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RUNNELS COUNTY ASSOCIATION HAS CONSTRUCTIVE MEETING

The Runnels County Association had its annual meetings last week with the Bethel Church near Ballinger. The meeting began on Tuesday morning with a good program by the W. M. U. of the county, which lasted throughout the day. The association proper began Wednesday morning with a good attendance.

Pastor Stephens of Winters was re-elected moderator and Pastor Alvin Swendell of Ballinger clerk. The missionary, Brother J. B. McCorkle, was re-elected and his salary raised from $1,800 to $2,100 per year. The association reported out of debt with over $200 in the treasury.

The association's quota for the co-operative program was set by the State Board at $9,000. This was voluntarily raised by the association to $12,000, and the quota was easily raised.

The high hour of the association was reached Wednesday following the report on Foreign Missions. Scott W. Hickey spoke to the report and at the close of the address announced that he had surrendered to a call to the mission field in Japan and stated that he had formulated a plan that would not only finance him on the field, but would likewise make it possible for many young men and women to attend college. The details of this plan will be given later in the West Texas Baptist. The brethren gave Brother Hickey an old fashioned hand-shake at the close of his address.

Mrs. E. Shepherd was elected president of the County W. M. U. organization at the close of the W. M. U. session. Mrs. Alvin Swendell has held this position for several years and has rendered an efficient and faithful service during the time.

Dr. R. N. Richardson of Simmons University, Dr. E. Godbold of Howard Payne College, Dr. R. C. Pender of Abilene, Miss Copeland from China, and Miss Wong, a Chinese student in Baylor College, were among the visitors at the association.

REVIVAL DRAWS GREAT CROWDS

Cricifixion Story of Starnes-Turner Party Heard by at Lease 1,500 Lynn County People

Undoubtedly the largest congregation that ever assembled for a religious service in Tahoka was present at the City Tabernacle Monday night, when Evangelist Starnes related the story of the crucifixion and gave his tableau in connection therewith. The size of public assemblies is usually greatly over estimated but we are safe in saying that there were fully 1,500 people present on this occasion. The service was most unique and impressive and there were a number of responses to the invitations and appeals of the evangelist following the story of the cricifixion.

On Sunday night the crowd was almost a record-breaker up to that time. The crowds Tuesday and Wednesday nights were considerably smaller, due in part no doubt to other attractions in town. The services will continue until Sunday night. On Friday night a special program will be rendered by the children under the direction of Mr. Turner. If the weather remains favorable great crowds are expected during the remainder of the campaign, especially Sunday morning and night.

Prayer meetings are still being held each evening just preceding the main services. The attendance upon the young people's and children's prayer meetings has been unusually large.

The song services under the direction of Mr. Turner have been very fine throughout the meeting, and Mr. Baum's work at the piano is masterful.

The evangelist has been bringing some powerful messages this week. Some personal work is being done, and the results of the campaign thus far have been very satisfactory. There have been about seventy responses to the various invitations extended by the evangelist to the unsaved to accept Christ and to lukewarm Christians to line up with the church.—Lynn County News.

The meeting of the First Church, Aspermont is making progress in spite of the adverse weather conditions. Evangelist J. G. Winsett is preaching to large crowds and the people are enjoying the song services conducted by the Blankenships.

I know that my redeemer liveth.—Job. 19:25.

ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING CHANGED TO OCT. 7TH.

The annual meeting of the Big Spring Association which was scheduled to meet this week has been changed to Oct. 7th. The meeting will be held with the First Church of Midland.

BAPTIST CANDIDATES DO WELL IN PRIMARIES

Laymen in Politics Favored in Several Gubernatorial, Senatorial and Congressional Contests

Baptists who were candidates for high office in the recent primaries held in the various Southern states fared quite well for the most part, the outstanding reverse being the defeat of Governor Terral of Arkansas for renomination.

Probably the most spectacular race was in the first gubernatorial primary in Texas when Hon. Dan Moody, attorney general, lacked only 1,711 votes of receiving a clear majority over the present incumbent, Miriam A. Ferguson, and four other candidates for governor. Mr. Moody was recently given a majority of about 250,000 votes over Mrs. Furgerson in the run-off primary. Mr. Moody, an active Baptist layman, only 33 years old, teaches a Men's Bible Class in one of the churches in Austin.

In Tennessee, Governor Austin Peay, Baptist, received the Democratic nomination, ordinarily equivalent to an election, for a third term, in one of the most vigorously contested elections in recent years. He is the first man to be elected to a third term as governor of Tennessee since the Civil War. His Republican opponent, Senator William White of Dayton, who achieved considerable notoriety as the prosecutor in the famous Scopes evolution case, is likewise a Baptist and is quite active in local church work.

United States Senator J. W. Harreld of Oklahoma, present incumbent, received the Republican nomination for another term by a handsome vote over a large field of opponents. He is an active Baptist.

In Alabama Hon. Hugo Black, prominent Birmingham attorney and teacher of the Men's Bible Class in the First Baptist Church of that city, received the Democratic nomination for U. S. Senator to succeed the famous Oscar W. Underwood, retiring. Mr. Black defeated a field of three other candidates.

Baptist Congressmen Returned

In a congressional primary race that attracted national attention, Hon. Carroll Reece, prominent Baptist layman, member of the House of Representatives from the First Tennessee District, won the Republican nomination by a handsome vote over several opponents.

While not definitely aligned with the Baptist denomination but possessing strong Baptist leanings by reason of his having been reared by a Baptist mother, Hon. Finis J. Garrett of Dresden, Tenn., minority leader in the lower house of Congress, and who will be elected speaker of the House of the Democrats should capture the next Congress, was renominated by his constituents and will be returned at the November election.

Numerous other Baptist Congressmen were renominated in Texas, Mississippi and other states, but their renomination was taken for granted from the beginning by keen observers.

MEETING AT HOWARD IN HASKELL ASSOCIATION

Rev. J. H. Mason, pastor of the Howard Baptist Church, Haskell Association, assisted by Rev. J. L. Dilbeck, former pastor, closed on the fourth Sunday. It was a very successful meeting, there being twenty-one additions to the church, sixteen convertions. Twelve were baptized. Conference was held on Monday after the meeting in which new officers were elected. Also three deacons were elected by the church, and ordination services will be held on the fourth Sunday in September. Rev. Mason conducted a portable prayer service in his meeting which went from home to home in the afternoons. As many as seventy persons were present in these afternoon services. Rev. J. H. Mason is a new man in the association but is fast gaining as one of the stronger pastors in our Master's service.

—H. G. Hammer.

MULLINS WILL VISIT BAPTISTS OF EUROPE

President of World Alliance to Convey Greetings and Assist in Solving Problems

In his capacity as president of the Baptist World Alliance, Dr. E. Y. Mullins of Louisville, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and recent president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will sail from New York September 1, on a visit to and conference with representatives of the various Baptist groups of Europe. In addition to carrying these Baptists of various nationalities the greetings of the Alliance, Dr. Mullins and those who accompany him will confer with their leaders on their peculiar problems and their plans for Kingdom building in their respective fields.

While it is expected this trip will result in a large attendance upon the next session of the Baptist World Alliance at Toronto in June, 1928, a larger and more permanent result is anticipated in the strengthening of the ties between these various Baptist groups and the Baptists of other sections of the world, and the building up of the Baptist cause in the various countries visited.

Accompanying Dr. Mullins on his presidential tour, in whole or in part, will be Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, London, secretary of the Baptist World Alliance and president of the Baptist Union of Great Britain; Dr. W. O. Lewis, Paris, European representative of the Foreign Mission Society of the Northern Baptist Convention; Dr. M. E. Aubrey, London, secretary of the British Baptist Union; Dr. Everett Gill, Lausanne, European representative of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and George W. Norton, Jr., Louisville, the youthful treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Will Plan for Alliance Session

Mr. Mullins will make his first step on this tour at London where a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance will be held September 8 to consider arrangements for the Toronto session of the Alliance and important financial details relating to the production of the motion picture of outstanding events in Baptist history from the ministry of John the Baptist to the present time.

The conferences which the president and his party will attend will be held at Barcelona, Budapest, Lodz, Moscow, Riga, Berlin, Gelsengirchen and Copenhagen. The Moscow conference will be exclusively for Russian Baptists but at the various other places Baptists from surrounding countries will unite with those of the entertaining nation. In this way, Dr. Mullins hopes to form a contract with every group of Baptist on the Continent.

Following the last of the conferences at Copenhagen, President Mullins will return to London, where a series of functions await him, the chief of which will be a reception at Bloomsbury Baptist Church on the evening of October 21, at which Hon. David Lloyd George will preside.

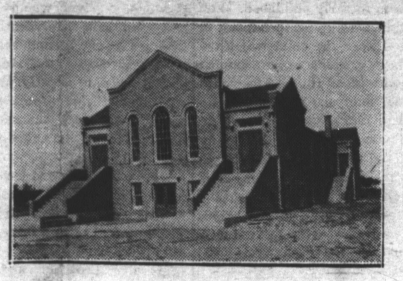
Dr. Mullins is the first Southern Baptist to occupy the presidency of the Alliance and the second American. He is likewise the first president of that body to make a visit to the Baptist groups of other countries on an extensive scale. It is possible he may, before the expiration of his term of office in 1928, go to Asia and Australia for a similar visit to the Baptist families on those continents.

BAIRD PASTOR HAS FINE SUMMER'S WORK

This summer has been a very profitable one for Pastor Joe R. Mayes of Baird. Besides the good meeting with his own church held early in the season, he has held five revivals in the Callahan Association. During these meetings he has preached 90 times. There have been 125 conversions and 75 additions to the churches by baptism. Brother Mayes writes that the summer has been one of the most delightful he has ever had. The work at Baird is going forward and the pastor is happy in the work. Pastor Mayes went out one afternoon recently armed with a few sample copies of the West Texas Baptist and secured a nice list of new subscriptions.

Rev. J. H. Edmonds of Anson is in a meeting this week with the Old Glory Church, Stonewall Association. The meeting followed one of the best meetings of the Stonewall association held in several years. A report states that the meeting was fine from the first song to the last amen.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, RULE, HAS GOOD YEAR'S WORK



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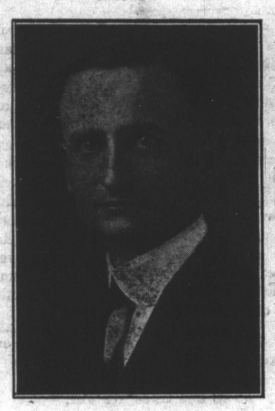

R. NEAL GREER
Pastor Baptist Church, Rule

It has been our full intention to comply with your urgent request to send in some news from our church but we did want to have something to tell when we wrote for the publication. Now since we are closing the associational year and are making reminiscences of the past we find some things in our statistical report that may bear publication. We have had eighty-four additions during the year, thirty of whom came by baptism, which brings our total membership, resident and nonresident, to four hundred and twenty-five. For some weeks our pastor had busied himself in making ready a people for the coming of Evangelist V. A. Duncan of Oklahoma and Gospel Singer Claude W. Lawson and wife of Breckenridge for our annual summer revival which closed August the eighth. This was considered one of the best meetings our church has ever had; in addition to the thirty-five new born souls into the kingdom our church as a whole experienced a mighty deepening of its spiritual convictions and life.

For some time we have had four B. Y. P. U.s, Adult, Senior, Junior and Beginners, have them federated and most all of them are doing excellent work. These organizations proved to be a great help in their respective prayer meetings during the revival meeting. Our Junior Union has made all the points in reaching the standard of excellence except the study course, this will be taught by their leader, Mrs. R. Neal Greer, during September. Our Sunday School has a total enrollment of 265 and an average attendance for the year of 175. This, to be sure, is not up to our satisfaction, but we are happy to say that the Sunday School has had a steady growth for the last nine months. Our Woman's Missionary Society has done a very helpful work during the entire year, having distributed garments, groceries, and other commodities as well as cash to the amount of $41.90. In addition they have raised for all purposes a total of $3,314.56. Mrs. "Billie" Hills has been their Sunbeam leader and we must say that her excellent qualifications and efficiency in every way as a leader of children in this age is seldom realized in a small town church. More than thirty children have been in attendance during the year. There are two incidents connected with this work we believe well worthy of mention. One little girl, just nine, came forward in the revival service to unite with the church by baptism. On being asked when she trusted Christ, she replied on a certain Saturday afternoon in the Sunbeam meeting. On another occasion Mrs. Hills was out of the city; left word for her assistant to meet the Sunbeams, the assistant failing to get the request. The children met and one of the little girls read a scripture lesson, had prayer and they then in turn told Bible stories. They had a season of sentence prayers and dismissed their meeting. That same little girl who led the meeting in the absence of her leader was seen to lead two girl companions to Christ during one service in our revival meeting.

Our church has raised during the year for all purposes such as missions, education, benevolence, building fund, and local expense a total of $9,943.0. We believe that we can safely boast of the best building for the money in any West Texas town of our size. The building was erected during the pastorates of Brother S. H. Stevens and Brother J. H. Edmonds, while Brother R. Neal Greer, our present pastor, is leading us in paying it out. The building is brick veneer, has 18 rooms, a beautiful baptistry, a pastor's study and an auditorium with a seating capacity of 500 people. There is also a fine basement auditorium. It has cost us to date little less than $20,000, while the indebtedness of this amount is only a little in advance of $5,000, the most of which we hope to raise this fall. Then it is our purpose to seat the building properly and build a new pastor's home.

Two very helpful factors in our church life are the T. E. L. Sunday School Class, taught by Mrs. M. W. Rogers, and the Young Business Men's Class, with 29 men enrolled, taught by the pastor.

We extend a hearty invitation to "Prexy" Sandefer and the whole Simmons University force, together with the editor of the West Texas Baptist.

Reporter for First Baptist Church, Rule, Texas.

EFFECTIVE CANVASS OF CHURCHES IS PLANNED

SPECIAL EFFORT WILL BE BE MADE IN UNDERWRITING BUDGET FOR 1927.

To lay plans for what it hopes will prove the most effective Every-Member Canvass yet made in behalf of the Co-Operative Program of Southern Baptists, the Promotion Committee of the Program Commission will meet in Richmond September 7.

Information gathered by the Headquarters Office of the Commission at Nashville indicates that the Co-Operative Program will have a fairer chance for large success in 1927 than it has ever had, the number of special campaigns in behalf of designated funds for particular institutions and causes having been materially reduced.

Other matters related to the promotion of the Co-Operative Program will also be considered at the Richmond meeting, the Commission having delegated the conduct of the program to this committee, pending the election of a general director and his entry upon his duties.

The Every-Member Canvass for the 1927 budget of the Co-Operative Program will be conducted largely in December and January, though there will be modification of these dates in some of the states. It is the hope of the Commission that $9,000,000 in distributable cash may be raised during 1927.

GOOD MEETING AT M'CAULLEY

Had a great meeting with Pastor J. M. Reynolds and the McCaulley Baptist Church. Some old fashioned, old time shouting. Almost out of date now. I have never held a meeting with a pastor that treated me better than did Brother Reynolds. I love him. Two thousand, two hundred and seven dollars and fifty-five cents was given for the helpers in the meeting and endowment for Simmons University.

—Evangelist R. G. Baucom.

Secretary Groner Issues First Call

SECRETARY F. S. GRONER

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The summer is nearly gone and summer vacations are mostly over. Within a few days we will be entering the autumn period of the year and with it the Baptists of the state will turn their attention to that intensive period in our denominaional program which is known as the "Fall Round-Up." It is now time for us to begin careful and extensive preparation for a most vigorous campaign.

The Executive Board of our State Convention will meet in Dallas, September 14, to consider the campaign and certain other matters which will require our attention at that time. Of course, the "Fall Round-Up" is the thing of supreme moment with us now and will be until our Convention meets November 17th. Our Round-Up has a better start than it has had for many years this early in the season. The associations which have already met have faced the issues of the campaign with vigor, determination, and confidence. In every instance the balance due on the associational objectives for the year have been assured by an enthusiastic and unanimous vote and campaign committees appointed to prosecute the work of collecting funds. The various departments of our work, the W. M. U., the B. Y. P. U., and the Sunday School are already engaged in the enlistment of their forces and resources in a vigorous and triumphant effort to inform their constituency about what the Baptists are doing and their great program for the future and for the world. A serious and sustained effort will be made to secure a liberal and sacrificial offering from every individual connected with these various departments.

There are many things which conspire to give hope and confidence of a successful financial year. The crops are better this year than at any time since 1919. Feed and grain crops have been good throughout the state. The cotton crop promises well over most of the state. There are some areas where the crop is threatened by pests and it will be seriously injured and perhaps almost destroyed in some spots, but our information is that this condition is not general. Certainly not universal. Besides generally good crop conditions there are other causes contributing to the prosperity of our state. Affairs with our cattle men are greatly improved and there has been a revival in oil production.

Besides a better state of prosperity there is also a better state of mind. Fortunately, and let God be thanked, we are getting away from the critical atmosphere that has been so general and so unfortunate for a number of

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CALLAHAN ASSOCIATION IN ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY

The annual meeting of the Callahan Association met at Eula on Tuesday evening of this week. The meeting will last through Wednesday and Thursday. The W. M. U. program which follows, will be held on Thursday.

One of the important things to be discussed at the meeting Wednesday, according to reports, will be the matter of dissolving the association and uniting with some other association. This question has been agitated in that association for some time. The association has not had a missionary for several years, but the fine group of pastors have taken care of the mission work in the association in a splendid manner.

Program for Callahan County Associational W. M. U. at Eula, September 9th.

9:30 a. m. Devotional, Mrs. B. L. Russell, Baird.

9:45 Greetings, Mrs. Tom Thaxton.

10 a. m. Recognition of special visitors.

District President's message, Mrs. J. M. White, Ranger.

Special music.

10:45 Recognition of society presidents.

11 a. m. Associational president's message, Mrs. James H. Hunt.

Ten minutes will be given to each of the following reports:

Missions, Mrs. Teague.

Young People, Mrs. Humhprey.

Benevolence, Mrs. George Scott.

Personal Service, Mrs. Joe R. Mayes.

Christian Education, Mrs. Dan Flemings.

Sec.-Treas. report, Mrs. Melvin Green.

Report on nominating committees, Mrs. Cook, chairman.

Reading of minutes.

REV. GRAVES DARBY HOLDING SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The Rev. Graves Darby, pastor at Wilson, by invitation, preached for the Slaton Baptists last Sunday morning and evening, the church here now being pastorless.

Brother Darby's messages were felt to be so much needed that the church prevailed upon him to continue the services throughout the week at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Those who are missing these heart talks of Brother Darby's are missing some wonderful messages. Their plea is to get right with God and set our affections on things above, rather than on the things of this earth, thereby getting right with each other.

The preacher's whole soul seems staked on his desire to get people to realize the length and breadth and depth and height of God's love.

To that point he preaches sermons with trees and flowers and rivers and birds and all things familiar just as Jesus did. His language flows easy, pleasant and simple, but most refined. He drives at such truths as: "The nearer we live in harmony with God, the less fault we see in others." "When I get right I find everybody else is nearer right than I thought they were."

Not many knew of the services at the first, but the congregations have increased rapidly.

OKLAHOMA EDITOR COMMENDS SANDEFER

The last week's issue of the Oklahoma Baptist Messenger had the following words to say about President Sandefer of Simmons University:

Dr. J. D. Sandefer, President of Simmons University, is an outstanding, uncompromising school man who does not believe that loyalty to the Bible in inconsistent with the truest scholarship. He recently gave utterance to the following:

"I give it as my judgment that the average Baptist does not even have an elementary conception of the impending perils that they and all others who love God and His Word are called upon to face. The major press of the nation has gone over to what we call Modernism. This includes the magazine world and most of the authors thereof. It includes text-books from the kindergarten to the graduate schools and includes hundreds and thousands of teachers from the primary grade through and including many of our greatest authorities. It is getting into our churches and pulpits as few people even begin to realize. It is all done under the the guise of scholarship and it appeals to the average youth, as he is naturally a doubter in his college period anyway. If our Christian institutions do not save higher education, both the church and the nation will unlimately lose their religious leadership. At the first meeting of my faculty after the Southern Baptist Convention it went unanimously on record endorsing the position of our great Zion. My board of trustees at its first meeting, with much enthusiasm, did the same thing."

We hope to see him President of the Southern Baptist Convention some day.

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NO PAPER LAST WEEK

The reason you did not get your copy of the West Texas Baptist last week was because the paper was not published. The editor was on the sick list at that time, and as there are five publication days in this month, we felt that our readers would not raise an undue complaint. We will endeavor for the rest of the month to make up for the lost issue in the quality of the other four issues.

CORRESPONDENTS WANTED

The West Texas Baptist is anxious to have a correspondent in every church in West Texas. This paper is featuring the news of West Texas churches. Drop us a few lines from your church and let the people all over the country know just what you are doing in your section to carry on for the Master. Just a post card will do the work.

HOW ABOUT YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

We have not sent out notices to delinquent subscribers to the West Texas Baptist for some time, therefore we have quite a number on our list who are behind with subscriptions. We have been waiting until cotton picking time came on before sending these notices. These notices will be sent out within the next few days and we are expecting a ready response from them. At the nominal price of one dollar per year, the West Texas Baptist will cost less than two cents per week for the entire family. Surely there is not a real Baptist anywhere in the West who would hesitate to make this small investment in a religious paper.

LAID UP FOR REPAIRS

The editor has been laid up for repairs for the past two weeks. Associations have been meeting in almost every direction during this time. Our little old Chevrolet has been standing on the outside "raring to go," and we have been lying around on the inside "raring to go," but stern doctors and a "contrary" wife have prevailed and we failed to make the connection. It is pretty hard on a fellow to have to go in for repairs when the battle is raging on the outside and his buddies are right among the shot and shells putting the devil on the run, but we suppose it's best sometimes for a fellow to "sorter" slow down and take stock. The good reports coming in from the associational meetings have been encouraging. We hope to give full accounts of most of these meetings next issue.

WHAT SOME WHO HAVE TRIED TITHING SAY:

"What Christ commends is my command."—O. P. Gifford.

"Lord, give me a hand to get and a heart to give."—Chester W. Kingsley.

"Rearrange your life's activities in the light of the Great Commission."

"I have greater satisfaction and joy in giving than before I began to tithe. I am more careful in using the nine-tenths and get more good out of it than I did before. I always have something on hand for the Lord's work. The Lord has blessed me with increased prosperity."—A Business Man.

"For 41 years the tenth of my net income has been used for the glory of the Lord and for the spread of His Kingdom in the earth; indeed, I have not stopped with the tenth. There is such joy to me in using the money God has entrusted to me for the promotion of His Kingdom that I have not been content to confine myself to the tenth."—A Florida Farmer.

"The only storing up of money approved of and enjoined in the Scriptures is storing for God. 'Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.'"—Chas. A. Cook.

PARENTS, TRY THIS ON YOUR BOY

Down at San Antonio the other day, officers arrested some jellybeans, who in drunken conditions were arrested on the highway. Instead of taking these boys to jail the officers took them to their parents and they were given a good old fashioned whipping. This naturally brings up the question of control of children by the use of the hickory limb. Not long ago we heard two men discussing this much agitated question. Both agreed that it was terribly wrong for a parent to correct the child by whipping him. This may be true, but we have our doubts about it. Of course there could be no set rule in the control of children. There is too much difference in each individual child. After all, the main thing is to control the child. The time to begin this performance is in early childhood. You can rest assured one of two things is going to happen in the life of every boy and girl—either the child will learn the meaning of discipline or there is going to be a human wreck somewhere down the pathway of time. The youth problem of today is, in its final analysis, a parent problem. Dad is too busy trying to make enough money to keep his family traveling the same gait with the family a little higher up in the social and financial world. Mother is too busy attending her social club, church club, civic club and looking after the welfare of the other fellow's child. Give us more real God-fearing, old fashioned homes and more hickory switches and we will have fewer wrecked lives among our young people.

TRIUMPHANT IN DEATH

Carroll Joiner, sixteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Joiner of the Caps community, died last week as a result of a rattle snake bite. The young man was rushed to the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium and everything humanly possible was done to save his life but to no avail. The funeral was made doubly sad by the fact that only two years ago another fine boy from this family, Glen, was killed accidently. The editor has known the parents of these boys for many years. We have never known two finer Christian spirits on earth. They have ever been loyal to every kingdom interest of the Master. Their lives have been great blessings not only to their children, but to the entire community in which they live. These seeming tragedies, no doubt, weigh heavily on them, yet they have a glorious comfort in the fact that both of these dear boys died triumphant deaths.

When Glen realized that death was upon him he sang as his farewell message these glorious words:

"When all my labors and trials are o'er,
And I am safe on that beautiful shore,
Just to be near the dear Lord I adore,
Will through the ages be glory for me.

"When by the gift of His infinite grace,
I am accorded in heaven a place,
Just to be there and to look on His face,
Will through the ages be glory for me.

"Friend will be there I have loved long ago,
Joy like a river around me will flow;
Yet, just a smile from my Savior I know,
Will through the ages be glory for me.

More triumphant still was the death of Carroll. When advised by members of the family that perhaps there was a chance for him to recover, he replied:

"No, Jesus wants me and I must go." And then to his mother: "I have not always been the kind of boy I should have been, but Jesus has forgiven me."

Just before death came and while he was perfectly rational, he said: "The angels have come for me, and I see Glen." Then he began to sing that old hymn:

"There is a name I love to hear,
I love to sing its worth;
It sounds like music in mine ear,
The sweetest name on earth.

"O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus
O how I love Jesus,
Because He first loved me.

When he had finished, he reached up, kissed his mother good bye and then went home.

These boys did not live long as we measure time, but they lived well. Perhaps they lived more fully than many of us will live, though we live many years; and their triumphant deaths will spur many of their friends and loved ones on to a richer, fuller life of usefulness for the Master.

SPUR PASTOR HOLDS TWO GOOD MEETINGS

I am writing to say that we had a great meeting at Smith's Chapel where Rev. R. G. Brannen is the beloved pastor. There were eight additions for baptism and many other responses. Brother Brannen is one of the coming young preachers of Texas. He is exceedingly consecrated to the Lord and His work. He is a real power in a protracted meeting and any church in need of an old fashioned revival would do well to have him help in a meeting. Brother Brannen could be induced to accept a full time pastorate. Many a church in Texas would greatly profit by laying hold of this progressive, consecrated young preacher for the pastorate. He may be addressed at Knox City, Texas.

We have just closed a very successful meeting with the good people of Avoca. Brother Joel Grimes is the much beloved pastor there. Of course we all know that there is no more aggressive preacher and pastor in Texas than Joel Grimes. We owe as much to him for the wonderful succes of the Lueders encampment as to any other man connected with it. Brother Grimes has a wonderful situation at Avoca. He can muster more people for an old fashioned meeting than most any place I ever visited. It was a great joy to preach for ten days for these good people. We had eight for baptism; several other professions of faith; several reclamations and a large number joined the church by letter. The meeting closed out in a blaze of glory. Grimes has been at Avoca about twenty-two years and pastor of the church eight years. The people all love him and his splendid family, which is such a help to him. These meetings have been mountain top experiences in my life for which I devoutly thank God. I am more thoroughly convinced than ever that Jesus Christ has power on earth to forgive sins. I have heard more old time holy Ghost shouting this summer than I have heard all put together in ten years, which makes me believe more than ever in the old fashioned Gospel. I could assist in one more meeting this fall if God should open the way.

Brother Malone, we want you to visit our association in September and bring Brother Pender with you. God bless your work, you are giving us a great paper.

—L. L. F. Parker.

TO SIMMONS UNIVERSITY PREACHERS AND GOSPEL SINGERS—GREETINGS!

With summer drawing to a close, and with the approach of fall, our hearts turn to review the harvested fields. Ere we turn from these musings let us invoice that which has been gathered into the store house.

Your reporter desires that everyone of the brothren should supply him with an itemized report of the summer's work, that is, first, the number of churches pastored, number of pastorates supplied, number of meetings held and an itemized statement of the visible blessings, which includes the number of conversions, number of baptisms, the number of additions by letter, promise of letter or statement, the number of reclamations and any other item of interest. We would also like to know the amount of money raised for all purposes and the number of talks to prospective students for Simmons University and number of names filed with the Bursar for advertising material.

These reports can be made with all humility and without any boasting. Will not each of the brethren file his statements at his earliest opportunity, addressing them to Luther H. Kinard, 2150 Hickory Street, Abilene, Texas?

It is your reporter's desire to compile a grand total report for publication in the West Texas Baptist and in the Baptist Standard.

God bless you all as you comply with this courteous request, and as you set your faces with steady purpose toward the open doors of Simmons, the Day Star of Higher Education.

Let every preacher, every singer, every athlete and every other student graze well upon Prexy's open range, remembering that our reaping will depend entirely upon the manner of our grazing during the fall, winter and spring of 1926-1927.

"Let us not weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6:9.

—Luther H. Kinard.

MEETING AT NEILL

Beginning Friday night, September 3, Neill Baptist Church eight miles south of Abilene on the Buffalo Gap road, will begin their revival meeting with Associational Missionary Jno. W. Newsom doing the preaching, and Gospel Singer Ollie Dennis directing the music. The prayers and cooperation of all our friends will be greatly appreciated. Come and worship and serve with us.

—A. R. Tyson.

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With a slogan and ideal of "A Baptist Paper in Every Baptist Home," publishers of the sixteen weekly Baptist state papers of the South will, in September, inaugurate an intensive simultaneous campaign for an increased circulation of their publications. So far, these papers go into only about 200,000 Baptist homes, leaving approximately 600,000 homes among Southern Baptists without a Baptist state paper.

A movement for putting a Baptist paper into every Baptist home, originally sponsored by the Southern Baptist Press Association, was given the cordial approval of the Southern Baptist Convention at its recent session in Houston, and the various convention agencies, as well as those of the various state conventions, will give their approval of and assistance to this effort of the state papers to more fully inform the whole Baptist constituency of the South in Baptist doctrines, history, methods of work, plans for kingdom extension, achievements, and the like.

While the campaign for a larger circulation of the papers will get under way in September it will probably be continued into October or later in order to insure its larger success.

HAPPY JORDAN MARRIED

The many friends of the Rev. A. L. (Happy) Jordan will be interested to learn of his marriage to Miss Glennie Daves, August 26 at four o'clock p. m. at the bride's home in Channing, Texas, with Rev. J. M. Sibley, a former room mate and class mate officiating. A few intimate friends witnessed the ceremony.

This is a consummation of another college romance which had its beginning at Wayland College four years ago.

Friends will remember Brother Jordan as the recent pastor of the Hawley and Cedar Gap churches near Abilene. Brother Jordan was also a member of the graduating class of 1926 of Simmons University.

He will continue his studies in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., and Mrs. Jordan will continue her college work in Louisville University.

Their many friends join in wishing them much happiness and success in their married life and chosen field of labor.

BAPTISTS HAVING BIG MEETING AT CORINTH

The Baptist Churches of Lakota and Corinth have united in a large revival meeting with Rev. C. R. Connell of the Truby Church doing the preaching. The meeting is being held in the church at Corinth.

The singing services are under the direction of John Agnew of the Fairview community.

This meeting is drawing large crowds and will not close until next Sunday. A baptizing service will be held by the evangelist at four o'clock in the afternoon Sunday, it was announced.

After several years of successful work as pastor of the Tuxedo Church in Jones County, Rev. Sam Morris has resigned the care of that good church. Brother Morris is pastor of the Caps church near Abilene and is now open for another half time church.

BAPTIST GIRL IS THE CHAMPION SPELLER OF THE NATION

Miss Pauline Bell, thirteen, of Clarkson, Ky., won the recent national spelling contest, at Washington, which was fostered by a number of daily papers throughout the country. In this achievement she defeated all the other states of the Union.

While not a member of a Baptist church, as yet, Miss Bell attends the Baptist Sunday School and church of her home town. All of her people are Baptists and her sister, who coached her and thus enabled her to win her signal victory, is an active worker in the Baptist church at Clarkson.

Rev. Scott W. Hickey is in a revival this week with Pastor J. W. Partin and the Elmdale church.

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.—Phil. 4:13.

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"And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine; and he began to be in want." Why not? He had plenty of bootleg whiskey to burn up his body and degrade his manhood; plenty of wild flappers to corrupt his morals and cause his body to reek with disease and corruption; plenty of gamblers on the way to get his money and cause him to lose his respectability.

"And no man gave unto him." Certainly not. The crowd he has been running with is not the crowd to help a fellow when he is down and out. They will get his money, wreck his life, damn his soul and kick him in the gutter; but not help him.

And so in this down and out condition "he joined himself to a citizen of that country." The only thing left for him to do. He now enters a new field. He must have some more thrills. The things that used to bring thrills have become tame. He learns to hi-jack, rob banks, commit murder—in fact, he has landed in the hog pen, is feeding swine and filling his belly with the husks from the careb beans. In this desperate condition he took one chance too many, robbed and murdered a traveler and forthwith landed in the clutches of the law. After the trial had ended he heard the terrible sentence: "Death in the electric chair." Then he came to himself. He thought of the old home with all its comforts; of the Christian influences that he had spurned; of the life that he might have lived—but didn't. He further realized that—

"The way of the transgressor is hard,"
"The wages of sin is death," and that
"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."
Selah.

OPENING TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST SEMINARY

(L. A. Myers, Publicity Director)

September 20, the Seminary will open its twentieth annual session. With but three exceptions in twenty years, each session has noted a marked increase over the preceeding one. This session will not be counted among the exceptions. The approach of the opening date points to the greatest increase that one session has enjoyed over another.

In 1907 the total enrollment was 215. In 1917 the enrollment had increased to 350 but the big increase came in 1919 when attendance jumped to 535. This session is expected to exceed 700. This increase will be marked also by a corresponding increase in the representation. Last session there were 16 nations represented. If the same proportion obtains, this session will note 20 nations in its student body.

By reason of the new building, facilities for taking care of the increase have been enlarged and no difficulty will be experienced in finding room for those who come. Students with families, looking for living quarters in residences about the campus, are arriving every day. Two weeks before the opening—the majority of these appearing have come from Alabama, Georgia and North Carolina.

How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God!—Psa. 139:17.

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And with the buffer and the can of polish went a large slice of the vaunted morale of the British fighting man. For generations in the British army the meticulous shining of those buttons had epitomized the iron discipline that required every British soldier to look as well as act like a soldier. When he quit shining his buttons, he quit shining his shoes, quit cleaning his clothes, quit washing his face. Discipline slumped and morale slackened. And for want of a brass button to shine, the driving force of those great British armies wavered and slowed.

So came swiftly an order from headquarters. And off came the bronze varnish. Back came the cleaning rags and the buffers and the polish. And rain or shine, through mud and dust and filth—through grimy billet and stinking trench, the British Tommy shined his way back to glory and to victory.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. Y. P. U. ASSOCIATION MEETING

On August 29th the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention of Sweetwater Association met with the First Baptist Church of Sweetwater. There were a few of the visitors who attended the Sunday School and morning service of the Sweetwater church. At the morning hour the pastor, Bro. Chas. T. Whaley, preached a good sermon along the line of the Sunday School work.

The afternoon session was well attended from all over the Association. All of the questions discussed were practical, but the missionary, Brother Newsom, had the most practical of all the discussions. His subject was "Increasing the efficiency of the half and fourth time churches." He pointed out that there were a great many different ways in which this could be done, but that the best way was to have a good live Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. organization.

Bro. R. M. McGinnis of Trent, Hazel Hatton of Abilene, and Bro. Ira L. Parrack of Merkel also had interesting discussions. The quartette from the First Church, Sweetwater, also served on the program. Henry Morgan of Abilene led the song services.

The text meeting of the association will be held with the church at Merkel on October 31.

IMPORTANCE OF ORGANIZATION

A recent Sunday School lesson taught the great advantage of organization. Moses thought he could hear all the complaints of the people, a task physically impossible. Israel was then organized into thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. The burden of leadership was greatly lessened.

Many of our preachers are still doing just like Moses did. They never learn the great advantage of dividing responsibility. There are two kinds of unorganized pastorial leadership: One is for the pastor to assume entire leadership and endeavor to personally carry on all the affairs of the church, and the other is a haphazard method of where no one has or tries to have any leadership.

In the last analysis the Sunday School comes nearer to old Mosaic organization than anything that can be introduced in a church. The Sunday School is the greatest co-ordinating power the church has. In fact, outside of the Sunday School the church practically has no organization. By organization we mean a great evangelistic force pressing on from day to day in an urgency to secure the possibilities of the church. There are literally thousands that might be secured through the efforts of the Sunday School that could never be touched by the church otherwise.

We are therefore compelled to acknowledge that the Sunday School itself is the church organized. It has a relation to the church that no other organization of the church can have. It is well for the church to look well into this organization and direct all of its affairs. There is no such thing as independency of the Sunday School as an organization, no independency as a department of the Sunday School, no independency on the part of the class. Perfect co-ordination must exist throughout the Sunday School. Over eighty-five per cent. of the growth of the church comes through the Sunday School. This organization trains the young in Bible study, in matters of Bible doctrine and presents to their minds the great power of the church through co-ordination.

The Sunday School co-ordinates the lesson study and is the greatest unit of Christian effort in the co-ordination of the finances of the church. The Sunday School is not a child of the church; it is the church itself, undertaking to carry out the last phase of the great commission, "Teaching them to observe all things." As goes the Sunday School today so will go the church of tomorrow. Our gravest responsibility lies here. We can not teach that we do not know, and we can not know without study.

The great duty of the church, therefore, is to so organize that the teaching force of the school may know how to co-operate, and before they can know how to co-operate, they must know how to operate. We are fully acquainted with hundreds of the best churches and Sunday Schools of the country, and we do not know of a single one that is "over organized." Mechanical organization just simply will not work. No mechanical organization can ever become sufficiently perfect to even be respected as an organization. We call on our critics of "over organization" to survey the length and breadth of this country in an effort to find an organization that is properly functioning that is not possessed with a sympathetic heart and soul, an undying desire to see souls born into the kingdom of God.

CLOSES TWO GOOD MEETINGS LATELY

I have just closed two meetings with Brother G. D. Lewis' churches. The first meeting was at Pleasant Valley in Jones County. In this community I found a very unpleasing situation among the Christian people. During the meeting we had several reclamations, and the church was greatly strengthened. Before the last service of the meeting a fine spirit had been manifest among the Christians who had been long out of duty, and who had been neglecting the Master's business. Brother Lewis was not with me in the meeting, and I was happy to raise over a hundred dollars back salary for the pastor. Brother A. A. Tucker, supply pastor, was present with me during most of the meeting. At the close of the meeting a movement was inaugurated to have prayer meeting each Wednesday night.

The second meeting was at Dudley. Brother Lewis has not returned from Alabama and hence did not get to be in this meeting with me. When he returns he will find his church greatly strengthened, not only in spiritual power, but in numbers. Yesterday at the closing service I baptized eleven. Two of these had formerly been members of the Pentecostal church.

Next week I am at my own church, Silver Valley. Brother Sam Morris is to help me in the meeting there.

I have recently accepted another half time church in Coleman County. This will give me my work entirely in Coleman County. The church that I have just accepted is Talpa.

Lawrence Fitzgerald.

ALABAMA MAN STILL TEACHES BIBLE CLASS AT 93 YEARS OF AGE

Ninety-three years of age and still active in Sunday School and church work is the record of Luke Phillips, father of the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Mobile. Mr. Phillips is the oldest active Sunday School teacher in Alabama and possibly in the South, he being on hand every Sunday to meet the large class of women who delight in his exposition of the Bible. At home the aged instructor still keeps a garden and the lawn.

ON TO COLLEGE

Travis Avenue Baptist Church greatly rejoices with her young people as they make preparations for entering college. We hope there will be a great number doing this year. We should be so happy to congratulate each one individually if we had the names of those who are planning to go.

Especially are we interested in Mrs. Jerry Cox and son, Wayland, as they make their way to Simmons University. Mrs. Cox has unusual talent in art and drawing and we can see for her in the future a life of great blessing and usefulness when such a talent is fully developed. She will also continue her studies in music.

Aside from the regular literary work, Wayland plans to continue his study of music. He will be numbered with the famous Simmons University Band, known as the "Cowboy Band." It is a coveted privilege for each of them and we sincerely congratulate them.

We are glad also to know that they are not leaving us permantly. They tell us this is their home and they hope always to make it so. Their many, many friends will eagerly look forward to their return for the summer vacation, and permanently, when they have finished their college work.

Mr. Cox will maintain his headquarters in our midst and may be addressed at 1105 Orange street. This good family belongs to Travis Avenue and our joy is great when they express their desire to be recognized as such. The entire membership prays the Father's choicest blessings on each of them in their worthy effort to develop every talent for usefulness God has given them.—The Evangel, Fort Worth.

CHINESE BAPTIST COLLEGE HAS MOST FRESHMEN

Shanghai Baptist College, Shanghai, China, has more freshmen in attendance than any other Christian college in China, it is reported. This institution was host to the last biennial meeting of representatives of the Christian colleges in China.

In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began.—Titus 1:2.

ACADEMY MISSION BAND DOES EFFECTIVE WORK

During a recent week the Mission Band of Acadia Academy, the Home Mission school at Church Point, La., which seeks to minister in a particular way to the French-speaking people of that section, reported that their members had preached forty-two sermons, participated in one hundred and thirteen services, visited seventy-three homes, witnessed twenty-six professions of faith, administered fifteen baptisms, received ten additions to churches by letter, and distributed forty-eight Testaments and one hundred and thirty-seven tracts.

The needy shall not always be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish.—Psa. 9:18.

The Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another.—I Thess. 3:12.

ONE BAPTIST IN SEVEN IN VIRGINIA BELONGS TO YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION

One Baptist in every seven in Virginia is now enrolled in either a Junior, Intermediate or Senior B. Y. P. U. according to E. J. Wright, field secretary of the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. department of the Baptist General Association of Virginia. In 1909, when that department of the work was inaugurated, there were only 30 B. Y. P. U.'s in the state, Mr. Wright reports, while now the number of unions has increased to 1,000.

Large progress has been made in co-operative organization in B. Y. P. U. work in the state, there now being seventeen city-wide unions, while associational B. Y. P. U. conventions are held in eighteen of the twenty-nine district associations of the state.

O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.—Psa. 34:9.

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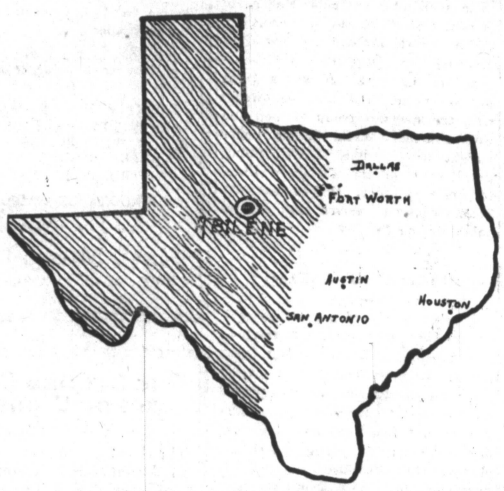

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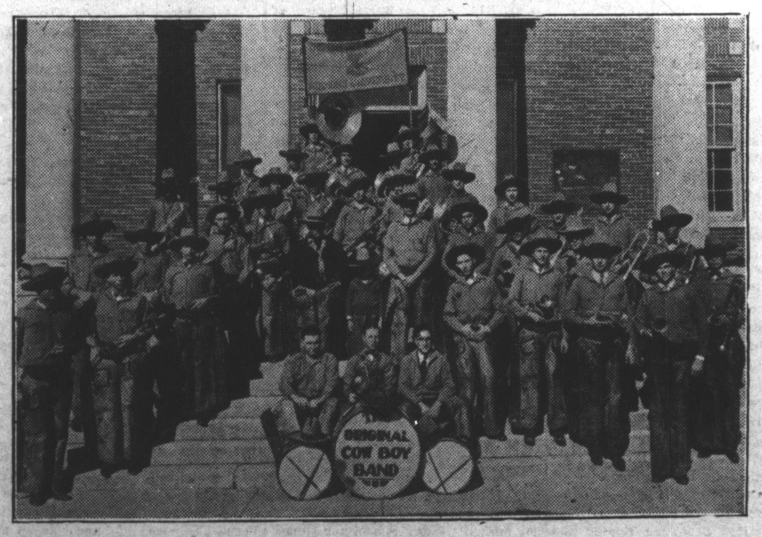

WORLD CONFERENCE Y. M. C A. EXPRESS CONFIDENCE IN YOUTH

Conference of the Young Men's Christian Association is showing vital concern over the importance of current social questions, particularly as related to morality and the home, the delegates display a strong feeling of confidence that the youth of today will be able to solve its own problems satisfactorily. It is agreed that these problems have a direct bearing on sex relationships—on the "new freedom," on temperance, on equality, on all the varying degrees of conduct, and even on the influence of religion and the home; yet the good sense displayed by the boys' group lends strength to the youngsters' contention that the coming generation will be able to handle itself with proper judgment and decorum, if given a free hand and the backing of its elders.

That is the situation to date. There is, of course, an effort to discover new and helpful moral standards. There seems also to be little or no hesitation in declaring that the home, like the church and the school, has failed in a measure to meet its responsibility toward youth. That was shown, too, in the summaries of questionaires and discussions, which for the past year have been in the course of preparation in all of the fifty-two countries here represented.

But out of this joint failure has grown an urgent appeal for stronger Christian influence outside the home. Indeed, a world-wide study of Christian ideals may be looked upon, if the trend of the fifty discussion groups here is any criterion, as the one major hope of solving moral problems and of promoting friendship throughout the world.

There have been sharp divisions between the Germans and Anglo-Saxons over social versus personal religion. But in general the discussions have taken on an international flavor. Moral questions are being considered from the standpoint of the world at large, unmarked by any extreme nationalism. That is one reason for saying that remarkable progress is being made. Complete frankness is another. And the boys, who constitute a sixth of the 1,500 participants are being listened to with interest when they declare that a continuation of that frankness, both between the sexes and between fathers and their sons, will do much to put the world to rights.

MEETING AT SOUTHLAND

Because of the illness of Brother John G. Winsett's mother, he could not be with us in our meeting at Southland as had been planned. But we were very fortunate that the Lord led us to secure Brother R. G. Baucom and his wife to come and lead us in an evangelistic campaign.

Brother Baucom belongs to that type of evangelists that believes in and practices the preaching of the whole Word of God, from the first of Genesis to the last of Revelation. Brother Baucom's preaching bore fruit with us, and it is that kind which will bear fruit after he is gone, because God will honor His Word.

Mrs. Baucom is just as efficient in her work at the piano, and her solos, and also her work with the children. May God bless them where they go for meetings is the prayer of this pastor.

We feel that our church has been greatly benefitted by this couple having come to us at this time.

There were 32 additions to the church, 23 by baptism, 7 by letter and two by statement.

We lift our eyes to the hills from whence cometh all our strength, and praise Him from whom all blessings flow.

—W. M. Lawrence.

TRENT B. Y. P. U. ENTERTAINED IN ABILENE

At six o'clock Tuesdty afternoon of last week, a band of young people from Trent met at Brother and Sister McGinnis' home on North 19th street, and enjoyed social hours together. After a short visit to the Fair Park we returned back to the home and many games were played out on the lawn. Good music was furnished by Misses Hazel Hatton and Ernestine Rosser of Abilene. Brother Newsom and wife were also there and we each enjoyed Brother Newsom's talk.

Everyone reported a lovely time and we look forward to the time when they will give us another entertainment. Delicious melons were served to following: Misses Estelle Terry, Rita Mae Winn, Dogmah and Mediah Rawlings, Jessie, Pearl, Birdie Meeks, Lucy Halbrooks, Ruby Johnson, Bess Moan, Avvis Robinson Alma, Thelma Cooper and Florence Sherman. Dora Pearl Butler, Ernestine Rosser and Hazel Hatton of Abilene; Messrs Allen Terry, Henry, Emory Cooper, Urion Tittle, Shorty Duncan, Lois Nievels and Mrs. R. R. Meeks.

THE FIRST CALL

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years throughout the South and the nation. The comment of our brethren who have attended associations and encampments over Texas this summer is to the effect that they seldom hear a whisper of criticism. Dr. I. E. Gates writes the hopeful and happy word from San Antonio that our denominational affairs are getting better in his part of the state. Similar letters come in from every other section. Brethren are learning to pray for those who are in positions of leadership and under burdens instead of criticising and seeking to hinder them. Let us take a leaf out of the book of the noble Chinese Christian and adopt it as our rule of life in Texas, "Agree to differ, resolve to love, and unite to serve." If controlled by this principle and spirit the Baptists of our state can iron out every difficulty, wipe out every debt, build up every institution, and carry forward all our great missionary enterprises. I have the feeling that no man or woman is willing to assume responsibility for renewing any unpleasant or hurtful agitation. May God spare us from such and knit our hearts together in brotherly love and Christian comradeship.

Let our pastors and missionaries, and all other workers and leaders begin to plan now for "Cooperation Sunday." October 17th, the middle Sunday of the month, has been designated as "Cooperation Sunday." "Cooperation" is a Baptist word, an American word, a New Testament word, a victory word. "We then as workers together with Him, beseech ye also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain." God's gift of His grace to us is for a purpose. He means for that grace to become effectual in the redemption of other lives, of lost humanity far and near, and He means for us to be "workers" and "workers together with Him." The thought here is cooperation. As Baptists who work on the voluntary plan we must put emphasis on the principles and practice of cooperation. It must become our habit, our normal state, if we are to succeed and achieve for Christ, if we are to be builders of His Kingdom "within these walls of time."

"Cooperation Sunday" is a day on which we hope that every cooperating Baptist who belongs to a cooperating Baptist church will make a worthy and generous offering to our Baptist Cooperative Program.

The above suggestions are submitted at this time to stir up our minds and cause us to begin to think and plan for a victory year.

BAPTIST MEETING STARTED AT OLTON CHURCH SUNDAY

OLTON, August 25.—The Baptist revival began with the Sunday morning service, Sunday, August 22nd, and will continue two weeks. The meeting is held in the Tabernacle just south of the school grounds. Services begin at 10 a. m. and 8:30 p. m.

The pastor, Rev. G. I. Britain, will be assisted by Rev. John R. Rice of Shamrock, who will do the preaching. The young people meet at 8 o'clock in the old union church building. Miss Edith Bryan of Shamrock has charge of the services. Great interest has already been shown. All the young people are invited to come and join the Smile Awhile or Laugh a Lot group.

MEETING AT DE LEON

De Leon Baptist Church, J. N. Campbell, pastor, has just enjoyed a gracious revival which resulted in 51 additions. Pastor W. H. Sims of Highland Temple, Shreveport, did the preaching and W. H. Sims, Jr., led the singing. Brother Sims is one of our great preachers and an excellent evangelist. W. H. Jr. has a unique talent as a whistler and is a distinct addition to a meeting. The new building was near enough complete to have the last day service of the meeting in it. The crowds attending the revival were the largest in the history of the town.

—J. N. Campbell.

A great meeting was held with the New Hope Church, Brownfield Association, last week. The preaching was done by the pastor, Brother Bost of Plainview. There were 47 candidates baptized at the close of the meeting, and four others are to be baptized later. During the meeting a movement was started to build a new church building costing $2,300.

C. L. Emery, member of the Calvary Baptist Church, Louisville, has not missed Sunday School for thirty-five years, it is reported.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee. Psa. 55:22.

FLORIDA BAPTISTS TO GO OUT FOR UNSAVED

Most Ambitious Evangelistic Campaign in History of South Planned Next Spring

Under the leadership of Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, Atlanta, superintendent of evangelism of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Dr. C. M. Brittain, Jacksonville, acting superintendent of Baptist work in Florida, a simultaneous state-wide evangelistic campaign is being arranged for the Baptist churches of Florida that promises to be the most far-reaching soul-winning campaign that has ever been conducted in any Southern state. It is hoped to enlist at least 200 Baptist churches of the state in conducting evangelistic efforts at the same time early next spring. The daily results at each church will be reported to a central office and from there the combined returns will be given the public through the aid of the news distributing agencies.

Conferences looking to the enlistment of strategic churches in various sections have already been held and the prospect for a really great soul-winning effort is very encouraging. In addition to employing in this unusual campaign the members of his own staff, Dr. Fuller hopes to secure the services of a number of the leading Baptist pastors of the South who have strong evangelistic gifts.

While Florida Baptists are at all times anxious to reach and win the unsaved to Christ, this unusual effort at evangelism was inspired by the fact that in recent years the population of Florida has grown much more rapidly than the churches can reach, evangelist and enlist the people through ordinary methods.

WINSETT EVANGELISTIC PARTY PRAYING MEMBERS

In one of his wonderful lectures I heard Dr. Dean C. Dullon give the following definition. What is engineering? Engineering is, first finding power, second, releasing power, third, harnessing power.

Power is the most thrilling and gigantic theme in the universe, originating always from the great Heavenly Father. We have this truth from Jesus Himself who taught us to pray, "Thine is the power." Beloved members, every time from now on, when we pray the Lord's Prayer, let us take notice of those four little words—awe inspiring in their possibilities and yet perfect in their child-like confidence.

God's power which we have "found," can only be "released" to us as a gift; and then only "harnessed" for service if we walk under the yoke of Jesus Christ by the leadership of the Holy Spirit. "Ye" shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you is a personal and individual promise. (See Acts 1:8.) The following verses I have written for our W. E. P. praying members with many loving prayers that each of you will study the Scriptures referred to, for they are vital and prove from God's own word where to "find," and how to "release," and "harness" power. Please feel free to write me on the subject. Will the chairman of the local churches remember I have many more certificates for distribution; also to send in their list with the names of those who already are members.

—P. T. O.

Finding Power

Omnipotent Father, in Jesus' name, (Jno. 16:23)
I bow before Thy throne (Rev. 5: 13)
And wait, where the word of the King of Kings (Eccles. 8:4)
Gives power and strength to His own. (Isa. 40:31)

Releasing Power

Thine is the power, sufficient for all things (Matt. 28:18)
Exhaustless, limitless, free, (Eph. 3:20)
And this glorious power is mine for the asking (Luke 11:13)
Bequeathed by Jesus to me. (Jno. 16:7)

Harnessing Power

By Thy tender guidance and care, (Isa. 27:3)
And the Holy Spirit's sway, (Jno. 14:17)
Father keep me neath the yoke of Christ (Matt. 11:29)
With power for service each day. (Eph. 1:19)

—Mrs. Mary Wilson,
Box 112, Junction, Texas.
Correspondent for the Winsett Evangelistic Party.

NOVICE CAMP MEETING

There were forty additions to the Novice and Midway churches as a result of the camp meeting held recently by Rev. Scott W. Hickey. Miss Verna Thomason of Sanco played the piano and Brother W. P. Kirk of Abilene assisted in the meeting. Brother Kirk is pastor of the church at Midway.

FORMER WEST TEXAN DOING FINE WORK

Many of our readers in the West will remember B. M. Jackson, who for several years was a student pastor in Simmons University. Brother Jackson is now pastor at Mangum, Oklahoma. Editor Staley of the Baptist Messenger recently visited the Mangum church and made the following comments about that situation.

"The Editor spent last Sunday in Mangum at the invitation of Pastor B. M. Jackson. It was our first visit to Mangum since he became pastor, two and a half years ago and evidences of progress were on every hand. The church property has been greatly improved. Congregations and all departments of the work have made splendid increases. Even during the summer, the house has been practically full for the regular services. They are going to have to build an educational plant to take care of the growing work. People are happy and church harmonious and ready to follow their aggressive, splendid pastor. As might be expected under such conditions they have lifted up their eyes on the field white unto the harvest. The contributions this year will be about $4,500 for denominational work, four times as much as any preceding year, according to the records.

Brother Jackson is especially fortunate in having Mr. J. D. Riddle as educational director and choir leader. He is consecrated, tactful and energetic and both Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Riddle render able support to their husbands in the work. It was a great joy to be there and have fellowship with the splendid group of men and women in that church. We are under obligations to Sister Lettye Stone, proprietress of the European Hotel for fine hospitality. Our contest with Tennessee was moved up several points during the day.

MEETING AT LAKEWIN

I have just closed a gracious revival meeting at Lakewin in Armstrong county in which Brother Arthur Graff led the singing. There were several souls saved, backsliders rededicated their lives and a spirit of revival was felt among God's people. The last day of the meeting, Aug. 29, at the eleven o'clock service we made it unanimous for Christ. Every one took a definite stand for Christ.

Brothers Author Graff and Rister did the preaching in a gracious revival at Cross Roads in Taylor County the first of August. Brother Foy Ring led the singing. Besides the souls saved and rededication of lives on the part of indifferent Christians, then was a general revival among God's people. We hear only good of these thru Brethren in that community.

We understand that the New Hope church, Jones County Association has called Brother Hill Edmonds of Anson as pastor. We have not learned his decision in the matter.

GOOD MEETING AT MORTON

Rev. W. G. Tankersley of Abilene did the preaching in a meeting with the Mapel Wilson Baptist Church, which resulted in twenty-five additions to the church, fifteen by baptism. In many ways the meeting was the best I have ever attended. Brother Tankersley is one of the most fearless sin fighters I have ever heard. He fears but One—God. From the first invitation to the last there was some one added to the Kingdom.

Cleon and Addie, the daughters of the evangelist, meant much to the music of the meeting.

The church has been strengthened and we shall expect Brother Tankersley with us next year. We are grateful to God for his coming this summer.

—D. W. Henry.

Pastor W. K. Horn of O'Donnell is doing the preaching in a revival meeting at Peacock in the Stonewall association.

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There were eleven additions to the Clyde Church on the Fifth Sunday. Rev. Henry Littleton of Hamlin, a former pastor of the church, was present and preached at the evening hour. Officers for the church and Sunday School were elected last Sunday. This good church is making rapid growth under the splendid leadership of Pastor J. H. Hunt and his wife.

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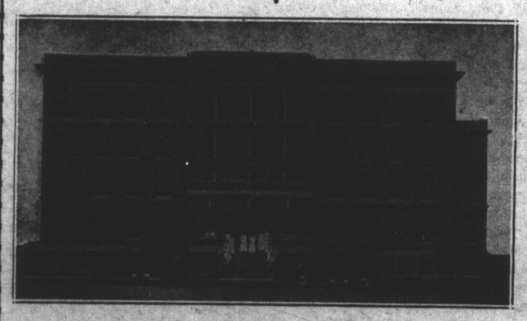

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