

# THE WEST TEXAS BAPTIST

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## DISTRICT W. M. U. MEETING BE HELD HERE APRIL 15

### SPECIAL CAMPAIGN FOR MISSIONS PLANNED FOR THIRD SUNDAY IN APRIL

EVERY BAPTIST IS ASKED FOR GIFT  
Cash Offering by Every Member of Every Church Sought on April 19

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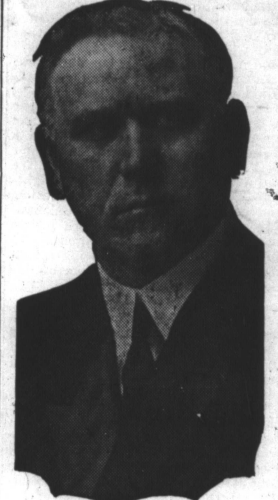
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DR. GEORGE W. TRUETT  
Dr. George W. Truett of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, will be one of the speakers at the Baptist Rally to be held at First Baptist Church on April 21. Hundreds of workers from West Texas are expected to attend this meeting.

#### FIELD SECRETARY SCRANTON ADOPTS THIS SECTION

Field Secretary R. A. Scranton of Plainview has written the editor of this paper an interesting word from the Plains section. Since the resignation of Rev. Jeff Davis, who quit the field work to become pastor at Snyder, Brother Scranton has had this immediate section included in his field. We will be glad to have him come this way. He is one of the most aggressive, untiring workers on the field and is one of the outstanding preachers in all this vast western section of the State. In this letter Brother Scranton writes thus concerning his plans:

"Since Brother Davis has gone to Snyder and left the field, I have adopted this section and a large portion of that section and will be down soon to see you. I will be with Dr. W. D. Powell in his itinerary during April. I am in the North Fork Association for a few days in some conferences and special services. I am to preach at McLean tonight and at Shamrock Wednesday and Thursday nights of this week and attend a conference at Wheeler Thursday.

My work seems to be getting along all right. I will be with Dr. E. C. Burts of Atlanta, Ga., three days next week in some great rallies at Breckenridge 25; Dublin 24 and at Gatesville 23. I am to preach at the First Baptist Church of Lubbock both hours Fifth Sunday in March. We are to have an All Plains Rally at Plainview, April 24, with Dr. F. S. Groner and Dr. George W. Truett leading us in a great conference for our work."

#### HAMLIN BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL MAKING PROGRESS

Our attendance last Sunday for all departments was 316. We had 18 new pupils and 10 visitors. We are feeling and seeing now the value of personal solicitation on the part of our workers throughout the departments. There is nothing that will build quite so quick as the personal worker who solicits through the week days. We note also another very important thing that affects the grading of our Sunday School and that is our Department Superintendent and Department Secretary are looking after the absentee.

Next Sunday afternoon some 60 of our workers will meet at the Church building for the purpose of taking a City-wide Religious Census. This is a very vital matter just now, and will enable us to know from the list we obtain just what our constituency is and the number that are Baptist and that will be available for our Sunday School and Church life.

The Census last fall revealed some 60 possibilities and by extending our work out into the country some two miles, we believe that we would have a constituency of 1000 possibilities and it is the plan now to take the census out this far in the country about the first Sunday evening of next month.

Pastor G. W. Tankersley and the Ford City Church are in a revival meeting this week with Evangelist Scott W. Hickey doing the preaching. This good church is going in for a great meeting.

#### LOCAL BUSINESS MEN PRESENT BAPTIST SCHOOL WITH A GYMNASIUM

The business men of Martin, Tennessee, friends of Hall-Moody Normal College, a Baptist institution located in that city, have made possible the erection of a gymnasium at the institution without any cost to the denomination.

### GREAT PROGRESS MADE BY FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

#### WRITER TELLS OF GREAT SERVICE AT DALLAS CHURCH

R. T. Hanks  
I am here with Mrs. Hanks at the Baylor Hospital. It is the second necessity to be here, and as the treatment is successful, I suppose it will be the last. Our good doctor—Spruill of Jewett, thought it better for us to come here, under the treatment of Dr. Rosser, who has at hand all the conveniences and scientific improvements of this great sanitarium. This institution is wonderful—wonderful in its size, in its equipment, and all. The Abilene country will more and more appreciate what a blessing they have in the sanitarium at Abilene.

The superintendent here—Brother King, is the son of a great Baptist preacher, himself a fine Christian gentleman, closely related to Mrs. Olea Burkett of Abilene, and special friend of my son, Bernard, Business Manager of the Abilene Reporter. The institutions, and the work of the superintendent; indeed the whole affair is a credit to the Baptists and a blessing to humanity.

The First Baptist Church  
This church has an all day meeting of its women once a month. Such contribution took place last Tuesday, Mrs. Sallee, wife of our Missionary to China, daughter of Deacon Jenkins of Waco and sister to Mrs. Truett, gave an address on China. She held the rapt attention of some 500 women for an hour and at times was irresistibly pathetic, as she told of Chinese mothers, babies, and the reign of mother-in-laws. The crude custom of disposing of girl babies does not at all do away with mother love, does not lessen the sorrow of the young mother when her baby is cast away as so much refuse.

She was followed by an address by Mrs. J. M. Dawson of Waco. It is known to all who have heard Mrs. Dawson that she is an eloquent orator. She has the manner of a fiery orator, and what she says evidently comes from her heart. Her appeal was for a contribution to the Memorial Hospital which the women have undertaken for Baylor University in Waco. And of course with such a plea, for such a cause, she got results. Mrs. C. C. Slaughter—Slaughter of blessed memory—headed the subscriptions with \$5,000.00. There were other gifts, of course, but I did not find out about them.

Wednesday Night  
I went to prayermeeting, of course, and to prayermeeting of the First Church, where for seven years I wrought as pastor. At the special request of Deacon, R. H. Burt, Dr. Truett led in a special prayer for rain. In Jewett we had a special prayer for rain the Wednesday night before. A good rain fell the next day. A few miles South of us, and a slight rain in Jewett, as the rain fell, we heard the roar of prayer, and would let you know, but my time is not yet. My dear friend, Clabe Merchant, used to say: "Old Master will hand the rain when he sees we can not do without it any longer."

Dr. Truett baptized twenty at the concluding part of the service. Three of them were mutes. As Dr. Lunsford said afterwards: "I could not keep back the tears." They could not speak and testify: "I believe the Gospel," but by every ounce of their personality, they testified that they believe in the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

A dear lady stood by the baptistry and by signs, interpreted to the candidates what the administrator said. As she is an Episcopalian, I wondered what impression was made upon her mind by the scene, and especially with it when Dr. Truett quoted: "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I have commanded you."

There are many more awaiting baptism. Dr. Truett announced he would baptize again on Sunday night, and on that occasion, a lady from Kentucky was in the service at the First Church Sunday when 20 people joined. She said to my sister: "You have a revival going on?" The answer was: "We have, but it is this way all the time." The lady said: "I never saw it this way before."

Our Meeting  
We are to have a protracted meeting in Jewett, beginning on the 12th of April. My good friend, Dr. J. C. Burkett, is to do the preaching. What a wonderful, blessed meeting he has just had in his own church, where he did his own preaching. Please pray for us!

#### GEORGIA BAPTIST LAYMAN LEAVES ESTATE TO SCHOOLS

Returning from the Civil War practically penniless, his farm in ruins and with only his young wife to greet him, David Denton of Stapleton, Ga., began life anew, succeeded, and when he died last month it was found that he left the bulk of his estate to Georgia Baptist schools. Mercer University received \$50,000 and smaller amounts went to Besseie Tift and Brewton-Parker Institute. Mr. Denton got his start from the sale of several yards of jeans cloth Mrs. Denton had woven during his absence. These she sold for a few Federal gold dollars.

Pastor Fred Clark and the Rotan church are in a two weeks revival meeting with the pastor doing the preaching. Mr. Richey, a local singer will have charge of the music.

#### Ten Years of Dr. Love's Administration Has Been Unusually Successful Period

Suggestive of the growth that has come to the foreign mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention in recent years, a survey of that work just completed by Dr. E. P. Alldroge of the Baptist Sunday School Board, shows that during the ten years administration of the affairs of the Foreign Mission Board by Dr. J. F. Love, corresponding secretary, the receipts have been \$16,149,994.04 whereas the receipts for entire 78 years of the Board's history have amounted to only \$24,915,704.86.

Indicating the larger results in every phase of foreign mission endeavor which these increased receipts have made possible, it is pointed out that when Dr. Love became secretary ten years ago the Foreign Mission Board was operating in seven fields whereas now the number of fields has been increased to 17. Other advances of the decade include increase in the number of churches on the foreign fields from 380 to 1,095, mission stations other than churches from 43 to 308, number of baptisms per year from 5,252 to 12,856, membership of foreign churches from 29,991 to 111,872, houses of worship from 247 to 819, Sunday schools from 542 to 1,511, Sunday school pupils from 22,022 to 76,504, annual contributions by foreign churches from \$91,159.69 to \$44,568. American missionaries on the field from 278 to 544, native Christian workers employed from 634 to 2,494, mission residences owned by the Board from 66 to 129, number of mission schools from 339 to 860, number of pupils in these schools—from which 50 per cent of all converts won, women—9,376 to 35,106, American medical missionaries employed from 12 to 19, and number of medical treatments given per year from 74,829 to 294,422.

The Foreign Mission Board will have before it as its June meeting at least 100 applications for appointment to the foreign fields and is in correspondence with 1,000 college students who have dedicated their lives to foreign mission service.

#### MISSION PUBLISHING HOUSE GETS PERMANENT QUARTERS

As a permanent home for its Spanish publishing house at El Paso, Tex., the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has secured a three-story building formerly owned by the First Baptist Church. This publishing house is superintended by Rev. J. E. Davis and publishes literature for use not only in Mexico but in other lands where Baptists are operating and Spanish is spoken.

#### SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOSPITAL UNDER WAY AT NEW ORLEANS

Eight acres of pine timber were required to furnish the piles that were driven in launching the first of the Southern Baptist Hospital, now under construction at New Orleans. Good progress on the construction of the building is reported. It is planned to begin operating the hospital early in 1926.

#### STUDY COURSE AT ROTAN

We have just finished our second Sunday School Study Course. In the first we took "Studies in the New Testament," with thirty people in the Course in our second we took "Building a Standard Sunday School," with fifty people in the Course. It was my pleasure to teach both Courses.

#### FRED CLARK, Pastor, Rotan

#### NOLAN CHURCH SETS TIME FOR MEETING

Saturday, night March 21, at 8:15 o'clock the Nolan Baptist Church, before hearing a sermon by the pastor decided to begin their summer revival Saturday before the 4th Sunday in July. The church has asked Brother Sparks of Brady, Texas, to do the preaching, and he has sent word that he knows nothing at this time to prevent his coming.

The pastor, Brother E. M. McGinnis, preached a wonderful sermon at the eleven o'clock hour Sunday morning. The subject being: "Our rewards in Heaven."

Sunday the young and old of the community met for song service and the purpose of organizing a B. Y. P. U.

The service was successfully carried out and both a Senior and a Junior B. Y. P. U. were organized.

The pastor preached another, very good sermon at the regular Sunday night hour, and the Holy Spirit was in the congregation in great power. Several unassured boys gave their hearts to the pastor, in so doing telling that they wished the prayers of the Christian people for their salvation.

The people of Nolan community, especially the young people, are drawn nearer to the Savior every time the Pastor enters the pulpit.

We can say for Brother McGinnis, he is one of the most devoted Christians we have ever known; he is improving wonderfully in his speaking and is much loved throughout Nolan community.

### Large Attendance Expected at Abilene Dist. Conference



MRS. J. E. LEIGH  
Corresponding-Secretary, W. M. U. of Texas, who will attend District Meeting at Abilene, April 15-16.

#### BAPTISTS TAKE LEAD IN SERVING PEOPLE BY MEANS OF AIRPLANES

In order that he may minister to a parish of 40,000 square miles in Wilcannin, New South Wales, Rev. L. Daniels has petitioned the colonial and continental societies for an airplane. In the event his request is granted, he will probably be the first pastor in the world to use an airplane in making regular calls, but four years ago Rev. A. Foltz, special representative of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Texas State Mission Board among soldiers located in South Texas, used an airplane for carrying enlisted men from Camp Ellington to church services at Houston and Galveston.

#### LAYMAN WOULD ENDOW THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

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#### VIRGINIA BAPTIST HEADS JUNIOR COLLEGE PRESIDENTS

President H. G. Noffsinger of Interterm College, Bristol, Va., one of the Baptist school for girls in that state, was elected president of the American Association of Junior College Presidents at its recent annual session at Cincinnati.

### GREAT CROWDS ATTEND FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS

Reports reaching the office of the West Texas Baptist indicate that the Fifth Sunday meetings in the western sections of the state were unusually good and an encouraging note of fellowship and evangelism ran throughout the meetings. The editor has the pleasure of attending these annual Fifth Sunday meetings, and these were all of the highest order.

#### The Cisco Meeting.

The Cisco association held its meeting with Pastor Underwood and the Albany church. We arrived on the scene right after the people had finished a typical west Texas "dinner on the ground." The Board met right after noon and it was an inspiring sight to see the great groups of workers from that association sit together and discuss the problems of the association. This association is composed of Eastland, Shackelford and Stephens counties. Up to recently two missionaries were employed, but Brother C. Ross Payne recently resigned. The Board decided to use only one missionary for the rest of the associational year and make an effort to pay out of debt. Rev. J. J. Ponder, the efficient missionary, made a good report and told of his plans to do evangelistic work in that association during the summer. On Friday afternoon the women rendered a good program at which time their work was discussed and plans made to advance the cause in the association.

#### The Callahan Meeting.

The Callahan fifth Sunday meeting met on Friday night with the Denton Church. We reached this meeting Saturday morning and found the brethren in the midst of a fine program. The meeting had a good start Friday night when Brother D. G. Reid, pastor at Potosi preached a great sermon. A high hour was reached Saturday morning when Pastor W. A.

#### MRS. M. J. BOOTH

Preparations are being made for the Annual District Meeting the 15th and 16th of April in the First Church of Abilene, with all the Baptist churches as hostesses.

Committees have been arranged for transportation and entertainment of the visitors while in the city, and a number of ladies will be here from the nine associations comprising the District.

The guests from out of the District will be our State Secretary, Mrs. J. E. Leigh of Dallas, Mrs. J. H. Weatherly of Hubbard, who is State-Chairman of Mission Study, Mrs. J. W. Byars, the Superintendent of the Woman's Training School at Fort Worth, Miss Lucille Reagan, a returned missionary from Africa, and our own Scholarship girl, Miss Floy Hawkins.

The Young People's Evening on Wednesday will be featured by a pageant produced by Simmons College students, and the Choral Club of Simmons will sing two numbers.

It is hoped that the women everywhere in the territory will avail themselves of this opportunity and (Continued on Page Four)

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A CHALLENGE TO TEXAS BAPTISTS

Sunday, April 19, has been designated "Home and Foreign Mission Day" and the churches all over the Southern Baptist Convention are urged to take special collections for missions on that day.

BAPTIST NEEDS

In the "Open Forum" of the West Texas Baptist this week appears an article by J. O. Heath, pastor of the Baptist Church at Munday, in which criticism is made against some policies of our denominational leaders in Texas.

THE OPEN FORUM

SOME TEXAS BAPTIST NEEDS

By Rev. J. O. HEATH

The Baptists of Texas are strong in numbers and in material resources. It is possible our leaders have made some mistakes. Being human like the rest of us they are liable to make them.

In adjusting ourselves to this enlarged program, there naturally arise certain dangers that we must be careful of. For instance, organization is necessary for the carrying on of our work, but there is a possibility that we may place too much emphasis on unity.

Granting that there is room to complain of certain Baptist tendencies, we do not feel that just now is the proper time to make this criticism. During the late war, there were many things that might have stopped and complained about, but had they done this Germany would have won the war.

One of the hardest working pastors in this entire section of Texas is Bro. G. W. Tankersley, a student in Simmons College. He is pastoring three churches, Champion and Bolin churches in Mitchell-Scurry Association and Ford City church.

All the women and young people holding membership in the Baptist church at Nadawah, Ala., made subscriptions to the 1925 Church, and every member of the church, but two, made pledges to that work, it was announced by the state headquarters.

Southwest Baptist College at Bolivar, Mo., one of the system of mountain mission schools of the denomination has 60 ministerial students and 40 volunteers for other forms of Christian service out of a total enrollment of 250 pupils.

NEARER TO THEE

By CLYDE EDWIN TUCK

I have triumphed at last o'er the foes of my soul, I have come from my Gethsemane; From out of my drear skies I saw the clouds roll— And then all brought me nearer to Thee.

MINISTERIAL ETHICS

We recently heard of a pastor who on being asked if he did not have a certain preacher help him in a revival meeting, remarked: "He helped me out of a pastorate."

While attending the State Secretaries Association at Galveston it was the privilege of the writer to preach on Sunday night to one of the large negro churches of the city.

members asked him if he would not consider a call to that church as their pastor. He called attention of these people to the fact that they had a pastor. They said they were fixing to get rid of him and wanted to call another.

We are not intimating that any New Mexico preacher would be unfair to any church or to any pastor. We are just issuing these words of caution and urging that churches and preachers be extremely cautious and not give rise to questionings.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

E. M. LANDERS, EDITOR.

RECOGNITION FOR THE LITTLE ONES

Individual recognition for work well done in classes, in departments, and everywhere, is one of the secrets of the growth of many of these groups of special recognition, the superintendent who rightly points out well merited attention, and especially the teacher who calls notice to individual work well done, is well on the way to the hearts of his people.

"WHY WE BELIEVE IN MISSIONS"

All over the southland next Sunday the Bible Schools are going to think about the subject and many are going to really learn "Why We Believe in Missions." A full and definite knowledge of this will make better classes and churches as a result.

A SUMMER CHALLENGE The coming summer months are a challenge to every Sunday School that is trying to do the acceptable work of the Master. There is an erroneous idea abroad and generally accepted, that a slump is to be expected in the church work during the summer months.

requirements. Why, the Executive Board has ruled not to recognize any gift from any church or individual, unless that gift shall pass through those channels upon which the Board has set its approval.

CLASS CO-OPERATION Much has been said along the line of classes and co-operation with the Sunday School and general program of the church.

STONEWALL COUNTY ASSOCIATION W. T. North, Missionary The Fifth Sunday meeting of the Stonewall Baptist Association, which was held at Center View church of which Rev. J. V. Bilberry is pastor.

HASKELL COUNTY ASSOCIATION W. M. Lawrence The work in general in Haskell Association, seems to be on the upward trend. Everything is moving along smoothly.

RUNNELS COUNTY ASSOCIATION Leland Malone The manhunt down about Tuscola and Ovalo last Thursday made a special scan closely the roadsides and hillsides.

BROWNFIELD ASSOCIATION W. F. Markham The Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Brownfield Association met March 26-27 at the O'Donnell church with a good attendance both days.

BIG SPRINGS ASSOCIATION By W. D. GREEN I have just closed a meeting at Soash school house in which we had six to accept Christ, five reclaimed and nineteen additions to the church.

GARZA COUNTY ASSOCIATION One of the most interesting and profitable fifth Sunday meetings ever attended by the writer (and he has been attending such meetings for more than 40 years) was held Friday night with a "rousing" introductory sermon by Pastor C. A. Jones of "Ragtown" and closed Sunday night with an earnest evangelistic appeal by Brother Holmes of Stonewall association.

HASKELL COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The work in general in Haskell Association, seems to be on the upward trend. Everything is moving along smoothly. From every pastor, and every worker, there seems to come whispers breathed out from hearts for a great revival.

Our Fifth Sunday Meeting which was held at the Brushy Church was the best that the writer has attended in a long time. The program was well carried out. We had some very interesting discussions on vital themes, all of which centered around the church. The local attendance represented, and the local attendance was good, the house was filled most every service and part of the time it would not seat the folks.

Our next Workers' Council meets Monday following the fourth Sunday with the Knox Church. We understand at this writing that they are going to have their house of worship completed by that time. All are looking forward for a good time with them; come and be with us.

STONEWALL COUNTY ASSOCIATION W. T. North, Missionary The Fifth Sunday meeting of the Stonewall Baptist Association, which was held at Center View church of which Rev. J. V. Bilberry is pastor.

Ministers present were: F. A. Tippen, W. T. Priddy, C. E. Best, E. H. Dickerson, W. J. Wade, J. V. Bilberry, E. D. Dunlap, Rev. Taylor, W. T. North, D. N. White. The power of the Holy Spirit was felt in every service.

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RUNNELS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Leland Malone The manhunt down about Tuscola and Ovalo last Thursday made a special scan closely the roadsides and hillsides. Later the northwind marshalled the dust and filled the heavens with a somber shadow, and that they were those who ran.

The fifth Sunday meeting at Maverrick was well attended and did much good in many ways. The speakers and preachers were spirit led with serious messages. The women had a fine hour with a vigorous address by Mrs. Godbold of Brownwood on the Women's opportunity to serve.

Brother Winsett is getting results here at Winters in the meeting before last week. Over 500 at Sunday School last Sunday; 10 conversions in Junior and Intermediate classes; 12 additions to church at the noon hour. Presiding elder at Brownwood is doing some good preaching at Bronte. Brother DeWees is to accept the Bronte church, I understand. Pastor Swindell of Ballinger is in the hospital. Pastor Robert Milam of Maverrick is just out of the hospital.

BIG SPRINGS ASSOCIATION

I have just closed a meeting at Soash school house in which we had six to accept Christ, five reclaimed and nineteen additions to the church, six being by baptism. Our work is going forward along every line. We are delighted by the way the Mexican people are turning to the Lord under the preaching of Brother Garcia.

Our program was carried out in full, the men taking the program in hand up to Saturday noon. Then our women took the services in charge and rendered a fine program. Mrs. Jack Garber of Westbrook, who is a new worker in our ranks, brought us a message both instructive and full of power.

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BROWNFIELD ASSOCIATION

The Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Brownfield Association met March 26-27 at the O'Donnell church with a good attendance both days. Every pastor in the Association was present except one. We had a fine crowd, a good program, and dinner galore.

Pastor Drasher protracted a mid-week prayer meeting into a ten days revival meeting. As a result ten were baptized, others came by letter, and all were made happy. The pastor is smiling happy over the growth of his work here.

Pastor Burnett has just closed out a great meeting with his Church at Meadow. Rev. B. N. Shepherd did the preaching. There were six or seven conversions and several reclaimed. The crowds grew until the lack of room. This is a half-time church that bids fair to go to full-time by another year.

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The Board met at 2 p. m. Saturday and laid some definite and substantial plans for holding meetings at the destitute points in our association. At 11 a. m. Sunday after a most informing and very forceful ordination sermon by Rev. Jno. P. Hardesty of Slaton, three deacons were formally inducted into the duties of that office for Cap-Rock church.

Brother K. K. Toby preached at the eleven o'clock hour, and the house was full to overflowing. Everyone was delighted with his talk. Brother Toby talked in the afternoon at Cap Rock where the Fifth Sunday meeting was being held, and in the evening at Friendship church, Close City. At each time the house was more than full. Garza Association was delighted to have Brother Toby present at this time.

Post church had another most delightful surprise Sunday morning, when Brother Weldon, student at Simmons, and pastor of the church, announced that he was on the way to stay and would not have to go back to school any more. He will only have to go back at Commencement to get his diploma. Brother Weldon is a great favorite, especially with the young people, who find him so congenial and helpful in all their work. He has been elected Scout leader, so we are expecting a great time this summer for our young boys. Brother Weldon also proved himself very efficient in the ladies work when he met with the W. M. S. Monday afternoon at the social meeting at Mrs. J. H. Babbs', and outlined the work for the ladies during the meeting. We are preparing for a great meeting and the salvation of many souls.

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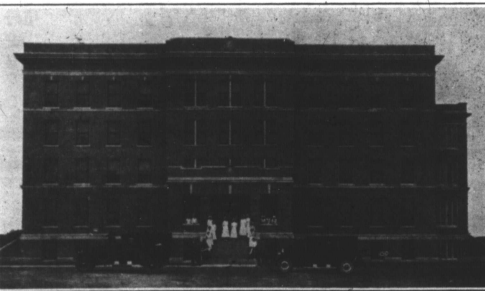
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# WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION DEPARTMENT

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## BAPTIST WOMEN PLANNING TO CONVENE IN SEPARATE MEETING

Plan to Change Fiscal Year and Date of Meeting to Be Considered at Memphis.

Of large interest to all Southern Baptists is the announcement that at the approaching annual session of the Women's Missionary Union at Memphis, beginning May 12, an amendment to the by-laws of the organization will be proposed making the books of the Union close with the end of the calendar year. It is deemed certain that it will also be proposed to hold the annual convention of the Union in January hereafter, shortly after the close of the books, and at a time and place different from the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In support of these proposed changes it is pointed out by the women that they feel the adoption of the calendar year as the W. M. U. year will greatly simplify and facilitate the work of the Union, while a change from the present method of holding the convention at the same time as the Southern Baptist Convention is in session is desirable from the fact that under the present arrangement the women do not have opportunity to attend the sessions of the Southern Convention, of which their organization is an auxiliary.

The delegates to the Memphis meeting are asked to think these matters through in advance in order that they may be prepared to vote intelligently upon them when they are broached at the session. The women are among the most enthusiastic and liberal supporters of the whole denominational program.

### District W. M. U. Meeting to Be Held Here April 15

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help to make this a great spiritual feast.

The program is as follows:  
Wednesday, April 15, 1:00 p. m.  
Song Service.  
Devotional—Mrs. L. D. Terry, Sweetwater.  
Recognition of Missionaries and visitors.  
Words of Welcome—Mrs. H. H. Ramsey, Abilene.  
Response—Mrs. Leon Gambrell, Haskell.  
Reading—Miss Agnes Caldwell,

Abilene.  
Appointment of Committees.  
Minutes of 1924 meeting—Mrs. R. C. Crane, Sweetwater.  
Reports for the Year's Work (Five minutes each)  
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. J. O. Shelton, Abilene.  
Treasurer—Mrs. C. L. Johnson, Abilene.  
Young People's Leader—Miss Lillias Penick, Stamford.  
Big Spring auxiliary—Mrs. W. D. Green, Big Spring.  
Fisher County—Mrs. C. G. Campbell, Rotan.  
Lamesa County—Mrs. A. W. Boucher, Post.  
Haskell County—Mrs. B. M. Whiteker, Haskell.  
Jones County—Mrs. Jack Blake, Stamford.  
Lamesa County—Mrs. Ross Smith, Lamesa.  
Seury—Mitchell—Mrs. M. C. Bishop, Colorado.  
Stonewall County—Mrs. John Guest, Aspermont.  
Sweetwater Auxiliary—Mrs. J. P. Stinson, Abilene.

Special music.  
Personal Service in Review—Mrs. Geo. L. Paxton, Abilene.  
Benevolence in Review—Mrs. K. S. Beckett, Big Spring.  
Education—Mrs. J. D. Sandefer, Abilene.  
White Cross—Mrs. Vera Rodgers, Rolle.  
Publicity—Mrs. Len Faucett, Abilene.  
Adjourn.

Wednesday Evening Session  
7:30 Young People's Evening.  
Mrs. R. M. White, Abilene presiding.  
Hymn—"O Zion Haste."  
Devotional—Miss Millie Daniels, Abilene.  
Special Music—Simmons Choral Club.  
Drama—Presented by Simmons College Students.  
Address.

Thursday Morning Session  
Song Service.  
Devotional—Mrs. Fred Clark, Rotan.  
President's message.  
"Looking Backward"—Mrs. C. M. Caldwell, Abilene.  
"Looking Forward"—Mrs. M. J. Booth, Abilene.  
A voice from our Training School—Miss Floy Hawkins, Ft. Worth.  
Address—Mrs. J. W. Byars, Ft.

Worth.  
"Mission Study"—Mrs. Ralph St. John, Abilene.  
Demonstration—Mrs. J. H. Weatherby.  
Missions—Mrs. Jeff Davis, Snyder.  
In Memoriam—Mrs. V. E. Vuur, Abilene.  
Solo—Mr. Lee Stulce, Abilene.  
Closing Prayer.  
Thursday Afternoon Session 1:30  
Song.  
Prayer.  
The Lueders and Post Encampments.  
Broedlove Loan Fund—A group of Simmons Students.  
West Texas Baptist Sanitarium—Mrs. R. J. Ellis, Abilene.  
Election of Officers.  
Selection of next meeting place.  
Closing prayer.  
Adjourn.

WOMEN OF HASKELL ASSOCIATION MEET AT MUNDAY  
Members of the W. M. U. Auxiliary to the Haskell Baptist Association held an all-day meeting with the women of the Munday church on Thursday, March 19. The day was ideal, and before the appointed hour came, women began to arrive from all parts of Haskell and Knox counties. The meeting was called to order at ten o'clock by the associational president and following a report by the Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. L. E. Frazier of Rochester led a beautiful devotional based on Matt. 10:8-42. She urged that the members be not so much like the practical Martha, but that they choose the better part as did Mary. Following an appropriate duet, "Ready," Mrs. J. M. Booth, of Abilene, our District president, brought an inspirational message on the theme "Stir the gift that is within Thee." As she talked each woman present was made to feel an individual responsibility in the on-going of the work, even though her talent seems small and insignificant. We were so thankful to have Mrs. Booth with us, and we feel sure that the words spoken, will result in more zeal and greater efforts on the part of our women.

brought out many helpful facts concerning the work. We feel that this was truly a great day for our women and has placed our work on a higher plane. We will long remember the hospitality of our Munday people. About one hundred and fifty women were in attendance during the day, among them one of our former workers in the association, Mrs. John Cooke, of Maybelle. We also welcomed several pastors and our missionary.

BIG SPRINGS W. M. U.  
Mrs. W. D. Green was hostess to the Ladies W. M. U. of First Baptist church in their regular business and program meeting Monday afternoon, March 23rd, at 3 p. m.  
A very interesting program was rendered under the leadership of Mrs. R. V. Jones.  
Business matters were attended to after the program. Mrs. W. W. Grant was unanimously elected president of the W. M. U. to finish out the unexpired term of Mrs. P. G. Stokes, who moved away. A more consecrated Christian worker than Mrs. Grant could not have been chosen and she will do all in her power to carry on the good work that her predecessor had begun. In accepting the office she urged the cooperation of every member. Let us each and every one do our part to give her the loyal support that she desires and that is necessary to make a success of any undertaking.  
During the social hour delicious refreshments and sandwiches, tea and waters were served by Mesdames Green, Hatcher and Heard.

BAPTIST WOMAN BUILDS SEMINARY AND SUPPORTS FIFTEEN MISSIONARIES  
Miss Varina Brown of Anderson, S. C., who last year assumed the expense of equipping, transporting to their fields and providing the salaries of fifteen missionaries to be sent out by the Foreign Mission Board, has recently given \$15,000 cash to the Board for the erection of the first unit of the Baptist Seminary and Training School at Budapest, Hungary. The seminary was originally projected in the First Baptist Church at Budapest but it outgrew those quarters and the Board did not have the funds for erecting a new building. Hearing of this predicament Miss Brown came to the Board's rescue with the needed cash.  
Desiring that no publicity be given to her contribution, Miss Brown directed that no mention be made of it, but when she was later persuaded that her example might prove an inspiration to other people of means to make similar contributions, she consented for the gift to be announced.

A beautiful feast was served by the Munday Society at the noon hour, in the Masonic Hall. The afternoon session was opened by singing the women's hymn, "O Zion Haste," after which Mrs. C. O. Davis of Rule, led the devotional. A duet, "Must I Go, and empty handed," was beautifully sung by members from Knox City. Splendid reports by the presidents of the various societies over the association, and standing committee chairmen followed. Mrs. W. E. Kirkpatrick of Haskell discussed fully, "Our Standard of Excellence," using the chart to demonstrate Round table discussions, with Mrs. Booth as leader.

FISHER COUNTY TRIP  
Mrs. M. J. Booth  
The District President had the pleasure of a trip to Fisher County and attending the well planned Fifth Sunday meeting held with the Dowell church, near Rotan, last week.  
The crowd was large, the hospitality was wonderful, and enthusiasm and good-fellowship unsurpassed. The meeting on Saturday was along denominational lines, and on Saturday afternoon the District President was asked to speak at the hour set apart for the women, and a round table conference was held at the close of her address, at which time, even the men asked questions.  
Sunday the crowds came in cars from far and near, until one wondered whether these good women could think of feeding so many, but after a big sermon on "Church Financing" by Rev. Fred Clark, pastor at Rotan, we found our fears were groundless; there was food enough for all, and to spare.  
Sunday afternoon was given over to B. Y. P. U. and Bro. Phil Little, a former Simmons student, arranged a splendid program, bringing the climax himself in a wonderful message on "Service."  
Fisher county churches are alive to the needs at this hour in Texas, and realize fully that every member of every church must give liberally of money and time if we meet the needs in Texas this year.  
It will be my privilege to speak at a banquet given by Mr. and Mrs. Penick of Stamford, at their lovely home on the Lake near Lueders, next Saturday, April 4th, to the High School Seniors of Stamford, and to speak on the subject, "On to College"; other speakers will be Mr. John Caylor, the B. S. U. State Secretary of Dallas, and Miss Lucille Loyd, one of the field workers of the B. S. U.  
I will also be with the people at McCauley on Sunday evening following, and talk at the Rally meeting of Young People of that section, who are beginning a Training School. Monday and Tuesday will be spent with the W. M. S. of Stamford in a mission study, using "In Royal Service" by Miss Heck. It is a joy to go over the field and have the responsive hearing everywhere, and to feel the instant manifest in our West Texas Sanitarium, and Simmons University. These two great institutions are our very own, and West Texas is going to be loyal to them.

EFFICIENCY BANNER  
Attention is called to the sixth recommendation of the executive board, adopted at the Haskell meeting last April as follows: Sixth to have a district efficiency banner, to be awarded annually to Associational Auxiliary on the following points:  
(1) Greatest number of new auxiliaries organized.  
(2) Meeting of Apportionments.  
(3) Quarterly reports on time.  
(4) Regular quarterly meetings.  
(5) Greatest number of points attained on Standard of Excellence.  
(6) Greatest number of Seals and certificates.  
Above points to be counted on percentage basis.  
Associational presidents will please be prepared to submit their standing on the required points, at the coming annual meeting in Abilene April 15 and 16.  
CHAMPION B. Y. P. U. ELECTS OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR  
Pastor W. G. Tankersley filled his regular appointment here the fourth Saturday and Sunday. The services were well attended. The pastor was accompanied here Friday night by Mr. Clyde Stokes, who is attending Simmons College. Mr. L. Stokes from Mt. Olive church was also here for the Saturday morning service.  
The three B. Y. P. U.'s met on Friday night for the purpose of electing officers and to make plans for the next quarter's work. Our unions are growing in spite of difficulties, and with God's help we are going to make the next quarter's work our best. All three unions are working to be A-1 at the end of the quarter. We will observe study course week in June.  
Our Sunday School is also growing, our grade, according to the eight point system of grading, for the fifth Sunday was 92. Loraine Sunday School, with whom we are contesting, also made 92 on that day.  
W. M. U. workers of Taylor County meet with Colony Hill April 6.  
New Hope Church.  
The pastor, C. B. Stovall, filled his appointment here last Saturday night and Sunday. The services were well attended. There were five additions to the church at the second Sunday meeting. The church building is nearing completion, and the next regular preaching service will be held in the building, which will be the second Sunday in April. We are looking forward to a revival meeting this summer. We are praying that this will be the greatest revival we have ever had.

WITH ANSON CHURCH  
The Baptist pastor was called away to conduct a funeral service of a De Leon friend, last Sunday.  
There were no services Sunday night.  
In addition to the good orchestra music Sunday morning we were favored with a solo by Miss Mildred Carr, who was home a few days from Trinity University.  
Sunday before last, the Hamlin Baptist Sunday School had an attendance of 300. Can't you be one of 300 to attend the Anson Baptist Sunday School.  
Our revival meeting begins this coming Sunday. Your presence, cooperation and prayers are needed in helping to win the lost to Christ.  
Brother Hamor is a whole-souled evangelist in each service. His forceful preaching, led by the Spirit of God and the consecration of the Christians, will enable us to have an old time revival.  
Come Sunday and to every following service possible.  
Mr. Linley, a student of Simmons College of Abilene, filled the pulpit of the Baptist Church here last Sunday in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Hamor. Those hearing Rev. Linley said his sermon and delivery was good and predicted for him a very bright future.  
Rev. E. T. Miller, pastor at Canadian, was in Abilene last week on a few days' vacation. Brother Miller has just closed his first year's work as pastor of this good church. On the first anniversary of the women of the church presented Brother Miller with fifty-two dollars, one for each week of the year, and at the close of the service the church called him for fifty-two years to serve as pastor. The Canadian church has made rapid progress during the past year. There have been 85 additions to the church during the past year. The church is now in a budget revival. Last year there were seventy contributors to the church and this year the number has been increased to 174. The church has adopted the denominational budget and is meeting the budget through the Sunday School organization, and a check is being sent regularly to Dallas headquarters.  
Evangelist Scott W. Hickey has just closed a fine meeting with the Oxine church near Ballinger. This church was organized less than a year ago with 18 members. Later on a meeting was held and there were ten additions by baptism. In the meeting just closed there were 32 additions, nineteen being by baptism. The present membership is seventy. The church has rented thirty acres of land and the proceeds from the crop will be used for a church building.

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