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ESSAYS



By J. Henry Littleton
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As I check my report for the month of April, I find that I have not done the work that I have been doing. I drove 2,200 miles. This is the lowest mileage that I have made since becoming your missionary. I have attended five workers conferences. I was in the district meeting of our women at Breckenridge. They had a good meeting. Their program was forward looking. We were in nine different churches.

During the month I was with Brother Joe Self and his church at Crystal Falls. This is the place of our beginnings. In 1912 Mrs. Littleton and I were married and moved to Crystal Falls. We were there four years. We had not been back for a number of years. We had a good time. The people brought dinner and we ate together. The work is going in a good way there under the leadership of Brother Self.

I spent one Sunday with the First Baptist Church, Cisco. Brother Prince was away in a meeting with Brother Cartledge. The First Church, Cisco, is really one of our great churches. Judson Prince is leading in a good way. I also spent one Sunday with Brother Joel Grimes and his church at Avoca. We had a good day. At the close of the service Brother Grimes took an offering for State Missions and the church gave \$16.55. A number of things that we need to keep in our mind as we look to the future. The Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Birmingham on the 14th of April. The Lueders Baptist Encampment, beginning the 23rd of June. Our evangelistic meetings from here on. Let us pray for and plan to give ourselves to these things. The program of the encampment will be out in a few days. It is the best yet.

SEMINARY WORKERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER

Churches, associations and districts desiring to secure Seminary graduates to conduct vacation schools, Training Union revivals, Sunday School campaigns, will do well to consider the following:

Miss Mary Margaret Head, Miss Fannie Burke, Miss Dorothy Armentrout, Miss Elizabeth Prince, Miss Bunelle Hall, Miss Alice Caldwell.

Pastors, Training Union directors, Sunday School superintendents and others desiring to secure these workers may write to them direct or to Dr. J. M. Price, Baptist Seminary, Seminary Hill, Texas.

CHANGE MADE IN PROGRAM OF SEMINARY COMMENCEMENT

The presentation of "Elijah" by the Choral Club and Orchestra of Southwestern Seminary will be given on Wednesday evening, May 7, instead of Tuesday, May 6, as previously announced. "Conditions beyond our control," necessitated the change, says Professor I. E. Reynolds, music department director.

EVENTS TO COME

- May 14-18—Southern Baptist Convention, Birmingham.
- June 2-5—Evangelistic Conference, Seminary Hill.
- June 23-29—General Encampment, Lueders.
- July 7-9—Girls' camp, Lueders.
- July 9-11—Boys' camp, Lueders.
- July 1-11—Texas Baptist Encampment, Palacios.
- July 7-13—Menard Encampment, Menard.
- July 19-25—Training Union Assembly, Ridgcrest.
- August 25-25—Southwestern Religious Education Association, Seminary Hill.

Southern Baptist Convention To Observe S.S. Board Jubilee

The Golden Jubilee of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board will be observed at the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Birmingham, Alabama, May 14 to 18. It was in a session in this city in 1891 that the convention set up its agency, the primary purpose of which was to produce literature for Sunday Schools in Southern Baptist churches.

Begun with Dr. J. M. Frost as the sole employee, with a single desk in a borrowed office, this agency has grown to an imposing industry housed in four owned buildings valued at more than a million dollars. The receipts have grown from about \$19,000 the first year to more than two millions last year.

This convention is also the 50th anniversary of the establishment of Southwide headquarters for the Woman's Missionary Union in Birmingham. The 1941 meeting is the third time Southern Baptists have met in this industrial metropolis of the mid-south, the second occasion being in 1941.

While taking a glance backward, the convention will be occupied with many matters of greatest import for the present and future. Dr. C. E. Madry, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board will tell of closing doors in some mission fields and of growing welcome in others. He will tell of shifting missionaries from Japan to Japanese colonies in Hawaii and South America, of the initiation of Baptist work in the far southwest of Free China and of strengthening forces in Africa.

Dr. J. B. Lawrence, secretary of the Home Mission Board, will report great progress in home missions and new problems due to defense activities.

Texans on Program

Among prominent Texans and former Texans having part on the program will be Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board, who is to speak on "Fifty Golden Years." He will also bring a report on the calendar of denominational activities.

Dr. George W. Truett of Dallas will deliver a sermon at the Birmingham municipal auditorium on Sunday afternoon, May 18. He is also to bring a report on the Baptist world emergency, Friday afternoon. Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, is to speak on the Baptist seminaries. Dr. J. M. Dawson, Waco, is chairman of (Continued on page 4)

BETTER MUSIC CONTEST SONG BOOKS ARE READY

The "Texas Training Union Better Music Contest Song Book" prepared by Professor I. E. Reynolds, head of the School of Sacred Music, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been completed, according to an announcement just made by Professor Reynolds.

This book has all the contest songs for the juniors, intermediates, young women and the adult women. All the songs are arranged for both trios and quartets. When used by trios, the large notes should be used; the small notes being used only for the four-part women's voices.

This book not only contains the contest songs for girls and women but ten other leading gospel songs and hymns arranged for women's voices. This makes forty-one songs in all. This book may be used not only for the State Music Contests but as a source book for Training Union programs or church worship services.

It may be secured by writing to the Seminary Hill Book Store, Seminary Hill, Texas. The purchase price is 25 cents per copy.

TWO STANDARD ASSOCIATIONS IN TEXAS

We are happy to announce that there are now two Standard Associations in Texas and several more that just lack a fraction of meeting all of the requirements. The first in the State to be recognized for this year was Pecos Valley, where Rev. C. T. Aly is superintendent. The other Standard association is Wichita Archer, B. T. Adams, superintendent. Congratulations!



DR. T. L. HOLCOMB

CAMP BARKELEY CHAPEL DEDICATION SET MAY 4



CAMP PASTOR G. B. BRADSHAW

The Baptist chapel at Camp Berkeley will be formally opened and dedicated at 3:00 Sunday afternoon, May 4, announces Camp Pastor G. B. Bradshaw, who will be in charge of services at the chapel from its beginning.

Dr. A. C. Miller, state supervisor of Baptist work among the defense forces, will be present and will preach the dedicatory sermon. Baptist chaplains and other officers from the camp will be present and have some part in the program.

Music for the occasion will be furnished by the Hardin-Simmons Cowboys band and the University A Cappella Choir. J. D. Riddle, music director of First Church, Abilene, will conduct group singing.

While the service is for the soldiers, especially enlisted men, the public will be made most welcome, states Pastor Bradshaw.

Books and other desirable reading matter for use of the men visiting the building are requested as are games for both indoors and outside.

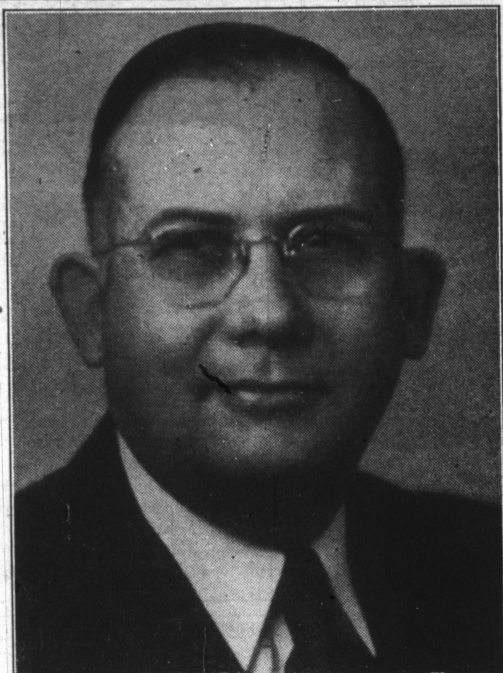
BILL BELL ORDAINED BY CALVARY. ABILENE

Rev. Bill Bell, Hardin-Simmons student, was ordained to the full Gospel ministry by Calvary Church, Abilene, in a fitting service Wednesday evening, April 23. Rev. W. C. Taggart preached the ordination sermon; Dr. E. B. Atwood of the H-SU Bible department, conducted the examination; Pastor Clyde R. Campbell of Calvary Church, delivered the charge to the preacher and the church. The Bible was presented by Rev. John P. Hardesty. Rev. Strauss Atkinson served as moderator.

DR. SCARBOROUGH TO HAVE PART IN CAMP SERVICES

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of Southwestern Seminary and past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will have a part in three services at Camp Berkeley on Sunday, May 4. He is scheduled to speak to the men inside the camp at a morning service, to appear on the dedication program at the Baptist chapel in the afternoon, and to preach to soldiers at the chapel at night. Dr. Scarborough is a former pastor of First Church, Abilene, and left ranch work in Jones and adjoining counties to enter college and prepare for the ministry.

PRESIDENT W. R. WHITE IS FORMALLY INSTALLED IN IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY



DR. W. R. WHITE

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN THE COMING CRISIS

SECRETARY MELTON IS MISSION DAY SPEAKER

Dr. W. W. Melton, newly elected Secretary of the Executive Board of the Texas Baptist Convention, was the principal speaker at the spring program of Mission Day at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, April 25. Rev. H. B. Ramsour, missionary to Japan, now on furlough, was the other featured speaker of the day. Other missionaries in this country on furlough who had part on the program were Miss Helen McCullough of the Central China Mission, Shanghai, Miss Edith Boyd of the University of Shanghai, and Rev. E. O. Mills, Nagasaki, Japan.

Three of the eight students of the Seminary, who have just been appointed by the Foreign Mission Board, closed the service with their testimonies of God's call of their lives. They were Rev. W. J. Webb, Somerset, Texas; Rev. T. N. Clinkscales, Calois, Alabama; and Rev. J. B. Adair, Gordan, Texas. Besides these men and their wives Miss Katherine Cozzens of Fort Worth, and Miss Mildred Smith of Winters, were also appointed.

AFRICAN DOES MISSION WORK IN AMERICA

James Tanimola Ayoriende is a Yoruba trimesman from Nigeria, Africa. He is a preacher and a teacher in one of the mission schools in his native country. He came to this country in 1939 to represent the Nigerian Baptists at the Baptist World Alliance and to continue his education in Virginia Union University, Richmond.

Several months ago, the Baptist Messenger tells us, he had to enter Piedmont Sanitarium for treatment. He is now definitely improving and has been moved to the men's pavilion and permitted limited exercise. There he is conducting a Bible class and doing evangelist work among the patients with notable results. It seems we have an African missionary to pagan Negroes in America.

The Home Mission Board needs a trailer missionary to go with the migrant families who follow the vegetable harvests. Here is a great new field for mission work.—J. B. Lawrence.

Inaugural Address of President W. R. White

I am deeply touched by your presence, interest and felicitations. These speakers, pastors, delegates from colleges, universities, papers, various institutions and causes, along with friends and fellow townsmen, greatly inspire me by their alert responsiveness. My part in this is incidental and functional. I know that it is your interest in a great institution which embodies a noble objective that brings you here. My inauguration provides the occasion for a mighty pronouncement on Christian education. Without this emphasis such an hour would not be justified.

Christian education is education envisioned by Christian atmosphere and maintained by Christian ideals and objectives. It is an education in which the synthesizing agent is Christian philosophy and the integrating force is the Christian spirit. Christian education includes and vitalizes every sound principle found in any education. Christian education functions in the realm of spirit, values and fellowship.

The Coming Crisis

We are in a crisis, but it is mild compared to the crisis that shall follow this war. Suppose the democracies win and the leaders of Nazism, Fascism and Communism are defeated, the cause for these desperationisms will remain with more intensity than ever. If we are not diligent we will promote that which we seek to destroy. Economic tension will be desperate. Class consciousness will be defiant. Emergency measures will be dominant. Material panaceas that ignore spiritual causes and cures will take the field.

The solution will not be in more technological progress or in more professional specialization. It will not come about by the wider distribution of material goods. The abundant life does not reside in the abundance of the things a man possesses. "I asked for all things that I might enjoy life, but I received life that I might enjoy all things."

Something must happen to the human spirit. The spirit of man has not only been neglected woefully but it has been immersed in a sordid materialism and enervated by subtle libertarianism. Mr. Lucy, editor of Time, Life and Fortune, says, "But we shall only continue our confusion and misunderstanding unless we are reminded that the real crisis is (Continued on page 8)

Representatives of more than 75 institutions of higher learning and a gathering of Baptist leaders, seldom witnessed, except at the Southern Baptist Convention, paid tribute to the traditions of Hardin-Simmons University and the personality of Dr. W. R. White in three days of impressive ceremonies this week.

The climax of the occasion was the formal investment, Tuesday afternoon, of the new president at the hands of J. D. Sandefer, Jr., of Breckenridge, trustee president of the university and son of Dr. White's predecessor who served H-SU for 31 years. This ceremony was preceded by the academic processional and a stirring address by Dr. George W. Truett on The Creative Power of Christian Education. It was followed by the president's inaugural address, Christian Education in the Coming Crisis.

The motif of the Hardin-Simmons Golden Jubilee ran through the three-day program. T. N. Carswell, alumnus, trustee and chairman of the Jubilee commission, presided Tuesday afternoon.

An unscheduled feature of the inauguration was a spontaneous ovation for Dean Julius Olsen when he entered the auditorium just preceding the processional and again when he was presented by the chairman. Dr. Olsen has been inactive on account of illness for a year and a half. He has been a member of the faculty since 1902.

Prolonged applause greeted the presentation of Dr. Rupert N. Richardson, executive vice-president of H-SU during the extended illness of Dr. Sandefer. He is doing historical research and writing at the University of Texas this year.

Dr. W. W. Hamilton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, together with Dr. L. R. Scarborough and Dr. John R. Sampey, past presidents, were program features. Editors F. M. McConnell of the Baptist Standard and E. C. Routh of the Baptist Messenger participated, Dr. Routh speaking Sunday.

Prominent in the galaxy of educators were executives of Baptist schools, Presidents Pat M. Neff of Baylor University, Gordon G. Singleton of Mary Hardin-Baylor, and John W. Raley of Oklahoma Baptist University, and Dean Z. T. Huff of Howard Payne College.

Many other denominational leaders participated, including Dr. W. W. Melton, new state secretary, and A. D. Foreman, Sr., president of the General Convention.

An appreciation luncheon was given at a local hotel for former trustees and their families. Judge H. C. Hord of Sweetwater was the only member of the original board present. He is credited with introducing the resolution in the Sweetwater Association in 1890 which led to the founding of the institution.

DR. FRANK LEAVELL VISITS SEMINARY

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, was the speaker for the 1941 faculty-senior banquet of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary on April 24. An outstanding visitor of the occasion was Dr. Frank H. Leavell, Southwide Secretary of the B. S. U., who had been at the seminary for three days of conferences and addresses. Speaking to almost a hundred students, presided over by Prof. Edwin McNeely, Dr. Hudgins climaxed the program by an address on "What Next for the Churches."

1941 FREE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PACKAGES AVAILABLE

It is the hope and prayer that there will be more Vacation Bible Schools in Texas this year than ever before. The names of the district Vacation Bible School leaders appointed will be printed in an early issue of the Standard. They are already working at the task. Write this department for free Vacation Bible School literature. Don't fail to have a school in your church this year.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The formal inauguration of Dr. William Richardson White as president of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene has brought Christian education into sharp focus this week. Indeed, the coming of Dr. White from one of the most notable of all Baptist pulpits to this strategic post in the educational field has done more than any one event in our generation to emphasize the importance of Christian education.

Among all the weighty and considered addresses on this occasion by important school men and denominational leaders, two thoughts appear to have been predominant.

One idea is that civilization today totters on the brink because education has been largely divorced from religion, leaving the bulk of mankind either pagan worshippers of brute strength or godless perverts who believe in nothing and defend nothing.

The other conclusion is that the church-related school, to survive in the maelstrom of the age, must have a definitely Christian atmosphere and a Christian message. Nearly all the inauguration speakers, at some point, came to one of these themes.

If we are to give feet and hands to these deeply pondered findings of our wisest leaders, we will lose no time in throwing to the support of our Christian institutions our influence, our patronage, our money and our prayers.

The men who wrote the American Constitution and founded our liberties were, in the majority, products of Christian schools, built upon the Bible. If America is to remain a stronghold of freedom, we must continue similar leadership. Any other course will likely find us in a country where religion is outlawed, as in Russia; paganzed, as in Germany; or emasculated, as in France.

GRAPES OF WRATH—IN REVERSE

Most people find what they look for. The author of a famous best seller, in search for material for a sensational novel, went among the dust-bowl refugees in California and produced a nauseating mass of obscenity. There may have been some such people and scenes among the migrant workers, we don't know.

On the other hand, literally thousands of those who went to the coast, fleeing the dust storms of the drouth years on the plains, or the eroded fields of the older cotton belt, proved to be decent, self-reliant, self-respecting folk of a God fearing stock. No small number of them were Baptists who took their religion with them as did their forebears who settled Oklahoma, Texas, and the Ozarks.

From among these and earlier migrants with a similar background of pioneer stock, have come churches in Southern California which have organized themselves into associations and a convention. Now they come seeking fellowship with the Southern Baptist Convention.

While many in these congregations appear to be recent converts, the substantial element seem to be people who grew up in our Southern Baptist Churches, using our literature and familiar with our traditions and faith. For them to come anew into denominational fellowship should mean a broadening horizon and a widening field of service, both for themselves and for us.

As long as this is a free country, there should be no reason why they should not affiliate with us if they want to do so, providing only that they are in harmony with us in faith and practice, which they evidently are. We have the opportunity to assist our brethren out there in a virile evangelism which will go far toward combating the endless succession of religion fads which seem to incubate in the atmosphere of Hollywood.

SUNDAY WORK

In an age when the general trend is toward secularizing Sunday and making the day a time for catch-penny amusements, for business conferences, and general catching up on neglected tasks; a refreshing bit of news comes out of Lubbock.

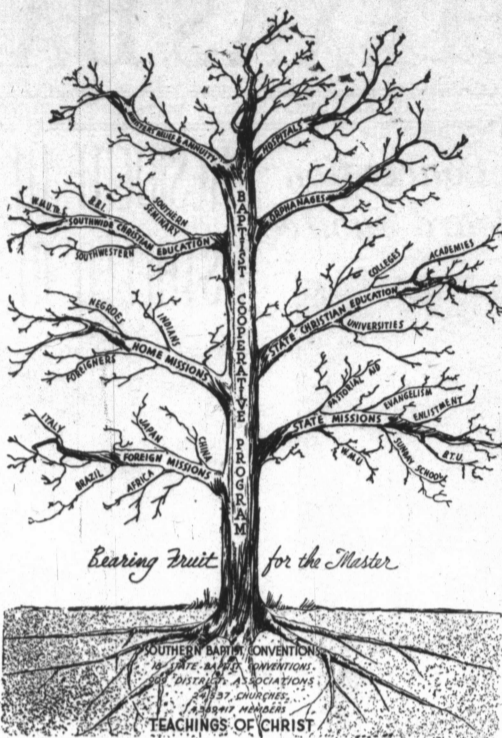
The announcement has been made that all the milk pasteurizing plants of the city have voluntarily agreed to discontinue residence deliveries on Sundays. There is no more perishable commodity in common household use, but fresh, clean milk at a low temperature can be kept sweet for a long period. And the plant managers have given their employees the benefit of modern invention.

Commenting on this move in the bulletin of First Church, Lubbock, Dr. C. E. Hereford, pastor, has this to say: "I hope that this move in the right direction will be but an indication as to what can be done by business and industry in our city. There is no reason why all of our gasoline stations must stay open every Sunday, nor our drug stores, and certainly no reason why construction work should continue on Sunday.

"It would take only a little cooperation between the various businesses and groups, as we find it here with the pasteurizing companies, to eliminate much of the work that is now being done in Lubbock on Sunday. This would release many of the employees so they could spend Sunday with their families in church.

"This, I contend, would make for a better city in which to live and rear our children. This move in the right direction on the part of these pasteurizing plants is wholly voluntary, but deeply appreciated by all of us who make the Ten Commandments the basic principles of our religious and moral action."

THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM TREE



Here we have the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program, a great tree, deeply rooted in the teachings of Christ, drawing nourishment from nearly 25,000 churches, with almost five million members. Its branches are missions and education and benevolences, extending from the Homeland around the world, bearing harvest for the Master. As the raindrop, falling upon the soil, has a part in all the life of the spreading tree, so each dollars that we give has its share in all the vast enterprises fostered through the Cooperative Program.

NEWS NOTES

Judge E. S. Cummings is to be speaker for the Paint Rock Brotherhood Monday evening, May 5.

Rev. Paul Davis, Bay City pastor, was recently elected president of the District 4 convention.

Dr. C. E. Hereford, Lubbock, is giving a series of lectures to the new members of the church during the

The Fisher Association will meet Monday, May 5, at Pleasant Valley Church.

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, has just closed a highly successful meeting with Rev. Frederick R. Smith, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Greenville, Miss., in which there were 75 additions to the church, 50 of whom were for baptism.

In spite of cool, rainy weather during the 10 days of revival at Albany, there were 25 additions, 14 for baptism. Crowds packed the auditorium Sunday in the face of an all-day rain. Rev. Levi W. Price, Gorman, did the preaching and Charles McLaughlin, Abilene, led the song service. Pastor Henry Weldon says he never heard so much Scripture in a meeting.

The Northern Baptist Convention will meet in Wichita, Kansas, May 20 to 25.

There were 66 additions to First Church, Vernon, in an eight-day revival with President W. R. White assisting Dr. E. S. James, pastor.

There were 24 additions to First Church, Port Arthur, is a revival led by Evangelist Hyman Appelman. Dr. W. M. Wright has been serving as supply pastor during the extended illness of Pastor R. E. Day.

Hamlin Church had over 40 additions in a two weeks revival with Rev. Phillip C. McGeahey, Breckenridge, leading. Pastor H. E. East baptized 21 at the close of the meeting, making over 100 in 13 months, with a number still awaiting the ordinance. April 20, mid-Sunday of the meeting, witnessed a record Sunday School attendance.

Pastor J. C. Sizemore and the Buchanan Street Church, Amarillo, are in a revival beginning April 27, with one of the pastor's sons, Rev. J. W. Sizemore of Port St. Jo, Florida, doing the preaching and another son, John T. Sizemore, leading the singing.

Rev. Wm. H. Joyner, state evangelist, will begin his third revival with Eastwood Church, Houston, on May 11.

Pastor R. A. Scranton reports a good meeting at Big Lake with Rev. M. M. Fulmer, Alpine pastor, preaching and Rev. Johnnie Cohen of Palestine leading the singing. He says they made a good team.

J. Lawrence Dever led the singing and his brother, Pastor Walter C. Dever, did the preaching for a revival at Denver City, resulting in 21 additions, 14 for baptism. Among the candidates for baptism are four men and their wives.

There were 23 additions to the Winters Church in the recent eight-day revival led by Dr. McKinley Norman, state evangelist, and Roy Camp, song leader. Pastor W. T. Hamor reports the Sunday School attendance, which has been growing and averaged 275 for March, reached 367 on the closing day of the meeting.

First Church, Burkburnett, had 626 in Sunday School April 26. They have a goal for 725 on Mother's Day.

Rev. W. C. Taggart supplied Sunday for Pastor Floyd Chafin at Coleman.

Rev. H. B. Naylor of Sudan is in a revival at Los Lunas, N. M.

Rev. W. E. Barnes, Hereford, and Woodrow Harris of Sweetwater are assisting in a revival at Ranger this week.

Pastor Floyd Chafin of Coleman is leading in a revival in Houston.

First Church, Sweetwater, is holding its Vacation Bible School from May 26 to June 6.

Senator Andrew Jackson Houston was baptized into the Baptist fellowship at First Church, Beaumont, in 1912, states the Gulf Coast Baptist. In this he followed his distinguished parents, President Sam and Margaret Lea Houston.

Executive Harry Stag of the New Mexico Baptist Convention is slowly recuperating from a serious operation.

Pastor M. H. Godfrey of Loraine recently led in a revival at Santa Rita, N. M., in which there were 38 additions, 24 for baptism.

Dr. George W. Truett is to lead a simultaneous revival in Knoxville, Tenn., beginning May 4. Fifteen denominations will participate.

Dr. M. E. Dodd this month began his 30th year as pastor of First Church, Shreveport. The membership has increased from 582 to 4,854 and annual offerings from \$6,000 to \$100,000.

Sunday School Lesson

May 4, 1941

By HIGHT C MOORE

THE CHURCH ENLARGING ITS FELLOWSHIP

Read Acts 8

Study Acts 8:1-8, 14-17, 25

In the first persecution of the Christians at Jerusalem, Peter and John were imprisoned overnight following the healing of the lame man at the Gate Beautiful. In the second persecution the apostles were beaten by order of the Sanhedrin. The third persecution followed in A. D. 34 or 35, Stephen being cruelly martyred and the church scattered, leaving only the apostles in the capital. But new fields opened, including Samaria, where Phillip and Peter and John engaged in fruitful ministry.

1. Ministry in the City of Samaria

EVANGELISM featured the ministry of Phillip in the city of Samaria. Note:

Persecution against the church at Jerusalem was very bitter. The death of Stephen showed what others might expect. Saul, the Sanhedrist, was especially active in his opposition. He ransacked them into court, and hurled them into prison. At last only the apostles could weather the storm and stay at their post, the bulk of the membership fleeing for safety out of the city. But they preached as they fled; and while the church suffered, the Word increased.

Evangelism became uncommonly effective. New fields were opened in the region round about Jerusalem; new members were enlisted, at least two of the deacons becoming preachers; and new audiences found, for as Stephen wrought among the Greek-speaking Jews in Jerusalem, so Phillip labored among the Samaritans who racially hated the Jews and were hated by them. Phillip, however, must have been not only driven to Samaria by persecution, but also drawn to it by the example of Christ years before at Sychar. So waiving any antipathy and without condescension, he visited the Samaritans, located in their chief city, preached Christ unto them, and substantiated his teaching by miracles among the de-

monized, palsied, and lame. Every body in all the city was aroused and attracted; many believed and were baptized; and there was the genuine joy that always accompanies genuine revival.

2. Ministry to Believers in Samaria

ENDUEMENT featured the ministry of Peter and John to the church in the city of Samaria. Perhaps sent for by the new converts in the mission established by Phillip as well as sent by the apostles in the mother church. Peter and John went down from Jerusalem to Samaria, evidently to assist in the good work of ingathering and upbuilding Samaritan believers in Christ. Their ministry at first was one of prayer rather than of preaching, and it climaxed in the bestowal of the Holy Spirit upon the Samaritans just as he had descended upon the Jews at Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost and as he was soon to come upon the Gentiles at the house of Cornelius in Caesarea.

3. Missions Through the Province of Samaria

EXPANSION featured the ministry of the apostles on their tour of the province of Samaria. Note two phases of mission work:

City Missions. They were at work in the metropolis of the province, heavily populated, its streets thronged with multitudes from the region round about. They must have engaged in much personal work as well as in public addresses. At any rate, they testified out of their individual Christian experiences and they proclaimed the gospel message as the Word of God to everybody in all the world.

State Missions. Not the capital alone but the whole country must have the gospel. So as the two apostles, upon completing their visitation, turned their faces back to Jerusalem, they evangelized numerous villages along their way. No doubt appointments were often asked for and announced ahead so that the people could assemble and attend upon their ministry which was confined exclusively to preaching the gospel.

So it was that the progress of Christianity could not be stopped or stayed by persecution in Jerusalem or in Samaria. Wider grew the field, larger the opportunity, greater the results.

Evangelize and Edify Everybody Everywhere

The Gospel Entrusted. To his disciples Christ committed his Word and work. And the spread of the Word

is the substance of the work. We have no higher trust than the gospel. We have no higher task than to give it to all the world.

The Gospel Extended. The saints who were "scattered" were not silenced; for they went forth "preaching the word." Persecution not only did not put out the fires of Christianity, but it kindled them in new centers. How often opposition has turned out for the furtherance of the gospel!

The Gospel Attested. Phillip's miracles, like the Master's, enforced and applied the truth he preached. Discarded bodies as well as sick souls, were benefited by the gospel ministry then; and even more, they are benefited now.

The Gospel Accepted. It is stated that "the people with one accord gave heed." The Samaritans heard and heeded. They repented, believed, and were baptized. And great was their joy!

The Gospel Established. Evangelism came first; then followed edification. Phillip could win souls; perhaps he was not an expert organizer. Hence the work for Peter and John to do. Converts to Christ must be built up in Christ.

The Gospel Empowered. The Holy Spirit's work does not cease in our salvation; he also qualifies for service. The Samaritans first received the Spirit's word, and then received the Spirit's power.

The Gospel for Everybody Everywhere. Jesus entered human life as a Jew. He had the best of Jewish training. He saw with the best of Jewish eyes. He longed unutterably for Jesus redemption. Yet he came as the Savior of the whole world. How then did he treat the despised Samaritans?

He must have done so with impartial consideration, for his bitter enemies in one of their most violent reproaches raised the cutting query, "Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil?" He did not wince under the terrific charge. He was the friend of the Samaritans because he was the friend of man.

Gold in the Golden Text

Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.—Acts 8:4.

Scattered but not silenced, the disciples left Jerusalem only to bear witness in wider area. Forced out of the metropolis under fire, they dispersed to kindle new fires of evangelism wherever they went.

Persecuted but still preaching, the disciples proclaimed the Word of God with increasing ardor and widening success. They would not change or cease their message at the dictate of the enemies of truth.

And today the Word will do its blessed work in the world if given a chance. And what a chance there is in our modern world with its international contacts and conveniences!

Daily Bible Readings

- May 5—Parental Responsibility. Deut. 6:4-9.
- May 6—A Temperate Family. Jer. 35:1-11.
- May 7—Rewards and Penalties. Jer. 35:12-19.
- May 8—The Nazirites. Num. 6:1-8.
- May 9—Being a Good Example. I Cor. 8:4-13.
- May 10—Warning Against Wrong Influence. Hab. 2:15-20.
- May 11—Teaching Children Obedience to God. Psalm 78:1-7.

PROGRAM

Workers Conference, Callahan Association, Meeting with Denton Valley Church, Wednesday, May 7

- Theme: Prayer.
- 10:00 Song Service, Dalton Crawford.
- 10:10 Devotional, H. W. Martin.
- 10:25 The Prayer Life of Jesus, J. F. Woods.
- 11:00 Special Music.
- 11:15 Sermon, E. L. Redden.
- 12:00 Noon. Dinner (not lunch), a la Denton Valley style.
- 1:30 Board meeting and ladies meeting.
- 2:00 The Results of Prayer, C. E. Poe.
- 2:30 Inspirational Address, Henry Weems.
- 3:00 Adjournment.
- Pastor Purvis and Denton Valley Church extend to one and all an invitation to attend this meeting.

Among the noted visitors at the inauguration of Dr. W. R. White was Dr. C. J. Hairfield, who served as president of Simmons College in 1901 and 1902.

District W. M. U. Goes To Stamford For 1941

By Mrs. J. S. Tierce

The 33rd annual meeting of District 17 met April 22-23 in the beautiful auditorium of First Church, Breckenridge. There were evidences of careful and prayerful preparation for the meeting.

Mrs. J. B. Buckley, capable and beloved president, stated the theme of the meeting, That God's Way May Be Our Way, and called the first session to order, promptly at 9:45 a. m.

The Woman's Hymn, Come Women Wide Proclaim, and the hymn for 1941, Jesus Saves, were sung, led by Mr. E. O. Bone.

Mrs. George McBeth, Rotan, led the morning devotional, reading Prov. 3:5-6; Ps. 37; and Prov. 87:2. She spoke on the subject That God's Way May Be Our Way. Mrs. George L. Paxton, Abilene, led the prayer.

A sextet from First Church, Breckenridge, composed of Elizabeth Blasingame, Marie Angel, Lois Angel, June Johnson, Mildred Brown, and Billie Ritchest, sang two numbers.

Cordial greetings were brought by Mrs. P. C. McGahey. Her words made the women feel welcome.

Mrs. Buckley appointed the following committees: Nominating committee: Mrs. Pat Crawford (Cisco), Mrs. W. E. Clark (Callahan), Mrs. W. L. Boyd (Jones), Mrs. Bob Speck (Haskell), Mrs. L. L. Trott (Fisher), and Mrs. F. T. Whitaker (Stonewall); Resolutions Committee: Mrs. C. N. Gilbert (Jayton), Mrs. H. C. Michals (Stamford), and Mrs. Horace Finley (Knox City).

Mrs. George Kelley, president of the WMU of First Church, Breckenridge, in her quaint bluebonnet, presented the local committees, each wearing a bluebonnet. We were all glad to see the women, who had seen to every courtesy, convenience and comfort of the visitors. Miss Maybelle Taylor, missionary to Brazil, and Dr. and Mrs. Hal F. Buckner of Buckner Orphans Home, were recognized as special visitors. Mrs. W. E. Boyd, Hamlin, took the chair while Mrs. J. B. Buckley delivered the president's message. It will be published.

That God's Way May Be Our Way in the Association was responded to by the following associational presidents: Callahan, Mrs. W. E. Clark; Cisco, Mrs. Pat Crawford; Haskell, Mrs. Bob Speck; Jones, Mrs. W. L. Boyd; Fisher, Mrs. L. L. Trott; Stonewall, Mrs. F. T. Whitaker; Sweetwater, Mrs. C. C. Comper. Each gave encouraging reports of a quickened interest in all WMU activities.

Mrs. Hal Buckner gave an inspiring report on the activities of the Woman's Missionary Union in Buckner Orphans Home. She reported 200 enlisted in the Sunbeam Band, 100 in the YWA, and 40 women in WMS.

Dr. Hal F. Buckner thanked the women of District 17 for their cooperation and help, and told of recent improvements on the campus. An offering of \$32.35 was taken for Buckner Orphans Home.

Mrs. E. F. Lyon, executive secretary of Texas Woman's Missionary Union, in her introduction, spoke words of appreciation for Buckner Orphans Home, and also spoke ten-

derly of the home going of Mrs. J. E. Leigh.

Rev. J. H. Littleton, district missionary, dismissed with prayer.

Tuesday Afternoon

After singing, with Mrs. P. C. McGahey leading, the women went to the conferences. These were under the direction of the standing committee chairmen and proved very helpful.

Mrs. W. R. White, wife of the president of Hardin-Simmons University, led the afternoon devotion, reading Isaiah 6:11-12, Acts 1:7, and Hebrews 12:1-2. She said that just now the world looks dark, but that we should look ahead and see God. She urged us not to worship material things, for they will not suffice. She stressed the importance of religious training in the lives of young people. She closed with prayer.

Rev. J. H. Littleton, in his discussion of District Missions, stated that we have 200,000 people in District 17; 36,000 Baptists, 70,000 lost; 2,000 plus baptisms in 1940. Of the 170 churches in the district, 37 have given nothing to missions in this convention year. He urged the support of the co-operative program.

Mrs. J. Henry Littleton, district Margaret Fund Mother, reported that Mariam Moore and Byron Fielder had been committed into our care as a Margaret Fund daughter and son. She emphasized that we guard that which had been committed to us.

District Education Chairman Mrs. N. A. Moore reported that 11 young men and women were receiving aid from the Hardin-Simmons University fund. She also stated that we were helping four young women who were in the training school. She urged the women of District 17 to pray for Hardin-Simmons University, to patronize it, and to give it money.

She presented Miss Mildred Smith, recently appointed missionary to Africa. Mildred spoke of the work of the Southwestern Training School, and related her call to foreign mission work.

Special music was given by Joedene Propst.

Mr. Frank Arroyo, representing the foreign students, spoke on the importance of education of the Latin American students.

There were eight pages, two squires, one knight, and one ambassador-in-chief. Mrs. Lyons gave the charge to both the boys and girls, and urged them to live worthily of the high calling in Christ Jesus.

The audience was favored by a beautiful duet from the Cisco YWA. The Breckenridge YWA presented a beautiful and impressive tableau, O Zion Haste. These services reflected splendid training and leadership and real study on the part of the boys and girls. Mrs. E. F. Lyon closed the evening's session with prayer.

Wednesday Morning

The district convened at 9:00 a. m. with Mrs. J. B. Buckley presiding. After song service, Mrs. C. M. Caldwell led in prayer.

Mrs. Ed Fouts, Haskell, led the devotional. She read from Mark 3:35, and spoke on Doing the Will of God. She closed with prayer.

Mrs. C. O. Davis, Rule, gave a vivid description of Luaders Encampment, and urged the women to attend the camps.

Mrs. L. Q. Campbell, district corresponding secretary-treasurer, gave her report, which will be published in full.

R. E. Dudley, editor of the West Texas Baptist, discussed current literature. He urged that we put good literature in the hands of our people, especially Baptist periodicals.

That God's Way May Be Our Way was responded to by the standing committee chairmen: Bible, Mrs. C. M. Caldwell; Benevolence, Mrs. George L. Paxton; Young People, Mrs. P. D. O'Brien; Periodicals, Mrs. Pat Crawford; Substituting for Mrs. Judson Prince; Missions, Mrs. Ed Hahn; Stewardship, Mrs. D. O. Gray; Personal Service, Mrs. C. W. Stephens; Mission Study, Mrs. R. A. Larner. These reports have been published in the West Texas Baptist.

The highlight of Tuesday's program was the address of Miss Stella McCullough, superintendent of nurses at Hendrick Memorial Hospital, on the work of the hospital; and Mrs. Lyon's message on the different phases of the WMU activities.

The climax of the morning came when Miss Maybelle Taylor, a missionary to Brazil, told of her work in South America. After a season of silent prayer for world conditions, Rev. Finis Williams of Moran dismissed the morning session with prayer.

Wednesday Afternoon

Mrs. George Smith, Stamford, led in prayer. Mrs. Jones Weathers, Eastland, brought a stirring devotional. She read Luke 5:1-6, and closed with prayer.

Ewell O. Bone sang Sweeter as the Years Go By.

Mrs. Tate May, Hamlin, read in Memoriam. Mrs. McGahey and Mr. Bone sang. Mrs. C. M. Caldwell led in prayer.

Mrs. Pat Crawford, chairman of the nominating committee, paid special tribute to Mrs. P. D. O'Brien, retiring Young People's secretary. She pinned a WMU pin and a beautiful corsage on her shoulder, as a token of love and appreciation from the district.

Officers elected for 1941-42 were: President, Mrs. J. B. Buckley; corresponding secretary-treasurer, Mrs. L. Q. Campbell; Young People's secretary, Mrs. O. B. Woodrum; and recording secretary, Mrs. J. S. Tierce.

The invitation to meet at First Church, Stamford, in 1942, with Jones Association as cooperating hostesses, was accepted. Mrs. E. F. Lyon voiced the closing prayer.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN THE COMING CRISIS

(Continued from page 1)

man's fate are spiritual crises—and that it is to the culmination of such a crisis we have already come." Hear Dr. Reinhold Schairer of London University as he speaks along the same line:

This perhaps will be the greatest lesson of Hitlerism: to recognize that every form of education which has no spiritual background and no spiritual aim is weak and imperfect and open to all kinds of infection from the purely materialistic side and Hitler is only one form of this danger.

Dr. Schairer spent much time in a painstaking study of the situation in Germany at first hand. Hear this sobering statement:

Looking back on our German crisis, the crisis of our German universities and colleges, the crisis of German liberal learning and Christian belief, we know exactly that there is only one remedy against this illness; the strong power of the spirit, the soul unafraid without fear.

Dr. Schairer maintains that fine men like Niemoller leading in universities and schools, in churches and liberal arts and literature, could have prevented Hitler, Nazism and the present world situation. He asserts that five men were in a position to prevent this deadly illness and evil but lements that there were only four.

In referring to Pestalozzi and Grundtvig, Mr. Schairer says that there emanated from the depths of their Christian souls a new, comprehensive conception of education, the conception of an inner change and transformation of young human souls toward an activist expression of Humanism and Christianity in every day life and work.

The great unexplored, unused resources are in the depths of the spirit. It alone is creative and integrative. Here is the fountain of healing.

The Realm of Values

The word "values" is used so glibly today. It is worn slick. A value is a basic reality of significance and worth. A value is a principle and an ideal around which and for which we build the good life.

Dr. Greene of Princeton maintains that a formal education in a democracy has three essential functions—for citizenship, for vocational and professional work and for the good life of the individual. He affirms that all three functions are essential but that the third is basic to the other two. His definition of the good life is most suggestive.

What do we mean by the "good life?" Must it not be defined in terms of the extensive participation of the individual in those truths, beauties and human relationships which men through the ages have found to endow life with significance. It is these values alone that give meaning to life and which ultimately distinguish man from the animal.

The great value is the intrinsic worth and dignity of the human personality. This conception is derived from the Bible finding its highest expression in the New Testament.

What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose himself, or what shall a man give in exchange for himself?

What is man that thou art mindful of him? Or the son of man, that thou visitest him? Thou madest him a little lower than the angel. Thou crownedst him with glory and honor and didst set him over the work of thy hands.

This conception is far from the one which explains away man's uniqueness by materialistic measurements. It is far from the conception of the modern pessimist who considers him an unimportant speck on the scum of existence. The values which inhere in the significance of the human personality will determine the emphasis in the education of tomorrow or we shall only add to our confusion.

A Common Framework

We must develop a common framework of reference in the field of education. Dr. Nason observes that we are now turning out of our colleges and universities students with the insignias of a liberal education but students who no longer live in a common universe of discourse. He says that we no longer speak a common language as we no longer have a common intellectual background.

The democracies are particularly weak at this point. Our life is not related and integrated because our education has diversity without unity, analysis without synthesis, specialization without perspective. Thus we have skills without cooperation, learning without understanding, excellent production without adequate distribution.

Dr. Whitehead well says that it is

our duty, our business—as philosophers, students and practical men—to recreate a vision of the world, including the elements of reverence and order without which society lapses into riot.

Christian Education

Is the foregoing analysis correct? Nearly every first rate thinker and writer support such a conclusion. The large measure of unanimity among them is astounding. The facts and factors which compel such a conviction will be accentuated by the coming crisis. If need and function are determining, then the place and work of the Christian institution will be more indispensable and effective than ever.

Christ can touch the human spirit at more points to greater depths and lift it to higher levels than any other influence. The real Christian school is the special custodian of His Gospel, attitude and spirit.

1 Cor. 2:11-16: "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God."

"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual."

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

"But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man."

"For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ."

Lewis Mumford reminds us that material organization is no substitute for moral order. Mr. Mumford urges still further: "The crisis presses toward a conversion, deep-seated, organic, religious in essence, so that no part of political or personal existence will be untouched by it."

Only a renaissance of the spirit will lift us out of our paganism and only a liberated spirit will sustain a high idealism. Some day men will see that the only realism is idealism.

Count Carlo Sforza says that the first line of defense in France which failed was not the Maginot line; what failed much before was French higher education. That which found its most intense expression in France has to a less degree permeated all democracies. Dr. Greene states the case when he says that "loyalty to the ideal of

liberty has often degenerated into libertarianism impatient of discipline and neglectful of those values through the possession of which alone man can hope to achieve genuine freedom.

The thoroughgoing Christian schools are set to conserve values through essential disciplines. They must become as never before great value-sanctuaries.

Social consciousness is disintegrating nearly everywhere into class consciousness. At one time class consciousness was fostered largely by the privileged. The hitherto unprivileged are now become privileged through powerful organizations and are being caught in the meshes of a dangerous class consciousness. They tell us that the sponsors of class consciousness, both among the privileged and underprivileged, in England are surrendering this emphasis for a new inclusive social consciousness.

The Christian institution, because of its size, sense of values, motivations and atmosphere should be a laboratory of desirable relations and the birthplace of a new social consciousness envisioned by the Christ.

Great epochs and rebirths for nearly two thousand years have been precipitated by mighty spiritual awakenings initiated largely in the schools set for the defense and spread of the Gospel. May they lead the way in the coming crisis. I thought I saw clearly the coming crisis. I thought I saw the greatest test of the ages just ahead of us. I thought I saw a unique medium for the realization of the will of God for me and my generation. That is why I am here.

PROGRAM

- Workers' Conference of the Sweetwater Association, Salt Branch Baptist Church, May 8
- Rev. O. A. Hendon, pastor.
- 10:00 Praise Service, Paul Counts.
- 10:15 Presentation of Vacation Bible School Work, J. D. Riddle.
- 11:05 Denominational work, Rev. W. C. Ashford.
- 11:25 Special music.
- 11:30 Sermon, Rev. Douglas Carver.
- Lunch.
- 1:15 Board meetings, Associational and W. M. U.
- 2:00 Praise Service, Paul Counts.
- 2:10 Promotional Period: Business; Sunday School, Rev. T. J. Sparkman; Training Union, Miss Jaxie Short; Evangelism, Rev. D. G. Reed.
- 2:55 Inspirational Message, Rev. Clyde Campbell.
- Rev. Emmett Rodriguez, Mexican Home Board missionary in Kerrville, Texas, read the Bible and had prayer in 42 homes during the past month.

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BOOK REVIEW

CHRIST'S MARCHING ORDERS, by B. H. Carroll, D.D., LL.D.; compiled by J. W. Crowder, A.B., D.D.; edited by J. B. Cranfill, M.D., LL.D. Privately printed; pages, 216; price, \$1.50; for sale by J. B. Cranfill, Fidelity Bldg., Dallas.

This the 27th volume of the writings and addresses of the incomparable Dr. Carroll to be published by Dr. Cranfill, is a compilation of 15 sermons, evidently delivered on widely separate occasions; yet they are so carefully selected that they are integrated into a cohesive series on the Great Commission, the text of the title sermon.

Internal evidence indicates that some of these sermons were the keynote addresses on special denominational occasions. One might wish that Dr. Cranfill had told briefly of the occasions which called forth these masterpieces.

Dr. Carroll's profound knowledge of the Book and its backgrounds enabled him to bring a convincing clarity to each Scripture and to give a challenging reality to the Scriptures. These messages on world evangelism should be in the hands of every preacher and Christian worker. It is especially fitted for church libraries.

STANDARD S. S. BANNER GOING TO BIRMINGHAM

The great banner listing the names of all standard Sunday Schools in Texas, which was displayed at the Southern Baptist Convention at Birmingham, May 14 to 18, upon the request of Harold E. Ingraham, of the Sunday School Board staff.

To date there are 311 names of churches having the standard schools, together with the name of the pastors, superintendents and the number of years the standard has been maintained.

Secretary G. S. Hopkins announces that all other schools which are able to meet the standard requirements immediately will be included on the chart if the application is mailed promptly to 707 Burt building, Dallas.

West Texas churches reaching the standard since the last report in this paper include:

Amarillo, First, A. D. Foreman, Jr., H. C. Pipkin; Breckenridge, Philip C. McGahey, Raymond Waller; Brady, Central, P. L. Brown, Jack Bradley; Canyon, Roy L. Johnson, Burney Clack; Carleton, Stephen W. Miller, Otho C. Stueckey; Crane, Phillip R. Brown, Alfred Edwards; Goldsmith, E. C. Chambliss, C. O. Blanton; Goodnight, J. Travis Gibson, A. R. Miller; Levelland, Alfred A. Brian, Ernest Stewart; Lubbock, First, C. E. Hereford, Leo E. Waite; Matador, W. M. Joslin, R. E. Campbell; Merkel, Cooper Waters, W. J. Largent; Motacah, Ted Ewing, H. B. Patterson; Paducah, F. E. Swanner, J. K. Sullivan; Panhandle, E. M. Weathers, H. G. Robinson; Plainview, First, L. B. Reavis, Geo. Stokes; Plainview, Halfway, J. W. Cobb, E. F. Baker; Ralls, W. R. Derr, H. C. McDermott; San Angelo, Immanuel, N. H. McGuire, Guy McWilliams; Slaton, W. F. Ferguson, A. C. Strickland; Thrift, G. W. Bales, G. T. Roberts; Lockett, G. W. Thomas, Ralph Gregg; Loraine, M. H. Godfrey, Paul Stewart; Wichita Falls, West Side, I. Noel Snow, Ed Hund.

Amarillo, San Jacinto, Lem Hodges, L. L. Whitten; Memphis, S. F. Martin, W. C. Davis; Mertzon, M. T. McGregor, Thurman Saxon; Sparsenberg, A. A. Watson, J. G. Butcher; Odessa, First, John T. Kee, G. H. Tension; Morton, B. B. Huckabay, W. L. Taylor; Miami, R. A. Pryor, Buford Low; Groom, L. E. Godwin, S. C. Drake; Barnhart, M. T. McGregor, C. E. Bailey; El Paso, Grandview, J. F. Cole, E. A. Searce; Brownwood, Rehoboth, J. M. Cooper, J. M. Crump; Fabens, First, W. L. Johnson, W. R. House; Burkburnett, First, J. W. Manning, Roy T. Magers.

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GOOD REVIVAL AT ELECTRA

There were 16 conversions and 14 additions by letter in the recent revival at Electra with Rev. Jack Manning of Burkburnett assisting Pastor L. H. Hall. The song service was led by David Sheldon, public school teacher and band director. He will spend his vacation in revival work.

Rev. Manning was invited to deliver the high school commencement sermon May 25. He is in Grandfield, Oklahoma, this week assisting Pastor J. M. Jordan in a revival.

Total income of the Home Mission Board in 1940, according to the annual report, was \$506,663.98.

Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus completes in May 20 years of service with the Home Mission Board in Jewish evangelization.

A LETTER TO A LOST SOUL

Dear Fellow Passenger:

Do you know where you are traveling? Evidently we are all going somewhere as fast as this airplane—the earth—can travel. As you know also, it lands many thousands daily at the airport of Death.

Then where? Then what?

Men know of only two other inhabited worlds, Heaven and Hell. All people who have been interested and wise enough to secure the through pass to Heaven, which God offers free in the Lord Jesus Christ, will only change planes at the Death station. That is, all who have sought and received Christ into their hearts here and can show the stamp of His precious blood, securing their salvation, are there transferred to God's chariots—angels—and carried direct to the heavenly mansions.

All who have ignored the Lord Jesus and His great salvation, bought by His blood, or have neglected to seek Him as God's passport to Heaven, must be sidetracked for the other country, which they have chosen automatically by failing or refusing to choose Jesus.

Jesus said himself:

"I am the way"—to Heaven.

"I am the truth"—Satan is the lie.

"I am the life"—undying, eternal.

"No man cometh to the Father, but by me." For, "I am the door." Again he said, "He that is not for me is against me." That is, if you do not believe and receive Christ as your Savior, and confess your faith before men, openly taking your stand with the Lord's people, on His side; then you are still one of His enemies, standing openly on the side of the Devil. Because there is no fence to straddle; no middle ground to hide in; no neutral position in this conflict between Christ and Satan for your soul.

You belong, soul and body, right now, to one or the other. And you can know today exactly where you are and where you are headed by whether you are for or against the Lord Jesus Christ.

But why the Lord Jesus Christ? First, because God is the only Savior and you are only a sinner in need of His salvation. Second, because it is

God's plan, made before the foundation of the world, and wonderful and tender to sinners beyond words to tell. It is finished and complete and needs no additions.

Sin is unbelief and consequent disobedience to God and His laws. All failure to keep God's commandments, and all violation of His law, whether wilfully or ignorantly, is sin. Then who is not a criminal? Is there a human being to whom a holy and righteous God can say, "Not guilty?" Not you! Not me! Not anyone! Even if God had not said, "There is none righteous, no not one," you yourself would know that all have sinned by doubts and disobedience in carrying degrees; as well as to measure up to God's perfect standards.

What then? Death! Both spiritual and physical. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." This penalty for sin was announced in Eden, and since all die, sooner or later, it is evident that all have sinned. But God's plan was made to defeat both sin and death for those who cooperate by believing and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal substitute and Savior. Because, after He died for their crimes to satisfy the demands of a broken law, He arose from the dead, victorious over sin and death forever.

The Creator so loved His sinning creatures that He did not want them to have to pay the price of their sins themselves, so He came to earth Himself, in a body like theirs—the Lord Jesus—to make good for them. Where they rebelled and disobeyed, the Lord Jesus trusted and honored God by perfect obedience. Where they failed, He stood every test, and gives credit to all who receive Him, for perfect righteousness. In addition, he took over their guilt and died as a criminal in their place, to turn away the death from them for the laws which they had broken. How much do you care?

Because of all this, God can offer acquittal—full pardon—to all who believe and receive the Lord Jesus, plus eternal life and Heaven in exchange for eternal death and Hell. The greatest trade ever made!

No one else ever loved you so much. And though the penalty of sin is death, the gift of God is eternal life—to all who will accept—through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who loved you and gave himself for you.

Therefore, if you have chosen the Lord Jesus as your substitute and Savior, you have eternal life now, and a free pass to Heaven. But if you

have not chosen Him, you are still "dead in trespasses and in sin," spiritually, and under a suspended sentence of death, physically. Neither have you any hope of Heaven, here or hereafter. You belong to Satan by personal preference, as those who have chosen the Lord Jesus belong to God the Son by choice.

Stunning, is it not, to realize this ownership depends on your own choice of Masters? Then please take warning, won't you? That choice fixes your final destiny as Heaven or Hell.

Where will you spend eternity? This letter is to beg you, with all my heart, to decide for Christ and Heaven now. Get on your knees and make it right with God today, tomorrow may not be given you.

So lovingly, and so anxiously, one of those sinners, who by God's grace has chosen the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and His safe passport to Heaven,

MRS. S. H. MORRISON.

My Personal Testimony: I am a sinner of Heaven than I am of the cemetery, because many are to be "caught up in the clouds" to meet the Lord in the air instead of going by way of death and the grave.

This assurance is founded on the promises of God and the further fact that when I was only six years old, at my first realization of being a sinner, sobbing and heart-broken because of my black sins, my father directed me to trust it all to Jesus. Instantly the weight of a mountain rolled off; the joy of pardon and a new nature filled me. At 65 I am still rejoicing and growing in the grace and knowledge and assurance of the Lord.

He fainteth not; He faileth not; He changeth not; neither grows weary of helping those who seek His face and rely on His word.

Southern Baptist Convention---

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Other former Texans scheduled include, Dr. A. J. Barton of Wilmington, N. C., chairman of the social service commission; Dr. E. C. Routh, editor of the Baptist Messenger, Oklahoma City, chairman of the committee on Baptist papers; Secretary E. P. Aldredge, Nashville, and others.

W. M. U. Meeting The 53rd Southwide convention of the Woman's Missionary Union will be held the two days preceding the convention. Women will appreciate the privilege of being able to visit the headquarters of their organization and also the editorial offices of the publications of the auxiliary; Royal Service, with over 100,000 circulation, The Window of the Y. W. A., and World Comrades.

Features of the opening service of the convention proper on Wednesday afternoon will be the address of the president, Dr. W. W. Hamilton, president of the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, and the convention sermon by Dr. J. Clyde Turner of North Carolina.

UNIVERSITY BROTHERHOOD OBSERVES LADIES NIGHT



S. E. PASS

Over 170 attended the "Ladies Night" banquet of the Brotherhood of University Church, Abilene, Friday evening, April 25.

Judge E. S. Cummings, state Brotherhood president, was the principal speaker. He emphasized loyalty, prayer, presence and presents as objectives of the Brotherhood. Toastmaster Hiram R. Arrant, Brotherhood president of District 7, presented Pastor E. Douglas Carver and a number of guests from other churches and towns.

S. E. Pass, Abilene school man, was elected president succeeding Britton Dillard, retiring officer who presided over the business session. Vice-presidents elected were Max Lanford, Roy Skaggs and Ed Francis. Dan Abbott was chosen secretary and Truitt Hollingshead, treasurer.

Entertainment features included a violin solo by Mary Evelyn Varnell and a vocal selection by Connell Taylor.

JONES ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Balance March 1 (28.44), Receipts from churches, Boyd's Chapel (1.00), Hamlin (9.60), Anson (10.00), Hawley (1.04), Stith (2.40), Friendship (1.50), Lueders (3.00), Noodle (6.00), Stamford (15.00), Corinth (8.00), Tuxedo (3.40), Riverside (4.00).

Summary table: Total from churches (64.94), Bulletin (2.98), Grand Total (96.36), Disbursed (52.50), Cash on hand (43.86), Disbursed: District Missions (35.00), Mexican Missions (15.00), Bulletin (2.50), Totals (52.50).

It is a joy to have our county finances in such good shape. Let us keep it as it is. E. F. Rowell, treasurer.

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EMANUEL CHURCH, SAN ANGELO, CLOSES REVIVAL

On Sunday night, April 13, we closed a fine revival at Emanuel Church, San Angelo. I shall always thank God that it was my privilege to be in this revival. Roy Shahan did the preaching in a great way. He is humble, consecrated, and preaches the whole Gospel without apology.

Brother N. E. McQuire is the good pastor. He has been with this fine church for 12 years; the people love him and follow him as he follows the Lord. I have never seen a finer spirit of fellowship and cooperation between pastor and people. This fine church seems to be in a revival all the time and souls are saved and come into the fellowship of the church almost every service.

It was my blessed privilege to be with these two fine pastors and this good church in the revival and lead the music. This church has some fine singers and all cooperated throughout the meeting. As I go back to my own work I feel that I am spiritually stronger and can enter into my work with greater faith and zeal.

The visible results of the meeting was 28 additions to the church and some 12 or 15 re-dedicating their lives.

-C. B. STOVALL.

Nine churches cooperated in the city-wide evangelistic campaign in Beaumont directed by Dr. Roland Q. Leavell. Incomplete reports show that there were 278 additions, the majority of whom were for baptism.

The circulation of Southern Baptist Home Millions in the May issue was 52,186.

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PROGRAM

Floyd Association Workers, to Be Held With the Mt. Blanco Church May 6

Theme: Church Membership in Church Attendance.

10:00 Song and Devotional Services. 10:10 My Responsibility as a Pastor in Church Attendance, Rev. N. V. Guise.

10:30 My Responsibility as a Father in Church Attendance, Mr. C. A. McClure.

10:50 My Responsibility as a Mother in Church Attendance, Mrs. Russell Wilkins, Sr.

11:10 Agencies Stimulating Church Attendance, Mr. Enzy Pieratt.

11:30 Announcements. 11:35 Sermon, Rev. J. D. Farrell. 12:10 Lunch.

1:30 Executive Board and W. M. U. meetings.

2:15 Church Attendance in Relation to Church Finance, Rev. Vernon Shaw.

2:40 Emphasis on Some Important Events: by Rev. J. Lowell Ponder. 1. Evangelistic Conference. 2. Boy's Camp at Ceta Glen. 3. Girl's Camp at Ceta Glen. 4. Southern Baptist Convention, 5. Greater Wayland Campaign.

2:55 Business. 3:00 Closing Message, Rev. W. M. Joslin.

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