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## THINGS TO EXPECT AT SAN ANGELO CONVENTION APRIL 18, 19, 20 AND 21

"Ruth," an elaborate music drama under the direction of Prof. I. E. Reynolds and Edwin McNeely, will be presented Monday evening, April 18, by the Choral Club of Sacred Music from Southwestern Baptist Seminary of Fort Worth. No admission fee will be charged for this musical treat.

On Wednesday evening, inspirational messages will be brought simultaneously in three churches by President Thomas Taylor of Howard Payne College, Dr. P. E. Burroughs, and Dr. E. P. Alldredge.

Vacation Bible School conferences will be held on Wednesday and Thursday mornings with the entire convention in attendance. No other part of the program will conflict with this important feature.

A "Get Acquainted Period" which means old fashioned Baptist handshakings, is planned under the direction of Rev. J. Ralph Grant of Childress. Here is a chance to meet that worker of whom you have been hearing.

Dr. R. C. Campbell will speak on "The Romance of Conquest" and "Maintaining Christian Ideals in Amusement Life." Practical problems will be discussed by a practical man with a vision.

There will be a very interesting Daily Vacation Bible School exhibit at the convention. Mrs. W. H. Russell will be present to answer questions and helpful textbooks and material will be on display.

A list of all Standard Sunday Schools together with the names of their pastors and superintendents will be blazoned on a large banner which will be located in a prominent place.

The First Baptist Church will be headquarters of the Convention where registration, home assignments, information and other helps will be handled with that famed Western hospitality.

## NEW PUBLICATION

Now comes to the West Texas Baptist Volume 1, Number 1, of The Baptist Trumpet from the First Baptist Church of Carbon, Texas. This unusual publication comes out with ten pages of legal size paper, 8 1/2 by 14 inches. The front cover is attractively printed and carries the church directory and a picture of the house of worship. The remainder of the paper is mimeographed, two pages of paid advertisements and seven of church news, editorials and information. Pastor A. A. Davis and his congregation have done a good job.

## H-SU ALUMNI PLAN FOUNDER'S DAY AFFAIR

The annual Founder's Day observance will be marked by two programs this year. Founder's Day, the birthday of Dr. Simmons, is April 17, which happens to be Easter Sunday this year. For that reason, alumni leaders are planning an unusual program for the chapel hour, Wednesday, April 13, in order that students who plan spending Easter holidays at home may have a part in the occasion.

At this "Pre-Founder's Day" event tribute will be paid, not only to Dr. and Mrs. Simmons, but also to those pioneer trustees to whom we are equally indebted for the building and the sustaining of Simmons College in the uncertain years of its beginnings.

On the afternoon of Easter Sunday there will be further services at which the graves of the Founders will be decorated. Speakers are not yet announced for these occasions.

## H-SU CHAPEL SPEAKERS

The speaker at chapel Tuesday, April 5, was Dr. Blanche Dow, a noted Missouri educator and sister of Mrs. O. E. Baker. Miss Dow is Missouri state president of the Association of American University Women. She discussed scholarship and its possibilities in American life.

Wednesday, Mrs. J. M. Radford, leader among Abilene women and widow of the late J. M. Radford, pioneer merchant and long a trustee of Simmons College, spoke on her travels in the Far East.

Dr. Nick Holland, school superintendent at Breckenridge, on Thursday discussed the relation between public schools and colleges.

The Cowboy Band broadcasts regularly over KRBC, 1420 kilocycles.

## Will Speak at Stamford



MRS. J. E. LEIGH  
Dallas, Texas

Mrs. Leigh will speak at the W. M. U. District 17 meeting at Stamford April 12th and 13th.

## HOUSTON REVIVALS SET SOUTHWIDE RECORD

What is believed to be a record of Baptist membership gains in a city-wide evangelistic campaign was reached in the Houston meetings which were conducted under the direction of Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, the Home Mission Board's superintendent of evangelism. In the two weeks revival, which ended March 27, 1,565 members were added to 39 churches. On the closing day of the meeting there were 17,096 in the Baptist Sunday Schools of Houston and 5,036 attended B. T. U. Much credit is given by Dr. Leavell to the Baptist leaders of the city for their efficient services during the campaign.

In a similarly conducted revival last year in St. Louis there were 1,001 additions to 37 churches. Dr. Leavell is now in a city-wide meeting in Atlanta with 59 churches cooperating.

## KELLY BARNETT TO LEAD YOUNG PEOPLE'S REVIVALS

Rev. Kelly Barnett, a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, formerly pastor at Talpa, and now a student in the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, will return to Texas to conduct a series of young people's revivals. His first meeting will be with Pastor Whately and the Haskell Church, June 5-12. Sunday afternoon, June 12, he plans to go to Point Rock where Rev. J. W. Sailors is pastor. He will be at Oplin assisting Pastor Dick Griffin the week of July 3-10. The two weeks from June 19 to July 3 are now open and he has arranged to remain in Texas only six weeks. Churches interested in securing this able and earnest leader should address him promptly in care of Mullins Hall, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

## WHY I WANT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO ATTEND THE STATE S. S. CONVENTION

Rev. J. Wm. Mason, Memphis  
I want all of our Young People to attend the Sunday School Convention: First, because of the inspiration and help they will get for doing Christ's work by coming into contact with other choice Christian Young People.

Second, because of the soul-stirrings they will experience as they listen to the outstanding speakers of the South.

Third, because they will come back home to be soul-winners and more effective workers.

Fourth, because they will either learn to appreciate more what they have in their home church, or they will realize our deficiencies and come back to bring about a change.

## YOUTH WELFARE PROGRAM

Four minute talks on "What is Gambling and What Makes it Harmful," "Keeping Texas Free From Organized Gambling," and "Heroic Living, the Christian Substitute for Gambling," are suggested for B. T. U. general assemblies on Sunday, April 10. This is part of the observance of Youth Welfare Month which is sponsored by a B. T. U. general committee of which Rev. A. D. Foreman of San Angelo is chairman.

## District Seventeen W.M.U. To Meet At Stamford

### First Church Stamford Extends Cordial Welcome to Women to Attend

The W. M. U. of District 17 will hold its annual meeting April 12 and 13 at the First Baptist Church in Stamford.

Mrs. J. B. Buckley, Abilene, for several years Young People's leader for the district, will be in the chair as president for the first time. Mrs. J. M. Chandler, elected at the winter board meeting corresponding secretary-treasurer to succeed Mrs. H. J. Hanks, who has moved to Wichita Falls, has assisted in closing the year's work and in preparing the fine program printed on this page. Prospects indicate one of the best annual meetings we have ever had and a large attendance of women and young people is expected, and, lest Brethren Dick O'Brien and B. N. Shepherd be overcome by the conspicuousness of their position, pastors and other interested brethren are urged to attend.

No one feels more satisfaction over the successful and functioning Laymen's organizations throughout the district than the members of the W. M. U. and certainly a new day has dawned. We will work in fullest cooperation in achievement of our common aims and together set forward the varied interests of the Kingdom in our territory.

It is always a matter of interest to know that Mrs. J. E. Leigh, our State Corresponding Secretary, will appear on our programs. We look forward to two of Mrs. Leigh's delightful addresses, one on Tuesday evening at the session for Young People, and the other on Wednesday morning. Large delegations of Young People are expected to come for the program Tuesday evening.

Our scholarship girl, Lucille Mattox, will be present. She is to finish this spring at the Training School at Fort Worth and is planning hopefully for service in Africa.

Our missionary representative will be Miss Viola Humphreys, who will conduct the devotional on Wednesday morning. Her field, Kaifeng, interior China mission, has been made dear and somewhat familiar to us through the letters and talks of our beloved Miss Blanche Rose Walker, so we look forward to hearing Miss Humphreys speak on her work of evangelization in this field.

Mrs. Hal Buckner is expected to speak on the Benevolence report, setting forth the work of the Orphans Home.

## STAMFORD CHURCH EXTENDS WELCOME

The pastor, president of the local Woman's Missionary Society, along with the Jones County Association president, who is a member of our church, extend a cordial welcome to the women of District 17 to attend the sessions of the annual convention which meets at Stamford next Tuesday and Wednesday, April 12-13. We are making plans to entertain around three hundred visitors, and we mean it when we say that we want you to be among them.

Stamford is located pretty near the geographical center of the district and may be reached over one of five paved highways which center here. Local plans are all complete and a splendid program has been arranged. We will be expecting you.

(Signed)

Dick O'Brien, Pastor.  
Mrs. C. R. Sims, local president.  
Mrs. G. G. Flournoy, Ass'n. President.

"Ye shall hallow the fiftieth year... it shall be a jubilee unto you,"  
Liv. 25:10.

### Tuesday Morning

9:45 o'Clock

Mrs. J. B. Buckley, president, presiding.  
Mrs. J. M. Chandler, corresponding secretary-treasurer.  
Mrs. J. S. Tierce, recording secretary.

Martha Louise McClellan and Elijah Blain Elliot, president's pages.  
Mrs. Elton Rhodes, Timekeeper.  
Mrs. Ted Russell, chorister.  
Mrs. Maurine Jackson, pianist.  
Mrs. W. B. Teyman, organist.  
Alton McClellan, Jr., bugler.

9:45-9:55—Song Service, Jubilee Hymn—"Blow Ye Trumpets"; Hymn for 1938—"Come Women Wide Proclaim."

9:55-10:05—Devotional, Mrs. Chester Gray, Rotan.

10:05-10:15—Special Music, Violin Ensemble.

10:15-10:25—Greetings, Mrs. P. D. O'Brien, Stamford.

10:25-10:35—Response, Mrs. W. H. Porter, Jayton.

10:35-10:50—Report on Order of Business; Appointment of committees; nominating committee, Mrs. George Flournoy, Stamford; registration, Mrs. Alton McClellan, Stamford; resolutions, Mrs. C. O. Davis, Rule; presentation of local W. M. U. committee, Mrs. C. R. Sims, Stamford.

10:50-11:10—President's message, Mrs. J. B. Buckley, Abilene.

11:10-12:00—"Ye Shall Hallow the Fiftieth Year" Through:

Our Associations (seven minutes each): Callahan, Mrs. L. B. Lewis, Baird; Ciseo, Mrs. J. R. Burnett, Cisco; Fisher, Mrs. D. G. Reid, Roby; Haskell, Mrs. W. D. Green, Knox City; Jones, Mrs. George Flournoy, Stamford; Stonewall, Mrs. T. F. Whitaker, Jayton; Sweetwater, Mrs. C. C. Comper, Abilene.

12:00-12:05—Publicity, Mrs. E. B. Atwood, Abilene.

Announcements.  
In Memoriam, Mrs. Phil McGahey, Breckenridge.

Special Music.  
Adjournment.

12:30-1:15—Lunch.

"Ye Shall Hallow the Fiftieth Year"

Tuesday Afternoon

1:15-1:30—Organ Prelude, Mrs. W. B. Teyman, Stamford.

1:40-1:50—Devotional, Mrs. E. D. Dunlap, Sweetwater.

1:50-2:35—Conferences.

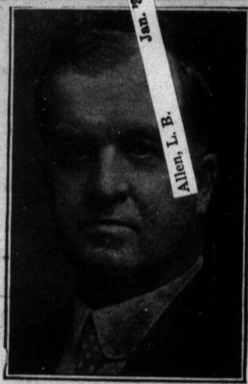
2:35-3:35—"Ye Shall Hallow the Fiftieth Year" Through:

Benevolence: Mrs. George L. Paxton, Abilene; Buckner Orphans Home, Mrs. Hal F. Buckner, Dallas; Hendrick Memorial Hospital, Mrs. E. M. Collier, Abilene.

3:35-4:30—Stewardship, Mrs. B. M. Whiteker, Haskell; Mission Study, Mrs. R. A. Lerner, Eastland; Missions, Mrs. Ed Hahn, Swenson; Special Music, Mrs. P. L. Ullum, Sweetwater; Personal Service, Mrs. George

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## S. S. Convention Speaker



DR. P. E. BURROUGHS  
Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. Burroughs will speak at the State Sunday School Convention, San Angelo, April 19, 20 and 21st.

## INSTITUTE HELD WITH ABILENE FIRST CHURCH

Mrs. W. S. Daniel, mission study chairman for the Sweetwater Association, presided for an Institute held at the First Baptist Church, Abilene, March 24. The opening song service was led by Mrs. F. E. Rhodes, accompanist Mrs. J. D. Riddle. "The Woman's Hymn" and the "Golden Jubilee" songs were sung. Mrs. Geo. L. Paxton extended words of welcome to the visitors. Mrs. E. B. Atwood led in prayer. Mrs. J. H. Dean brought a most inspiring devotional.

The teachers Mrs. D. W. Arnett and Mrs. J. D. Riddle were introduced. The classes were well attended. At the re-assembly Mrs. M. B. Herring sang "Something for Jesus" and on request, "Sunrise Tomorrow." Mrs. J. R. Fielder brought the inspirational address on "The Book of Ruth."

At the noon hour, a delicious covered dish luncheon was served by Mrs. W. N. Woffard, social chairman of the First Church and her committee. Another class period followed and closing the meeting was a most fitting climax by Mrs. O. H. Cooper. On "The Golden Jubilee," its plan, and purpose.

Nine societies of local churches attended the Institute.

## WORKERS CONFERENCE, LAMESA ASSOCIATION

To be held at Wilson Baptist Church, April 14, 1938.

### Program

10:00—Song and Devotional, Fellow Wright.

10:20—The Need for a Revival, W. H. Burns.

10:40—Paying the Price for a Revival, J. W. Whately.

11:00—Exposition of Romans 8:28-30, A. W. Shumake.

11:30—Stewardship and Tithing, Rev. Shipley.

12:00—Noon, lunch at church.

1:30—W. M. U., Mrs. Middleton. Board meeting.

2:00—Our District Missionary.

2:20—Message, Rev. R. E. Dunham, Santa Anna, Texas.

2:50—The Plight of Lost Souls, J. B. Leverett.

3:10—Christ, the Model Soul Winner, Robert Smith.

3:30—Inspirational address, Rev. Guest.

4:00—Adjourn.

## HOSPITAL NOTES

Hendrick Memorial Hospital has bought more up-to-date equipment recently than any other in the state, announces Superintendent E. M. Collier. They also have some equipment which no other Texas hospital possesses.

Mrs. Eloise Odom, hospital X-ray technician, will attend the state convention of the Texas Chapter of Record Librarians, which meets at Houston, April 9-10. Mrs. Odom is secretary of the Texas chapter.

Superintendent Collier and Business Manager Pat Morrison will attend the session of the State Hospital Association at Houston on the same dates.

Miss Stella McCullough, superintendent of nursing, will attend the sessions of the State Nurses Association of which body she is a vice-president. This convention will meet April 11-12 at Waco.

## MISSIONARY



By B. N. SHEPHERD  
Missionary, District 17

E. D. Dunlap is to be with Pastor J. D. Bradford and the Coggin Avenue Baptist Church in Brownwood, beginning Wednesday of this week. Let us all join in prayer for them.

Brother Clyde Jackson preached in a revival meeting at Drasco, where the lovable W. I. Taylor is pastor. A deep spirit of revival permeated the whole membership. There were five additions for baptism and two by letter.

W. C. Ashford is assisting Brother Nipp and his splendid church at Moran in a meeting. A number have been saved and they are looking for still many more. Let us pray for them.

Rev. Stack, Houston, editor of the Christian American, spoke to the Cisco Association Workers' meeting last Tuesday, on the dangers confronting us in our nation on account of the inroads being made by Communism. He told us that we had better speak out now or we will not be allowed to speak in the near future. We need to unite in efforts to combat this monster. One of the ladies suggested that the Southern Baptists should set apart a week for prayer as is done for many other important concerns.

Every speaker and conference leader seemed to be at his best for the recent district convention. Our own pastors who spoke on the program, did the job in a very acceptable way. Cooperation, as shown during the convention, always encourages our hearts and forces us to work the harder for the Master.

Missionary J. D. Brannon, Houston, brought a splendid message on the state encampment. He is chairman of a committee to raise the debt on the grounds. He stated that we have property worth over \$100,000 and owe only \$20,000 on it. The plan is for every union to take an offering for this worthy cause. Brother Lowell Ponder is our District 17 representative.

Pastor J. D. Bradford reports that the spirit is growing finer all the time at Hawley, with increasing crowds in.

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## FISHER COUNTY W M U MEETS AT SYLVESTER

The quarterly meeting of the Women's Missionary Union of the Fisher County Association met at Sylvester April 5. Theme for the meeting was "Sheaves with Rejoicing." Among those having part on the program were Mmes. S. R. Brumfield, Royston; O. D. Henley, Sylvester; J. R. Strayhorn, Rotan; John P. Hardesty, McCaulley; J. N. Turner, Sylvester; Mrs. A. M. Josey, North Roby; J. C. Parks, Sardis; John Lambert, El Paso; D. G. Reid, Roby; D. L. Swint, Rotan; W. H. Stevenson, McCaulley and a special feature by the McCaulley auxiliary.

## DISTRICT 16 W M U MEETS AT COLEMAN

A large attendance of women from all over District 16 are expected to register at the annual W. M. U. convention which is meeting April 7 and 8 with First Church, Coleman. Mrs. G. C. Sivells, Brownwood, district W. M. U. president, will be in the chair and Charles E. Boude, head of the voice department of Howard Payne College, will be in charge of music.

Prominent among the speakers are Mrs. W. A. Jackson, superintendent of the mission training school, Fort Worth; Mrs. C. L. Culppeper, missionary to China; Mrs. R. L. Brown, College Station, state mission study leader; and Dr. Thomas H. Taylor, Howard Payne president.

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R. E. DUDLEY ..... Editor

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### OUR EDITOR

Mr. R. E. Dudley will edit the West Texas Baptist. Mr. Dudley has lived in Abilene for a number of years, is a layman and a member of the First Baptist Church and has had considerable experience in newspaper work. Graduating from Baylor University he worked on the Galveston News for awhile and at Houston on the Houston Post subsequently.

Thoroughly in sympathy with our organized work in Texas and the South, and imbued with the thought that a paper is needed in West Texas, and further that it can be made acceptable to a large number of readers and be successful financially, Mr. Dudley accepted the work and will give his whole time to editing and securing business for the paper.

We ask that you give him your co-operation and prayers, believing that he will make the West Texas Baptist worthy of support and an instrument of real service to this entire section of Texas in helping to build up the Master's cause.

### INTRODUCTORY

It is with a deep spirit of humility and a consciousness of the seriousness and the importance of the task ahead that the new editor comes to this desk.

We conceive of the West Texas Baptist as a religious newspaper. We are anxious to fill each issue with live accounts of and discussion of events of vital interest to Missionary Baptist work, placing emphasis on this broad Western country of ours.

To this end we beg the cooperation and the prayers of the pastors and the congregations of this section. We are eager to tell your neighbors of your forward steps and to keep you in touch with the progress of the Lord's work and the needs of His causes. This can be done only when you let us know what is happening.

Mindful of this vision, we pray for the wisdom to be ever constructive and never contentious; to speak kindly to the lowly, courageously to the struggling, and sympathetically to the distressed; to stand firmly for righteousness and boldly against evil; to cooperate with our Baptist leadership, and as far as possible, in every good work for Christ from the hearthstone to the poles.

Pray for us, brethren, and that we may be used of God to forward Evangelism, Stewardship and Consecration.

—R. E. DUDLEY.

### WRONG LEADERSHIP

That scintillating after dinner speaker who is reported to have wondered last week if public school teachers knew enough to teach a youngster "how to take his first drink," admitted the intent to shock his hearers and he probably succeeded. But for the fact that the speaker was a faculty member of a tax-supported college, the incident should be dismissed with such pitying contempt as, for example, a gentleman accords the mouthings of one too far in his cups to control his tongue.

"This may shock you," our employee is quoted by the United Press to have said, "but I am serious when I say that someone has got to teach my young son how to take his first drink. Children are going to learn those things. . . I want to know if it is going to make him weepy, mean, want to climb a wall or pinch a pretty girl."

This man, who tells the teachers of our boys and girls that they should "know and teach more about life"—presumably including the art of drinking—to our daughters and their escorts, deserves to be put in his place.

There are two things which Christian citizens should do. First, they should register such strong disapproval that our state schools would have no positions for such corrupting influences upon the morals of our students. Second, they should support our Christian colleges, both by patronage and by benefactions, to the end that their children may have unsurpassed educational advantages under Godly influences.

### DICTIONARY FOR A DAY

Every cable from Europe brings discouraging news to Baptists who are, from the nature of their church government, born lovers of democracy. But when one visions the Old World overlorded by military dictators he might remember that Napoleon lasted only a few years and died a miserable exile. The empires of the conquerors of history, Charlemagne, Alexander and Nebuchadnezzar fell apart when the fingers wielding their mighty swords became common clay.

The danger to our civilization and to Christianity is less at the hands of the daring personality of a Hitler or a Mussolini than in the wide spread feeling among peoples that it makes no difference what happens to the world just so I get all I can for myself.

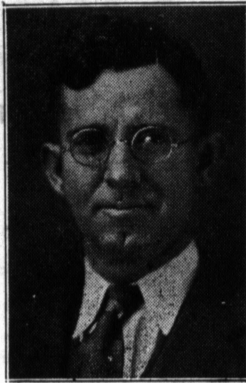
### WET VICTORIES

Lovers of decency and sobriety had as well face the unpleasant fact that local option is not making the progress which was so evident some months ago. Among the reasons advanced there are at least two which demand our attention. One is the feeling of indifference among dry voters on election days. Most elections are close

## S. S. Convention Speakers at San Angelo



DR. R. C. CAMPBELL  
Secretary of Missions  
Dallas, Texas



THOS. H. TAYLOR  
President, Howard Payne College  
Brownwood, Texas

## We Will Be In San Angelo

Concho Valley Association: "Our goal is 3,000 from this association for attendance at the meeting."—C. T. Aly, Eldorado.

"We are expecting to take a large crowd to the Sunday School Convention in San Angelo in April."—L. E. Waite, Lubbock.

Anson: "A car load from our church will attend the convention."—Rev. L. A. Doyle.

Odessa: "We will have 75 to attend the meeting in San Angelo."—W. A. Rose.

"Midland will have 100 at the Sunday School Convention."—Claude O'Crane.

"Stamford will have 15 at the convention."—P. D. O'Brien.

Colorado: "Thirty-five will attend from our church."—Truett Barber.

Amarillo, Buchanan St. Church: "We plan to bring 25."—J. T. Sismore.

Lamesa: "Hope to have some of my folks at the Convention."—E. Phillips.

Amarillo: "Each one of the Associations in District 10 will be well represented at our State Sunday School Convention in San Angelo. You may count on District 10."—J. C. McKenzie.

Ballinger: "A fine group will attend from our church."—Mrs. E. Shepherd.

Alpine: "I believe we will have a fine representative group from District 7."—J. A. Kidd.

Borger: "We expect to have at least 12 attend from our church."—Ira M. Powell.

Slaton: "Hope to see you at the convention with several of our fine workers."—W. F. Ferguson.

"Russells Association has set an attendance goal of 700 for the convention at San Angelo. We expect to reach it."

Sonora Church, R. C. Brinkley, pastor, and Eldorado Church, C. T. Aly, pastor, expect to attend the convention with more than double the membership of their churches.

Abilene, First Church: "We have set our plans to take 100 people from First Church to the State Convention. We are making an effort to secure the attendance banner and probably the mileage banner."—J. D. Riddle.

Dublin: "Two or three carloads will attend from our church," writes Rev. Robert Lee Dobson.

Harlingen: We have learned that 12 people are coming from Harlingen.

### MY SUPERINTENDENT MUST GO—WHY?

E. D. Dunlap, Sweetwater

My superintendent must attend the State Sunday School Convention because of the inspiration which he will receive. The finest speakers, conference leaders and teachers will be heard. He must go because he will receive a vision there which he cannot get elsewhere. He will wish to go because of the new methods which he will learn. He will get these from other superintendents who have proved their worth.

I am glad that my superintendent will go. He realizes the worth of the convention. He and I agree that the convention during the past five years has been worth more to some of our workers than any other training which they have received.

"SAN ANGELO COMMITTEES ARE READY"

G. S. Hopkins

It was our pleasure and proved to be a delight, to meet with the com-

mittees that are to look after and care for the efficient handling of our State Sunday School Convention.

Everyone of these committees were present and had their work well in hand. We can say with certainty that we never met with committees that were better prepared to handle the work nor more enthusiastic than these in the Concho Valley Association. Chairmen of the committees are as follows:

General Local Arrangements: Gus Jones.

Finance, N. E. McGuire.

Hotels and Information: Lawrence Hayes.

Registration: Mrs. R. J. Kenney. Church Delegations: C. T. Aly.

Housing: Mrs. John H. Williams. Reception: Exton Talley, Marion Clay, A. W. Hill.

Publicity: Rev. A. D. Foreman, Jr. Courtesy Cars: J. E. Young.

Ushers: Scottie R. Johnson, L. J. Bateman, A. R. Barbee.

### Something to Think About

By A. W. Blaine, O'Brien

Many Christians, who would feel terribly hurt at the slightest insinuation that they are not right with the Lord, are wrong on the money question. How can a man deceive himself into thinking that he is right with God while he is not following the teachings of His Word in regard to stewardship?

The Bible sets forth a plan of stewardship and the cause of Christ is suffering, Christians are losing great reward, and souls are being trapped in the miserable gulf of eternal despair because of the wrong plan or wrong motive in stewardship. Many churches are crippled as to their mission program because the membership has failed in the main to understand and practice God's plan. For example there is a church in Texas with a membership of about 150. The average offering of that congregation is around \$26.00 per Sunday which has been just barely enough to keep the bills paid. Under such circumstances there can be no challenging mission program. A survey of that field will reveal that there are 15 Baptists whose tithes alone will amount to more than \$33.00 per week. That leaves around 135 members. Let us suppose that a tithe of their incomes would amount to \$15.00. A bare tithe of this church amounts to approximately \$48.00 per Sunday, or \$192.00 per month.

"Will a man rob God? . . . But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings."—Malachi 3:8. No man likes to be called a robber or thief. Which is worse, to rob God or to rob man? Many are, today, in the business of robbing churches, missions, orphans and souls.

It would be revealing if someone in every church would make a survey of the membership in regard to stewardship. It might explain the lack of power in many cases. How can we expect to receive the blessings which God has promised if we are not willing to meet the conditions. Here is the need of honesty. Get right with God.

The glory of divine enthusiasm never fades from the face nor out of the heart of the soul-winning preacher.—Roland Q. Leavell.

and every Christian who could have helped make his county or precinct dry may have on his conscience wrecked lives and ruined homes if he, or she, remains away from the polls. There is also a feeling that our county had as well be wet as to have the situation that exists. The argument is fallacious but it exists and can best be combatted by state-wide prohibition as soon as possible.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Hight C. Moore

April 10, 1938

### FINDING OURSELVES IN SERVICE

Mark 8:27-38

From Decapolis where he healed the deaf man and fed the four thousand Jesus returned to Capernaum and vicinity. Here he faced his fanatical foes, warned his disciples, and healed a blind man. Then he withdrew northward into the villages of Caesarea Philippi where he taught the lesson of his Messiahship and the meaning of discipleship.

#### Notes Analytical and Expository

1. The question of Messiahship brought out the fact that we must find and have faith in Christ before finding ourselves in service. Indeed, acceptance of Christ as the anointed of God is the fundamental of faith in him as Savior and Lord. Long were the disciples in attaining unto it, but at last they learned it. It was when they were alone in the mountainous region of Caesarea Philippi that Jesus drew out of the disciples the popular opinion of himself as leading up to the great confession which Peter made. (1) First, Jesus asked the disciples what the people thought of him. They replied that he was considered one of the nation's great come back to life: the inflexible Baptist! or the intrepid Elijah; or the weeping Jeremiah; or some one of the other prophets. So the people had an exalted though inaccurate conception of the work of Jesus. (2) Turning to the disciples, Jesus asked with the utmost emphasis: "But who say ye that I am?" Upon the correctness of their view everything depended: If they were wrong, the whole course of instruction must be repeated; and if they were right, it was time to confess it and then live it out before men. Peter was the spokesman of the Twelve and his response touches the highwater mark of Christian loyalty: "Thou art the Christ." (3) The people at large were not yet ready to accept this sublime truth. Hence Jesus charged the disciples that they should tell no man that he was the Christ. In the light of the events culminating with the resurrection and ascension of Jesus and the descent of the Spirit they could proclaim it and thousands would be cut to the heart; but now it would only arouse fanaticisms and hostility. Let the disciples wait till the fullness of time.

2. The Prediction of Suffering brought out the fact that if we find ourselves in service we must find Christ's way for himself and for us. He therefore declared that atonement by Christ could be effected only by way of the cross which now loomed definitely into view. (1) What Jesus had long foreseen was now for the first time declared to his followers. Their recognition of the Messiah must be speedily followed by a statement of the Messiah's chief work: Suffering rather than political sovereignty. And four things were here predicted. The inevitable journey to Jerusalem that his mission might be completed; the endurance of hardships from the authorities; the awful martyrdom; the triumphant resurrection. (2) The mention of his Master's murder through Jewish hostility stirred the soul of Peter. He, therefore, took Jesus aside and rebuked him, a half prayer that Jesus' death might be prevented merging into the presumptuous assertion that it should never occur. He thus exhibited a self-confident rashness of spirit and speech, contradicted the prediction Jesus had just made of himself, and became a tempter of his Lord. (3) For once Jesus publicly, almost sternly, rebuked Peter in return, declaring, "Get thee behind me, Satan!" It was the old temptation to strive for the kingdoms of the earth without enduring the cross. As the temporary mouthpiece of Satan, Peter merited the sharp command which had vanquished the Tempter in the wilderness. The secret of Peter's error was that he had not the mind to comprehend, much less the capacity to direct, divine affairs: "Thou mindest not the things of God, but the things of men."

3. The Demand of Discipleship revealed the necessity of consecration to Christ in order to find our richest life through service. Loyalty to Christ demands self-renunciation, cross-bearing, and obedience. (1) Jesus was on the way to the cross and he declared that if any wish to come after him, as believers do and must, there are three things to be done: First, renounce self and selfish interests for God and duty; secondly, take up the cross and bear hardships for Jesus' sake; and, lastly, follow Christ in loving imitation and exact obedience. (2) And why must we follow Christ even through death? For the good reason that the selfish life, however carefully guarded, is losable, while the life of duty though scorned and stricken, can never be shattered and destroyed. Hence, the paradox that we can find life by losing it and lose it by saving it. He finds life truly, largely, eternally, who loses it for the sake of Christ and the Gospel. On the other hand, what good could it do for a man to win the whole world and lose his life? The world would be valueless to him for there is no equivalent to a lost life and nothing can buy it back. So we are to seek that life which, if physically lost, is yet eternally saved. And, as Jesus goes on to say, if we are unashamed of Christ and his teaching in the midst of men today, he will be unashamed of us when he comes again in the glory of the Father with the holy angels.

#### The Lesson of the Lesson

(1) Follow the Promised Christ. The brightest pages of the ancient revelation told of his coming. The highest hopes of the devout were awaiting in him the consolation of Israel. The deepest need of the world yearned upward after the Messiah until the Messiah came.

(2) Follow the Incarnate Christ. "Jesus went forth." In the fullness of time the Word was made flesh. He was the Son of man and at the same time the Son of God. He was in the beginning with God and was God. His humanity is no more certain than his deity.

(3) Follow the Misunderstood Christ. "John the Baptist—Elijah—One of the prophets." When the Messiah appeared he appeared in power. But the people misunderstood at first the meaning of his mission. They thought he might be the resurrected forerunner of the illustrious Elijah or one of the great prophets come back to life. But it is not enough to think of Christ as one of the greatest on earth: He is infinitely more.

(4) Follow the Revealing Christ. "Who do men say—who say ye?" The greatest revelation Jesus ever made was the revelation of himself. It took time for him to disclose his deity even to his most intimate followers. And yet with what clearness he impressed his

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# The Divine Law

(Editor's Note: — The West Texas Baptist is pleased to publish the following sermon preached by Rev. H. R. Whatley, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Haskell, Texas. The church at Haskell is doing a fine work under the leadership of Brother Whatley).

By H. R. WHATLEY

Pastor, Haskell Baptist Church

Romans and Galatians furnish the best material for a study of the law. We understand the law to mean the ten commandments with all of their subdivisions. We believe the following outline is a summary of what the Bible teaches concerning the law.

1. The law reveals the character of God. It is a natural expression of a holy God. Laws made by our law-making bodies reveal the character of the men who make them. They may be influenced by bribes, selfishness and many other false motives. But God was influenced by His own holiness to speak as He did.

2. The law was given to be obeyed. It shows what God expected of man. Nothing short of perfect obedience will satisfy the heavenly Father. If it could be perfectly obeyed it might be a way of salvation. From experience and the Word of God we know this is the impossible way. The sinner who chooses to stand in the judgment and plead his legal rights will sink into the lowest hell. No one, but Christ, has ever obeyed the law perfectly. This forces the sinner to look to some other source for salvation. It should be remembered that to offend in one point makes the sinner guilty of all. Ezekiel 18:24, should be placed under this head. This verse declares that if a man turns away from his righteousness he shall die. Even one turning is too much. This verse does not teach falling from grace. It refers to the man who is depending upon the righteousness of the law. The law cannot be a way of salvation, not because it is weak, but because of the weakness of the flesh.

3. All who reject Jesus Christ will be judged by the law (Rom. 2:12). This will be an ordeal that no man can measure up to. Faith in Christ is the only thing that will exempt us from such a trial. He was judged by the law and found guilty, because He put Himself in our stead. He was made to be sin for us. After He had kept the law perfectly, He suffered as if He had been the chief of sinners. His divine nature enabled Him to suffer the pangs of hell for us. His children will not be judged by the law. Their faith in Christ is counted upon them for righteousness. True faith in Christ turns the eyes of the Father from the poor lives we live to the perfect life of Christ.

4. The law prepares the sinner for the reception of the Gospel. When the sinner examines his life under the light of the divine law he realizes that he has sinned and has fallen short of the glory of God. He stands helpless before God. The law is a mirror that reveals the moral condition of the soul. It is as powerless to cleanse the soul as a real mirror to wash dirt from the face. It has power to condemn but no power to forgive. Paul argues that the most devout Jew has broken the law and has thereby dishonored God. If this can be said of the best of men then surely there is none righteous, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

5. The law is not an enemy, but a friend. The physician that finds in us some deadly disease and warns of its danger is not our enemy. The sinner should not have the attitude toward the law that a little child has toward a doctor that is trying to help him. The law is a ray of God's holiness shining into the heart. In a dark room the air may seem to be perfectly pure, but if one ray of the sun is allowed to enter thousands of particles may be seen floating in the air. In the darkness of sin one may feel secure, but in the light of God's law sin will revive.

Paul thought of the law as his friend. He called it a school master that led him to Christ. It might be better to think of the law as the truck driver that picks us up and carries us to the great Teacher. In Rom. 7:7-14, Paul describes his struggle for heaven by keeping the law. It was like climbing a perpendicular wall. He got along well as long as he was not able to see any farther than the letter of the law. But one day the law came; he saw it for the first time in its spiritual significance. It revealed an enemy in his heart dragging him down to defeat. This enemy slew him upon the field of battle and he saw

himself to be dead to the holiness and love of God. Seeing his terrible plight he was made to cry to Christ for mercy and forgiveness.

6. Christ is the end of the law to every true believer. The believer is not under law but under grace. He is not saved by keeping the ten commandments or any other set of rules. He is saved by the grace of God. This is true because Christ obeyed perfectly every jot and tittle of the law. When we exercise true faith in Him, His perfect life becomes our life. We receive credit for His perfect life. Besides all this, He became responsible for all our sins and let the curse of the law fall upon Him. Some one has said, "The end of the rope is the end of the law." When the neck is broken the law can go no farther. When our Substitute died the law was satisfied. Of all believers it can be said, "They are dead and their lives are hid with Christ in God."

This does not mean that believers will ignore the law. In regeneration they receive a new disposition that gives them a high regard for the law. They will do their best to keep the law and when they fail there will be grief and disappointment that will lead to repentance. In regeneration Christ does what the law cannot do. He gives a new life, forgives our sins and gives power to refrain.

## MODERN SIAMESE TWINS

By REV. HAMILTON WRIGHT  
Methodist Pastor, Baird  
In The Clyde Enterprise

Alcohol and Crime! In three years following prohibition repeal, a period described by J. Edgar Hoover of the United States Department of Justice, as "the most terrible period of criminal history in the United States," the Twins have flourished.

In 1936 the United States recorded 1,336,526 felonies. With increase of drinking it jumped last year to 1,415,000. In 1936 one murder was committed every 45 minutes in this country. Last year one murder every 39 minutes.

Hoover estimates crime costs this nation \$15,000,000,000 annually. The president of the American Bar Association puts it at \$24,000,000,000. If Hoover is correct one-fourth of the total American income, if the president of the American Bar Association, 40 per cent of the total income of the American people.

Discoveries of scientists attest alcohol is an important factor in crime. General estimates of crime related to use of alcohol vary from 20 to 65 per cent, some even higher.

Beer paid into the national exchequer last year \$170,000,000 in taxes. In Texas it brought \$2,353,756 revenue. Forty per cent of beer taxes goes into Texas schools and old age pensions. Unthinking people envision that feature but forget that for every school aided and every old person helped, beer makes a staggering investment in crime.

Want crime to increase? Want overrun penitentiaries added? Want still other insane asylums? Then vote for the Siamese Twins!

## EMPIRE BUILDERS

By SAM MALONE

In The Seminole Sentinel

Thirty years is a long time to be president of one college, but President J. D. Sandefer, who celebrated his 70th birthday last week, has that distinction. He has been the prexy of Simmons College, now Hardin-Simmons University, for that length of time. No doubt the trustees of that school would have changed long ago if they had been led to believe they could have bettered themselves with a new president. Good business men don't change horses in midstream often.—Brownfield Herald.

Perhaps there is not a man in all West Texas who has yielded a greater influence for wholesome, constructive citizenship than has Dr. Sandefer. During these 30 years thousands of young West Texans have received their training under the safe guidance of this peer of college men. The building of a university of the highest rank, with an annual enrollment of over 1,200, a campus of 40 acres, with fifteen buildings and an endowment of over \$1,500,000 in the active life-time of one man is an accomplishment unparalleled in the history of higher education in America. That is why the city of Abilene, together with hundreds of friends from all over West Texas, took a day off recently to pay homage to Dr. Sandefer for his life of constructive, unselfish service.

## DISTRICT 17 MEETS AT HARDIN-SIMMONS

Regional leaders were enthusiastic over the 17th District Convention which held sessions Thursday and Friday, March 31 and April 1, at Hardin-Simmons University. The sermons by Dr. Harry Lee Spencer of Fort Worth were a fitting sequel to the university spring revival which had just closed. Another highlight was the address of Dr. R. C. Campbell, state executive secretary, who brought a searching message on evangelism.

Judge Hal S. Lattimore, Fort Worth, brought an inspiring address to nearly 300 men at the Brotherhood banquet at the H-SU cafeteria, Thursday evening. At the same hour, Miss Viola Humphreys, a returned missionary of Cisco, thrilled a large audience of women with her missionary message.

Many expressions of appreciation were heard regarding benefits received at departmental conferences. In the closing minutes of the convention Rev. Henry Littleton of Hamlin addressed the messengers on the West Texas Baptist.

Next year's meeting will be held with the Sweetwater churches. Officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, P. D. O'Brien; vice-presidents, W. M. U., Mrs. J. B. Buckley; Sunday School, J. M. Cook; B. T. U., J. I. Carlidge; Brotherhood, E. S. Cummings; District Missionary, B. N. Shepherd; Treasurer, A. A. Brian; Secretary, Mrs. F. E. Rhodes.

## Missionary Messages

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all services. Their mission offerings are getting better all the time.

Roy Shahan delivered 46 B. T. U. awards the results of the recent study course led by the missionary. Roy was at the Associational B. T. U. meeting in Anson and delivered a good address last Sunday afternoon.

Judge Hal Lattimore said, "The great moment in one's life is not when that one hears the plaudits, but when one resolves."

Among the many other interesting things Judge Lattimore said was, "That not a one of the more than 4,000 law violators who came before him for trial expected to go wrong." That should be a warning to people to get right on the inside so their outside acts will be right. Our Lord said, "Out of the heart are the issues of life."

Brother Strickland had a very successful B. T. U. revival in his church at Wasrella. There were from 83 to 100 in attendance each night, and 84 awards were earned. The church got the attendance banner at the general meeting in the association-wide campaign, and received second place in efficiency. His church at Eula is also moving on in a satisfactory way, with increases along all lines of work.

Brother Redden is well pleased with the progress his work is making. They ordained three deacons at Flat Top last Sunday. Five were saved during the month of March. They are to organize a B. T. U. in the near future. Hannah and Salt Branch are doing fine work under his leadership.

C. D. Owens is rejoicing over his work at Temple Church, Abilene. They had the largest attendance in Sunday School and all departments last Sunday. Brother Owens' many years of experience with the help of his fine son, Curtis, and his talented wife, make a troupe of fine workers. We may expect progress in Temple.

Archie McDaniel reports the largest crowds of the year at Liberty, Fisher Association. He is having a week-end revival in his church at Mount Pleasant. He is to be assisted by H. E. East and Coleman Campbell.

It is encouraging to learn that the church at Desdemona, H. N. Baldersee, pastor, has the Baptist Standard

going to every home in it and expects to have the West Texas Baptist doing the same soon. Of course, we would expect every department of the work is growing. We would not be surprised to hear him say they are having conversions and additions in every service in his other church, Olden.

The Nugent Church had five additions by baptism, two by letter and another conversion last Sunday. The Lord is pleased with that kind of work. Arvil Richardson, H-SU, is the live young pastor.

Dr. C. V. Edwards and Mrs. Edwards, pastor of the full-time rural church at Lockett, Wilbarger-Ford Association, was at the Cisco Workers Meeting last Tuesday in Albany. Also, Rev. C. W. Lisenbee attended with them.

Brother Wilson Akin, Caddo, preached a splendid sermon at the W. M. in Albany. He stated that two fine young men found the Lord in the morning service last Sunday, with a woman re-dedicating her life and joining the church by letter.

The church at Pueblo, Cisco Association, has just closed a good Sunday School study course with about 30 enrolled. It was the first one they had ever had. They liked it and are going on for greater service. Pastor Cowart is to begin a Sunday School course in his other church at New Hope No. 3. We like his kind.

Brother Clement tells us that his churches at Midway and New Hope No. 2 are both growing. He is looking forward to winning many souls.

It is delightful to learn about men like our own E. S. James, Vernon, turning down luring offers and staying where he is, at a large financial sacrifice, because he feels the Lord wants him there. Others in our district have done the same recently.

Miss Viola Humphreys delighted our hearts with a God-sent message last Tuesday, as a climax of the fine program at Albany.

L. A. Doyle, Anson, was one of the speakers at the Workers' meeting at Albany. He did it well as usual.

The missionary is working with the Hodges Church and Pastor Clyde Campbell in a B. T. U. study course this week.

We noted, while at the Workers' meeting in Albany, that they had 224 in Sunday School with an offering of \$93.99 last Sunday.

Ranger First Church had over 600 in Sunday School last Sunday.

I have on my desk the splendid church bulletin of the Carbon Church. It revealed progress is being made in that good church. Pastor A. A. Davis is a good one.

Pastor N. A. Sanders moved on the field at Gorman January 1, this year. Since then there have been 28 additions to the church, nine for baptism. A fully graded B. T. U. has been organized; they had none when he came. The Standard in the Sunday School has been reached. Brother Sanders is one of our finest young pastors.

The Annie W. Armstrong offering for Home Missions in 1937 represented approximately 28 per cent of total receipts of the Board.

Mrs. J. F. Plainfield, missionary with her husband to the Italians in Tampa, had a serious operation for the removal of a bone tumor above her eye in Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, the last week in March.

With sales still mounting, over 40,000 copies of "Fruits of the Years," W. M. U.'s record of 50 years of Home Missions written by Mrs. H. M. Wharton, have been distributed by the Home Mission Board.

Vernon Baptists are planning a city wide census April 10. This is part of an intensive preparation for the revival beginning two weeks later.

## Excuses For Not Giving to Texas Baptist Encampment

By T. C. Gardner

The majority of the Baptist churches in Texas are interested in all Texas Baptist institutions. They are so interested that they cooperate in financing them. There are some members of the churches, however, who constantly give reasons why they do not support these institutions, but the reasons they give might be summed up as excuses. We find the same excuses given for not supporting the Texas Baptist Encampment that are given for not supporting other Texas Baptist institutions. They are:

### 1. We Have Never Been to Palacios

I have never been to Africa, but I desire to have a part in sending Baptist missionaries to that country to preach the Gospel. I have never been to China, but I am going to cooperate with Texas and Southern Baptists in giving money to send missionaries there. I have never been to Brazil, but the Gospel certainly needs to be preached in Brazil; therefore, I am going to cooperate with Southern Baptists in supporting the educational institutions there and in keeping missionaries on the field. It takes money to do this; therefore I am going to give some of mine so that the Gospel may be preached in all these lands supported by Texas and Southern Baptists.

### 2. Our Church Needs All of Our Money

Members of the churches should be loyal to their local churches. The Gospel must be preached at home. Every member of every church should put a tithe of his income in the Lord's treasury every Lord's Day. In the campaign to pay off the indebtedness of the Texas Baptist Encampment, we are asking that the offering be a love gift over and above the church pledge. We believe that it is bigger and better to give than it is to get. The members of the churches that give to the Texas Baptist Encampment will be giving to an institution that has been a blessing to Texas and the world. The offering to the Texas

Baptist Encampment should be a love offering.

### 3. Our Church Supports Our District Encampment

We are for all the encampments in Texas. They should receive the financial support of our people. The Texas Baptist Encampment is a state Baptist institution. Every member of every church should have a part in supporting all statewide institutions. There may be a Baptist school in your community which you should support, but you should also support Baylor University for Baylor is owned and controlled by Texas Baptists. Every member of every church should have a part in caring for it. I am not a native Texan. I never attended Baylor University, but I support it with my influence and my money.

Mr. A. C. Head, educational director of First Baptist Church, Beaumont, says: "We took an offering in our church for the Texas Baptist Encampment the first Sunday in March. We received only one-fourth of the amount of our goal. Since then we have followed up with personal solicitations, and now we can report that we have raised our full quota of \$150 and 'gone far beyond it.'"

Mr. Head suggests that if you do not raise your full quota the Sunday offering is taken that you continue to make personal solicitations until you reach your full quota. All checks for the encampment should be made payable to the Texas Baptist Encampment and mailed to T. C. Gardner, 708 Burt Building, Dallas.

Miss Emma Leachman, field worker of the Home Mission Board, has appeared on the programs of six state W. M. U. conventions this spring.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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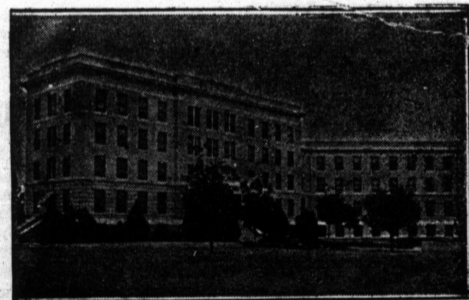
divine Sonship upon his disciples and with what skill he led them to confess it!

### Daily Bible Readings

- Monday—Finding Christ in His Lordship. Mark 8:27-33.
- Tuesday—Finding Ourselves Through Service. Mark 8:34-38.
- Wednesday—Obedient Service. Romans 6:15-23.
- Thursday—Fruitful Service. Phil. 1:19-26.
- Friday—Enduring Service. Matt. 7:24-29.
- Saturday—Rewarded Service. Matt. 25:34-40.
- Sunday—Commissioned for Service. Heb. 1:10-14.

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# NEWS NOTES

A B. T. U. revival is in progress this week at Paducah under the direction of Rev. Boyd East of Quannah. Pastor Franklin E. Swanner has recently moved to that field after several years of work at Goldthwaite.

Rev. A. D. Foreman, Jr., of San Angelo and Evangelist H. Virgil Reynolds led recently in a great revival meeting with the McCamey Church, in which there were 91 additions of whom 53 were baptized. Pastor T. E. Funderburk is leading in a great way.

Dr. C. R. Shirar, formerly pastor at Breckenridge, has resigned his pastorate at Temple to accept a call to Alexandria, La.

A great revival at First Church, Quannah, conducted by Rev. J. W. Mason of Memphis, closed April 3. Rev. A. Hope Owen is leading in a soul-winning church.

Dr. Porter Bailes of Tyler, assisted by Gospel Singer Joe Trussell of Brownwood, recently closed a sweeping revival at Electra, where Rev. Lum A. Hall is pastor. The church admitted 70 new members, 50 of whom were baptized.

Pastor W. E. Brown of Mertzon has resigned after more than nine years of service to accept a call to Richland Springs.

Dr. R. C. Campbell is to be guest speaker at the 26th anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. W. W. Melton at the Seventh and James Street Church, Waco. The event will be celebrated April 24. There is no more earnest and sincere pastor in the state than Dr. Melton and none more beloved. Few have stayed with one congregation so long.

They are still talking over the country about the revival at East Fourth Street Church, Big Spring. There were 171 additions to the church in a series of services conducted by State Evangelist W. Y. Pond. Pastor W. S. Garnett directed the personal workers and Ewel Bone, educational director, had charge of the music.

"A continuing revival" was the designation given to the revival which Dr. Millard A. Jenkens conducted with the Throckmorton Church of which Rev. Earl Burks is pastor. There was a spiritual awakening among the membership, 23 additions to the church and a definite movement to complete the building and care for the needs of the Sunday School.

Missionary J. D. Brannon of District 4 was out riding his old range in District 17 last week in the interest of the Palacios encampment. He is chairman of a committee which is engaged in lifting the debt from this state-wide B. T. U. encampment. He is also editor of the Gulf Coast Baptist, a wide-awake and instructive Baptist newspaper.

Dr. C. E. Maddry, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia, and Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, are among the speakers who have accepted invitations to have a part on the program of the State B. T. U. convention which meets Thanksgiving week at Wichita Falls.

Clerk E. F. Jones of Johnson Chapel Church, Stonewall Association, sent the first gift in the "Self Denial Offering" to pay out the Palacios Encampment.

The First Baptist Sunday School at Vernon began working last Sunday with an enlarged organization which included one new department and eleven new classes. Two of the new classes were adults.

"Golden Sheaves from Darkest Africa" was the subject of an unusual missionary program given by the Mary Alexander Circle of the W. M. S. of Sweetwater First Church at the monthly business and missionary meeting. Mrs. A. E. Radcliffe was the leader.

Two counties in Oklahoma, Cimarron and Beaver, have only one Baptist preacher each.

Dr. W. W. Hamilton, president of Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, announces that the school will be unable to care for as great an increase over the present enrollment as this year exceeds last session. Requests for registration for the next scholastic year have already reached a high mark.

Mrs. R. W. Penton has been elected B. T. U. director of Sweetwater First Church replacing Mr. Paul Counts, resigned. Mr. Counts will remain as associate director until the close of the public school term.

Intermediate 2 Department of the First Baptist Sunday School, Abilene, is emphasizing birthday offerings which are used for missions and charity. In this way they have raised five dollars in the first quarter of the year. Miss Harriet Evans is superintendent of this department.

Rev. J. Lowell Ponder, pastor at Rochester, was in Abilene last week and visited in the West Texas Baptist office. The work is going well with the Rochester Church. The Sunday School has doubled in attendance and all branches of church life are on the upgrade. Brother Ponder has been with this good church more than five years.

Temple Church, Abilene, had another great day Sunday, April 3, reports Pastor C. D. Owen. In a few weeks Sunday School attendance has almost doubled.

Seventy-five persons, the major portion of whom were candidates for baptism, were received into the First Baptist Church, Galveston, Dr. H. L. Fickett, pastor, in their Spring revival. Dr. J. W. Hoyt was the evangelistic preacher.

Rev. E. H. Moreland of Leland, Mississippi, has accepted a call to the pastorate of South Main Church, Houston.

Dr. Dillard writes: "Thanks to every member of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club who is continuing his membership and keeping up his dues. Let's stay in till all the debts are paid. 'Thanks to the Lord and His people. We are going well and in the right direction, but we need to keep on keeping on and speed up a bit.'"

Neill Church, with 33 members enrolled and 81 present, won the attendance banner at the Taylor County B. T. U. federation which met Sunday, April 3, with University Church, Abilene.

Rev. Dick O'Brien of Stamford First Church is assisting Pastor A. C. Hardin in a revival at Post. The West Texas Baptist is profoundly grateful for the continued cooperation of Dick O'Brien.

Pastor Lowell Ponder and the Church at Rochester have begun their spring revival under the powerful preaching of Rev. C. A. Powell of University Church, Abilene.

The Workers Conference of the Sweetwater Association will meet Thursday, April 14, with the church at Shep.

Pastor Dick O'Brien was speaker at the monthly meeting of the University Church Brotherhood Friday, April 1.

Scout leaders and Brotherhood workers of First Church, Abilene, are making plans for forward strides this spring.

## PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES

Friday, April 8—Elkin L. Lockett (Mrs. B. L.), evangelistic worker, Ogbomosh, Africa, now home on furlough, 1758 Ambler Ave., Abilene, Texas; Miss Cynthia A. Miller, formerly trained nurse at Laichowfu, Shantung, China, now on pension at 410 N. W. Third Ave., Mineral Wells, Texas.

Saturday, April 9—Hallie G. Neal (Mrs. C. L.), educational worker, Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary, 2022 Monterrey St., San Antonio, Texas.

Sunday, April 10—Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Arpio, Box 181, Krebs, Oklahoma.

Monday, April 11—Otis P. Maddox, Rua Pousa Alegre 602, Bello Horizonte, South Brazil.

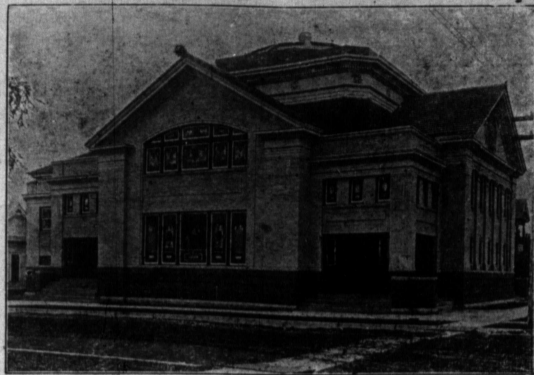
Tuesday, April 12—Daisy Disney Yocum (Mrs. A. W.), evangelistic worker, Pingtu, Shantung, China.

Wednesday, April 13—Effie Elder (Mrs. R. F.), evangelistic worker, Calle Bolanos 262, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Thursday, April 14—Ruth Nicholas Bowlder (Mrs. G. A.), educational worker, F. C. S., Rio Negro, Cipoletti, Argentina.

## First Baptist Church, Stamford, Texas

Rev. P. D. O'Brien, Pastor



Unfortunately this picture does not show the commodious educational building. Within the past year a debt of \$15,000 has been paid and the notes burned at a special service. Twenty per cent of the regular contributions, amounting to over \$100 per month, is sent to the Cooperative Program, all bills are paid as they come due and a fund is being accumulated to pay cash for needed repairs on the main auditorium. These are some of the material gains. The spiritual advances are none the less marked and are far more important.

## HIGH SCHOOL SINGERS CONTEST AT H-SU

Approximately one thousand singers, teachers, parents and friends were guests of Hardin-Simmons Saturday, April 2, in attendance at the fourth annual high school song festival which is sponsored by the voice department of the university.

All awards in the class AA chorus division went to Abilene without competition. In Class A, schools with enrollment between 800 and 1,200, Midland won one first and two seconds; Big Spring, two firsts and one second place. In Class B, Roby and Cisco won first places, Winters and Sweetwater, seconds; Roby, third. Class C, girls chorus, Cross Plains, first; Wylie, second, Post, third; mixed chorus, Wylie.

Winners of voice scholarships at Hardin-Simmons in solo contests were: Wanda McQuain, Big Spring, and Joe Morrison, Abilene; half scholarships, Dixie Montgomery, Abilene, and Connell Taylor, Abilene. Medals to undergraduate soloists went to Leta Rue Riddle, Abilene, and Harris Davis, Roby. Other first prize winners were: boy's trio, Abilene; girl's trio, Big Spring; girl's quartet, Midland; boy's quartet, Abilene; girl's sextet, Abilene.

Judges were from Dallas, San Antonio and Waxahachie.

## HARDIN-SIMMONS BRIEFS

Dr. E. B. Atwood and the ministerial quartet of Hardin-Simmons attended the Runnels County Association Workers Conference at Pumphrey Church, Tuesday, April 5. The quartet is composed of Dee Carpenter, Arlie McDaniel, Finis Williams and Selby Aswell. Dr. Atwood discussed the Relation of Christian Education to Evangelism.

Prexy reports that his son, J. D. Sandefer, Jr., who had a serious operation in Baylor Hospital, Dallas, recently, is making marked improvement and expects to return to his home in Breckenridge, Friday, April 8.

Dr. Rupert Richardson and Gene Estes will attend the annual banquet of the senior class of Haskell High School, Friday evening, April 8. Dr. Richardson will be principal speaker of the occasion.

Judge Hal S. Lattimore of Fort Worth addressed the student body at chapel, Friday, April 1.

Friday evening, April 8, will witness the All-Talent Varsity Show at the University auditorium. This will be an amateur hour for talented students. This is an annual occasion of pleasure and hilarity.

Dr. N. A. Moore was one of the inspirational speakers at the Mitchell County Association Workers Conference which met April 5 at Lorraine.

The Purple and Gold Ensemble orchestra will play a series of programs in Eldorado and Sonora next Monday and Tuesday under the direction of Herbert M. Preston, head of the violin department of H-SU. Pauline Tiner, dramatist, Etewanda Riddle Gaddis, soloist, and Gene Estes, whistler, and accordionist, will be added features of the programs. Parents of the orchestra members will accompany the party.

lene; Special Music, Hardin-Simmons Male Quartet.  
11:30-11:50—Margaret Fund, Mrs. Bert Low, Abilene. Presentation of Jimmy Moore.  
11:50-12:20—Address, Mrs. J. E. Leigh, Dallas.  
12:20-12:30—Historian, Mrs. O. H. Cooper, Abilene.  
Announcements.  
12:30-1:30—Lunch.  
"Ye Shall Hallow the Fiftieth Year"  
Wednesday Afternoon  
1:30-1:40—Song Service,  
1:40-1:50—Devotional, Mrs. Chas. T. Tally, Ranger.  
1:50-2:05—Report of Methods and Finance, Mrs. D. W. Arnette, Abilene.  
2:05-2:15—Special Music, Mrs. A. L. Foster, Stamford.  
2:15-3:00—"Ye Shall Hallow the Fiftieth Year" Through Our Southwestern Training School, Mrs. W. A.

Johnson, Fort Worth.  
Presentation of Scholarship Girls, Lucille Mattox, Nora Epton.  
Special Music, Mrs. I. E. Reynolds, Fort Worth.  
3:00-3:20—Report of Committees; Election of Officers; Selection of Place for 1938 Meeting; Reading of Minutes; Adjournment.  
Committees  
Registration Committee: Mrs. Alton McClellan, Mrs. C. W. Cromwell.  
Courtesy Committee: Mrs. T. A. Uphaw, Mrs. Howard Spencer, Mrs. C. O. Jones.  
Decoration Committee: Mrs. C. F. Uphaw, Mrs. R. Ezell.  
Social Committee: Mrs. A. L. Buser, Mrs. Henry Cook, Mrs. S. H. Timmons, Mrs. C. N. Humphrey, Mrs. Flora Lindsay, Mrs. R. H. Hamner.  
Assignment of Homes, Mrs. T. J. Elliott.

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