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RAMBLING

EMARKS



By DICK O'BRIEN

Somewhere between the writer and the editor this week's Rambling Remarks went astray. We especially regret this occurrence at a time when Brother O'Brien is tired and every effort counts. We also regret disappointing the readers of this column, which are hundreds times the alleged seven, but it is not the fault of either the author or the office—he started them this way but they just did not arrive.—Ed.

DISTRICT 17 R. A. CAMP

From: Mrs. P. D. O'Brien, Young People's Leader, District No. 17.
To: Associational Young People's Leaders, District No. 17.
Subject: Information about the Royal Ambassador Camp at Lueders.
Date of Camp: August 8, 2 p. m. to August 11, noon.

Who Are Expected: All Junior and Intermediate boys of District No. 17, also Junior and Intermediate boys of surrounding districts.

What to Bring: Unless you have a cabin arranged for, bring cot and bedding. If you have home-canned food it will be accepted as money on meal ticket, but not for registration.

Cost: Registration 50 cents, meal ticket \$1.50 for eight meals. In other words \$2.00 will take care of everything.

A very excellent program has been worked out which will include some study and worship and lots of play and fellowship. There will be softball, washer pitching, horse shoe pitching, and swimming. There will be a play period each night after the service which will feature many types of games.

We hope the pastors and other leaders in the churches will be careful to influence the unsaved boys of the church families to attend this camp. There will be an intensive evangelistic program carried on throughout the camp period.

The complete program will be finished within a few days and will be published in the West Texas Baptist.

SENTENCE SERMONS

O. D. Henley

Willful disobedience makes necessary willful repentance.

We often value ourselves so highly people feel we are beyond their reach.

An evil thought is like a spoiled child, the more attention you give it, the more offensive it becomes.

Rev. Ira L. Parrack of Chillicothe will begin a two weeks revival at Lockney Sunday, July 24.

EVENTS TO COME

July 18-29—West Texas Encampment, Lueders.

July 20-27—Central Texas Encampment, Hillsboro.

July 24-29—B. T. U. Conference, Ridgecrest.

July 26-Aug. 2—Paisano Encampment, Abilene.

July 31-Aug. 5—Milam County Encampment, Cameron.

July 31-Aug. 5—Home Mission Conference, Ridgecrest.

Aug. 1-11—Falls Creek Assembly, Ardmore, Okla.

August 7-12—Foreign Mission Conference, Ridgecrest.

Aug. 8-11—Boys' Camp, Lueders.

Aug. 8-14—Canadian Encampment, Miami.

Aug. 14-21—Gambrell Memorial Assembly, Prescott, Ariz.

Aug. 25-26—B. T. U. Officers Meeting, Seminary Hill.

Aug. 30-Sept. 1—Educational Directors Convention, Seminary Hill.

Sept. 5—Fall Term Begins, Southwestern Seminary.

Jones County Association, Noodle Church, Sept. -9.8

Sept. 14-15—Fall Semester Registration, Hardin-Simmons

Sweetwater Association, Sept. 14-15.

State Brotherhood Convention, Dallas, Sept. 26-27.

WESTEX ENCAMPMENT DRAWS ATTENDANCE

Attendance at the West Texas Baptist Encampment at Lueders will exceed the records of recent years is the prediction of officers of the organization. Camp manager, Rev. J. Henry Littleton, stated that there were larger numbers served at the camp cafeteria Tuesday, than at noon of any opening date within his memory.

Although rains Monday afternoon and evening limited the crowds and raised the river too high for safe swimming early in the week, it put the finishing touches on the grounds, which, according to veteran campers, are the best in history.

Seventeen enthusiastic classes are enrolled in courses of Church music, and in W. M. U. and B. T. U. work. Mrs. J. B. Buckley, W. M. U. president for District 17, is director of courses in her department with a faculty headed by Mrs. B. A. Copass, Seminary Hill. Leo E. Waite, educational director of First Church, Lubbock, is director of the Training Union studies.

The music courses conducted by J. D. Riddle, Abilene and Ewell Bone, Big Spring, will be continued through next week and those attending only the second week may enroll for that work. W. J. Lites, Field Secretary of the Sunday School department, Dallas, will be director of Sunday School study courses during the second week. A large number of new campers are expected to register for this work.

Four districts and a large number of associations are represented in the attendance at the encampment. Big Spring probably has the largest crowd from a considerable distance. It is expected that the Brotherhood banquet next Tuesday evening will attract the largest throng except Sunday, which is Christian Education day with the program in charge of representatives from Hardin-Simmons University.

BROTHERHOOD BARBECUE AT LUEDERS TUES. NIGHT

Preparations are being made for several hundred men to attend a Brotherhood barbecue and rally on the banks of the Clear Fork at the Lueders encampment grounds on Tuesday evening, July 26. A motorcade is being planned from Abilene and large delegations are expected to attend from churches all over the territory.

In addition to the outdoor barbecue meal and fellowship hour, the entire evening program is planned for men. Outstanding speakers will be present and no long addresses are planned.

Camp manager Henry Littleton requests local Brotherhood presidents and pastors to drop a card to him at the encampment grounds, Lueders, or to Judge E. S. Cummings, Abilene, Brotherhood president for District 17, with an estimate of how many men may be expected to attend the meeting.

MRS. B. H. CARROLL DIES SUNDAY IN LOS ANGELES

Mrs. B. H. Carroll, helpmeet and widow of one of the greatest leaders of Southern Baptists, died Sunday, July 17, in Los Angeles, California, where she resided. Her only child, Harrison Carroll, well-known journalist of the West Coast was at her bedside.

Other relatives include a sister-in-law, Mrs. Tom Harrison of Pecos, Texas, and several nieces and nephews among whom are, James A. Harrison of Abilene, Phillip of Corpus Christi, Ray and Tom of Clovis, New Mexico, Mrs. Virginia Alvis of San Antonio, Miss Sarah Harrison of Beaumont, and Capt. W. K. Harrison, U. S. Army, San Diego, California.

Mrs. Carroll was born in Waco, the daughter of General Tom Harrison. She was a teacher of German in Baylor University when she married Dr. Carroll, two years after the death of his first wife. Following Dr. Carroll's death she returned to Waco for a time, then went to Los Angeles to be near her son.

EVENTS IN OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY

C. C. Andrews, Baird, Texas
Who was it that said: "Why sit we here until we die," and what was the occasion?

Read II Kings, 7th Chapter.

Facing Eternity

How Does One Feel Who Knows His Last Days on Earth are Few?

By Rev. J. Walton Moore

"... It is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment."—Hebrews 9:27.

The author of this remarkable document went out with his wife to China in 1920. After a furlough, they returned in 1929 supported by the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, St. Louis. Stricken in the fall of 1936 while in St. Louis to give an account of his ministry, he rallied sufficiently during the next year to fill some speaking engagements in the interest of foreign missions. Since early this year he has been closely confined, suffering intensely and awaiting the approaching end. Yet visitors to the home are greeted with the smiling assurance of faith. He lives with Mrs. Moore and the four children at 1701 Sandefer, Abilene.—Editor.

How would it feel to know that you were soon going to die, is a question that has perhaps come to the mind of everyone. One has looked on the criminal on his way to execution and imagined his feelings, or perhaps upon some old person whose days were nearing their end. Perhaps it is possible for one to take a stoical attitude and manifest no feeling or to take a fatalistic view, but for the average person there are naturally certain reactions. These reactions may be similar to all or may be different. We are of the opinion that they will certainly be different between a Christian and a non-Christian.

To me, to learn my days on earth were few was somewhat disappointing. I had planned and hoped to give twenty more years of work to China, but perhaps that is one of our weaknesses, feeling that "our work" is more important than it really is. Those who do not value their own efforts do not get very far, those who over value them will likely be disappointed sooner or later, but we must admit that one of the first real disappointments came from knowing our little day of labor was over.

Then, there is the disappointment that comes from knowing you must leave your family. Perhaps to the average man who has a family, his chiefest thoughts and plans center around helping that family to be something worthwhile. To me it was disappointing to know the family would have to go along without me, but even in this perhaps we have valued ourselves more highly than we ought. God who notes the sparrows fall and who through our many trying experiences has kept a watchful eye over the family, will continue to do so. Of this we are sure, and this keeps our disappointment from being so acute.

And then there is the question of your friends. When one knows his life is near its end, I presume it is natural to think of those who have meant so much to him. Certainly this is true of me. There are so many old friends that have meant so much to my life. There is that desire to see them, take them by the hands and tell them what their friendship has meant. This we have felt like doing many times but have neglected doing so. How great it would be if we could see them all now and really tell them what we feel in our hearts. But, after all, the disappointments are soon swallowed up by the great consolation that comes from God's Word.

Some may be inclined to look back over the past and be filled with regrets. Certainly there are many things in my past life I should like to change. But somehow realizing that I fully trusted Christ for Redemption from sin these blunders and mistakes do not seem to worry me at this time. "For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God." Yet I shall have to greet Him with very little in my hands. I thank God by His grace I shall greet Him unafraid and ever praising His name, and however little fruit it has borne it was for Him.

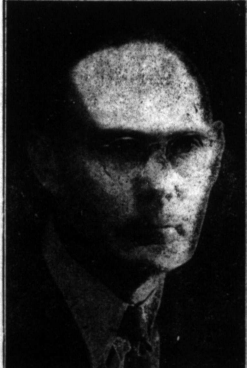
This time of seeming crisis is not much of a crisis, because of God's promises. One can truly say, "The eternal God is my refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms." Who can fear the storms and dangers when they have Him for a refuge? The Bible says, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." This is true and in life's most testing trial there is the assurance that He leads the way in all things and that "all things work together for good to them that love the Lord, to those who are called according to His purpose." One knows he loves Him. One knows he has been called. Why should he question this promise connected therewith? Then there is the promised mansion He has gone to prepare that keeps one full of hope and expectancy, not that one would easily give up this world, certainly has it never occurred to me to take the impractical view that there is nothing to the world. During these last few days I find myself planning, praying, hoping, and somehow trying to provide for my loved ones who are to stay in the world yet a while. There is that feeling that God helps those who are willing to help themselves. In other words, He enters into fellowship in everything that we do, if it is for His glory, whether it be material or spiritual preparation.

Sometimes one feels a little anxious to go on, in happy anticipation of being with Him. Then perhaps the desire to get out of suffering would also make one willing to go quickly. We have thought of it as a furlough. After one has spent seven or eight years on the foreign mission field and knows his furlough time draws nigh, there is that pulling and tugging at his heart to stay with the beloved natives and yet there is that anxious desire to return home and have loving fellowship with his dearest on earth. But praise God, it is not a furlough, for we shall never again have to separate, suffer or see our loved ones suffer. There will be no tears, no sickness, nor sighing. "And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof." Christ Himself shall be the Light, and His servants shall serve Him. So, too, we feel like it is good to be going home. There are things that would hold us, but the things that call us on are many fold more. "Then I shall be satisfied when I shall awake in His Likeness."

Lueders Assembly Leaders Week of July 19-23



L. E. WAITE, LUBBOCK
Director B. T. U.



REV. C. A. POWELL
Camp Pastor

HOUSTON PASTORS FAVOR ALCOHOLISM EDUCATION

The Baptist pastors of Houston, meeting July 11, unanimously adopted a report favoring the employment of a state worker to be supported by the state board and known as the Director of Alcoholic Education. The matter of financing this program was left open, but several suggestions were offered.

The purpose of this office is to carry on a program of scientific education on the effects of alcohol and to combat the flood of seductive advertising in behalf of the liquor business. Houston members of the state board were appointed as a committee to present the matter for the consideration of that body.

Following is the plan as reported by the Gulf Coast Baptist:

Report on Committee on Alcoholism

We submit first, Brother Carson Taylor's outline on a proposed foundation for scientific alcohol education.

(A Baptist Set-Up)

1. Organization.
1. State Director—giving full time with adequate support.

2. District Directors (17)—with moderate expense accounts.

3. Associational Directors (108).

4. Local church Directors, one in each Baptist Church.

II. Operation: Method of procedure.

1. Leadership training.

2. Using the press.

3. Using the radio.

4. Using bill boards and posters.

5. Research and information service.

6. Lectures to schools, churches, clubs, etc.

7. Holding of anti-alcohol congress.

III. Suggestions on financing:

1. By the state mission board—employment of temperance evangelist.

2. Each cooperating church putting in budget minimum of \$1 per month.

3. Sunday School, on temperance Sundays, taking free will offering.

4. Personal pledges by interested individuals.

5. Board of strong laymen to serve as advisors and promoters.

STANDARD PROPOSED FOR BAPTIST CHURCHES

Because of the interest aroused where the plan of having church standards has been discussed, and because many of our ministers and most of the laymen have not seen the details of the proposed plan, we publish the tentative standard in full as suggested by a committee from the Southwestern Baptist Religious Educational Directors Association in August, 1935.

The measure was referred back to the committee which submitted reports in 1936 and a third time in 1937. We print the 1937 revision which will come up for adoption or rejection in the session at Fort Worth, August 30 to September 1, 1938.

I. Spiritual Tests:

1. Preaching services attended by a number equal to fifty percent of the resident church members each Sunday.

2. Prayer services weekly attended by a number equal to twenty-five percent of resident church members.

3. Family prayer and Bible reading in twenty-five percent of the homes of resident church members.

4. Prayerful provision for revival seasons.

5. Continual soul-winning program.

6. Provision made for immediate enlistment of new church members in attendance upon services, rendering such service as befits them and contributing to church finances.

7. Maintained and supervised musical program.

a. Church Music Training School annually.

b. Regular Church Services and Choir Rehearsals attended by seventy-five percent of choir enrollment.

c. Congregational Singing and Choir emphasized.

II. Bible School Tests:

1. Standard Bible School.

2. Teaching not less than four of the Sunday School training books annually at such times as may be most convenient for entire church membership.

III. Training Tests:

1. Standard B. T. U.

2. Teaching not less than two training books in each department annually, attended by not less than

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MISSIONARY

MESSAGES



By B. N. SHEPHERD
Missionary, District 17

Leading in revival meetings is one of the most fruitful fields we have. It takes true and deep consecration for it. Stop right now and pray for your fellow preachers who are in meetings now, and those who are to have meetings soon.

The meetings that are reported have been a little above par, it seems to me. But we must help each other by praying for each other.

The West Texas Encampment is starting in a fine way. The crowd is growing both in numbers and spirit. We are sure the rain and unsettled weather has a material effect on the attendance. The people seem to have a spirit, not only to enjoy the rest, but they are attending the classes. We hope many will attend before the two weeks are over, and we feel sure that will be true.

Next week we are to have one of the strongest teaching forces to be found anywhere. Our section of the state will be greatly strengthened for Sunday School work. This week will greatly strengthen the B. T. U. and W. M. U. work. Make your plans to attend a part of the time if you cannot stay through.

Notice

Brother Frank Hasty, of the Old Ministers Retirement Plan, is to meet all pastors and one or more laymen from each church in our district at Camp Lueders. Preachers and laymen, this will be one of the most significant matters presented to our district this year. The time is August 9, hour, 10 a. m. until we finish in the afternoon. That will be during the Boy's Camp, the second day. Brethren, this is for you. The plan to take care of you when you get to where you cannot work any more. Of course you are interested in it. Well, we have made plans to help you. It makes no difference what you are doing it will be to your interest for you to take off that day and come. Not only to your own interest, but to the interest of our Lord's work. Brother Hasty is the man who led in putting on the plan in South Carolina. He knows more about it and can make it plainer than any one I have ever seen.

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PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES

Friday, July 22—
Mr. and Mrs. Roe Beard, Box 63, Pawnee; Mr. and Mrs. G. Lee Phelps, Wetunka. Missionaries to Indians in Oklahoma.

Saturday, July 23—
Janie Lowrey Graves (Mrs. R. H.), educational worker, Canton, China (now on pension, 101 So. Carlin St., Mobile, Ala.); C. G. McDaniel, educational worker, Soochow, Ku, China.

Sunday, July 24—
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lincoln, Chillico; Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Kent, Perkins. Missionaries to Oklahoma Indians.

Monday, July 25—
Dr. Leonard Long, medical worker, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, Africa (on furlough, 3550 Cass Ave., Detroit, Mich.); Ermine Bagby Sowell (Mrs. S. M.), educational worker, Ramon Falcon 4100, Buenos Aires, Argentine (now on furlough, Fort Worth, Tex.)

Tuesday, July 26—
George Green, M. D., Field Secretary for Nigeria, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, Africa; Miss Pearl Johnson, educational worker, Girls School, Cheefoo, Shantung, China.

Wednesday, July 27—
Wm. H. Berry, Boys' School, Rua Plombazina 192, Bello Horizonte, Minas Geraes, Brazil; Miss Hannah Fair Sallee, evangelistic worker, Shanghai, Ku, China.

Thursday, July 28—
M. T. Rankin, Field Secretary for the Orient, Box 1581, Shanghai, Ku, China.

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"A GOOD NAME"

In this sophisticated age of ours the Book of Proverbs is considered so trite and hackneyed that it is falling into disuse. It is to be hoped that the coming generation will rediscover this treasure and profit by the wisdom compiled therein.

The fathers of those of us who grew up before the cataclysm of the World War received education in the school of McGuffey's Readers and the Blue Back Speller and they took the wisdom of Solomon quite seriously, patterning their lives and their philosophy largely by its precepts.

So there used to be much store placed by a good name. Fathers were proud of the family title and impressed its precious worth upon their children. Teachers and ministers thought it a matter of great importance and said so upon frequent occasions. For a girl to lose her good name or a boy to sully the family honor with a calamity not less serious than death itself.

But we have slipped into a day of easier morals. The clothes a girl wears or the car a boy drives too often have far more to do with social success than the lives they lead or the names they bear.

This is one of the symptoms of the changeable age in which we live. Our world is in the same sort of upheaval and overturning of old standards as followed the fall of the Roman Empire and the discovery of the New World.

Nevertheless, through turbulent times as well as periods of peace, the Word of God is immutable. A good name is still rather to be chosen than great riches.

EDUCATION ABOUT ALCOHOLISM

In our news columns is an account of the recommendations of Houston pastors that Baptists employ a full-time director to carry on a campaign of education regarding the evils of alcohol.

The first reaction of many of our good people will be that we have enough of state secretaries and field workers and so on. But if we will remember, Texas might have remained in the dry column if we had had a leader who could keep the Baptist people alive to the wiles of the liquor traffic.

Millions are now being spent in advertising by the booze industry. Their enticing lures are in the daily press, in most magazines, on the air with most networks, and in most every medium of advertising. The insidious propaganda is flaunted in the faces of our young people at every turn.

We should have a counter influence to this barrage unless we are ready to surrender the next generation to drink. Scarcely less important than evangelism and missions is a sober society in which to live and to rear our children.

Means should be found, and can be found to support this work without hampering the planned activities of the state work but we hope that the Board will see fit to adopt the essential features of this plan which is to carry on a constructive educational program relating to the destructive effects of alcoholic beverages.

It may not succeed in getting Texas dry very soon, but any effort to keep our boys and girls dry is of prime importance.

THE DAY OF REST

The most visible mark of the current trend toward paganism is the rapid disappearance of the Sabbath. Except in a few sections, the nation developed under the Puritan ideal of a holy day. Whatever the sins of early America, public opinion and public habits were largely molded along Scriptural ideals. And these ideals were dominant until recent years.

We are not, at this time, entering into the question of the comparative morality of the current generation and that of the nineteenth century, but it is plainly evident that standards have greatly changed, none more radically than Sunday observance.

First, drug stores, whose mission of mercy is unquestioned, were permitted to sell perishable confections. The advent of the motor car and good roads brought Sunday touring and a demand for filling stations which never close. About the same time came the popularity of golf and a further growth of the holiday spirit. Today, we have Sunday amusements of all sorts—shows, dances, swimming and bridge parties, and what have you.

These amusements have demanded the labor of an increasing throng who do well to enjoy one or two holidays in the year. More and more industries are operating on a seven-day week. The employee who has the choice of Sunday work or no job cannot be harshly judged if he chooses the job.

Now, grocers and other retailers are choosing to remain open all the week. Unless a halt is speedily called, the workman will be wholly robbed of his day of rest. We do not know the outcome, but we do know that there is a sharpening of the line between the Christian and the world; between the conscientious believer who has come to his faith by the road of conviction and repentance, and the nominal Christian who takes his church membership as lightly as the joining of a social club.

"If thou turn thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, and the holy of Jehovah honorable; and shalt honor it, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words; then shalt thou delight thyself in Jehovah; and I will make thee to ride upon the high places of the earth; and I will feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father; for the mouth of Jehovah hath spoken it."

SOUTHWEST RELIGIOUS MONTHLY BOOK CLUB

By Dr. N. A. Moore

In the early months of 1933 Dr. W. T. Conner of the Southwestern Seminary conceived a practical plan to aid in circulating religious current books among the preachers and church workers of Texas was his conviction that the range of religious reading by the average person is too narrow and scant. To develop his plan the Texas Religious Book-of-the-Month Club was organized, and an active review committee of five was selected. Its modus operandi was to scan each month the advance notices of new books coming from the press, and select ten or twelve of the most promising for review purposes. The committee secures copies for each member, and after a careful reading they come together toward the close of the month for a round-table discussion of the books' merits and demerits. After this careful consideration, a first, second, and third choice book is selected for mailing out to the membership. Arrangements were made with the Baptist Book Store in Dallas for handling the books and payments.

It was evident from the first that the plan was one of genuine merit. With the removal of Dr. W. R. White from Fort Worth to Oklahoma City the Club was enlarged to include Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas, and the title changed to Southwest Religious Monthly-Book Club. Dr. L. M. Sipes of Little Rock, Ark., was added to represent that state, and succeeded Dr. E. D. Head of Houston, resigned. Four of the original five members are still on the committee, and in the five years only a very few meetings have been postponed on account of speaking engagements that prevented a quorum of three from attending. In that event book choices were made for two months instead of one.

The original personnel of the Committee as constituted was composed of Dr. W. T. Conner, Southwestern Seminary, Chairman; Dr. J. B. Tidwell, Bible Department, Baylor University; Dr. W. R. White, Pastor Broadway Baptist Church, Ft. Worth; Dr. E. D. Head, Pastor First Baptist Church, Houston; Dr. N. A. Moore, Bible Department, Hardin-Simmons University; Lacy R. Keele, Manager, Baptist Book Store, Dallas, Secretary.

During the life of the organization the review committee members have each read some six hundred separate books, and made selections for the Club membership for a total of 18,500 copies at a cost of \$30,000.

The committee serves without compensation, except for the books donated by the publishing companies for review purposes.

While the purpose of the club is to make it easier for Baptist preachers to keep abreast with current religious thought, any person who is interested may become a member. A card to the Baptist Book Store will place one on the mailing list.

The annual charge of \$15, which may be arranged in installments, secures the twelve first choices for the month. It is possible to substitute second or third choice books instead of the first choice of the committee. Other recommended books, of course, may be had at list prices.

Something to Think About

By A. W. Blaine

There is still the hue and cry that the preacher must stay out of politics. Some would even go so far as to deny him the privileges enjoyed by other citizens. Let us note, in the very outset, that, in the main, this hue and cry is on the part of politicians who are so corrupt that the right kind of preacher would be bound to oppose them, and by a glib and unsuspecting public which has accepted the crooked politician's statements without stopping to ask "why?" We readily agree that it is not best for the preacher to dabble in politics in every case. In fact he will hurt the cause when he does, but when there are moral issues at stake he must stand firm, for the right. The man who is clean has nothing to fear from the right kind of preacher. On the other hand the corrupt politician has much to fear.

A look at the life and times of Isaiah and Amos and others will show that God did not expect his servants to keep silent when there were moral issues. Neither does God expect his servants to keep silent today when there are moral issues such as the Liquor question and the gambling question. My personal conviction is that not only every preacher but every Christian should oppose every candidate who is not right on these questions and register this opposition by voting against them.

News Notes

Dr. W. Y. Pond, state evangelist, will be with Pastor J. H. Dean and the Blackwell church in a two weeks meeting, beginning July 24. D. C. Ham of Hardin-Simmons will lead the song service.

The Baptists of Lorenzo will begin their revival Sunday. The new pastor, Rev. Earl Lantroupe, will do the preaching and Mr. John Leverett of Lubbock will have charge of the song service.

Eleven Sunday School workers from New Mexico are in attendance at the Sunday School conference at Ridgecrest this week and a larger number are planning to go to the B. T. U. conference there next week. Another potent argument for a "Ridgecrest in the West."

Rev. J. W. Partin of Happy has been called to the Rule pastorate. He plans to move on the field August 9, and on the following Sunday, August 14, will begin preaching in a revival meeting at the church. Rule members are already in prayer for this meeting.

There were sixteen additions to First Church, Abilene, through the arm extended to the mission at the Brick Plant in the revival conducted by Rev. Jas. Alexander. Eight of the new members came for baptism, and all but one were adults.

The Girls Camp of District 9 will be at Ceta Canyon, August 1 to 3. Mrs. J. W. Ware, Dimmitt, is District young people's leader and Rev. A. C. Huff, Plainview, district missionary.

Miles Church had an all-day working last week when the men and boys beautified the church and parsonage lawns and the ladies served chicken dinner. The church building is being brightened with paint.

Evangelist Hyman Appelman has a tentative date for a three weeks revival in Ada, Oklahoma, in 1940. There were 296 additions to First Church, Ada, in his recent meeting there.

White Baptist churches in New Orleans have increased from six with a membership of 1242 to 27 with 8308 enrolled during the twenty years of existence of Baptist Bible Institute.

First Church, Hobbs, New Mexico, has selected Monday night for "Family Night." At this time the Brotherhood, W. M. U. circles and all auxiliaries have their regular meetings.

A new church was organized at Fort Chadburne recently following a brief revival conducted by Pastor A. V. Bradley of Bronte. This is an old town but all churches in town had died out and disbanded.

Dr. W. C. Taylor, secretary of Baptist foreign mission work in South America, will arrive in the States early next month. He will have a part in foreign mission work at Ridgecrest, August 7 to 12.

Pastor Clyde Jackson of Caps and Highland Home is engaged in a revival with Vinyard Grove Church near Honey Grove. This is his fourth consecutive meeting with this church.

Pastor Jesse B. Leverett of Seminole rounded out his first year in that church on July 10 with special services which were blessed with four additions to the membership.

Ladies of the Caps Church had an all day canning for Hendrick Hospital this week. The hospital furnishes the cans for all who will fill them for them.

Rochester Church, with a membership of 251, had 248 in Sunday School last Sunday. They have a goal of 300 by the close of their summer revival which begins August 7.

Rev. J. A. Lunceford of O'Donnell assisted Pastor Wm. A. Kuykendall in a revival at Monument, N. M. There were twenty-two additions, six of whom were for baptism.

Pastor Roy O'Brien announces that Rev. Carroll Holtzclaw of Sunset Church, Abilene, will preach in a revival at the Admiral Church, beginning next Friday.

Rev. Almon Norris will begin a meeting on Friday, July 22, with Pastor Arval Richardson and the Nimrod Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

July 24, 1938

By Hight C. Moore

GIDEON: FOLLOWING GOD'S PLAN

Judges 7:4-7, 15-23

Golden Text: Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage. Joshua 1:9.

For seven years the Midianites had mightily oppressed Israel. In addition to exacting tribute, the predatory tyrants came and burned up villages, robbed granaries, devoured sheep and cattle, destroyed growing crops, and drove the people into the dens and caves of the mountains. Deliverance came through Gideon, the youngest son of Joash of Ophrah, a city of Manasseh, who received his call while threshing wheat. His first public act was to destroy idol worship in his home town. Then he sounded his trumpet and sent through Manasseh, Asher, Zebulun, and Naphtali, calling the patriots of war. Soon 32,000 men rallied around him.

1. Personnel Required in God's Plan

Gideon's army numbered 32,000 of the best fighting men in the country. It was more than three times the size of Deborah's army. But it was insignificant in comparison with the army confronting it, for the invaders were like locusts for multitude and their camels like the sand of the seashore for number. Yet Gideon was undaunted. He and his men rose early and encamped by the spring of Harod. Just over the hill north of them were stationed the outposts of the Midianite and Amalekite armies, encamped in a valley opening down into the Plain of Esdraelon.

2. Preparation Made for God's Plan

Gideon's band was chosen at Jehovah's command from the assembled patriots by two simple but severe tests. The reason back of the rejection of the army lay in the fact that God must have all the glory of the victory. Hence the first test, which was the test of courage: Let the fearful and trembling return from the battlefield! To their discredit 22,000 men turned back. Did Gideon tremble when he saw his army melt away? Nevertheless he applied to the 10,000 the second test, which was the test of vigilance: Take the men to the spring and let them drink; put in one company all who leisurely and without sense of danger take the time to get down on their knees to drink; put in another company all who in their alertness of mind and movement carry the water in their hands to their mouths and quickly pass on. Manifestly the latter were the men of martial quality and caliber. There were only three hundred of this group. They must be the shock troops; the others have a place, but must go back to the reserves and bide their time.

3. Program Given of God's Plan

Gideon's strategy exactly fits the critical situation he was in. Descending in the dark to the edge of the hostile camp and reassured by the dream which he overheard one Midianite soldier tell another. Gideon climbed back up the hill and prepared for his weird midnight attack. He placed in the hands of every one of his men, not a sword or other armor, for they seem to have been totally unarmed, but a trumpet, an empty pitcher, and a torch within the pitcher. He divided the three hundred into three companies and stationed them around the sleeping host, probably at the head of the valley and on the two ridges enclosing it right and left. When all were ready, Gideon sounded the signal. Then the pitchers were broken and the flaming torches held aloft in the midnight air and gloom. At the same time there was a mighty blast of trumpets from every side. And quickly followed the piercing battle cry, "The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon!"

4. Progress Achieved by God's Plan

Gideon's success was instant and complete. The glare of the torches, the sound of the trumpets, the din of the Hebrew battleries had the desired effect. The host of Midian, roused from their slumber, was seized with the greatest consternation. In shivering fright they turned upon each other with great slaughter. In the wildest confusion and disorder they fled toward their native land. The soldiers of Israel pursued, the Jordan fords were guarded and the enemy decisively defeated with the loss of two kings, two princes, and 120,000 soldiers, besides immense spoil. Thus Gideon crushed Midian.

Follow God's Plan

(1) Follow God's Plan Righteously. "The host of the Midianites were on the north side of them" (verse 1). Tyrants must be repelled. Oppressors must be overthrown. To cower before wrong is unmanly. Fight the good fight.

(2) Follow God's Plan Unitedly.

"All the people that were with him" (verse 1). Gideon's trumpet brought to his standard the patriots of the country. "Not all can go to the battlefield, but all are needed. Let every soldier stand in his place."

(3) Follow God's Plan Unselfishly. "Lest Israel vaunt themselves" (verse 2). Everybody must know that Gideon's victory was God's victory. To him must always be given the glory. Militarism is worse than servitude. Fight for the Master, not for Mars.

(4) Follow God's Plan Courageously. "Whomsoever is fearful and afraid" (verse 3). Is it any wonder that the untrained, unarmed Hebrews trembled before the mightiest foe of the time? Even so, the fearful do not belong at the front. Relegate them to the rear where they belong.

(5) Follow God's Plan Vigilantly.

"The three hundred men that lapped." They were the watchers. They knew the invaders were just beyond the hilltop. They would not delay thirsty comrades. They were men of warrior blood. And it takes warriors to win.

(6) Follow God's Plan Co-operatively. "Divided—into three companies." All in one company might have made an impression; but three companies attacking them from three sides were irresistible. Co-operation means conquest.

(7) Follow God's Plan Trustingly.

"Put—in every man's hand." Not a sword or spear or shield or helmet; torches and pitchers and trumpets. Yet that was evidently the divine plan. And the three hundred believed.

(8) Follow God's Plan Obediently.

"As I do, so shall ye do." See Gideon himself in the thick of it all. He not only gave orders, but himself obeyed them. Let his men do as he did. And didn't they?

(9) Follow God's Plan Prudently.

"The beginning of the middle watch." Had Gideon joined battle before sunset or after sunrise, he would have lost. His blow fell just after midnight and he won. Strike at the right time!

(10) Follow God's Plan Effectually.

"Pursued Midian." It was not enough to "scare them to death." They might have recovered. But that "follow-up campaign" did the work for Midian. And they never came back. If fighting must be done, do it until it is done.

Daily Bible Readings

July 25 — Stronger Than a Lion. Judges 14:5, 6.

July 26 — Stronger Than Ropes. Judges 15:11-14.

July 27 — Weak as Other Men. Judges 16:15-21.

July 28 — Weakness of the Flesh. Matthew 26:40-45.

July 29 — When the Weak Are Strong. 2 Corinthians 12:7-10.

July 30 — Weak Things Stronger Than Mighty. 1 Corinthians 1:22-29.

July 31 — Strong in the Lord. Ephesians 6:10-13.

POTOSI CHURCH

By E. N. McCoy

We are still moving along nicely at Potosi. We had a big day Sunday, July 10, with 91 in Sunday School and 54 in B. T. U. Brother Tidwell preached two great sermons. After the eleven o'clock sermon there were seven additions to the church, two by statement, one by letter and four for baptism, and at the evening service there were two more additions for baptism.

Brother Tidwell seemed to be at his best at each service. It has been said of him that he is one of the coming preachers of the country. We don't think so. We think he is already here. Our revival will begin on Wednesday night before the second Sunday in August. Brother E. M. Weathers, pastor at Groom, will do the preaching in the meeting.

BOOK REVIEW

"Inspiration's Enigma," by William Francis Fry, Professor of Biblical Literature, Texas Technological College, Lubbock. Copies may be secured from the author. 90 pages.

This little volume is an interpretation of the Song of Solomon from the literal point of view. It is interestingly written and the characters pass vividly before the reader as on a stage.

From the thesis that the poem is an idealization of sweetheart love, Dr. Fry intersperses much sound advice to lovers. It is well worth a study.—E. D.

Rev. H. H. Summers has been in a revival at Quemado, N. M.

MISS MARY ALEXANDER SENDS NEWS FROM CHINA

Phillips House, Mody Road,
Kowloon, Hong Kong,
April 27, 1938.

My Dear Friends:

How truly and how often the exceeding great and precious promises of God have been fulfilled and verified for us during these days, weeks, and months in China since the Sino-Japanese "incident" began last summer and since I wrote you last November! "Bless the Lord, oh, my soul; and forget not all his benefits—who redeemeth thy life from destruction and who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies."

In my Christmas message to you, I voiced a hope and a prayer that we could be back in Canton by early December or at least by the New Year. The hopes of those days did not become realities; but God in His always better-than-ours ways has continued His doing of "things exceeding abundant above all we could ask or think." "He knoweth the way that I take," and "satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness."

On December 12, 1937, I sailed for Shanghai where duty called me as acting field secretary of China Baptist W. M. U. When I went, I thought that perhaps by the end of the calendar year, or certainly by the end of January of the New Year that W. M. U. affairs could be shaped up and my return to Hong Kong by February first be possible. In such a shaping up, however, a meeting of the China Baptist W. M. U. Standing Committee, which meeting had been impossible last August, seemed imperative. With the war still raging, with travel dangerous (not to say foolhardy), and with the future all so uncertain, the China Baptist W. M. U. Executive Committee hesitated to call for a meeting of the larger group. The term of office for all incumbent officers was supposed to end with the old year; Misses Sallee and Johnson, office secretary and treasurer respectively, had earlier in the year gone to the U. S. A. on furlough; and Miss Lila Watson's resignation as field secretary was pending, due to her continued ill health. What could be done? Finally as a temporary emergency measure the Executive Committee voted to ask all the officers to continue in office until such time as the W. M. U. Standing Committee could meet. I was asked to act as both office and field secretary, and Rose Marlowe was asked to serve as treasurer for the same period. Finally a month or more later with war conditions around Shanghai slightly improved, and with the demands of the work such as seemed to require an early meeting, the Executive Committee issued a call to the Standing committee for early April.

My heart was made very happy too recently over a piece of good news which will rejoice your heart too, I am sure. May I give it to you in a paragraph copied verbatim from the South China Morning Post of date April seventh: "Madame Chiang Kai Shek at the Wuhan Monthly Missionary Prayer - Meeting here yesterday afternoon said: 'It gives me great pleasure, therefore to-day to tell you that by your work and the spirit that underlies it, you have

made manifest the meaning of true Christianity. The results of your efforts are so appreciated by the government and the people that the Generalissimo has now found it possible to have the law forbidding religion to be compulsory taught in Christian schools amended so that religious subjects may henceforth be taught in registered mission schools. This decision is the greatest testimony in the history of China of our appreciation of the real vital contribution that Christianity has made to the spiritual well-being and the livelihood of our people."

I am sure it is really hard for you to realize how that in the midst of turmoil and strife so much of the Lord's work goes on. Recently I have often felt that there were enough facts available along that line for a good "Did You Know" column. Maybe after all that here will be a good place and that the simplest way to tell you briefly facts that I hope will thrill and encourage you as they have and do us:—

1. DID YOU KNOW that money has been raised, the contract let, and ground broken for the erection of the Second Baptist Church of Hong Kong in Kowloon on the mainland side; and that the First Baptist Church and Hong Kong Baptists are praying, talking, planning, and working for the erection at no distant date of a worthy Henrietta Hall Schuck Memorial Church and School for girls in one of the growing suburban residential sections of Hong Kong?

2. DID YOU KNOW that the Soo-Sung-Sih W. M. U. reached one of the highest marks of their twenty-seven years history by pledging to their budget for 1938 \$1,000 Mexican dollars and that in spite of the fact that only one Baptist Japanese Building in the whole territory is intact since the Japanese invasion and occupation?

3. DID YOU KNOW that despite the sadness and suffering in China these days, the key-note of the Annual Meeting of the Soo-Sung-Sih W. M. U. was praise and thanksgiving? Three-fourths of the scores and hundreds that attended the meetings were able at each session to give from memory in concert Psalm 103, which one year ago had been assigned as the year's memory work. At one of the sessions more than twenty-five dear "mothers in Israel," former students of Misses Price and Kelly, and Mrs. Zee, sang "O Happy Day." Tears welled from our eyes as we saw and heard but they were tears of joy.

4. DID YOU KNOW that at the annual meeting of the Soo-Sung-Sih W. M. U. more than a score of teenage lads, all made homeless and penniless by the present armed conflict, came from one of the refugee camps where Mrs. F. Y. O. Ling and other earnest W. M. U. members have been doing such effective evangelistic work during the past months—and believe it or not their part on the program was the concert recitation of Paul's great Love Chapter, I Corinthians 13?

5. DID YOU KNOW that almost without exception every Chinese who had a part in the China Baptist W. M. U. meeting were formerly students and graduates of our Mission schools?

6. DID YOU KNOW that in Shangkhai in two old, but entirely

Hardin-Simmons News

INCREASED ENROLLMENT AT H-SU FOR 1937-1938

The Hardin-Simmons University enrollment increased the past school year to a total of 1197 students, a gain of 85 over the 1936-1937 total of 1112. Mrs. J. A. Beard, H-SU registrar, said Tuesday in completing the university's annual report to the American Association of College Registrars.

Degrees conferred for the year were 144, an increase of nine over the previous year's total of 135.

Co-eds continued to outnumber men students by a small margin, the report showed, with 632 girls and 565 men. A year ago the annual summary included 596 co-eds and 516 men.

Graduate students at H-SU the past year totaled 73, an increase of 16 over the previous annual total of 57.

Three departments showed marked increases in the number of degrees conferred the past year. Degrees to English majors climbed from 22 to 31, in social sciences from 14 to 20, and in physical sciences from 7 to 12.

The summer session enrollment, which is that for 1937 complete, was 349, a small gain of nine over the 1936 total of 340. In the extension department, the past year's registrants were 69, compared with 44 a year ago.

H-S PROGRAM AT LUEDERS SUNDAY, JULY 24TH

Sunday, the mid-encampment day at the Lueders Assembly, will be Christian Education day and will be featured by Hardin-Simmons speakers at both morning and evening hours. From 2:30 to 4:00 in the

inadequate residences in the International Settlement Rose Marlowe, Lorene Tilford, Principal Pinston Hsu, and Pastor K. H. Wong are going on with the Shung Tak Cantonese Girl's School with enrollment of more than two hundred, and with the Cantonese Baptist Church activities all but in full swing? One Sunday morning too, I heard Pastor Wong ask his people to be on the lookout for a suitable building site for a new Cantonese Baptist church and to be much in prayer about ways and means to an adequate future building program! You have heard, of course, that both the school and church buildings were in the war zone and have been practically demolished, and are yet in the Japanese occupied area.

7. DID YOU KNOW that with the exception of Eliza Yates Girl's School and Ming Jang Boy's Schools, whose plants are in such pitiable plight now, all the Shanghai Baptist Compound work has been opened elsewhere in Shanghai: the Sallee Memorial Church, worshipping in the Russian Baptist church building; the lower grade woman's Bible school, in rented quarters under Mrs. Ware and her courageous helpers; and the Woman's Bible Training School, Ola Lee, principal, in the True Light Building? Ming Jang and Eliza Yates board managers have plans afoot for opening in the fall, however?

8. DID YOU KNOW that the University of Shanghai, whose beautiful plant is at present occupied by the invaders has in all departments for this school year enrolled about 1,500 students? They are operating in the True Light Building, 209 Yuen MingYuen Road, the same space taking care of the Middle School in the mornings, the University classes in the evenings? How unspeakably deplorable was the assassination of Dr. Herman E. C. Liu, president of the University!

9. DID YOU KNOW that the Graves Theological Seminary and the Leung Kwong Baptist Hospital are open and operating in Tung Shan, the section of Canton from the beginning considered the most dangerous from air raids; and that all the other Baptist institutions of Tung Shan Baptist Center have opened in the country, in Macao, or in Hong Kong: Pui Ching, in Hok Shan; Mo Kwong Home and School for the Blind, in Macao; Pooi In Woman's Bible Training School and Pooi Ling Kindergarten, in Hong Kong.

10. DID YOU KNOW that in Wuchow, Kwangsi Province, plans are in hand for the ordination of several pastors and deacons; that Stout Memorial Hospital in Wuchow is moving in a great way; that Dr. Mewshaw and Miss Ruth Ford are on the job in the Kweilin Baptist

afternoon the department of music under the direction of Dean E. Edwin Young will conduct a special musical program at the Encampment Tabernacle.

In the absence of President Sandefer, who will be unable to part in the program, and Vice-president Rupert N. Richardson who is in California at this time, Dean R. A. Collins, director of the Summer School, will be in charge of the activities of the day. The morning speaker will be Assistant-dean L. Q. Campbell, who has won favor as a platform speaker since joining the H-SU faculty. Dr. E. B. Atwood is scheduled to preach at the evening hour. On the program of music in the afternoon will appear Mrs. Lola Gibson Deaton, soprano soloist; Dale N. Morrison, pianist; the University string orchestra, directed by Herbert N. Preston; and a mixed quartet composed of Ruth King, soprano, Ruth Carr, alto, Linn Bodine, tenor, and Dick Griffin, bass.

DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR TO SPEAK AT H-SU

Dr. James L. Hymes, Jr., assistant secretary of the Progressive University on Thursday, August 4, Dr. R. A. Collins, summer session director, announced today.

Dr. Hymes, on a nation-wide tour, will speak on "Dynamic Education." His talk will be illustrated, and he will discuss a "learn to do by doing" program of education, effective from the first grade through junior high school.

"The Progressive Education Association, whose secretary will speak here, serves all levels of education in public and private schools. Dr. Hymes' lecture, to which all school folks are specially invited, will be valuable to everyone with educational interests," Dr. Collins said.

hospital?

11. DID YOU KNOW that just during this month that encouraging and forward looking annual sessions of both the North and East River Hakka Baptist Associations have been held? Intensive evangelism, Daily Vacation Bible Schools, W. M. U. work and Baptist Young People's Missionary work are included for advance in these fields during the coming associational year.

12. DID YOU KNOW that everywhere too we are seeing all but literally reenacted facts of early church history as "now those who were scattered went through the land preaching the gospel"; and of course we are seeing and feeling what Jesus saw and felt in his day: "As He saw the crowds He was moved with pity for them; they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd?" He speaks to us also saying: "The harvest is rich, but the laborers are few; so pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers to gather his harvest."

But now this recital must stop and I have only started not having given even one "DID YOU KNOW" from North or Interior China. I hope some one else can and will do this for you and me, don't you?

By the time you read these lines, I shall be, the Lord willing, closing out my nearly eighteen years of work in South China; for beginning July 1, I shall go to Shanghai to full time work as general secretary of the China Baptist W.M.U., to which position I was elected in the April W. M. U. Committee Meeting. This decision is not a sudden one at all as I have been facing the question for nearly three years. I finally have come to feel that this is what the Lord would have me do. Please pray for me as I seek to follow Him all the way. Needless to say it isn't easy to leave my first loves in China—Pooi To and South China—but easier because I feel He leads thus. Yours in Christian fellowship and love, MARY C. ALEXANDER.

Arizona will vote this fall on statewide prohibition by constitutional amendment.

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TRAINING UNION NEWS

DALLAS.—There were 6,061 B. T. U. diplomas and seals granted to Texas B. T. U. members during the month of May. The total number of awards granted by the Baptist Sunday School Board to B. T. U. members in all southern states was 25,000. The Training Union work in Texas is moving forward in a great way.

Rev. H. E. East will begin a meeting next Wednesday night with the Neill Church, assisting Pastor Charles Dickson.

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins is preaching in a two weeks revival at Brady.

Rev. Aubrey Short, Forsan, will assist Pastor H. E. East in a revival meeting at Trent, beginning Aug. 7.

Pastor H. R. Whatley of Haskell is in a meeting with the church at Elbert, Throckmorton-Young Association.

An interesting thing happened in Mexico recently. The workers of a building supply company demanded an increase in wages amounting to \$20,000 a month. The company on being summoned into court showed that to pay the increase would result in a loss of \$10,000 a month. The court ruled that notwithstanding this fact the increase should be paid. The company refused and according to Mexican law the property was turned over to the workers to run. After trying it for three months the workers turned it back to the owners and offered to return to work at their old wages. The property though it had been handed over to them was worthless to the workers. In complete control they could not even make their old wages.—Miles Messenger.

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I believe that the Lord has blessed our hospital in a greater way than any hospital in the State of Texas, probably because we have been going through a time when we were not able to help ourselves. If we expect to receive those blessings in the future, we must do all that is within our power, otherwise, we will be forgotten.

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EVERY CHURCH REVIVAL IN WILBARGER-FOARD AS.

In the workers conference last week, plans were made for reaching every community in Wilbarger and Foard counties with revival meetings this summer. This is in line with the evangelistic program outlined at the Pastors' conference at Fort Worth in June. Some churches in the association, notably First, Vernon, have already had good revivals this summer.

We are indebted to The Visitor of Vernon First Church for the following list of dates for these meetings: Beginning July 13th:

Harold Baptist Church, Rev. Ward C. Morrison pastor and preacher.

To Begin July 17th: Bethel Church, Rev. C. F. Brown, pastor; Rev. W. F. Cox of Wichita Falls, preacher.

First Church, Crowell, Rev. W. B. Fitzgerald, pastor; Rev. J. Ralph Grant, Childress, preacher.

Mount Zion Church, no pastor; Rev. Otis Strickland, preacher.

Odell Church, Rev. S. J. May, pastor and preacher.

To Begin July 24th: Lockett Church, Dr. C. V. Edwards, pastor; Dr. E. S. James, preacher.

Oklahoma Church, Rev. Ward C. Morrison, pastor and preacher.

Tolbert Church, Rev. W. E. Lovelace, pastor; Rev. Ed Hawthorne of Fieldton, preacher.

White City Schoolhouse, Rev. W. T. Lewis, preacher and Irby Cox, singer.

To Begin August 7th: Thalia Church, Rev. W. M. Lawrence, pastor and preacher.

To Begin August 14th: Fargo Baptist, Rev. T. J. Furniss, pastor; Rev. J. Thorn of Graham, preacher.

To Begin August 21st: Prairie View Church, Rev. W. B. Teel, pastor and preacher.

Churches and School Houses in which revivals will be held, but the dates not yet set:

Margaret Church; Farmers' Valley Community, Rev. Leroy Davis, preacher; East Vernon Community, Rev. Cecil Lisenbee, preacher; Five-in-One and South Lockett Communities, Dr. C. V. Edwards, preacher; Good Creek Community, Rev. W. M. Lawrence, preacher; and Vernon Mission, Rev. J. C. Bolton, preacher.

PAISANO ENCAMPMENT MEETS JULY 26 TO AUG. 2

Leaders of the Paisano Encampment, which meets in the beautiful and historic mountain pass between Alpine and Marfa next week are hopeful that Dr. George W. Truett will be sufficiently recovered to preach at the evening hour as has been his custom since the founding of the camp.

Dr. Perry Webb of San Antonio will preach at the morning services, Dr. J. B. Tidwell, head of the Bible department of Baylor, will give expositions of the scripture, and Superintendent Robert Jolly of Memorial Hospital, Houston, will conduct song services.

given to some phase of denominational work, presented by a South-wide leader.

Officers include C. T. Mitchell, Marfa, acting president and superintendent of grounds; vice-presidents, Buren Sparks, Burnet, I. L. Yearby, El Paso, M. M. Fulmer, Alpine; secretary, Jesse Blackwell, Marfa; treasurer, H. L. Kokernot, San Antonio; superintendent of cooking, H. L. Kokernot, Jr., Alpine; assistant superintendent of cooking, Sam Means, El Paso.

ELMDALE CHURCH

Dr. N. A. Moore of Hardin-Simmons University preached both in the morning and evening services at Elmdale last Sunday. He spoke in the morning on "The ABC's of the Gospel," and in the evening he discussed some conditions for soul winning, emphasizing that Christians themselves must have had an experience of grace, that they must have a profound conception of what lost really means, that they must have a moving love and compassion for unsaved people, and above all that they must prove by their own lives that salvation really means something.

Our revival meeting will begin next Sunday with Brother Tierce of the Clyde Baptist Church doing the preaching. Recently we took a religious census of the community and we were amazed to find how many unsaved people there are in the very shadow of our church. Pray with us that many of these may be brought into the Kingdom during the meeting.

Progress is being made rapidly in the building of a parsonage to replace the one which burned early in the summer.

—PAULINE JUDD.

First Church, Vernon, has on a Better Program campaign in B.T.U. Most unions could stand improvement on this score.

Baptist Messenger of Oklahoma reports Mrs. W. R. White as rapidly recovering from a recent illness.

Rev. A. A. Brian of Merkel will assist Pastor N. A. Sanders in a revival beginning Sunday, July 24.

A Brotherhood Jubilee will be held at Lake Brownwood, August 29 to 31. There will be no admission charge and free camping.

There were six additions, four for baptism, in the deeply spiritual revival conducted at the Caps Church by Rev. Ira L. Parrack of Chillicothe.

Superintendent E. M. Collier and David Crow of Hendrick Memorial Hospital are planning to attend the Paisano Encampment next week.

Mrs. B. L. Lockett, who spoke the first three evenings of the Lueders encampment and showed motion pictures of mission work in Africa, will attend the Foreign Mission Conference, August 7 to 12, at Ridgecrest.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF FISHER COUNTY W. M. U.

By Mrs. S. R. Brumfield
Session at McCauley Baptist Church,
Tuesday, July 12

The Service opened with the song, "This Glad Year of Jubilee." Mrs. Elmer Gilbert, Roby, conducted the devotional and Mrs. John P. Hardesty, McCauley, brought greetings to which Mrs. A. M. Josey, North Roby, gave response.

The local presidents of the auxiliaries of Rotan, Royston, Roby, North Roby, McCauley and Sylvester, brought good reports of the work of their societies.

Mrs. A. M. Josey brought an interesting report from the Girls Camp at Lueders. Twelve girls, from this association attended, two of whom want to do special work and one dedicated her life to God, all were Christians.

The report of corresponding secretary-treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Brown, was followed by a history of the Fisher County W. M. U., which was read by Mrs. Levi McCollum in the absence of Mrs. W. H. Stephenson, historian. The afternoon devotional, led by Mrs. O. D. Henley, Sylvester, was followed by a duet from the McCauley Church. An inspiring message was brought by our District President, Mrs. J. B. Buckley.

Reports were made by chairmen on personal service, methods and finance, stewardship, missions and mission study. About 75 high school seniors were reported as attending Senior day at Hardin-Simmons this quarter.

Members were happy to have the following visitors: Mrs. Geo. L. Paxton, Abilene; Mrs. C. C. Compere, Abilene; Mrs. J. R. Yantis, Stamford; Mrs. Walter Gruben, Spur; Mrs. Annabell Brown of Baylor; and Miss Louise Josey of H-SU.

MISSIONARY MESSAGES

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I have just closed a short revival with pastor Alvin Swearingen and the church at Maryneal. The crowds grew from the beginning to the end. There were several additions and some conversions. Not as many of either as we had hoped. However, we feel that the church can carry on now in a better way than ever. A B. T. U. was organized and a W. M.

S. will be in the next few days. Some church would do well to call Brother Swearingen, Sweetwater, and have him and his fine little wife to lead. They are two of the sanest, consecrated and cultured young people we have. They are college trained and have had a lot of experience helping lead both small and larger churches. They give only half of their time to that work.

During the week at Maryneal we found two young men who have surrendered to the ministry in the last few years. They both, after talking with me, decided to go to school. One of them will attend H-SU and the other either Howard Payne or Wayland. They are both fine young men and seem to have a splendid opportunity for fine leadership. Let us pray for them.

Brother, have you noticed how well the West Texas Baptist has advertised the camps this summer? Well, have you tried to show your appreciation by a list of subscriptions? It would be fine if all would make the example set by the church at Hamlin, led by pastor, Henry Littleton, and send in a large number of names with a little money to pay for the subscriptions. Hamlin sent in 126 at one time.

Rule church has called Rev. J. W. Partin and he has already accepted and will be on the field soon. We have known this fine young man for several years and we take this opportunity to welcome him to our district. He is our kind. He comes from Happy, in District Nine. It was that district that got Brother Roy Shahan. We are swapping out with them. We do not like to swap, but we do like to have more fine fellows come our way. When we get a good man we want to keep him and add to the list all the time.

Rev. C. E. Dick, Ovalo, will help pastor Hardesty and the McCauley church in their revival this summer. Bro. Dick is one of the best preachers in this section.

We must not forget our Boys' Camp—August 8-11. Let us get our boys here and pray for the meeting. The girls' camp was a good one. We can have a good one for the boys, too, if we will try hard enough.

STANDARDS PROPOSED

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fifty percent of enrollment of B.T.U.

3. Systematic plan for developing leaders.

IV. Missionary Tests:

1. Standard W. M. U.

2. Five nights given annually to missionary training or teaching for all ages, attendance averaging twenty-five percent of church membership.

V. Devotional Tests:

1. State paper or "Home and Foreign Fields" going into twenty-five percent of the homes of resident church membership.

2. Baptist literature used in all organizations.

3. Remittances made monthly to State co-operative program.

4. Remittances made monthly, or according to rules of locality, to associational missions.

5. Co-operation given to denominational schools and orphanage, and at least one principal service a year given to stress their respective claims.

VI. Administrative Tests:

1. Pastor paid adequate salary.

2. Adequate paid church help furnished where needed.

3. Monthly Council of heads of all organizations of the church, presided over by the Pastor.

4. Monthly payment of all bills as they accrue.

5. Monthly business meeting of church, and accurate business and historical records kept by Church Clerk.

VII. Financial Tests.

1. Every member canvass annually.

2. Fifty percent of resident church members making individual pledges, weekly or monthly, through the church budget, to local and denominational causes.

3. Stewardship and tithing taught, and practiced by not less than twenty-five percent of local resident church members.

4. Not less than two opportunities given annually for freewill offerings to some denominational approved cause, as orphanage, Christian Education, missions, hospital, etc.

VIII. Doctrinal Tests:

1. Doctrines emphasized from pulpit.

2. Doctrinal book taught annually.

3. Lord's supper observed monthly.

4. Church Discipline Committee functioning.

5. Church letters mailed to churches instead of being given to individuals.

6. Maintenance of Church Benevolent Committee.

7. Functioning deacon body.

IX. Social Tests.

1. Social programs that touch all ages of Church membership at least each quarter. These socials may be directed through some of the organizations, such as Sunday School, B. T. U. and W. M. U.

2. Co-operating with other agencies in the community in the solving of social problems.

X. Brotherhood Tests:

1. Monthly meetings.

2. Attendance required of not less

than twenty-five percent of resident men of the church.

NOTE:

Promoting Agent: Sunday School Board.

A church may be standard when it has reached a grade of seventy-five percent of the above chart, (Example: No. 1 may be 90 percent; No. 2, 100 percent; No. 3, 0 6percent; and No. 4, 50 percent—The average will be 75 percent) provided that a grade of not less than 50 percent is reached on each point.

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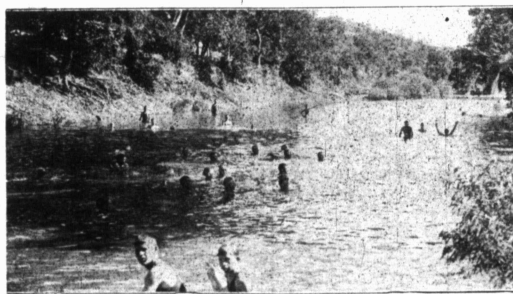
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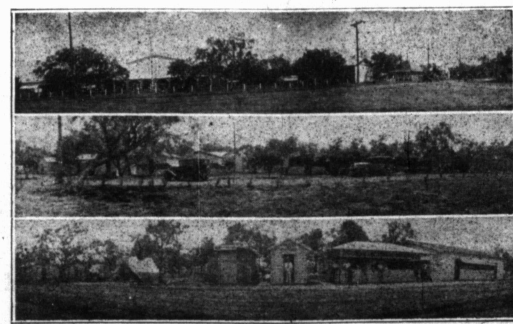
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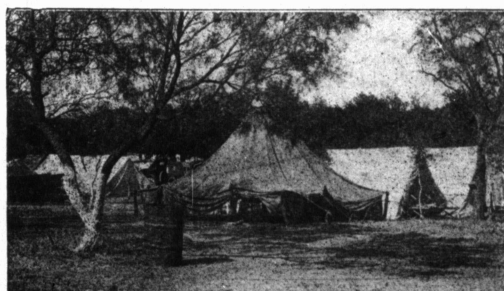
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