal for new Extension Departments for 1941 is 125 and that so far 48 have been organized; but it is far more important that we know the reason for organizing Extension Departments. They are for the man who passes our home and the church on Sunday morning with a dinner pail, for the white clad nurse on the next block, for the faithful doctor, the druggist who cares for his orders for us, the girls, women and men who serve us Sunday meals and the ones who take our telephone and telegraph messages on Sunday. The men on the buses, airplane and railroad lines, as well as the aged, ill and those confined in institutions are deprived of attending the Sunday school and this department gives them the lessons arranged and explained as it is given to the ones who can go to the church. This host of people are helping to make the social atmosphere in which we, our children and the coming generation will move. They need Bible study to enable them to meet the "creeds" of the market-places of the world.

If we strike a balance of any given community we learn that among the white people 15.4 per cent can not attend Sunday school because they are either shut out or shut in from the privilege. There are a million young men in our military camps who need urgently this service. In the business world it is estimated that three-fourths of the Sunday workers are men. How do we expect to carry on with out our strong men who are created for leadership, being instructed in God's word? Isn't it about time that we were believing to the point of action that Mark 16:15 means what it commands "to every creature"?

Let the associational superintendents be sure that interesting and instructive conferences are arranged for this department at their monthly meetings so that we may no longer fail to observe those at our very door who can not come to Sunday school for instruction, doctrine, comfort and spiritual food. When we raise our eyes "to look on the fields" let us not look over any class or person. Call on your State Sunday School Department for the free offer of supplies given to any Extension Department which will organize. This offer is for a limited time only. Read the Extension page in the "Young People's and Adult Magazine" each month and try to realize how many more people will be studying the Bible if every association would organize at least two departments during the summer.

Sunday School Lesson, July 6

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gospel in Europe. Though the Jews were not numerous enough in Philippi to have a synagogue there, a place of prayer by the riverside beyond the city limits was maintained, principally by a few devout women. Thither the missionaries went on the sabbath and seized the opportunity to preach the gospel. One of the listeners was Lydia, a dealer in dyed goods which were doubtless imported from her native city of Thyatira. The words of Paul went straight to her heart which the Lord opened; she believed and became the first convert in Europe; and she showed her faith by being baptized, by leading her household to believe and be baptized, and by constraining the missionaries to be her guests during their stay in the city. Thus the Philippian church was founded.

Gold in the Golden Text

Come over into Macedonia, and help us.—Acts 16:9.

The world needs help. The help it needs most is spiritual. The help through the gospel is, therefore, the best help that can be rendered. And the world may be readier for it than we think. The man of Macedonia has become the man of China, and Japan, and India, and Africa, and South America.

The Macedonian call comes to us. Shall we hear with dull ear and cold heart? Or shall we cross over at once and help?

Daily Bible Readings

- July 7—The Holy Spirit Received. Acts 19:1-7.
July 8—Reasoning and Persuading. Acts 19:8-10.
July 9—The Hands of Paul. Acts 19:11-13.
July 10—Magic versus Christianity. Acts 19:15-20.
July 11—When Religion Disturbs Business. Acts 19:23-29.
July 12—Sane Counsel. Acts 19:39-41.
July 13—Steadfastness of Purpose. Acts 20:18-24.

PROGRAM

Quarterly Meeting of Callahan Association W. M. U. Cottonwood Baptist Church, July 2

Theme: Show us the way.

10:00—Song and Praise Service, Young People of Cross Plains W. M. U.

10:10—Devotional, R. A. of Cottonwood.

10:20—Recognition of all young people, new members and visitors.

10:25—3 minute reports of local presidents—especially reports of young people's work: Baird, Mrs. C. V. Stephens; Clyde, Mrs. W. L. Sikes; Cottonwood, Mrs. Norman Coffey; Cross Plains, Mrs. Tom Cox; Denton Valley, Mrs. Flora Ford; Oplin, Mrs. Earnest Gwin; Potosi, Mrs. W. E. Clark; Putnam, Mrs. E. G. Scott.

10:50—Special, Sunbeams of Cottonwood.

11:00—Report of Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Floyd V. Thomas.

11:15—Special music.

11:20—Talk, "Why I Want to Go to Luaders," G. A. of Oplin.

11:35—Inspirational address, Miss Evelyn Hollis.

Lunch.

1:00—Board meeting.

1:15—Song and Praise Service, Young People of Putnam W. M. U.

1:20—Devotional, Betty Grace Clark, G. A. of Potosi.

1:30—Recognition of ranks and forward steps of all G. A.'s and R. A.'s.

1:40—Show us the way in: Mission Study, Mrs. W. B. Barton; Missions, Mrs. E. L. Redden; Christian Education, Mrs. R. P. Adams; Stewardship, Mrs. John Cook; Stewardship and Our Young People, Mrs. G. P. Gaskin.

2:05—Special music, Clyde Young People.

2:10—Talk, "Why I Belong to Y. W. A.," Clyde Young People.

2:20—Show us the way in: Young People's Work, Miss Evelyn Hollis; Benevolence, Mrs. G. A. Gwin; Personal Service, Mrs. W. B. Atchison; Bible, Mrs. A. A. Davis; Periodicals, Mrs. Mary Voshelle; Margaret Fund, Mrs. H. C. Reddoch; Publicity, Mrs. Ralph Fuller.

2:55—Reading of minutes, Mrs. E. G. Scott.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE BAND VISITED 30 CHURCHES

The Christian Service Band, an organization of consecrated students at Hardin-Simmons University, used over 50 students in presenting programs to more than 30 churches and unchurched communities during the spring semester of 1941. Some of the programs were carried over 150 miles and at several places more than one service was conducted.

This organization was established last winter and held regular meetings each week during the school year. There were more than 60 active members and a number of others were used on various programs. Above \$200 has been raised toward the purchase of a bus for transporting groups for these services. The members hope to be able to complete a purchase in the fall.

Uniform commendation has come from pastors who have had these groups visit their churches.

ABILENE CHURCH SHOWS HIGH SCORE IN V. B. S.

Scoring 980 points out of the possible 1000 for a standard Vacation Bible School, First Church, Abilene, closed their school with a record of 302 enrolled and an average of 230. This is the third year in which the school of this church has reached grade A, exceeding 900 points. The missing 20 points were caused by the youngest department falling slightly short of the required 75 per cent in attendance.

Pastor Millard A. Jenkins conducted the evangelistic hour which resulted in 14 conversions, a number of whom were baptized Sunday night.

The school also earned over 520 extra points for having special equipment and for conserving materials and results.

DR. MELTON TO SPEAK AT LATHAM SPRINGS

Dr. W. W. Melton, Baptist executive secretary for Texas, and Itsuka Saito, Hawaiian Japanese, will be inspirational speakers at the Latham Springs encampment July 15 to 23. Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Home Mission secretary, will be camp preacher.

George Wilson, Sioux Indian tenor, will be song leader and Dr. Fred K. Means, of the Southwestern Seminary Mission chair, will be Bible hour leader.

Missions will be stressed throughout the camp and Mrs. C. D. Creasman of Nashville will be Southwide W. M. U. representative.

JONES ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT

Table with financial data: Cash On Hand May 1, Receipts from churches, Anson, Hawley, Hamlin, Hebron, Boyd's Chapel, Stamford, Lueders, Hebron, Tuxedo.

Table with financial data: Total from churches, Bulletin collection, Total, Cash on hand June 1, Disbursed: District Missions, Mexican Missions, Bulletins, Total, E. F. ROWELL, Treasurer.

SUNSET REVIVAL

Through Sunday, June 22, there had been 10 additions in the revival at Sunset Baptist Church. There have been two by statement, four by letter and four for baptism. There are some mighty fine Baptist families in that community and indications are that many of them will have found their rightful place of service before the meeting has closed.

Services are to go through this coming Sunday. Rev. Guy Lewis is doing the preaching and Brother Willie Baker is leading the singing with Miss Wilma Tripp at the piano.

Large crowds have attended the evening services and unusual numbers which are from 10:30 to 11:30. The book of Hebrews is being taught during the morning services.

Sunday School Lesson, June 29

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lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. I Corinthians 3:11.

The Foundation is needed. Without it man trudges through shifting sand or drifts over an unstable sea or floats in gusty vapor. Wanted: The deep bedrock, stable, secure, sufficient for a life-base in time and eternity!

The foundation is laid. It was purposed in the infinite beginning. It was prophesied through forty centuries. It was perfected at Golgotha, the very earth shaking when it was put in place. It has been proved through all the Christian centuries.

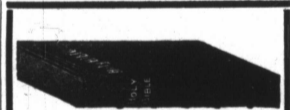
The foundation is identified: "Which is Jesus Christ." No other and nothing other than he: no human, however, high and mighty; no works or wealth or worth, all the veriest tinsel in the testing flame!

Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approving, cheering words while their hearts can hear them and while their hearts can be thrilled by them.—Henry Ward Beecher.

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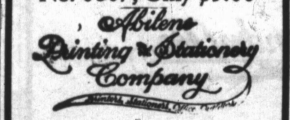
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TRUSCOTT OPENS NEW HOUSE WITH HOMECOMING

Joe W. English, Pastor

We are having formal opening of our new meeting house next Sunday—Fifth Sunday—June 29.

Invitation is extended to all past members, pastors and friends to spend the day with us—from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. A busy day, filled with good preaching, thrilling addresses, words of testimony, music, praise and joy without measure.

This is the first meeting house Truscott Baptists have ever had except an old hotel building which has been salvaged for use in the new building. We have nearly a half block of ground well situated and the work is prospering along the best lines. Fellowship abounds.

This fine stone building is surprisingly pleasing as to beauty, size, comfort, convenience and presents a prospect that pleases. We are not through with the work yet but to date we have all bills paid and will still proceed on the pay-as-we-go-plan. We are trying to grow a church while we build the house. No retrenchment has been allowed and all the time we have met our regular gifts for every cause fostered by the denomination. We are now looking forward to a revival. Several have been approved for baptism and we hope to use our new baptistry next Sunday.

A great big welcome and a satisfying church dinner to all who come. But our chief feast is to be spiritual. District Missionary Riddle and all near-by pastors are asked to come. The occasion will be quite informal—just a great day of blessed gospel fellowship and witnessing to the Way of Life found in THE NAME which is above every name!

DRASCO REPORTS INCREASES

The Drasco Church is happy to report an increase in attendance in both Sunday School and preaching services. They have just closed a Vacation Bible School with 55 enrolled. Rev. Melvin Byrd is pastor.

Church Bulletins

NOLAN

The services yesterday were well attended. The house was full for the preaching hour, with 186 in Sunday School and \$56 offering. The spirit of unity among our people has never been finer, and it is with deep conviction and abiding joy that we take our stand together to meet the challenge of this present hour.

After next Sunday, your pastor is leaving for the regular summer revival work. We will return for our revival here which starts on August 13. During our absence, Dr. Edward B. Jenkins will supply. While we are gone, watch this column and we will be giving you a brief report of where we are and the progress of our revival work.

We urge all to be present for the services next Sunday. At the morning service, we will have a baptismal service, and at the night service, we will observe the Lord's Supper. Let us all come and do honor to Him who died for us, was buried and arose from the tomb.

Some of our men, women and children are going to Luaders this Friday the 27th. We will meet at the parsonage at 8 o'clock. Come, bring your lunch and enjoy the day.

DEAN ELKINS, Pastor.

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