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OKLAHOMA PREACHER, AGE 92, SHOWS HEROIC SPIRIT IN THE SIMMONS BUILDING PROGRAM

S. S. Murrow of Atoka, Okla., for Seventy Years Missionary To Indians Responds To President Sandefer's Appeal For Help.

The heart of President J. D. Sandefer of Simmons University, like the heart of perhaps every president of a denominational school in the South, is heavy with the cares and responsibilities that go with the building and maintaining of a great religious school. The constant falling off of receipts in the past few years, together with the rapid growth of these institutions make these burdens far greater than the casual layman would ever dream of. However, there are incidents that come up in the life of the heroic leaders that add a little spice to life and tend to make the struggle worth while.

The benefactor in this instance is Rev. J. S. Murrow, 92-year-old preacher of Atoka, Okla., who for the past 70 years has preached the glorious gospel to the Indians of Oklahoma. Brother Murrow has written President Sandefer three letters recently, in one of which he enclosed a love gift of \$10.00 to apply on the building program of Simmons. These letters sparkle with words of cheer and encouragement and should put to shame the careless, indifferent attitude of the younger generation of Baptists, who are now in the front ranks of the battle. Before going into these letters it will be necessary to go back just a little to the Simmons building program.

Last year the large attendance of students in Simmons brought on a crisis in the matter of caring for the student who came to the institution. The chapel building where the daily religious services were held could not seat the students by at least 300 seats. There were insufficient class rooms and the boarding halls were full and running over. This summer, facing the prospects of a tremendous influx of students to Simmons from all over the southern, President Sandefer, going before the board of trustees he outlined a program which would call for the building of a temporary chapel building to care for about 1,500 students, the erection of a large cafeteria where all the students could be served meals. This program would release the old chapel building for several badly needed classrooms and would make it possible to convert the dining rooms of the dormitories into rooms to accommodate a large number of students.

The money for this program was not available, and it must be remembered that no indebtedness can be made against Simmons and that not one dollar mortgage has ever been recorded against it. President Sandefer proposed to the board that he would personally assume the responsibility of raising the money necessary to carry out the program. The board gave its endorsement and the members of the board personally promised their assistance. President Sandefer cancelled all engagements for a much needed vacation for the summer and has gone about the task of financing these buildings that are now going up on the campus and will be ready for the opening of the fall term, Sept. 21.

The letters and money from Brother Murrow of Oklahoma came as responses to a letter sent out by President Sandefer for help in this great enterprise that he has personally undertaken. Brother Murrow writes a remarkably clear hand for a man of 92 years. He addresses President Sandefer as "My Dear Son." In his first letter he says:

"The blanket Indians used to say, when they hear good news, 'It makes my heart large.' Your letter has made my heart large. I rejoice that those Deter boys are with you and that they are such good and promising boys. Our Heavenly Father certainly blessed those boys when He put them with you in Simmons University. They certainly could not be in a better place in the United States. It is just grounds for thankfulness that there

are some schools that are true to God and His Word.

"I thank you for the invitation to visit Simmons in September. My old body is worn out; am very feeble—92 plus years old; 70 years Indian missionary, now laid aside. God bless you, my son, and all your interests; God bless the Deter boys."

The second letter was dated August 10:

"My Dear Son: The morning of the day your good letter reached me, Aug. 1, I was taken down with the severest brief spell of illness I have had in many years; bilious fever, accompanied with severe inflammation of the kidneys. But our Father was at the helm. Three sources vs. Satans efforts: one Almighty Father, an excellent earthly physician and a devoted wife. I am still weak but am able to sit up some."

"Your letter was a heart moving epistle. Texas Baptists did not do their part as truly, completely, as they should. Your heavenly Father was trying, testing you. You have stood the test, I think, perfectly. Now your Father will open his hand, through his people, and if you continue faithful and spiritual, which I do not doubt, there are glorious blessings for you to contain which you will all have to enlarge your minds and your hearts, your souls and your spirits. You have attempted great things for God; now expect great things from him. Enclosed find ten dollars for the chapel."

The third letter, dated August 18, is a glorious epistle from one of God's most noble and faithful servants. For the benefit of our readers we are reproducing it in full:

My Very Dear Son: We have just read the first chapter of Hebrews in family worship. It is a beautiful chapter. It speaks of your great heart, to visit Simmons September 21. The spirit is very, very willing, but the flesh is weak. Our Father knows and does best.

"Yes, Son, it was only a small gift to your chapel. I had given several small gifts to worthy causes, and my little tithe and sacred box was nearly empty. But my! How you did enlarge it in your letter. My dear son, I wish everybody would write that way to every earnest, heart-felt giver. My head was not much changed, but your letter enlarged my heart so greatly that it cried out, 'O Lord, I thank you; I wish it had been a hundred.'"

"My Son, my experience is that a life wholly consecrated to God—a life in God—is the richest, sweetest, happiest life on this earth. Do pardon me, but my mind goes back to that family chapter this morning. When He, our Lord, had by Himself, purged our sins. O how sad that a great many have cleansing enough for salvation—slip into Heaven—but O my! how MUCH they do miss by not being willing and anxious to be cleansed thoroughly. The whole mind, heart and everything they have purified, consecrated, yes, earthly glorified."

Don't you believe, my Son, that Christians wrong themselves by not permitting our blessed Lord Jesus to have full possession of everything we have and are. He would cleanse and enlarge every faculty so that we could see and hear Him a great deal better than we do. We would see and know everything about Him better. His salvation, His love, His power, His glory. Being more like Him we would enjoy all his blessings, comforts and power more. We would enjoy life more, long for Heaven more, rise above self and this world more. Be far happier. I do not know when I got away from you and your precious letters, but I know that you are large enough to excuse and not desert your old brother and father, Old Man Murrow."

The Importance Of The Associational Meetings

By L. R. Scarborough

Probably the most important denominational unity next to the churches is the district association. It is the closest denominational gathering to the churches and the people. More representatives of the churches attend the associations than any other gathering of the people. It brings closer home and dealing with local problems, its interests are always dear to the churches. There will be in the next few months around one hundred twenty associational meetings whose entire organization is in co-operation with the General Convention of Texas and the Southern Baptist Convention. All the vital kingdom enterprises will be interested

in and influenced by the meetings of these associations. For the above reasons I should like to say a word to the brotherhood about the importance of these associational gatherings.

They ought to be made great meetings and can be if the leadership of these associations will take vital hold and properly push the associational interests. I have been attending district associations since I was a boy. For many years when I was a lad I went with my father a co-operating country preacher, to the Sweetwater Association. It was bounded on the east by Cisco, on the north by Haskell, on the south by Coleman or San Antonio. (Continued on page 6)

SEPTEMBER A MONTH OF PRAYER

F. S. GRONER

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, has called Southern Baptists to a month of prayer—earnest, importunate prayer to God for a deepening of our spiritual life, for a great revival of vital religion throughout the land, and for our world-wide Baptist program. The month indicated for Texas, is September.

Every pastor and missionary in Texas, and in the South, will receive a letter from the President of the Southern Baptist Convention and chairman of the Executive Committee, Dr. Geo. W. Truett, earnestly beseeching and entreating our people to call upon God for the endowment of His Spirit and for a sense of His presence, and for His guiding wisdom and converting power. A folder prepared by the Nashville headquarters and containing valuable suggestions for this month of prayer, will be sent to all of our pastors and missionaries.

Let our mid-week services in all of our churches during the month of September be devoted especially to the end here suggested. It will be well for the discussion at these prayer meetings to center about the big question of a revival of religion throughout the land, and for the blessings and favor of God upon all our denominational enterprises. Proper and careful preparation should be made for these prayer services. They should be announced at all the services on the previous Sunday, and a faithful effort should be made to secure the attendance of the entire church membership at these mid-week prayer meetings during the month of September.

Let us come together as brothers in our various places of worship, and petition our God for His forgiveness, for His mercy, for His blessings upon our efforts in behalf of His Kingdom, and upon our glorious denominational work in the home-land and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. Let us come together and claim the promise vouchsafed in his word, "Call unto me and I will answer thee, and show thee great things and difficult."

MEGARGEL MEETING

The Megargel Church closed a fruitful meeting on August 7th. Miles B. Hays, missionary of the Wichita and Archer Associations, did the preaching. It was well done and God honored it with His blessing.

Thirty-five new members were received into the church, twenty-three coming by baptism. Those who came were adults with the exception of about five.

J. O. HEATH.

OPENING OF THE SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY

By L. R. Scarborough

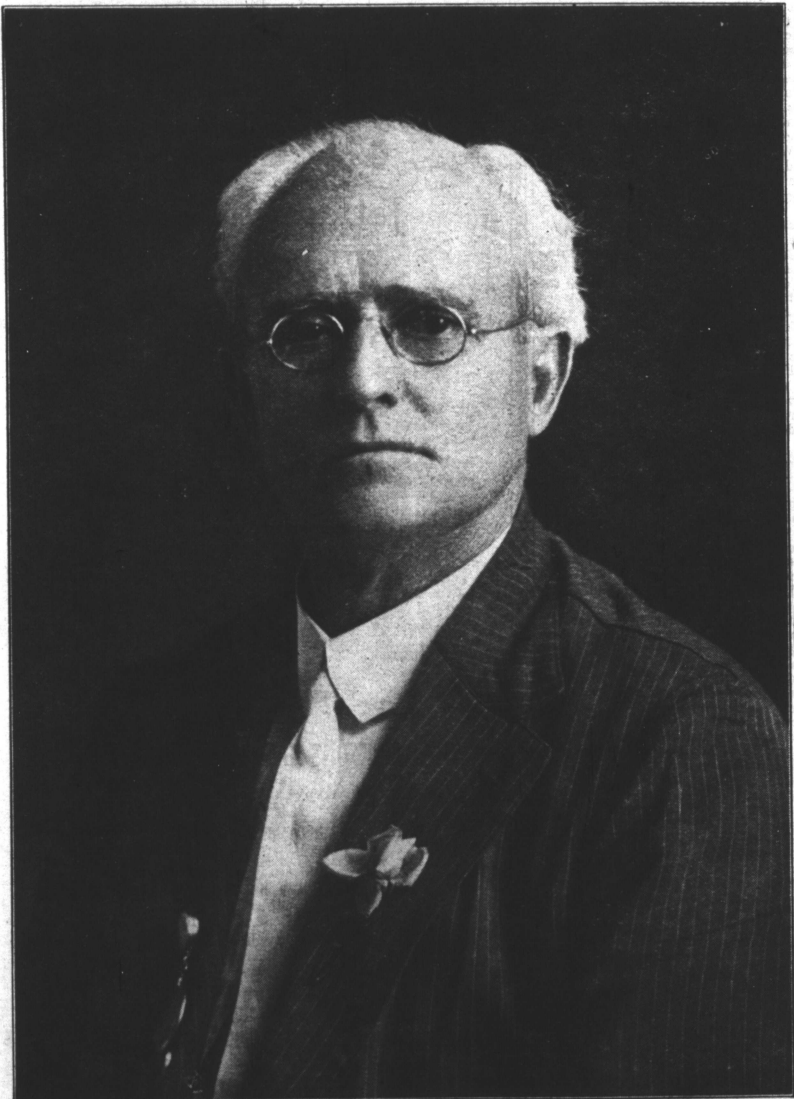
The Southwestern Seminary opens its next session on Monday, September 26. The prospects are fine for a large attendance this year. We crave the love and prayers of our Baptist people as we seek to train the right sort of leaders.

IMPORTANT TRACTS AVAILABLE

The following tracts may be had in quantities by writing our office:

1. "Do You Know?"—Executive Committee Southern Baptist Convention.
2. "A Brief Survey of the Work of Southern Baptists, State and Southwide"—P. S. Groner.
3. "The Why and How of Scriptural Finance"—R. A. Scranton.
4. "Plans and Suggestions for Our Fall Campaign"—F. S. Groner.

A FRIEND TO ORPHAN CHILDREN



DR. R. C. PENDER

The above picture is a splendid likeness of our beloved, Dr. R. C. Pender, who for many years has been field representative for Buckner Orphans Home, Dallas. Brother Pender is one of the last of the "old guard" of mighty soldiers of the Cross who

have wrought so valiantly in Texas for almost half a century. His heart is aflame for the welfare of the seven hundred orphan children at Dallas. He is especially anxious that Texas Baptists come now to the aid of the Home, as the summer season is always

the most distressing of the year. We feel sure that our people of the West will cooperate with Dr. Pender in this golden jubilee year for the Home the greatest in the history of the institution.

Conquest Campaign And Associational Meetings

PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER ORDAINED BY BAPTISTS AT SANTA ANNA SERVICE

One of the most interesting ordination services that the writer has attended in many years was held at the Santa Anna Baptist Church Sunday, July 14. Rev. Sidney F. Martin is the pastor of the church, and the party ordained was Rev. A. M. Pleasant, who for many years has been pastor of the Presbyterian church at the same place, but who resigned his position some two weeks before uniting with the Baptist church.

Brother Pleasant had been a minister in the Presbyterian church for twenty-two years, and has been actively engaged in the pastoral work all that time. Those who are acquainted with Presbyterian affairs in the state say the church considered him one of the best workers that denomination had.

Brother Pleasant had misgivings concerning baptism and church government for many years and so gave himself to a close study of the Bible on those two points and the result was that at a recent meeting in the Baptist church in Santa Anna, where Brother Pleasant was pastor of the Presbyterian church, he presented himself for baptism. He was baptized two weeks ago and the church asked for his ordination to the ministry. A Presbytery was called and the work was attended to after the following manner.

Dr. Fry of Simmons University preached the sermon at the eleven o'clock service. In the afternoon the examination was conducted by the writer, the ordination prayer was delivered by Rev. J. K. McCorkie, and Rev. Harvey K. Nelson of Oklahoma served as clerk. Brother Ben Oliver also served on the Presbytery. Brother Pleasant convinced all that were present that he was well acquainted with the fundamentals of the faith. His answers to the questions were ready and fitting, and in many instances he gave a scriptural quotation in proof of his claims.

We predict for Brother Pleasant a ministry fruitful and delightful for a man who lives close to the Lord. The Santa Anna church commends him to the brotherhood, as a true and earnest servant of the word, a man who will quickly enlist himself in our work. We would recommend some pastorless church to "lay hands suddenly" on him and give him a place in our Baptist Zion.

M. E. DAVIS.

WEST TEX ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

According to the Baptist Standard the following West Texas Associations will hold their annual meetings during the month of September:

Runnels County, August 29, (evening) with Wilmet Church, ten miles west of Winters.

Comanche—Mount Pleasant, five miles northwest of Comanche, Sept. 1, 9:30 a. m.

Fisher County—Sept. 1, 10 a. m. at McCaulley; Moderator R. P. House, Roby; clerk, C. E. Whitfield, Rotan. Sweetwater—Cape Church, September 1; Ira L. Parrack, Merkel, moderator; L. A. Stulce, Abilene, clerk.

Throckmorton—Sept. 1, 8 a. m., at Throckmorton; moderator J. L. Robinson, Throckmorton; clerk, J. O. Key, Elbert.

Young County—South Bend, Sept. 2, 10 a. m. Moderator, G. W. Black, Graham; clerk, A. E. Oatman, Loving.

Fanhandle—Sept. 5, 8 p. m., at Lesley; moderator, O. C. Watson, Clarendon; clerk, W. P. Black, Clarendon.

Cottle—Sept. 6, at Harmony; moderator, E. D. Morgan, Paducah; clerk, W. L. Liedtke, Stewart.

Dickens—Sept. 6, 7 p. m., at Spur; moderator, S. B. Roddy, Spur; clerk, V. Crabtree, Dickens.

Floyd County—Sept. 6, 8 p. m. at Matador; moderator, R. E. L. Munsey, Floydada; clerk, W. M. Draper, Silverton.

Callahan County—Sept. 7, 10 a. m. at Putnam; moderator, moved; clerk, J. E. Black, Putnam.

Haskell—Sept. 7, 10 a. m. at Rochester; moderator, I. N. Alvis, Haskell; clerk, moved.

Jones County—Sept. 7, 10 a. m. at Hodges; moderator, A. S. Barkley, Anson; clerk, F. A. Pope, Anson.

Mitchell—Sept. 8, 8 p. m. at Fluvanna; moderator, moved; clerk, C. C. Carr, Snyder.

Brownfield—Sept. 13, hour not given, at Tahoka; moderator, W. K. Horn, O'Donnell; clerk, moved.

Big Spring—Sept. 14, 10 a. m. at Courtney; moderator, D. H. Heard, Big Spring; clerk, D. G. Wells, Big Spring.

Pecos River—Sept. 21, 8 p. m. at Monahans; moderator, moved; clerk, D. E. Adams, Barstow.

Tierra Blanca—Tulia, Sept. 21; moderator, moved; clerk, L. A. Blair, Bovina.

ARCHER ASSOCIATION MEETS SEPTEMBER 8
The Archer County Association will meet at Dundee September 8th at 10:00 a. m.

It was announced in the Baptist Standard that the Archer County Association would meet August 31st. It will not meet until September 8th. J. O. HEATH, Moderator.

F. S. GRONER

As has heretofore been set out in the columns of the Standard, we are to continue our Conquest Campaign right on until the meeting of our State Convention at Wichita Falls, November 14. The Fall Round-up for the Cooperative Program and the Conquest Campaign, will be merged. In other words, we will have one Campaign this fall, and that will be for the purpose of finishing the Conquest Campaign's objective of \$2,000,000.00 and to secure all the funds possible for our regular Cooperative work. In addition to our regular monthly receipts, we have set apart for our cooperative work for the remainder of the year, \$200,000.00, and all the money received in our campaign over and above this, will go to the credit of the Conquest Campaign.

We have already secured in cash and subscriptions for the Conquest Campaign in round numbers, \$1,100,000.00 and \$530,000.00 of this has already been paid in cash. We must collect the balance of \$1,100,000.00 and in addition to this, secure enough to finish out the Two Million Dollars for the Conquest Campaign, and \$200,000.00 for our cooperative work by the meeting of our convention. All this is perfectly possible and easily attainable if all our people will devote themselves to this glorious and inspiring task.

Our special Conquest Campaign organization will be continued just as it is. It will be necessary therefore, for all those who are members of the organization to inform themselves promptly and fully, concerning our plans and make sure that the Campaign is well set out at every associational meeting in the state. It is important that the district organizer attend every association which has in his district, and in cooperation with the associational organizer and other workers, present the Campaign in the most effective way possible. The associations have been requested to devote the afternoon of the first day to the consideration of the Conquest Campaign, and they have almost universally agreed to this arrangement.

The cooperation that we are having throughout the state in response to the request that the afternoon of the first day be given to the Conquest Campaign, is most heartening and encouraging.

It is exceedingly important that from this moment on, we shall keep the Campaign before our associations, before our churches, before our Sunday schools and before all the various organizations of the churches.

Tracts and other literature containing information about the Campaign, will be furnished by the Dallas office sent out and much more will be sent upon request, much has already been out in time. Every order will be filled promptly upon receipt.

Let us all work to secure a large attendance at our associational meetings this year. May I suggest that the moderator and clerk of each association put forth a special effort to insure a great attendance, and to make the meeting one of the greatest profit and interest. Let all our pastors and all our associational missionaries, work up a big attendance. The association is the nearest to the church of any of our denominational organizations and for that reason, ought to be the most effective in enlightening the churches and the membership of same, in every phase of denominational activities.

The economic outlook in Texas was never better. Good crop prospects, probably a large cotton crop with the best price in many years, and many other signs point to a great year industrially and financially, throughout Texas, and let us make it a great year spiritually—a year of conquest for all our glorious causes.

REPORTS GOOD MEETING WITH WILEY CHURCH

Rev. J. N. Tidwell returned on Sunday from Wylie, Texas, where he has been assisting Rev. Scott W. Hickey in a two weeks' revival meeting at that place. He reported that they had a splendid meeting, there being 39 additions to the church.

While Mr. Tidwell was away from Miles recently he preached at the North Church at McKinney, Texas; at Buckner Orphans Home, and over the Dallas News' radio station, WFAA, at Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Tidwell will spend the remainder of the summer here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tidwell. He will enter Simmons University in the Fall, where he will be a senior.—Miles Messenger.

REVIVAL AT MILES IS POSTPONED TILL FALL

On account of the illness of Rev. W. R. Hornburg who was to conduct the Baptist revival meeting scheduled for this week at the Baptist Church, the meeting was postponed until a later date in the fall. Mr. Hornburg will undergo an operation on his throat soon, which prevented his coming to Miles for the meeting.

Rev. Carson Taylor, of San Angelo, who was engaged to conduct the song service during the meeting, preached at the church at both services Sunday and at the evening service Monday night. His subject Monday night was "The Healing of the Palsied Man," taking his text from the second chapter of Mark.—Miles Messenger.

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SHALL WE ANSWER THE CHALLENGE

In this issue of the West Texas Baptist we are publishing an article about Rev. J. S. Murrow of Atoka, Okla., who sent President Sandefer of Simmons University \$10.00 from his "depleted tithe and sacred box," as a gift on the present building program of the university. Brother Murrow is 92 years old and for seventy years was a missionary to the Indians. We have taken the liberty to quote freely from these letters that this dear old man of God has written to President Sandefer. Not in a long time have we seen such faith and gratitude to God from one of His saints.

We are publishing this with the hope that it will inspire many of the friends of Simmons to come to the aid of President Sandefer in this urgent building program. As stated in the article he has personally shouldered the responsibility of raising the money to construct these buildings that present conditions absolutely demand. Surely the friends of Simmons who believe in the worthy work of this institution that for 35 years has stood as a mighty rock of truth and faith and that has so wonderfully blessed the lives of thousands of the sons and daughters of the West, will come to his aid at this time.

A few days ago the editor stood in President Sandefer's office and discussed with him the building program. He is spending anxious moments praying over the matter of financing the program. His faith in God and in his fellow Baptists of the West, urged by the pressing needs of the hour has caused him to undertake the task at this time. We are sure there are hundreds of friends in the West who will join Brother Murrow in gladdening the heart of our noble president by helping finance this worthy program.

THE ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS

West Texas is right now in the midst of the regular annual associational meetings. We are publishing in this issue a list of the associational meetings for this month. The meetings this year should be faced with unusual earnestness of prayer for the leadership of the Holy Spirit. There is not a question but that Texas Baptists are facing the greatest crisis in all their history. The very existence of our causes are in the balance and it is enough to bring our workers to their knees in earnest prayer.

Our associations should face our conditions with frankness, yet with love and consideration for our brethren in Christ who have carried the brunt of the burdens through the thick of the battle. We feel that a great injustice is being done, many times, in trying to minimize our difficulties and in withholding the true situation from our people. The fact that we have over one hundred missionaries in the home land who cannot return to their places of duty because of the lack of finances, is enough to make angels weep. There is a cause for this condition and if Southern Baptists will seek God's guidance in the proper manner the cause will be found and remedied.

Brethren, for the sake of Him who made possible, by His supreme sacrifice our glorious and sufficient salvation, let us awaken to the true situation, and let us with boldness discuss our problems. To fail to act now wisely, prayerfully and courageously means tragedy beyond all human conception to the cause we all love.

FACING THE ISSUE

The denominational press over the South is facing with considerable frankness the issues before Southern Baptists. We believe in effort is honestly being made to find the causes of our present financial dilemma, and to find a way out of present embarrassing situation. Frankly, we believe that the present plan of including all our causes under one unified budget is largely responsible for the present situation. Certainly we believe in a budget, in cooperation all the way from the individual Baptist on through all our denominational work. However, we doubt the wisdom of including education and missions in the same unified budget. There are three objections we would offer to this: In the first place there are too many of our people who are not "kold" to the idea Christian education and hospital work. This indifference to these very important phases of our work has a tendency to hurt contributions to our home and foreign mission work. Then again, our present plan of financing our work fails to make use of the local appeal in caring for our educational and hospital institutions. It's a fine theory that our dollar goes to help every cause and every institution and perhaps some day the theory will be workable, but at present the average Baptist cannot visualize the whole field. In the third place our present plan takes away the individual appeal to the local churches and to the individuals in these churches. One reason our people are not more interested in missions is because our preachers have quit preaching great soul-stirring sermons on missions. We have preached budgets and programs more than we have preached Christ and His great world program of redemption.

We again emphasize the fact that a budget for every church is a great step forward and when modified from its present form will be a great blessing to our cause.

We might as well face the facts now that unless something is done and done right now that Texas Baptist will lose at least half their educational institutions. We believe the best way to pay our debts at this time is to place home and foreign missions and old ministers relief in a separate budget and then turn our school men loose on their respective fields to try to save their institutions. If the local constituency cannot save our institutions at this time they will never be saved. Some will object that to turn field over to our institutions to try to save them will be disastrous to missions. It certainly will not. We believe our people would pay every dollar of home and foreign mission debt in sixty days if they were given the opportunity. We likewise believe that practically every one of our institutions could be saved by local campaigns if an opportunity were given. It might be in some instances that some of our schools should be combined, but in most instances the schools can be saved.

We are not offering these suggestions in a spirit of adverse criticism. We love every one of our causes as well as the leaders who have advocated our present plans of finances and placed them in use. But we believe they made a mistake when they did it. To take our schools and hospitals out of the general denominational budget would not necessarily interfere with the budget of the local church. The local church could accept the general missionary budget of the denomination and at the same time include a budget for our educational and hospital work and designate it to the institution closest to it. This plan might necessitate dividing Texas into several districts (not conventions) and group these districts around the institutions.

The Methodists, we understand have about six district conferences in the state and each district cares for the institutions within its borders.

We believe if our people will give prayerful and careful consideration to these plans we will soon be able to again get back on firm ground.

THE APPROACHING DOOM OF THIS EARTH

After centuries of study and theorizing, scientists have come to the decision that somewhere out in the future this earth will one day burst into flames as is commonly observed of other planets and will be literally consumed in a few moments time. If these learned men had used only a few moments of their time in reading the Bible, they

would have known all this and could have spent some of their time serving God. The Bible says: "The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens and the earth will pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."—2 Peter 3:10. God does not ask men to verify his statements and put their mortal stamp of corroboration on his unchangeable word, but we are glad that your research has brought you to know that all true science and mathematical computations parallel the great laws of God.—Ex.

DID YOU?

Did you give him a lift? He's a brother of man, And bearing about all the burden he can.
Did you give him a smile? He was downcast and blue, And the smile would have helped him to battle it through.
Did you give him your hand? He was slipping down hill, And the world, so I fancied, was using him ill.
Did you give him a word? Did you show him the road, Or did you just let him go on with his load?
Do you know what it means to be losing the fight, When a lift just in time might set everything right?
Do you know what it means—just a clasp of a hand—When a man's borne about all a man ought to stand?
Did you ask what it was—why the quivering lip? Why the half suppressed sob and the scalding tears' drip?
Were you brother of his when the time came of need? Did you offer to help him, or didn't you heed?

—Anonymous.

Big Exangelistic Campaigns--Are They Helpful or Harmful to Local Church?

The Layman's Point of View

By Roy M. Allen

The question: "Big exangelistic campaigns, are they helpful or harmful to the local church?"

The answer is in three words—"It all depends." I propose to give a little farther and emulate the example of the colored preacher by "expressing a little" on this question. Such an answer implies the existence of factors that modify it as the factors themselves vary, reminding us of the ever recurring "it" in mathematical equations which made life miserable for us in by-gone school days. Inasmuch as "F" might have any positive or negative value between zero and infinity, obviously the final answer must vary accordingly. So it is with our present problem. There are at least seven variables that when summed up give the answer. The factors in the spiritual equations are:

Factor One: It must not be a made-to-order revival. The Spirit moveth where it listeth, and no church on the one hand or evangelist on the other can decide, *ex cathedra*, that on such a date (always many months ahead for the big evangelists are booked up in advance), in such and such a manner, in this particular place, we shall have the Spirit visit us in great power. It may seem, in the midst of a campaign engineered in this manner that the Spirit is present, but the feeling itself in a marvelous way, but a calm analysis of the situation will reveal the artificiality of the stimulus. It bears a striking resemblance to the classic experiment in which an electric current is applied to a dead frog, causing it to simulate a live one to a remarkable degree. Most people would be willing to swear the animal is alive as they watch its strange antics, but, for obvious reasons, all movement stops and the resemblance ceases when the current is off.

When a church—pastor, officers and lay members—is of one mind in the assurance that a time of ingathering is at hand; when the evangelist is, like Philip of old, spirit-led to break with his man-made plans; when the church and evangelist are brought together through the Spirit's leading and what appear to be insurmountable difficulties are removed, then the numerical value of this factor may approximate infinity and the times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord will be evident not only during the campaign, but unto all eternity.

Factor Two: The evangelists must be spirit-filled men of God. In the first place because it is only those on whom the spirit has come who are endowed with the power from on high so necessary in carrying on an assault of this nature against the very citadel of the enemy. The strength of ordinary men leaves no residue to show that an attack was ever made. Only the spirit filled can realize that an evangelistic campaign is a contest, "not against flesh and blood but against wicked spirits in heavenly places."

In the second place, only spirit-filled men can resist the counter attacks that the enemy, sooner or later, is sure to make against them, remaining in the public eye *sans peur et sans reproche*. There is a psychological condition actuating the minds of men that operates to place a spiritual father, under whose influence the new birth has taken place, on a very high pedestal. When such a one is later on shown up to be a very ordinary mortal (and the common practice is to magnify his misdeeds) the reaction on his converts is such as to nullify much of the good he apparently had accomplished.

Factor Three: The church members must have caught the vision. Those who feel that the entire affair is in the hands of a competent evangelist and his corps of trained assistants, and that there is naught for them to do but fill the seats and partake sumptuously of the spiritual feast before them, are no asset, but a tremendous liability. If a big evangelistic campaign is to be helpful to the local church, every member of it must fulfill his three-fold obligation—get right with God and his fellow men, pray without ceasing, "Lord, receive me and my church and save the lost," and then turn in and help the Lord answer his prayer.

Factor Four: The whole gospel, the faith once for all delivered to the saints, must be the message. It is only this that gets results; anything less is a compromise with the devil and while it may do to fool the people, will not save the lost. "The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell his dream, and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully, saith the Lord, for what is the chaff to the wheat?" Science with all its advances has not yet demonstrated that a man can live

worldly standards (not of course as movie actors but as others in Christian work). The balance of the offering could then be turned over to the church for missionary purposes. What a wonderful "morning after" the church would experience to close a campaign with several thousand dollars in its treasury! Unfortunately the impression an outsider generally gets is that the evangelist also likes the same kind of a "morning after" feeling, and that the call of the almighty dollar is very, very strong, even to an ambassador of the Lord.

Factor Six: The young converts must be nurtured. What a feeling of pity we experience when we hear of a mother deserting her babe on a doorstep, mayhap to starve or become a burden to others. Yet this is the very thing the average church does with its newly born, just as soon as an evangelistic campaign is over. The strain of bringing them to birth during the strenuous days of the campaign has proven too much for ordinary nature to stand; tired and worn out, the church settles down for a good rest and by the time it is recovered (which may not be until time for another series of meetings) the babes in Christ have perished or been adopted by some other church. This ought not to be; our Lord's command to Peter, "Feed my lambs," is especially applicable at this time and the church that obeys will profit.

Factor Seven: The aftermath should be the time of reaping. An evangelistic campaign has as its fold purpose to awaken Christians to their duties and privileges in the Lord (in other words, revive them), to sow spiritual seed among the unsaved, and to demonstrate the methods employed by trained workers in both sowing and reaping. To be sure, some seed matures very early and some that may have been planted long before the campaign may be ready for reaping, so that a harvest should be evident during the meetings. But much of the seed sown may not show signs of life for a long time to come. Therefore much of the harvest should come later providing proper methods are taken to cultivate and garner it. A series of meetings should be considered as but the beginning of an intensive movement that will cease only with the coming of the King.

These are factors, as I see them, that will determine the answer to our question in the affirmative or negative. It must be admitted with regret that most of the big campaigns as they are conducted these days fail to measure up to some of them to such an extent that they wipe out the positive value of the others and the final result is in the negative. This state of affairs, however, should not discourage any that may be contemplating a campaign for the future. Let them see to it that a good positive value is assured for every factor and the sum is sure to have a plus sign before it.

Oh, yes, and one thing more. This formula works equally well in determining results in the case of little campaigns.—Watchman-Examiner.

Sam—"My wife managed to drive a nail yesterday, that's his new thumb."

John—"How was that?"

Sam—"She let me hold the nail."

A Baptist Revival Badly Needed

E. E. DAWSON

The other day, in a neighboring city, a former Baptist evangelist of note in Texas was arrested for purloining a small quantity of canned goods which he concealed under his coat.

A little while ago a Baptist treasurer was given a prison term for embezzlement of funds belonging to a great denominational agency.

A few weeks ago a Baptist treasurer in an eleemosynary institution misapplied funds committed to his keeping, and for it received a court sentence.

In Texas a Baptist pastor lived so impure a life that his brethren took his credentials away from him, and then he went to another state and was received as a Baptist preacher and is reported to be doing the same old thing with much boldness.

In Texas a Baptist pastor contracted debts to business firms and individuals and made no attempt to pay them and did not treat his creditors decently when they sought to adjust the matter.

In Texas a Baptist preacher who had often dealt severely with the transgressors in marital relations, divorced his wife and married another.

Why make such a list? Why make such a list of ministerial shortcomings? Why say anything about Baptist shortcomings?

May we not remind you that not an association, state convention, Southern-convention meets but that an abnormal amount of Baptist brag is indulged? It is quite the vogue to brag about our soundness, our bigness, our numbers, our institutions, our men. He is often rated the biggest speaker who does the most of the brag.

Any Baptist who is not proud of his people has something vitally wrong with his constitution. But there is a vast difference between appreciation and brag. Baptist brag has been indulged overmuch.

He who examines the receipts of our denominational agencies, will lose all his spirit of brag.

A letter from a Central Texas missionary contains this sentence: "My brother, if I am not mistaken, we Baptists need humility, prayer and consecration as never before in all my experience."

A dispatch in today's paper tells of a brother's caustic criticisms publicly made and given to the Associated Press to broadcast. He was criticizing denominational leaders and declaring non-fellowship for them.

A worker on a new field says, "I find things at almost the boiling point." He was referring to the attitude of the people to our denomination.

All these things have been said, repeated, to say this: Baptists need a great revival. Days of prayer might well be set aside, not for funds, badly as they are needed to carry forward the Lord's own work, but that Baptists might be revived in heart. It looks like we are approaching a great denominational crisis which will determine whether we shall go forward, or go backward. Only a great revival of genuine spirituality will save the day—it looks that way to this writer.

Frank discussion is not out of place, but bad spirit is decidedly out of place now. Any soul is willing to frankly confess fallibility. It is not worth while to discuss that. It is the suggestion of the way out that is needed. The iconoclast could never be more cruel than now. Shimei ought desist for very pity's sake.

An article in a current magazine telling of things that occur in the broadcasting studio, says that one great motive impels all work there: Whatever comes, the program must go on. Baptists need to feel that way now: Whatever happens, Christ's program must go on. A Baptist revival is needed to help it go on. Let's pray for it.

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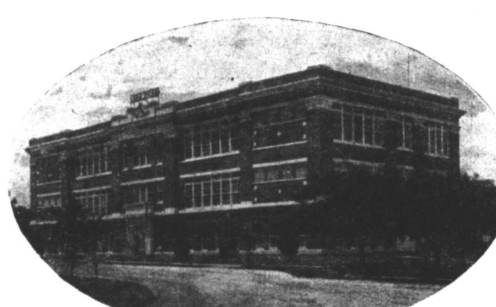
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The twenty-second annual session of the Haskell Association will convene with the Rochester Baptist church on Wednesday, September 7th at 10 o'clock a. m. Pastor P. D. O'Brien of Munday is to preach the annual missionary sermon, with V. W. Tatum of Weinert as alternate. The officers of the association are as follows: I. N. Alvis, Haskell, moderator; J. H. Whitley, Haskell, clerk; M. H. Reeves, Munday, treasurer.

The Haskell Association is composed of Haskell and Knox counties. There are twenty-nine churches in the association, six of which are full time churches, eight half-time and the balance fourth time. A more wide awake group of workers cannot be found anywhere. With C. E. Ball, at Rule, J. H. Whitley at Haskell, Joe W. English at Knox City, P. D. O'Brien at Munday, taking care of the larger fields, and the cooperation of the faithful group of pastors of the half time and fourth time churches, the work is going forward in a great way.

Seven of the churches in this association were pastored last year by ministerial students in Simmons University. These students were: J. A. Kinser, pastor at Bethlehem, Brushy and Weston; C. B. Stovall, pastor at Friendship and Gillespie; A. A. Tatum, pastor at Post; and E. D. Dunlap, pastor at Sweethome. The other resident pastors in the association, besides the full time pastors mentioned above, are: L. S. Jenkins, Rule, pastor at Center View and Pleasanton; I. N. Alvis, Haskell, pastor at Cottonwood; J. F. Mason, Haskell, pastor at Curry Chapel; and Howard J. Jones, Haskell, pastor at Rockdale; E. H. Dickerson, Aspermont, pastor at Weaver; V. W. Tatum, pastor at Weinert. The minutes of the last association meeting showed that the association contributed last year for local church causes \$41,411.97, and the total contributions for all causes was \$60,000.00.

The report further shows that the churches received last year by baptism 204, by letter and statement 102 making a total increase of 306. The losses were, by letter 208; by excommunication, 112; by death, 250. The total gain in membership was 206. The membership in the association at the end of the year was 4,118, with six churches not reporting.

Sunday School Work
All of the twenty-nine churches in the association reported Sunday school organizations with a total enrollment of 3,020. There were three A-1 Standard schools in the association, at Haskell, Munday and Sweet Home. The total contributions through the Sunday schools to missions was \$2,443.94.

The association is caring for the young people's work in a fine way as is shown by the fact that there were twenty-three unions in the association with a total membership of 663. Even of the churches reported were organizations, with an active membership of 194. The total W. M. U. contributions was \$1,097.70.

FIRST CHURCH, GOREE

The Baptist Church at Goree, although not officially connected with the Haskell County Association, in a way maintains connection with this body. Pastor Luther Jenkins promised some notes on his church, but they were not received at this office in time for this issue. As is noted in another section of this paper, the church has just closed a meeting in which 60 candidates were baptized into the fellowship of the church. This meeting was conducted by Rev. Jack Wimsatt and the benefits reached far beyond the influence of the local church.

KAMBLING REMARKS

P. D. O'Brien having spent a month away from home in revival meetings, we have had little chance to ramble in our usual territory, and therefore, have little news to report from this section. The meetings in this association have been unusually successful so far as we have been able to learn. Pastor Whitley held his own meeting at Haskell in which there were more than forty additions. Brother Ball did his own preaching at Rule, with Mr. Virgil Reynolds leading the music. This meeting also added about fifty members to the church. L. S. Jenkins preached about the same time. At Goree, where brother Jenkins is pastor and evangelist Wimsatt did the preaching more than fifty were baptized. This is said to be one of the greatest meetings ever held in this section. We rejoice with Pastor Jenkins and his church in this great victory.

Rev. J. A. Kinser is holding his own meeting at Brushy. Great crowds are in attendance, and the meeting is getting good results. Evangelistic Singer Burt King, of Abilene and Simmons University Quartette, is leading the singing.

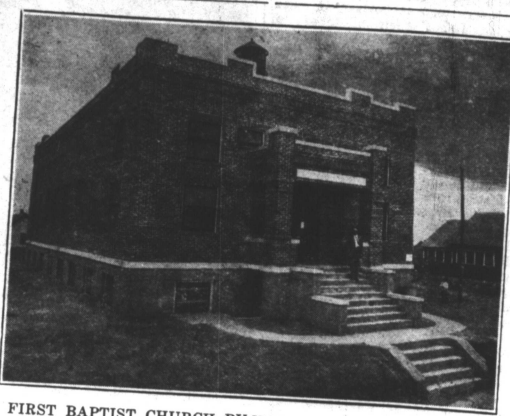
Pastor E. J. Barb, of Winert, had Rev. C. B. Stovall to lead the singing in their meeting. This makes three times that Brother Claud has been with the Weinert church in their meetings. Brother Barb did his own preaching. Although the outward results were not what the pastor and church hoped for great good was done in the reviving of the church, and seed were sown that will certainly yield fruit in the future.

We were in a meeting for the past two weeks with Pastor N. E. McGuire, and the church at Loraine. We had a splendid meeting, and glorious fellowship with Brother McGuire and the folks of the community throughout the two weeks. It was our privilege to meet with more than eighty people whom we had known in other days. Many of them we had not seen in many years. The Loraine church is one of the very best we have visited in a long time. They are very happy that they have Brother McGuire as pastor. He and they are planning a program of expansion that is very challenging. They have their fine basement paid for, and are looking forward to finishing the building in the near future. They are indeed a loyal group, and under the leadership of Brother McGuire we feel that they are going to make Baptist history at Loraine.

Pastor Luther Jenkins recently held a very successful meeting at Bombarton, where he becomes pastor for half time, giving the other half of his time to the church at Goree.

Brother J. F. Corry is in a meeting this week with his church at Roberts, in Haskell county.

We are in a meeting at Gillespie this week and next. Great crowds are attending, and we have had some very fine results. Pastor Claud Stovall is doing the singing, and proving himself of general help around the meeting.



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We have never had better help than Claud Stovall in a meeting, and rarely do we find as good. Brother H. E. Davis helped the Smith Chapel Church in their meeting. This is getting along wonderfully well with both of his churches. The Smith Chapel broke its custom of calling Or as they said for life. The folks at Gillespie feel the same way about during the next week.

Our annual association meets at Rochester on September 7th.

KNOX CITY CHURCH

Knox City is situated on the Orient Railway in Knox county and is one of the most progressive little cities near the two thousand population in Central West Texas. It is the home of good churches, an accredited high school, and of the Knox County Sanitarium. As the name indicates, the last named institution is the property of the county. The building cost \$60,000, is under the direction of the county commissioners' court, and the board of directors are appointed from Knox City, Benjamin, Truscott, Goree and Munday. An attempt was made to secure a cut for this issue of the paper, but there was none available.

KNOX CITY HAS FINE PLANT FOR WORKERS

By John R. Hutto
The present church in Knox City was formed by a union of the Central Baptist Church and First Baptist Church. This organization was formed in the summer of 1910. A. B. Ingram, R. E. Smith and J. C. Hardberger served on the Presbytery. Deacons of the two churches were chosen to continue in office in the new church.

The Central church had been organized in 1908 and pastored from the beginning by W. C. Garrett. The membership had reached about one hundred twenty-five. Rev. Garrett was called to the new church but declined. Later Rev. Jeff Davis became pastor. The Central church organized by Brothers R. C. Pender, T. J. Powell, R. J. Taylor, J. W. Harvey and R. H. Weaver, with 24 charter members received 25 new members at the first service and made an offering to state missions and to the Girl's Home at Simmons.

And so the new church continued to cooperate with the Haskell Association and the General Convention and has continued to do so all along. The pastors serving the present church are Jeff Davis, E. B. Speck, E. E. Dawson, J. L. Birdsong, C. A. Powell, C. E. Dick, Woodie W. Smith, and the present pastor, Joe W. English.

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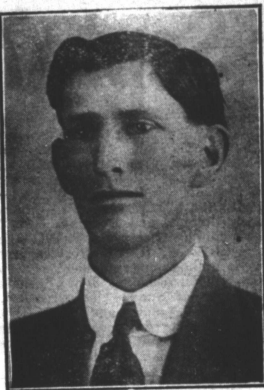
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Brother Boulet of Houston has been with Pastor Curry and his church at New Hope in a meeting for the past ten days. They had a very fine meeting. People from many surrounding communities visited the meeting to hear Brother Boulet, and are unanimous in their praise of him as a great gospel preacher. Brother Boulet, although blind, is a graduate of Baylor University, and holds degrees from other schools. He is a deep scholar, and a brilliant orator, along with being very spiritual. He is to supply the pulpit at Munday on the fourth Sunday.

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Joe Burton
The First Baptist Church of Munday, Texas, had its origin in 1892, when D. James, then missionary of the Red Fork Association, organized the New Hope Church. New Hope was about a mile east of the present location of the town of Munday. With the coming of stores and residences, the congregation moved their meeting place to town.
Rev. R. G. M. Eiland, still a resident of Munday, became the first pastor of the church the same year of its organization. A man named Nicholson succeeded Brother Eiland about 1900 and was pastor for two or three years.
In 1904 Brother Eiland was again called to be pastor and served the church until 1907. During his second ministry a brick meeting house was built on the present location of the church house. This house burned in 1910 and was replaced by the structure which still stands.
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It is the plan of the membership to build a commodious house to replace the inadequate present building.

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It is the plan of the membership to build a commodious house to replace the inadequate present building.

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NOLAN CHURCH CLOSES GRACIOUS REVIVAL MEET

The Nolan Baptist Church situated twenty-five miles south of Sweetwater has just closed one of the most successful meetings in the history of the church. From the beginning of the meeting to its final service there was unusual interest manifested on the part of the membership as well as the sinners. There were forty additions to the church. The total number of those who came trusting the Savior and "reconsecrating their lives" is not known but is estimated by some to be in the neighborhood of a hundred.

Brother E. K. Dougherty of Sweetwater had active charge of the campaign and did most of the preaching. When he would have to be away the pastor, M. G. Ellis, would try to "carry on." The meeting was remarkable in many respects. Each evening the prayer-meetings would meet and souls were saved in the prayer-meetings. There were the following prayer meetings: Men, women, young people, and children. Another unusual feature of the campaign was the "GO" prayer meeting. Each evening the workers both men and women would meet at the church and form into two groups. Men and women, each group would take a certain number of homes to visit, and the men would go in to the highways and hedges and compel them to come in. There were many saved this way. The women's group meeting in the homes resulted in many trusting the Savior. Some men were saved on the cultivation.

Our prayer from the beginning was "God Give Us Men." As evidence of the answer to this prayer we point proudly to the fact that fully half of the number who were baptized were men. Miss "Tera" Bitters did splendid work with the children and at the piano. Her work as soloist was appreciated also. The church has decided after the meeting to go forward into the new year with the enlarged vision. The Sunday school has been reorganized. Three B. Y. P. U.'s have been organized. Two training schools have been taught. Brother Joe Childress taught a B. Y. P. U. training school. The pastor taught a teachers training school. The church voted to go to half-time, and called the writer for another year.

M. G. ELLIS.

OAK CREEK MEETING

Rev. C. V. Carroll of Brownwood closed a splendid meeting Wednesday night with Pastor B. S. Sullivan and the Oak Creek Baptist Church in Runnels county. It was a great meeting everywhere. Six fine young people some of whom have been students in Simmons University, were received by baptism. The meeting was a great uplift to all. Rev. Carroll preached with his usual vigor and plainness, rebuking church members for their "slackness of conduct," and called them by their right name. It was thirty-five years ago, the writer first heard this fine Christian gentleman preach. We had not heard him for ten years and his messages carried us back across the years to the time when we were a young preacher, and Brother Carroll proved himself the friend of the young preacher. Rev. Sullivan organized this church six years ago and is the only pastor the church ever had. He is entrenched in the hearts of the members and the entire community.

D. M. WEST, Bronte, Texas.

PLAYLET FOR PROGRAM

Your District Young People's leader would like to call the attention of all W. M. U.'s to the playlet being mailed out with the September Week of Prayer literature. "What Shall We Say to Our Father," by Miriam Lewis Richardson. I trust you will not only use it for your Week of Prayer program, but that you will also see that it is put on before your entire church membership. Then I would very much like to see it used at every Association Meeting this fall in Abilene District. I feel it will present the claims of young people's work to our people as it needs to be presented. Will you not please use your influence to see that it is used in your church and your Association to the very best advantage?

We have a new assistant district Young People's leader, Mrs. Lee Kincaid of 1925 Simmons Avenue, Abilene, known to some of you as Miss Naomi Hatton. We are delighted to have her as a collaborator in behalf of Young People's work.

LILLIS PENICK,
Abilene Dist. Leader of Young People.

ESTES AND ALLEN AT LEVELLAND, TEXAS

The meeting which we closed at Olustee, Okla., last week resulted in a large number of conversions, fifty-four additions to the church and a glorious revival for the entire church. We are now at Levelland, Texas, with Bro. W. H. Hughes and his good church and the Lord is wonderfully blessing in every service. In the first three days of the meeting there have been more than a score added to the church, the large tabernacle has had to be enlarged, and the interest continues to deepen.

We go from here to Lamar Avenue Church, Wichita Falls, Texas. Remember us in your prayers.

R. L. ESTES.

LAMESA ASSOCIATION REVIVAL

Rev. J. E. Nicholson did the preaching in a revival at Wilson, nine miles south of Lamesa. It began August 5, and closed August 15, at the water. Rev. Nicholson is a fearless preacher, adheres to the doctrines of the Bible, and condemns sin, not the sins of New York, but the sins where he is preaching. There was one conversion after the last service. A few had not gone, they sang "Old Time Religion." Monday there were twenty-six baptisms, one being over 60 years of age. Since the meeting the church has gone to half time.

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MUNDAY PROGRESSIVE CITY IN KNOX COUNTY

Munday is a modern little city of above two thousand inhabitants situated in one of the best farming sections of the West. The town has a white-water, eleven blocks of paved streets costing above \$100,000, a city hall costing \$12,500 situated in a beautiful park, a \$60,000 sewer system which is accessible to 90 per cent of the homes of the city. The town has a \$60,000 water system, a 65,000 gallon reservoir and the average daily water consumption during the summer is 175,000 gallons. As an inducement for the people to maintain beautiful yards and gardens a reasonable water rate with a high minimum is maintained, 8,000 gallon at a \$2.00 rate. The fire department is voluntary, is equipped with a Dodge fire truck, 2,000 feet of hose and the fire loss for the past year has not exceeded \$250. The public school is housed in two buildings costing above \$80,000, has 17 instructors and maintains nineteen and a half units of affiliation with the State Department of Education. Prof. J. E. Rhodes is the superintendent and Prof. H. V. Stanley is principal of the high school.

RULE IS CITY OF SPLENDID SCHOOLS

Rule was founded in 1905 and was named for one of the Orient officials, Mr. Rule. It is a town of about 1800 inhabitants and has for its slogan, "Rule, the biggest little town in the world." There are five churches, the First Baptist Church is housed in a modern brick building constructed to meet the demand of modern church and Sunday school activities, a modern high school building costing \$75,000, with twenty and a half units of affiliation; gins, cotton compress, a dairy and a large hatchery. The Rule oil mill has a daily capacity of 75 tons, has run every season since 1914, and the present manager, W. S. Franklin, has been connected with the mill since it was first built. Rule has a modern water works system which covers practically the entire town and guarantees fire protection and a lower insurance rate.

PASTOR MORTON CLOSING SUMMER CAMPAIGN

Pastor Clarence Allen Morton closed his summer evangelistic campaign with two good meetings, one at Zion Hill, Comanche county, with Pastor R. A. Cox. At the close of the meeting the church called Brother Cox another year and went to half time. At Levita Brother Morton conducted his fourth revival for the Baptist church there. Brother S. A. Rains had been the pastor of this church for seventeen years.

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins of Abilene is spending a two weeks vacation with his family at Montezuma, N. M. The pulpit at the First Church Abilene is being supplied by Rev. Edward Jenkins, nephew of Pastor Jenkins.

STARNES PARTY HOLD MEETING AT PUMPHREY

Our meeting at Pumphrey began Friday night before the fourth Sunday in August. Brother V. B. Starnes and party were with us. The singer, Brother Turner, is one of the best gospel singers it has been my privilege to have in my work. He is the kind that everyone likes better the longer the acquaintance.

Miss McKnight, the pianist, is beyond question the best pianist with any evangelistic party that we know. She is one of the best workers among the young men and women. They love to work and worship with her.

Sister Starnes and their baby girl were with us in the meeting, and endeared themselves to everyone. The church invited the party back for another campaign next summer. There were more than twenty professors of faith, fifteen baptized, while some professions were from other communities. A number were forward for reconsecration.

Any church desiring an old time revival will go right if they get the Starnes Evangelistic Party.

J. E. NICHOLSON.

100,000 SCRIPTURES READ IN ELMDALE MEETING

The Elmdale meeting where Evangelist Jno. W. Newsom helped J. W. Partin closed with more than 30 conversions and additions to the church. Brother Partin is a real pastor and his people love him dearly. There were more than a hundred thousand verses read in the Bible during the meeting.

Evangelist Jno. W. Newsom will be with Sam Malone in his meeting at the Archie Bryant Memorial Church in Abilene the remainder of the meeting. Here is a good opportunity to do some mighty good work.

Pastor A. L. Johnston has just closed a good meeting with his church at Norton in which there were nine additions, six by baptism. Brother Burl King of Abilene led the singing.

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HOLDS REVIVAL WITH CHURCH AT WILSON

On August 17th we began a revival with the Wilson Baptist Church, nine miles south of Lamesa. Brother W. E. Duke is the pastor and the church is justifiably fond of him. He is thoroughly sound. He is expecting Jesus to come anytime and start the millennium, and that is the key to soundness of doctrine.

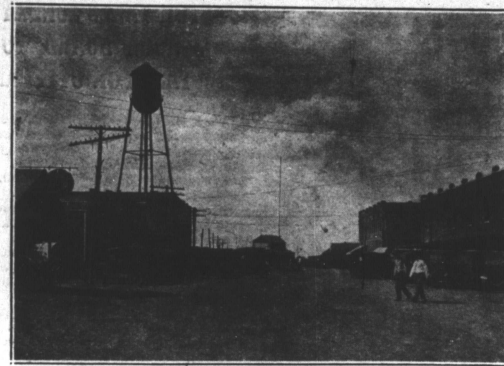
There was strong opposition to the meeting in the beginning, but the gospel gradually won its way to the hearts of the people, and resulted in twenty-six baptisms with thirty-seven others confessing Christ or being restored.

There was old fashioned shouting several times during the meeting and at the baptizing. A lady sixty-five years old followed the Lord in baptism and came from the watery grave shouting praises unto the Lord, saying that she had been waiting for forty years to be scripturally baptized and that was the happiest day of her life.

J. E. NICHOLSON.

SANITARIUM NOTES

S. F. Baucom After a good meeting at Lueders conducted by the Field Secretary for ten days we were at Merkel with our hospital forces for a program that was greatly appreciated by the Merkel congregation. We are to go to Hamilton September 4th. Our churches who are interested in our Pay-Up Campaign will do well to invite us to come for we are trying not simply to take



STREET SCENE IN RULE

care of our own West Texas Hospital but to help everything Baptists are standing for. The Field Secretary is anxious to be in your meetings. Brethren all that is expected at the close of the meeting is a free will offering for the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium.

Rev. J. G. Holder of Abilene, who recently accepted the call of the First Baptist Church at Goodnight has moved on that field. The church at Goodnight has a modern church building and offers a fine opportunity for service. Before going to Goodnight Brother Fielder did the preaching in a good meeting at Longworth, Fisher

county. Brother Phil Little of Rotan is pastor of the church.

Dr. M. A. Jenkins of Abilene was the main speaker at the Panhandle Encampment which met last week at Ceta Canyon, near Happy. The assembly was well attended, a large number of workers from the Panhandle section spending the entire time of the meeting camping on the grounds.

Evangelist John W. Newsom was in a good meeting last week with Pastor Partin and the church at Elmdale. There were fourteen additions to the church during the meeting. Brother Newsom is in a meeting this week at Ford City.

FITZGERALD IN GOOD MEETING AT TALPA

Last Sunday we closed a very gracious meeting at the Immanuel Baptist Church at Talpa, Texas. It was our privilege to have Singer Joe Trussel of Brownwood to lead the singing during the meeting. His wife also was with us to play the piano. Brother Trussel is one of our great singers. He sings with his "soul" in his music. He sings because he loves lost people. He sings to win them to Christ. This, I liked about him. His wife is very efficient as a pianist, and very consecrated as a Christian.

During the meeting which lasted from July 31 to August 14th, there were twenty-nine additions to the church. There were several other conversions which joined other churches in town. There were nineteen baptized into the Baptist church at the close of the meeting. Some whole families were won to Christ. There are great prospects for the work at Talpa next year. The pastor, Lawrence Fitzgerald, did the preaching in this meeting.

I am at present with the Silver Valley Baptist Church in this same county. We have Brother Ira L. Parack of Merkel here with us in a meeting. He is bringing some great messages. There have been eleven additions already to the Silver Valley Church, and the meeting has been running only about four days. We expect, however, to close out our meeting here Sunday.

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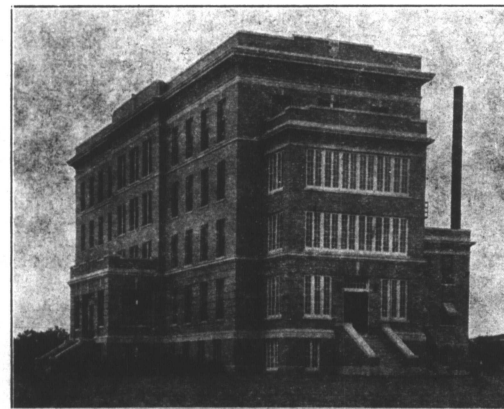
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THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS

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gelo, and on the west by El Paso and the providence of God. There were not many Baptists in it in those early days, but they were of heroic mold. Some of the greatest and most effective meetings of my early life were in these associational gatherings. Back there I learned to love and in a measure to evaluate the association as probably our greatest denominational unit and asset. During the twelve years of my pastorate I never missed a meeting of the association in which my pastorate was located and never failed to carry a large delegation from the church of which I was pastor, and during my eighteen years of residence in Tarrant county I have missed, I think, only two sessions of the Tarrant County Association, and that was because I was far away, engaged in southside denominational enterprises. So, I have nearly forty years' interest in and loyalty to the associational organization.

There are four important officers in an association—the moderator, the clerk, the associational missionary, and the pastor of every church—large or small. These are vital and effective forces in the associational organization. I should like to see the coming sessions of Texas Baptist associations to be great and far-reaching in many directions, and for many reasons, and to that end, I make the following suggestions as to how to make these meetings great, vital and effective in building the cause of Christ in Texas.

For the reason of the double campaign interests just ahead of Texas Baptists, we have probably never had a more important associational period than the one just ahead. All the interests of our conquest campaign and of the fall round-up for the regular denominational causes are at stake with the deepest interests of their lives in every association. So, I urge the leaders in the associations and the following vital factors in making the associations of unusual value and attainment.

1. Every pastor ought to make it a matter of conscience to attend his association and carry with him as large representation from his church as possible. It is important that every pastor attend the State Convention, out far more important is it that he attend and carry his people with him to his district association. He can best express his loyalty to the cause and his vital interest in the local causes by enthusiastic and faithful attendance on the association, and that of all its sessions.

2. The pastors ought to see that the funds for associational missions are rounded up in cash and carried to the associational meetings, so that there may be no debt on the association; and he will greatly help the association and his own church if he carries a large group of his laymen, women and young people to the associational meetings.

3. I think it a wise thing for the moderator of an association, probably joined by the clerk, to send out to all the pastors and other leaders in the different departments of the work an urgent letter, advertising the sessions of the association and calling on them to do their best to bring large delegations from their churches. The meeting of the association ought to be widely advertised in the churches, in the church bulletins, in the secular press—daily and weekly—so that all the people may know about the meeting.

4. The program committee, if there is one, and if not, the officers of the association, ought to make out beforehand a program for the meeting, tentative of course, to be adopted by the association, arranging subjects to be discussed and leave room for open discussion. I think every cause supported by our denomination ought to have, as it did in the days before the 75 Million Campaign, a good hearing at every association. Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Christian Education, Seminaries, Old Ministers' Relief, Orphans' Home, Hospitals, Religious Literature and the Denominational Papers, and all other denominational interests ought to have a separate discussion before the associations. We have grouped our causes and lumped our interests until we have lessened the interest of the people in the separate causes. I think this is a very vital matter. Also, I think on this program, there ought to be given place for more gospel preaching. Introductory sermons and the missionary sermons are fine opportunities for preaching, but there ought to be, in addition, some great inspiring gospel message additional to these in the very heart of the associational meeting. And, this leads me to say, that one of the great perils before us now in our associational meetings is the disposition to shorten the time of the meeting. They are made entirely too much a business and administrative matter. There ought to be given time for great gospel messages. There ought to be not less than two and in many cases three day sessions, with great preaching hours at eleven o'clock in the day, or certainly at the evening hour. This sort of program would go far to re-enlist our people in all the denominational causes. It is a mistake for the pastors and the people to go only to the day sessions of the associational meetings and go back home at night. They ought to go and carry their people and stay through, or at least not go back to their homes until after the night session.

5. It is hoped and every way desirable that the interest of the Conquest Campaign and the denominational cash round-up for this fall shall be given the most vital and best place and the largest and most open discussion of any other subject which will come before the associations. The spring Conquest Campaign was a signal victory in that up to now nearly \$800,000.00 in cash has been paid in and nearly that much more pledged. To go on and complete this debt-paying campaign with the collection of these pledges and gifts by multiplied thousands who gave in the spring campaign but did not pledge for the fall is of the most important significance to the denomination; and then the raising of large additional funds

for the regular support of these causes is of like significance. Now, these important interests ought to be presented in the best possible way at the next meeting of the association.

6. Following this discussion it is of the highest importance that each association shall be thoroughly organized for the coming year. The two great interests combined in one, the associational organizer with the officers of the association ought to see to it that at the association a thorough going organization is set up to reach every church, and as far as possible, every Baptist in the fall campaign. Where the associational meetings does not come until after September, there ought to be a special called meeting or all the forces in each association to arrange for this matter. The executive board in its own meeting should discuss the association and church organizations in all the departments of work who served in the Conquest Campaign in the spring to serve in the fall campaign. It is greatly desired that all these people will accept and "get on the job" at once.

7. There ought to be in these associational meetings a clarion call to all of our people to come back to the great spiritual vitalities and realities of the gospel—prayer, faith, sacrifice, self-denial, soul-winning, and all the great missionary interests and passions of the gospel. There ought to be wide and deep praying in all the churches for the associational meetings, for our coming state convention, and the fall round-up. As certainly as we live, if we veer from the great spiritual vitalities of the gospel, or people will get off on sidetracks and will ditch the causes dear to our savior's heart. God help us to make these associational meetings of great spiritual and soul-winning value to our people.

WRITER COMMENTS THE LUEDERS ENCAMPMENT

For the benefit of those who have never attended the Lueders encampment a word concerning the location needs to be said. The encampment ground is located sixteen miles east of Stamford, Texas, near the thirty little city of Lueders, on the banks of the Clear Fork. There is not a more beautiful spot to be found in all West Texas. Both sides of the river are used for camping purposes. The great trees furnish ample shades for thousands of visitors. The location is so ideal, the grounds so clean and the water so pure that not a single mosquito was seen or heard during the whole encampment.

These beautiful acres are decorated with a number of permanent buildings. Besides the more than a dozen buildings owned by the encampment, there are several cottages owned by individuals. The immense tabernacle is one of the best and largest to be found anywhere.

The program was educational and inspirational. The seven thousand who attended the encampment went back to their home churches more determined and better prepared to carry on the work of the kingdom. Several of the state workers were present and represented the different phases of our church work in a great way. These workers were at their best and their splendid work will prove a blessing to West Texas through the coming year. Dr. George W. Truett was the principal speaker. Of course, we all know what that means. Hundreds were led to reconsecrate their lives to God.

The attendance continues to grow each year. The encampment is only four years old and above seven thousand attended the Sunday services this year. Four thousand and three hundred actually took part in the Sunday school service.

Recreation was given a large place on the program. Rev. and Mrs. Chas. T. Whaley had charge of this phase of the work. There are two good swimming pools for men and women. No mixed bathing is allowed. The pools are so arranged that they can be used at the same hours. The whole afternoon, each day, was given to recreation. There were several athletic courts on the ground and more improvements along this line will be made next year.

We are glad to announce that plans are being made for a greater encampment next year. The encampment is in good condition financially, and is in a position to make a number of improvements that will add to the beauty and comfort of the grounds. The program committee has already begun to work out a great program. You can expect some of the outstanding speakers of the South next July. You can find no better place to spend your vacation.

GOOD LOGIC

A preacher once asked a certain man why he had ceased to attend his church. He replied, "They haven't treated me right over there." "Then why don't you go home and beat your wife?" asked the preacher. "Oh, she hasn't done anything against me," said the man. "Well, said the preacher, 'has the Lord Jesus done anything against you?'"

FASIOK TAKES SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD TO TASK FOR UTTERANCE

"Out on the western desert are millions of grotesque, twisted cactus plants covered with sharp, dangerous thorns—concentric plants, for men have said, 'they are worthless; nothing good can come of them.' But, by experiment, Baroank succeeded in developing in the cactus plant a new use which gradually overcame the old natural cactus use, and produced a plant that is useful instead of natural. Thus the cactus is no longer condemned but being saved for some useful function. The change is not without out from within. The cactus is not produced by cutting out the thorns but by the development of a new line which produces not thorns but fruit. A change is not sudden; it is the result of a process, the development of a new line. Thus natural science comes with its testimony that it is possible to transplant life; but this has been the testimony of Christian experience for thousands of years. Thorns have disappeared, fruit has developed, men and women have been transformed by the development of the Christ line within."—Dr. James E. Clark, What is a Christian?

The above illustration is found on the inside of front cover of the Convention teacher for the month of August, southern baptist Convention series. When on page seventeen in the same Convention teacher they have printed more than a half column of their endorsement of Dr. Clark's book which contains the above illustration.

Now I declare if that is what Baptists believe, for twenty years I have been deceived and doing my best to deceive others, for I have been preaching it different. "A Man Must Be Born Again."

I want to notice three points that I think is in the illustration.

1. The illustration teaches that life was not introduced from outside but developed within.

2. It teaches that the new life, or developed life overcame the old life or nature.

3. It teaches that it is not saved but is in the process, being saved.

In the first place, the wild cactus does not illustrate the sinner—the sinner is without the Christ life, without hope and without God. Eph. 2:13. They are dead. Eph. 2:1. 2nd Cor. 5:14-15.

Life is not developed—life comes from God. "And the God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Gen. 2:7. Job said—"The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life. If thou canst answer me, set thy words in order before me—stand up." Job. 33:4-5.

Christ said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life." John 14:6.

Christ said: "I came not to judge the world, but to save the world, giving life." John 12:47. "And I give unto them eternal life." John 10:28. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:23.

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration." Titus 3:5.

"Ye must be born again." John 3:3. All the texts quoted go to prove that the new life to a sinner is not developed within, but comes from above, the new life is not a development but a new creation. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things become new." 2nd Cor. 5:17.

It is not a transformation, but a translation. "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear son." Col. 1:12-13.

2. The illustration teaches that the developed life in the cactus overcame the old nature. The above is not true with a sinner saved by grace. "For our conversation is in heaven, from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned into his glorious body." Phil. 3:20-21.

"For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." Rom. 10:4.

Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil. 1st John. 3:9-10.

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