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## RAMBLING

EMARKS



By DICK O'BRIEN

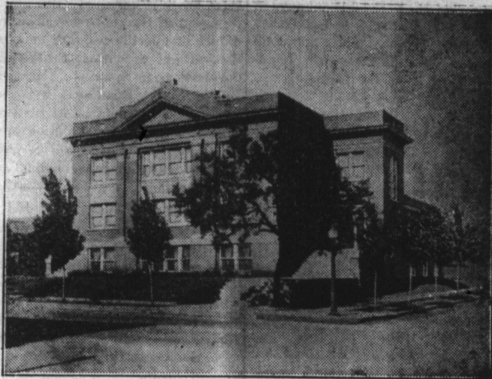
I am really on the mountain top this week because I have picked up two new readers. I found both of them at the Haskell association worker's meeting at Knox City today. My esteemed friend Brother Joe Smith of the Knox City church, and J. B. Bowden of Munday. I do not think I have two more worthy friends than these two fellows. J. B. tells me that he has a stray cat at his house and is saving up shot gun shells, and is looking forward to July when I am to be with them in a revival. I am of the opinion if cats could read that I would be in bad standing with their tribe. . . Our friend Blaine, of Benjamin, who writes a very readable column for this paper tells a good one on me. He declares that it is so. His father-in-law asked a certain West Texas preacher if he knew a long slender, ugly, big footed preacher in this section, and the preacher answered, "Sure, I suppose everybody in West Texas knows Dick O'Brien." Well that about bars me from beauty contests altogether. My face, which I have been trying to eliminate as a heading for this column, was barred long ago and now my feet are barred because of their size, and I am sure I have nothing to offer in the way of a figure, so I reluctantly withdraw from all competition. Thus fades one of the dreams of a lifetime, or maybe it was only a nightmare. . . Speaking of dreams reminds me of one I had once upon a time. Joseph may have had me bested on the quality of his dreams but I would match him or anybody else for quantity. I dream continuously when I am asleep and after when I am awake. But back to the dream mentioned above. . . I was pastor at Carbon, Texas, and it was deep winter, with snow and ice everywhere. Late one Thursday afternoon I boarded a train for Cisco to attend an old fashioned Fifth Sunday meeting. On the train I met up with Joe Nation, the new pastor at Rising Star, who was headed for the same meeting. When we reached Cisco we went to a restaurant for supper. We were cold and hungry and Joe ordered country sausages with all the trimmings. My appetite suggested that I duplicate his order but my better judgment voted against it. But Joe sided with my appetite, called me a sissy and dared me to join him. I yielded to later regret it, and so did Joe. We went over to the church, and no one else came. So we walked across town to my brother's home and applied for lodging. We sat late that night talking about many things but mainly about the end of the world which had been prophesied to occur that very day before midnight. The newspapers had carried a lot of stuff about it and there was quite an excitement stirred up. We went to bed declaring that we took no stock in such nonsense, and even if it did happen we would not mind at all. We fell asleep, Joe into the deep snoring kind, and I into the usual fitful sort superinduced by eating greasy food for supper. We both had a dream, but

## EVENTS TO COME

- March 6-7—District 17 Convention, Sweetwater.
- March 7-8—District 9 Convention, Lubbock.
- March 8—V. B. S. Conference, District 16, Brownwood.
- March 8-9—District 10 Convention, Amarillo.
- March 9—V. B. S. Conference, Districts 7, 8, and 16, San Angelo.
- March 10—V. B. S. Conference, District 17, Abilene.
- March 10—District 11 Convention, Childress.
- March 16-17—District 8 Convention, Odessa.
- April 9—B. T. U. High Attendance Day.
- April 11-13—State Sunday School Convention, Waco.
- April 18-19—District 17 W. M. U. Convention, Ranger.

## DISTRICT 17 CONVENTION MEETS MARCH 6-7

First Church, Sweetwater, Hosts To Baptists Meeting



DR. A. D. FOREMAN, JR.  
Convention Preacher



W. J. LITES  
Sunday School Field Secretary

### DISTRICT 9 CONVENTION MEETS AT LUBBOCK

The annual District Nine convention will meet in a two day session at First Church, Lubbock, on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 7 and 8. State workers present will include Dr. R. C. Campbell, R. A. Springer, Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Dr. T. C. Gardner, W. J. Lites, Dr. F. M. McConnell, Rev. Carson Taylor, Dr. Hal Buckner, Judge H. C. Pipkin, and President Thomas H. Taylor.

Sunday School and Training Union conferences will be held on Tuesday morning, followed by the convention sermon by Dr. Campbell. The Women's Missionary Union, with Mrs. W. E. Kirkpatrick presiding, will occupy the afternoon of the first day.

In the evening of Tuesday the chairmen of standing committees of the W. M. U. will report in a meeting in the educational building while in another auditorium the young people will see a pageant by students of Wayland college and hear addresses by Mrs. Mathis and Dr. Gardner. At the same time, in the main auditorium Missionary A. C. Huff will lead a conference of laymen which will be followed by an address by Mr. Springer.

Dr. Thos. Taylor and Herman C. Pipkin will address a general session at a later program which will include music by John Josey and D. Clyde Hamilton with congregational singing led by Leo E. Waite.

Denominational work will occupy the attention of the convention in the closing session Thursday morning, at which time reports on district missions will be heard and district officers elected.

Rev. A. C. Huff is missionary of District Nine, Mrs. W. E. Kirkpatrick is W. M. U. president, L. E. Waite is B. T. U. director, D. Clyde Hamilton is Sunday School superintendent, P. G. Moore is Laymen's president and Mrs. A. T. Cocanougher is secretary and treasurer.

### HOMECOMING PLANNED MARCH 12 AT TUXEDO

The Tuxedo Church, Jones association, is planning a dedication service and homecoming on Sunday, March 12. All former pastors and members are cordially invited to attend and have a part in the worship and rejoicing of the day.

Unfortunately a part of the records of the church have been lost, writes Miss Bertha Appling, and for that reason it will be impossible to send personal invitations to all who are expected to attend and all former pastors and members who hear of the homecoming must consider it a personal invitation.

- P. D. O'BRIEN . . . . . President  
MRS. J. B. BUCKLEY . . . . . Vice-President in Charge of W. M. U.  
J. M. COOKE . . . . . Vice-President in Charge of Sunday School  
I. I. CARTLIDGE . . . . . Vice-President in Charge of B. T. U.  
E. S. CUMMINGS . . . . . Vice-President in Charge of Brotherhood  
B. N. SHEPHERD . . . . . District Missionary

#### AFTERNOON SESSION, TUESDAY

- 1:30—Song Service.
- 1:40—W. M. U. Round Table, Directed by Mrs. J. B. Buckley, before the whole convention assembly.
- 2:20—Song Service.
- 2:30—The Southwide Evangelistic Movement . . . . . B. N. Shepherd
- 3:00—B. T. U. Conference.
- Association, General Officers, Pastors . . . . . J. M. Sibley
- Adults . . . . . J. I. Cartlidge
- Young People . . . . . Broughton Harden
- Intermediates . . . . . Mrs. P. D. O'Brien
- Juniors . . . . . Mrs. H. A. Pender
- Primary . . . . . Maltha Cagle
- Beginners . . . . . Mrs. J. H. Dean

3:40—Reassemble.

3:45—Business, Report of Committees, Election of Officers, etc.

4:00—Adjourn.

Let us give two FULL DAYS to this worthwhile program.

#### ENTERTAINMENT

Sweetwater homes will furnish entertainment on the Harvard Plan. Come prepared to stay through the entire program.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 6

##### MORNING SESSION

- 10:00—Songs and Prayers . . . . . J. D. Riddle, Convention Song Leader
- 10:15—Devotional Keynote . . . . . L. L. Trott
- 10:30—Welcome Address . . . . . J. M. Sibley
- 10:40—Response . . . . . W. C. Ashford
- 10:50—Appointment of Committees
- 10:55—Recognition of Visitors, Announcements.
- 11:05—Address . . . . . W. J. Lites
- 11:30—Special Music.
- 11:40—Sermon . . . . . Dr. A. D. Foreman
- 12:10—Adjourn for Lunch.

##### AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:30—Song Service.
- 1:40—Special Music.
- 1:45—B. T. U. Department Conferences.
- Association, General Officers, Pastors . . . . . Dr. T. C. Gardner
- Adults . . . . . Broughton Harden
- Young People . . . . . Mrs. T. C. Gardner
- Intermediates . . . . . Mrs. H. A. Pender
- Juniors . . . . . Maltha Cagle
- Primary . . . . . Mrs. J. H. Dean
- Beginners . . . . . J. I. Cartlidge
- 2:25—Reassemble.
- 2:25—Song Service and Conference Reports.
- 2:30—Address . . . . . Dr. T. C. Gardner
- 3:00—Sunday School Conferences.
- Association, General Officers, Pastors . . . . . W. J. Lites
- Adults . . . . . P. C. McGahey
- Young People . . . . . Verna Lee Carson
- Intermediates . . . . . Mrs. Wm. Lockhart
- Juniors . . . . . Mrs. Ben Hardin
- C. R. Primaries-Beginners . . . . . Mrs. Broughton Harden
- Extension . . . . . Mrs. J. L. Anthony
- Vacation Bible School . . . . . J. D. Riddle

3:40—Reassemble for Reports.

3:55—Special Music.

##### EVENING SERVICE, MONDAY

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| LAYMEN   | W. M. U. MEETING   |
| 6:30—Brotherhood Banquet Assembly.                 | 7:30—Devotional . . . . . Mrs. J. M. Sibley                                    |
| 6:45—Banquet, Introduction of Groups and Visitors. | 7:40—Special Music . . . . . Octet   |
| 7:15—Sing Song.                                    | Mrs. P. C. Ullom, Directing.   |
| 7:25—President's Address.                          | 7:55—Address: "China and the Present Condition" . . . . . Mrs. J. Walton Moore |
| 7:40—Special Music.                                |  |
| 7:45—Main Address.                                 |  |
| 8:15—Election of Officers.                         |  |
| 8:25—Adjourn to Auditorium.                        | 8:30—Reassemble.   |
| 8:30—Song Service.                                 |  |
| 8:40—Special Music.                                |  |
| 8:45—Sermon . . . . . T. A. Patterson              |  |

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 7

##### MORNING SESSION

- 9:00—Song Service.
- 9:20—Sunday School Conferences:
- Association, General Officers, Pastors . . . . . J. M. Cooke
- Adults . . . . . P. C. McGahey
- Young People . . . . . Verna Lee Carson
- Intermediates . . . . . Mrs. Wm. Lockhart
- Juniors . . . . . Mrs. Ben Hardin
- Beginners, Primaries, C. R. . . . . Mrs. Broughton Harden
- Extension . . . . . Mrs. J. L. Anthony
- Vacation Bible School . . . . . J. D. Riddle
- 10:00—Reassemble.
- 10:00—Song Service.
- 10:10—Special Music.
- 10:15—Sermon . . . . . Jones Weathers
- 10:45—W. M. U. Program by Students from Hardin-Simmons University, Directed by Mrs. N. A. Moore.
- 11:30—Song Service.
- 11:40—Special Music.
- 11:45—Address . . . . . Dr. R. N. Richardson
- 12:10—Executive Board Lunch Together.



T. C. GARDNER  
State B. T. U. Director



MRS. T. C. GARDNER  
Conference Leader

### HARDIN-SIMMONS PLANS FOR GOLDEN JUBILEE

Announcement will be made within a few days of the plans of the Hardin-Simmons university semi-Centennial commission, states W. J. Behrens, chairman of the university board of trustees.

The purpose of the commission is to make research and plans for fitting celebrations of the golden jubilee of the institution which is approaching the half-century mark.

"Christian education in its fundamental and primary concept" will be the general theme of the anniversary, according to provisions of the resolution by the trustees outlining the major objectives of the fiftieth anniversary program.

The celebrations will begin February 6, 1941, which date is the fiftieth anniversary of Charter day. Other programs of wide interest will be centered around the opening of the university year in the fall of 1941, Founders' Day, April 17, 1942 and the following June commencement.

State and regional Baptist groups will be invited to meet in Abilene during that year. Of special interest will be a Founder's Day symposium on Christian Education to the end that it may be re-established in the minds and thinking of the people as a most vital part of the educational system.

Primary suggestions were submitted to the trustees by a group from the faculty and alumni including W. A. Stephenson, Dr. Julius Olsen, H. R. Arrant, Eva Rudd, T. N. Carswell and Mrs. H. A. Pender.

### CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY AT TEMPLE CHURCH

Temple Baptist Church, Abilene, celebrated last Sunday the first anniversary of their purchase of the property which is now the church home and the beginning of the second year of Pastor C. D. Owen.

A review of the accomplishments of the year was given by officers and leaders in the church together with a discussion of plans and goals for the coming year.

Superintendent C. L. Holt discussed the Sunday School work, Curtis D. Owen the Training Union, K. P. Jones, the work of the deacons, Mrs. W. P. Chaney finance, Mrs. Sam Spann enlargement, Mrs. George Ayers the W. M. U., Mrs. H. A. Massey, spiritual growth. The morning hour of worship was concluded by a short discussion by Pastor Owen of evangelism and the forward look in the church and denominational life.

## MISSIONARY

ESSAYS



By B. N. Shepherd  
Missionary, District 17

ALL ABOARD FOR SWEETWATER  
Dr. A. D. Foreman, Dr. T. C. Gardner, Mr. W. J. Lites and many other outstanding speakers and preachers will appear on the District Seventeen convention program next Monday and Tuesday.

The department and group conferences will be led by some of the best workers to be found anywhere.

Sweetwater is ready for us. Let us be there in large numbers from every church in the district.

It is such a joy to hear our pastors, the finest in Texas, talk about the progress their churches are making in District Seventeen. Every week some tell me about conversions, re-dedications and additions.

Brotherhoods are being organized every few days. North Park organized one last week. Knox City started with 22 charter members a few days ago. Aeon will have one in a few days. Sunset, Abilene, will organize soon. Things are happening to his glory all the time.

Potosi church is one of the best rural churches in the district. S. L. Tidwell is leading in a fine way. The missionary was honored with the privilege of preaching for them last Sunday. We had two additions during the day.

Speaking about Brotherhoods—It is a joy to hear of the growth of forty of the men of University Church, Abilene, last Friday night and enjoyed a splendid program on prayer. We ate oysters until we were miserable. I mean lots of them! Some of (Continued on Page 4)

### SHALL I SIGN A CHURCH ATTENDANCE PLEDGE?

By J. D. THORN

In the years past I have been asked to sign and have signed pledge cards for the church budget, to tithe, to abstain from the use of alcohol, to help build a church building, to help build our Christian schools, to help pay our debts through the Hundred Thousand Club, and perhaps some others. But now they come asking me to sign a pledge to attend church for the months of March, April, and May. What shall I do about this NEW proposal?

In the first place, I find that this is not a new proposal. I have just finished reading our church covenant and find that we all agreed, "That we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, at such times and places as the church may appoint, for instruction, prayer, business or evangelizing." We are being asked to do only what we have already agreed to do. The purpose of the "pledge" is to get us to reaffirm our agreement and to renew our vows to God and to His church.

But the actual signing of names to an agreement to attend church must be a new proposal. We never heard of that before in a Baptist church. WHERE IS THE SCRIPTURE FOR IT? Read Nehemiah chapters nine and ten and you will find that people as far back as twenty four hundred years ago were signing pledges to attend church. After, or during, the revival led by Ezra the people signed a covenant (9:38) wherein they agreed: (1) "To walk in God's law" (10:29); (2) "Not to mix by marriage with the unbelievers about them" (10:30); (3) "Not to buy wares on the Sabbath day" (10:31); (4) "To keep the Sabbatical year" (10:31); (5) "To support public worship with their material goods" (10:32-38); and (6) "WE WILL NOT FORSAKE THE HOUSE OF OUR GOD" (10:39).

Well, you say, "I suppose the prayer meeting group signed up to attend church, but surely no whole congregation ever signed such a pledge." Your (Continued on Page 4)

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### DISTRICT MISSIONS

In the horse and buggy days the associations were formed chiefly to promote fellowship among the brethren and to foster missionary work within their boundaries.

With the coming of the automobile age and higher living costs, few associations in Texas found themselves contributing enough to support a missionary, with the result that by 1932 only ten associational missionaries were left in all the state.

At this low ebb when over ninety per cent of the state was without missionary activity, the district mission idea was conceived and given a test. The basic idea behind district missions is the same as for associational missions with the difference that while a county or so would tax the energies of a man in a buggy, ten times the area could be covered by a man in a car. And the increased field could support a good worker without hampering either the local work or denominational causes.

The San Antonio area, a domain of over thirty thousand square miles was chosen as the laboratory for the test. There, in an empire larger than South Carolina, was a great city with underprivileged sections. It contained a large percentage of Spanish speaking and European peoples. There were sparsely settled ranges where little community life existed. It was the greatest mission field in the state.

The Waco district was the next to try out the new mission plan. This was only one-third as large a territory as the initial experiment and with much difference in problems. But the results were so satisfactory that the plan spread rapidly over the entire state. The plan is for the district to set up a board who will employ the missionary and set his salary. The state mission board is empowered to pay one-fourth of this salary and the balance is raised by contributions through the churches of the district.

The pioneering period is now over. The plan has been a success for six years. Every section of the state is covered in the seventeen districts and each district maintains a missionary.

The expense of district missions is very moderate for the wide field covered. Only small contributions, regularly paid, from each church will forward the work successfully. There are few places in the Lord's work where a dollar will go so far.

The district missionaries are among the hardest working men in Texas. They live in their automobiles. When not driving they are constantly in conferences, in correspondence, in meetings. None but a rugged physique need apply. They must be seasoned preachers, there will be little time for study on the mission field. They must be diplomats, for all the dissensions of the district will cross their path. They must be of a cooperative disposition, for on their shoulders falls a great part of the load of promoting the Cooperative Program. They must be executives, for no small part of the well-functioning organization of Texas Baptists is to their credit. They must be soul-winners, for a missionary is first and last an evangelist. Such men are our district missionaries.

Under this plan Texas Baptists have become unified and constructive as never before. The district mission work does not deserve all the credit for the cooperative fellowship and understanding now prevalent in our state, nor do they deserve all the credit for the rising evangelist fervor. But without the district missionaries or some agency performing the same functions we would never have reached our present heights nor had the bright vision of a greater day.

The most potent argument for the maintenance of our district mission plan is that it is evidently blessed of the Lord. By the continued cooperation of all the churches in this vital movement we will go forward shedding the Gospel light in dark corners and winning the neglected lost ones from our own communities to the distant continents.

### THIS IS THE DAY

The Bible is a book of days. Our lives are numbered by days and there is much of them in the Book of Life.

"The day of the Lord" is a shadowy, mystic time; direful or joyful according to one's relation with his Maker; a day of judgment or a day of deliverance. This giddy age needs to think more upon it, though it comes only once to every man.

The Lord's Day is the Christian day of rest and worship. We are in danger of losing its significance and permitting it to become a holiday or just another date on the calendar.

But the Psalmist says, "This day is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

Youth is prone to live in the rosy tomorrow and Age in the mellow yesterday, but this day is the day, alone of all days, which God has vouchsafed to us. If we live it in the light of His guidance each yesterday will become a tender memory, each tomorrow a vision of hope, each today an hour of achievement.

Some there are who, through distress or uncertainty, are forced to live only one day at a time. Let them remember that this day is the day which the Lord hath made. He promises to them no other. But all things which He made are good and He made this a day in which to rejoice and be glad for all His blessings.

What though dark clouds hang threateningly over the tomorrow? Bathe in the divine sunshine of today. There may be no tomorrow or the clouds may roll harmlessly away in the night.

What if yesterday were a day of trouble, or failure or sin? Our God is a gracious God and if we but ask it He will veil all of that in the mists of forgetfulness.

But today is our day; our gift from the Father above. In the spirit and the grace of the Giver may we use it joyfully and humbly, despising not the gift of God.

## News Notes

Waco churches will have a simultaneous evangelistic campaign beginning March 9 with Evangelist C. Y. Dossey leading.

Dr. C. E. Matthews of Travis Avenue, Fort Worth, State evangelistic organizer, led in a revival meeting in Second Church, Marshall, in which there were 122 additions.

Evangelist W. Y. Pond is engaged in a revival with Pastor J. Cal McGahey at Combes. He has just closed a meeting at Aransas Pass with 77 additions, 51 of them for baptism.

There were 228 additions to the church in the revival led by Evangelist Hyman at Joplin, Missouri.

A very interesting historical sketch of modern Baptist growth in Europe appears in the Baptist Standard for February 23.

More than 70 were enrolled in a music training school which was recently conducted in First Church, Breckenridge. Miss Opal Hiner and Buford Forrester of Southwestern Seminary assisted the church music director, S. E. Kidd, in the course which lasted from Monday through Friday.

Sixteen churches in the Rio Grande Valley are cooperating in a simultaneous revival under the direction of Evangelist C. Y. Dossey. Several of the state evangelists and a group of fine, evangelistic pastors are assisting in the campaign.

Columbus Avenue church, Waco, has set a goal for 1939 of at least one convert won by each member during the year.

Dr. John A. Held, missionary to European people in Texas, will be guest preacher at Vernon Friday, March 3 at an associational W. M. U. meeting concluding the Annie Armstrong week of prayer.

The W. M. U. convention of District Eleven met at Henrietta last week. Mrs. T. J. Furniss of Fargo is district president and Mrs. W. N. Martin of Vernon is young people's leader.

First Church, Sweetwater, had an immediate and enthusiastic response to the "Prove Me Plan of Attendance." The increase in attendance was especially noted in the Training Union and the evening preaching service.

The Sunday School in the Ralls Church which has been averaging around 200 attendance during the winter months has set a goal of 250.

The annual Plains Student conference will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 4 and 5 at the State Teachers College, Canyon. Bill Marshall, state B. S. U. leader and Miss Mary Nance Daniels, Southwide student worker will be the main speaker.

Mexican Baptists at Lubbock, who are led by Missionary J. A. Ramirez, celebrated the opening of their new building last Sunday.

Gospel music week under the leadership of Professor I. E. Reynolds of Southwestern Seminary, is being observed this week in First Church, Lubbock. This is the third year that Mr. Reynolds had led the choir of this great church in such a week of study.

Park Heights Church, San Angelo, paid tribute Sunday night to Mrs. E. E. Bradford who has been B. T. U. director since 1930. Mrs. Bradford also teaches in the Sunday School and has served four years as president of the Concho Valley W. M. U.

Miss Rose Wood, a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary, and formerly a worker at Denison and at Ada, Oklahoma, has been chosen as educational secretary of First Church, El Paso.

Dr. T. O. Gardner was speaker at a combined meeting of the Sunday School officers and teachers with the monthly business meeting of the B. T. U. in First Church, El Paso, Tuesday, February 28.

Nearly seven hundred members of First Church, Abilene, signed a petition Sunday urging their representatives in Congress to oppose the bill which would place employees under the social security laws.

Dr. Marshall Craig of Dallas will begin a revival in Columbus Avenue Church, Waco, on Sunday, March 5. They have a goal of 2,000 in Sunday School on that date.

## JUST TALK

By Elliott Dudley

### Curtain

The Republic of Spain is no more. The nine-year-old youngster, who has been in desperate health for nearly three years, has passed away.

Hostilities may continue for a time in the southeastern quarter of the peninsula. A good way to make fighters out of men is to promise them death if defeated. But any continuation of the conflict will be in the nature of guerilla warfare or a rebellion. Right or wrong, Franco is the government in Spain.

If only the Spaniards were to be considered, it would be of little more consequence than a revolution in Central America. But Spain is pawned to Italy with Germany holding a second mortgage.

### A Throne?

Interest in Spain centers in the future form of the government and to what extent outside influence controls. There is a strong Spanish faction which is anxious to see a son of King Alfonso XIII on the throne. Since a figurehead king seems to fit the plans of Mussolini in Italy, it may suit him also in Spain.

Regardless of the nominal form of the new Spanish government, which England and France have recognized, there need be no doubt that the final authority will emanate from the vast room in Rome where Mussolini sits at his desk. After a series of star plays by Hitler, Il Duce at last has his inning.

London and Paris are jockeying for influence in post-war Spain by attempting to use their financial resources, which the devastated land sorely needs, to gain an advantage over the dictators who won the victory. But Mussolini will probably prefer to have reconstruction proceed more slowly and get along without the money of unfriendly nations.

### Moors

When the new dictator in Spain rules from Madrid to the sea, the Italian "volunteers" will be glad enough to return home, having had their fill of wars for a time. But the Moorish troops who have been the strength of the rebel movement from its beginning, what of them? France and Italy and Spain had better watch their step or it may become a question, not of which one of them will control the Mediterranean shores of Africa, but of whether any of them can hold a place. The Moors and Berbers are as much a part of Northern Africa as its sands, and as inevitable.

Carthage, Rome, fair-haired Northmen and swarthy Arabs set up rule on these shores long before modern nations arose to plant colonies there. All their rule was superficial and one after the other was blotted out. But the aborigines remain unchanged except that they are becoming trained in the ways of modern warfare.

### Armies

More than one autocrat has found in time that it is easier to raise and drill an army than to dispense with it. Hitler's dread of war is said to be that he fears to allow an army to be amassed which he might not continue to control.

Japan in China, like the man who caught the bear by the tail, may have something that cannot be safely turned loose. The guerilla warfare and terrorism has not made much an impression on Japanese authority but it require a large armed force to control the major lines of communication. They are not interested at this time in conquering the difficult territory held by the patriots but as long as Chiang Kai Shek has his veteran army corps intact, the puppet governments of the Japanese are unsafe. Yet garrison duty, as conquerors from Hannibal down have learned, is often more destructive than engagements on the field.

### Garrison Duty

This dilemma may explain the renewed activity on the Russian frontier. The militarists of Japan dare not disband their military machine in the face of an unconquered foe, yet they cannot hold the morale of either the army or the public at home without a continued activity against an apparent or assumed threat.

Recruits can be used satisfactorily for garrison duty but veterans are not so good at it. Major wars have frequently been followed by minor wars waged by the victorious troops. The Indians of the West were conquered by the Federal troops who remained in the army.

However, if Japan stirs Russia too much they may have more than a minor war on their hands. They are depending on teamwork of their allies in Europe, much as a pack of hounds snap at first one side then the other of some baited prey.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

March 5, 1939

By Hight C Moore

### PETER PREACHES TO GENTILES

Read Acts 10:1-48  
Study Acts 10:30-48.

To Peter the apostle at Joppa and to Cornelius the centurion at Coesaret thirty miles up the Mediterranean coast came divine messages directing each to the other and resulting in the Gentile Pentecost which transfixed Jewish prejudice and showed that the gospel is for all the world. Cornelius was a Roman, born in Italy; the captain of a hundred men at Caesarea, the political capital of Palestine; and a very religious man who feared God, led his family in worship, gave alms, and prayer constantly. When Peter, attended by six of the Joppa brethren, reached Caesarea, Cornelius with his kinsmen and near friends awaited them. Peter entered the mansion, declined reverence from the centurion and declaring that his Jewish prejudice had been overcome by the vision he had just seen at Joppa, and inquiring the purpose of his summons.

#### 1. The Statement of Cornelius

Ready for the gospel was the devout centurion. Replying to Peter's inquiry, Cornelius related the story of his vision and his obedience to the angelic command. (1) **The Vision.** While worshipping in his house at 3 p. m., just four days previously, Cornelius saw in broad daylight the angel of God coming to him and calling his name. Naturally he was afraid, but his mind was attuned to the angel's message which declared that his prayers and aims were a remembrance offering before God, bade him send to Joppa for Peter, specifying precisely where he would be found, and promising that Peter would tell him more than the angel. (2) **The Obedience.** At once two household servants and a trusted soldier were immediately sent to Joppa after being told what had happened and what they were to do. Southward they sped to bring back the apostle Peter to their master. Their errand was happily successful, so Cornelius now rejoiced at Peter's arrival and declared that all present were ready to hear his message.

#### 2. The Sermon of Peter

Ready with the gospel was Peter the apostle. His sermon presented the gospel in at least seven aspects: (1) **The Gospel from God.** Peter realized that the "things—commanded—of God" constituted his message and that he as God's servant must proclaim it faithfully to the audience before him. (2) **The Gospel for Every Man.** God is no respecter of persons. Roman as well as Hebrew may be saved on exactly the same condition. (3) **The Gospel in Christ.** He is the one bringer of peace. He is Lord of all. He was appointed of God for his mission on earth. While on earth he went about doing good. And he accomplished more by his atoning death than by his sinless life. (4) **The Gospel Through Testimony.** Peter and others were direct and credible witnesses of the marvelous work of Jesus, of his sacrificial death, of his glorious resurrection. (5) **The Gospel of the Past.** "To him give all the prophets witness." The fingerboards of the old dispensation pointed onward to Christ the Lord as Judge of living and dead. (6) **The Gospel of the Present.** It urges definite duty today. Repent of sin; believe in Christ; receive pardon; consecrate to God; proclaim the good news to others. (7) **The Gospel of Hope.** There is a forward look to the glory future when the Judge of all the earth will occupy his throne and before him shall be gathered all nations. Let everyone be ready for that day of days!

#### 3. The Revival at Caesarea

Ready in the gospel were the Gentile converts at Caesarea. Note three things: (1) **Enduement.** The Holy Spirit fell upon them while Peter was yet preaching and the audience was paying profound attention to his words. It was a most remarkable manifestation, reminding of Pentecost, if not actually duplicating that memorable event. The Hebrew Christians present were astonished. (2) **Obedience.** The believers were immediately baptized by command of Peter, who perceived the power of the Spirit and spoke under his impulse. (3) **Evangelism.** The revival continued, for it must not stop with a single service. Asked to tarry certain days, Peter complied, doubtless preaching daily and winning many converts.

#### Give All Races the Gospel

(1) **All Races Need the Gospel.** Everybody needs the gospel; Gentile as well as Jew; people alike in pagan, papal, and Protestant lands; all races and all classes. They are lost without

it. The world needs the gospel as nothing else.

(2) **All Races Are Responsive to the Gospel.** God was at work in Gentile Caesarea before Peter's arrival. The gospel seed was, therefore, sown by the apostle in ready soil, deep-plowed and fertile.

(3) **All Races Should Be Given the Gospel.** God was at work in Jewish Joppa before the centurion's messengers came. A prejudiced preacher was, therefore, prepared to proclaim a full gospel to all. Are we, like Peter, heeding the divine call?

#### Gold in the Golden Text

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else. Isaiah 45:22. The invitation is a command.

It comes through Isaiah from God who is our only Savior. It is for everybody even to the remotest corners of the earth. It bids the sinner look in faith to God who will wash away every stain. It promises free and full salvation from the dominion and consequences of sin.

#### Listen! And look!

#### Home Daily Bible Readings

Feb. 27—O Devout Centurion. Acts 10:1-8.  
Feb. 28—Peter Preaches to Gentiles. Acts 10:34-48.  
March 1—A Blessing for the Gentiles. Galathians 3:6-14.  
March 2—The Gift of Prejudice. Luke 10:30-37.  
March 3—Life for All. Acts 11:1-18.  
March 4—Universal Brotherhood. Micah 4:1-4.  
March 5—The Father of Us All. Isaiah 45:20-25.

## 'PROVE ME' CHURCH ATTENDANCE CAMPAIGN

March, April, May, 1939

**Purpose:** To enlist every Baptist in Texas to attend the regular services of his church during these months, so that we will be better prepared for the great evangelistic movement promoted by the Southern Baptist Convention and by the Texas Baptist Convention.

**Scripture:** "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together"—Heb. 10:25.

**Plan:** To use the above months, with the two weeks preceding March 5, as the enlistment period. Cards like the sample enclosed may be secured from our office for 86c per thousand of 10c per hundred in quantities less than 500.

**Promoted by:** The Laymen in the church. The pastor, as always, must be the enthusiastic leader. The laymen of the state have asked the privilege of promoting this movement. Every department of the church will surely cooperate.

**Organization:** (This is a suggested organization for a church of 500 members. Larger churches will increase organization and smaller churches will probably decrease it slightly.)

1. **General Chairman:** He should be elected by the church. If the church has a functioning Brotherhood, probably this chairman should be the Brotherhood President, Vice-President, or some officer or member in it. If the church has no functioning Brotherhood, then the best available layman leader should be elected.

2. **Promotion Committee:** A committee of five more men should be enlisted to work with this chairman. Certainly the chairman would be interested in helping secure these five men.

3. **Other workers:** Five men each for the above five mentioned should be enlisted, making twenty five more or a grand total of 31 men.

#### Plan of Procedure:

1. Use the Sundays of February 19 and 26 for getting those in attendance in Sunday School, Preaching Services and B. T. U. to sign up. The regular meeting of the W. M. U. should also yield many more signatures.

2. Divide the church roll into groups of five families each. Assign a group to each of the 25 men. (The chairman would have the five families of the promotion committee, and the five committeemen would each have the five families of his five workers). If there are more families, assign six, or if less, assign four.

3. Use the week of February 26 to March 5 as visitation week. Make personal visits to those who have not signed up. See every individual.

We believe this plan has great possibilities. If it is properly carried out, we believe it will be a most excellent preparation for a great season of evangelism. Men, now is the time to show our colors.

# A Name That is Above Every Name

By SELBY ASWELL

Phil. 2:9-11 "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

In all the ages of sacred history there has never been a name like the precious name of our Lord and Savior. No other like the name of Him who was born of a virgin, a span long and yet the eternal word; no other like the name of him born in a manger on a bed of straw, and yet the infinite exalted Son of God; no other like the name of Him who was rejected and yet esteemed, hated and yet loved. There is no other in Holy Writ comparable to the name of the Son of God.

"Precious name, precious name, oh, how sweet, hope of earth and joy of heaven."

### The Name of Jesus is a Matchless Name

We open the word of God and find as we scan its pages that there are more than a hundred and fifty titles given to the Savior.

He is called Adam, Advocate, Alpha and Omega, Amen, Angel, Ancient of Days, Anointed, Apostle, Author and finished of our faith.

Babe, Beginning of creation of God, Begotten of the Father, Beloved, Bishop, Blessed, Branch of Righteousness, Bread of Life, Bridgegroome, Bright and Morning Star, Brightness of the Father's Glory.

Captain, Chief, corner stone, Child, Chosen, Christ, Consolation of Israel, Covenant, Counsellor, Convert, Creator.

David, Daysman, Day Star, Deliverer, Desire of all nations, Dew, Diadem, Door of Sheep, Eagle, Elect, Emmanuel, Everlasting, Ex p r e s s image.

Faithful witness, Feeder, First begotten, Firstfruits, First and last, Foundation, Fountain, Forerunner, Friend of sinners.

Gift of God, God, Governor, Gracious, Habitation, Harmless, Head of the Church, Heir of all things, High priest, Holy one of God, Holy Child, Hope.

Image, Immanuel, Immortal, Invisible.

Jesus, Judge, King, Lamb, Leader, Light, Life, Lion, Lord, Man, Master, Mediator, Merciful, Messiah, Mighty Minister.

Morning Star, Nazarene, Offspring of David, Only Begotten, Passover, Potentate, Prince, Prophet, Propitiation, Power of God, Purifier, Physician, Priest.

Ransom, Reaper, Redeemer, Resurrection, Refiner, Righteousness, Rock, Rod and Branch, Root of David, Ruler of Israel.

Sacrifice, Sanctification, Seed of Abraham, Seed of David, Second Man, Sower, Spirit, Stone refused, Sun of righteousness, Surety.

Teacher, Testator, Truth, Vine, Way, Wisdom, Witness, Wonderful, Word of God, Worthy.

Yes, we bow in humiliation, worship, love, and adoration at the marvelous name of Jesus.

### The Name of Jesus is a Loving Name

The name of Jesus is a loving name for it pleased God the Father to love the whole world in its sin and strife through His only begotten Son.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His Son—"

When God commended the world He did not do it through a beautiful piece of poetry. He did not strike the harp nor the lyre and ring out into eternity a masterpiece of music, nor did He brush the canvas and paint a lovely picture. But, God, when He commended His love to the world did it through Him who is altogether lovely, the fairest of ten thousand, the bright and morning Star. Yes, God commended His love through the dynamic magnetic love of Jesus.

"Love sent my Savior to die in my stead, meekly to Calvary's Cross He was led, why should He love me so? Nails pierced His hands and His feet for my sin. He suffered sore my salvation to win, why should He love me so?"

Oh, how he agonized there in my place, nothing withholding my sin to efface; why should my Savior to Calvary go; why should He love me so?"

### The Name of Jesus Christ is a Conquering Name

In this name like unto which there is no other we find power to conquer. This One who before the Incarnation had commanded the mouths of lions to be closed and they were

as meek as kittens, this One who before Bethlehem's manger had sent fire from heaven and consumed the sacrifices, this One who before the shepherds on the Judean hills heard the angels sing, had given to a shepherd lead power to slay a giant, this One bears a conquering name.

There is in the name of Jesus power "to conquer temptations for He himself through the warty days, conquered the very devil's temptation, and thrice sent him away."

In his name the power to conquer all fear for on the mighty billows in the raging storm he brought peace to a group of fearful hearts with His "Peace, be still."

Jesus is a conquerer for He went into the grave and stole its victory, he tasted of death and pulled its sting.

### The Name of Jesus is a Comforting Name

Jesus knew the pain of heartache and he felt the heart throb of the sorrowing and as He walked the earth he went in tenderness to bring comfort to the bereaved. "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." And with eyes filled with tears He brooded over Jerusalem and wept with anguish of soul because they would not come to him, would not come and receive the comfort, joy and peace that He had to offer.

"Never a trial that He is not there, never a burden that He does not bear, never a sorrow that He doth not share moment by moment I'm under his care."

"Never a heartache and never a groan, never a teardrop and never a moan; never a danger but there on the throne, moment by moment He thinks of His own."

### The Name of Jesus is a Saving Name

"There is no other name given under heaven whereby we must be saved—"

Jesus is the Captain of our salvation for before the foundation of the earth Jesus stood as a Lamb slain. Even before the earth was smitten a spark from the mighty anvil of omnipotence and flung out into space God saw that man would need a savior from sin and Jesus was dedicated to pay the greatest price of all eternity that we might be saved from sin.

God declared on Sinai that the soul that sinneth should surely die. But, Jesus took that condemnation on Himself that we might be made free. "We have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. There is none good, no not one. Without a Savior we stand condemned to die for all eternity. But thanks be unto God he has given us a Savior."

"Majestic sweetness sits enthroned upon the Savior's brow; His radiant head with glories crowned, His lips with grace o'er flow. No mortal can with him compare among the sons of men; fairer is he than all the fair who fill the heavenly train. He saw me plunge in deep distress and flew to my relief; for me he bore the shameful cross and carried all by grief. To Him I owe my life my breath, and all the joys I have; He makes me triumph over death, and saves me from the grave."

### The Name of Jesus is a Keeping Name

I'm glad that I have a Savior to preach and offer to a lost world who saves to the uttermost. He keeps us in the palm of His hand. Paul said, "I know in whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." Again Paul says, "For if we are reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more than being reconciled by his death we shall be saved by His life."

One day Jesus came forth triumphant over sin, death, the grave and hell and established by His resurrection that He is the Son of God. And today He sits on the right hand of the throne of God interceding for you and me.

"Through the blood, through the blood of Calvary we're saved eternally."

"Saved by His power divine, saved to new life sublime, life now is sweet and my joy is complete for I'm SAVED, SAVED, SAVED."

For two thousand years soldiers of the cross have gone forth with the name of Jesus as their emblem and love as their battle cry to win lost souls from sin and untold numbers to salvation and life.

My prayer and hope to God this day is that we might be so permeated with the dynamic and magnetic love of our Savior that we will be coal in

## FIRST LADY TO SPEAK AT HARDIN-SIMMONS



"A Day at the White House" will be the subject of a talk by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt at Hardin-Simmons auditorium at 8 p. m. Friday, March 10.

Tickets are on sale at Frank Myers Drug Store, Abilene, priced at \$2.20, \$1.65 and \$1.10. There were 200 seats offered at the higher figure, while students will be admitted at \$1.10.

Mrs. Roosevelt will leave Washington March 5, stopping at Natchez, Mississippi, and in Fort Worth where she will visit with her son, Elliott, who may accompany her to Abilene.

A great deal of interest in this lecture has been manifested by people of surrounding towns.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR TRAINING UNIONS MARCH 6 TO 12

Adult and Senior Monday—Mark 9:1-29. Tuesday—Mark 9:30-50. Wednesday—Mark 10:1-27. Thursday—Mark 10:28-52. Friday—Mark 11:1-33. Saturday—Mark 12:1-44. Sunday—Sunday School Lesson. Acts 5:1-7.

Intermediate Monday—John 18:1-6. Tuesday—John 18:7-14. Wednesday—John 18:15-23. Thursday—John 18:24-32. Friday—John 18:33-40. Saturday—John 19:1-7. Sunday—Sunday School Lesson. Acts 12:5-17.

Junior Monday—Luke 22:14-22. Tuesday—Luke 22:31-34. Wednesday—Luke 22:39-46. Thursday—Luke 22:47-53. Friday—Luke 22:54-62. Saturday—Luke 22:63-71. Sunday—Sunday School Lesson. Exodus 40:17-38.

the great Gospel engine and burn out for Christ.

"I know of lands sunken in sin and shame Of hearts that faint and tire, But I know a Name, A Name, A Name That will set those lands on fire.

I know of Lives that are steeped in sin, That no man's art can cure, But I know A Name, A Name, A Name That can make those lives all pure.

I know of souls that are lost to God, Bound down by the things of earth, But I know A Name, A Name, A Name, That will give those souls new birth.

He it is who tenderly speaks To save the world from distress Christ Jesus is the Name He saves by the way of the cross."

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## REVIVAL PUBLICITY

By WILLIAM H. JOYNER State Evangelist

As a rule, revival meetings are not sufficiently publicized. People should crowd the church to hear the preaching and singing. The Devil knows how to advertise. He paints the town red in order to get his business before the people. His is a nefarious and down-dragging program. How much more God's people should do in order to put the biggest and best business known before this old sin-stricken, war-torn, needy world of ours.

### Publicity Suggestions

1. Create a soul winning atmosphere. This is done by evangelistic preaching, teaching, prayer, personal work. Atmospheric publicity cannot be surpassed. A spiritual atmosphere always attracts. Special prayer meetings in homes and the church help to pave the way for a revival crusade.

2. Take the census. Line up as many prospects as possible. Utilize the results of a properly taken census. GO AFTER PROSPECTS AT ANY COST. Button hole them. Hand pick them. See them face to face. Write them. Telephone them. Telegraph them.

3. Push the campaign. Visit from house to house with printed matter announcing the revival and magnifying the local church—the church conducting the revival. Freely and generously use sound tracts. Go to see members and non members. Turn their thoughts toward the church. Run items in newspapers. Get out hand bills. Use the radio. Put stickers on cars. Place a large sign at the church. Announce the revival in crowds by means of a megaphone or loud speaker. See that posters are in conspicuous places. Use every legitimate means of publicity to reach the public. Then expect results from God.

## SEMINARY NEWS

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, will speak this week at a statewide evangelistic conference in Clinton, Mississippi. On March 6-10 he will be present at the Homecoming of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, at which time he will deliver the Gay lectures. Dr. Roland Q. Leavell will be present also at this conference, which is emphasizing the evangelistic keynote of Southern Baptists this year.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary observed its semi-annual Mission Day, February 23, with an emphasis upon Home Missions. Dr. B. J. Caughen, professor of Missions in Southwestern Seminary, was in charge of the program. Dr. Alfred Schwab, president of Acadia Baptist Academy in Louisiana, presented the purpose and work of that academy which ministers its students and graduates among the 700,000 French in south Louisiana. This was the first time Acadia Academy has been represented outside of Louisiana.

Dr. J. W. Beagle, field secretary of the Home Mission Board, brought the inspirational address on "Seeking and Doing the Will of God in the Home Land." Dr. (Philippians 4:19) Beagle stirred the hearts of faculty and students alike with his contagious faith and joy as he faces the problems and observes the victories of the Master's work in the South.

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## Something to Think About

By A. W. BLAINE

Many churches have been seeking to get every member to enter into a covenant with God and each other to attend, unless providentially hindered, all the Sunday services of the church also to read the Bible daily and pray for the work of their church and for a great revival. This covenant covers a period of twelve weeks. The four reasons for entering this covenant, as given on the covenant cards, are all worthy. Such a covenant will bring new life and new power to every church whose members seriously, conscientiously and prayerfully enter it. It is true that when Christians forsake the assembling of themselves together they are sinning against their own souls, their church and against God who instituted the church and His holy Day. It is also true that a man cannot live as well without the church as he can in the church.

It would be well for all church members to examine themselves as to why they did or did not enter the covenant. We are persuaded to believe that the majority were honest even though some may have been wrong in their opinions. In either case it was and is a matter for very serious consideration, since it will have so much to do with the future of many churches and especially the lives or so many individual members. There is no doubt but what it will lead to the restoration of many who otherwise would be lost to the church and the service of the Lord. It will cause many church members to catch a new vision of services.

Let all Christians prayerfully consider this and they will find themselves ready to go in the Spirit into the Lord's house on the Lord's Day and then come forth ready to go afield in the interest of lost souls and kingdom building.

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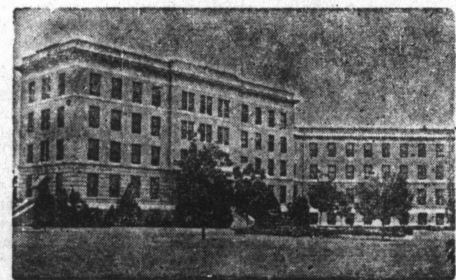
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E. M. Collier, Superintendent

### WHAT ALCOHOL IS AND WHAT IT DOES

#### Eleven Basic Facts

1. Alcohol is an irritant, depressant, narcotic drug.
2. It deprives the tissues of oxygen, hinders the functioning of every organ and endangers the health by decreasing the efficiency of the body's defense mechanism.
3. Alcohol suppresses the higher controls which are the products of moral and social teachings, thus causing disharmony with the modern environment.
4. By its effect upon the central nervous system, alcohol slows the reaction time, causing the deaths of thousands of men, women and children on our highways.
5. It decreases physical efficiency, impairs the value of mental effort and disturbs the psychology of the individual.
6. Alcohol is a habit-forming drug. A constantly increasing quantity is required to produce a given effect.
7. Because of this habit-forming characteristic, three persons of every ten who drink become alcohol addicts; that is, they can discontinue the practice only at the expense of grave discomfort and disturbance.
8. Of those who do not become addicts, the majority suffer degenerative changes in the organs and in the vascular and nervous systems.
9. The traffic in alcohol is productive of waste, crime and social deficiency. The social burden is comparable only to that of war and disease.
10. The alcohol custom and traffic are rooted deeply in physiological, psychological, economic, social and political motives. The problem is allied to nearly every other problem, being at once cause and effect.
11. The social good can be served only by policies which look toward a diminishing consumption of alcoholic liquors. Any policy with this purpose and result is acceptable; any other policy is morally wrong and socially disastrous.

(Quoted from THE VOICE, published by The Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, Methodist Episcopal Church, Washington, D. C. November 1938 issue.)

### MISSIONARY MESSAGES

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The men were out helping another group organize. That is as it should be.

This week I am having a good time working with the Church at Stamford and Pastor O'Brien. My, he has good helpers in Brother Harden and his efficient wife. They nearly work a fellow to death. Miss Verna Lee Carson is helping us, too. This is her home. She is killing two fowls with one rock. Pray for us.

The Haskell association workers meeting at Knx City was another of the finest. Bro. Freeland started the day off with one of the best devotionals I ever heard. The program was on some of the great Bible doctrines and how they could be used in soul-winning. Tidwell, Doyle, English and O'Brien really did the job.

YOU WILL NOT FORGET THE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLINIC IN FIRST CHURCH, ABILENE, NEXT FRIDAY, MARCH 10.

### DISTRICT LEADERS FEATURE WORKERS MEET

District Eleven leaders were program speakers at the Throckmorton-Young workers' meeting March 2 at Olney. A similar program was given February 14 at Thalia in the Wilbarger-Foard association.

Rev. Hope Owen of Quanah, district evangelistic leader, preached the sermon of the way while Missionary John M. Riddle and Rev. I. W. Lawrence of Newcastle discussed the church attendance covenant.

Other district officers speaking included J. Boyd East, Training Union director; Mrs. T. J. Furniss, W. M. U. president; and Volus Norsworthy, Sunday School superintendent.

### COLEMAN BROTHERHOODS HAVE MEETING AT TALPA

Pastor Dee Carpenter and the Baptist Brotherhood of Talpa were hosts Tuesday evening, February 28 to the association wide meeting of the Brotherhood.

Speakers included Dr. A. D. Foreman, pastor at San Angelo, Rev. Floyd Claffi, of Coleman and Pastor R. E. Dunham of Santa Anna.

Dr. William H. Joyner, state evangelist, is now in a revival with Pastor A. C. Turner and the Calvary Church, Tyler. Education director, L. C. Gayle is directing the music.

### SENTENCE SERMONS

O. D. Henley

The world will be convinced by logical living rather than logical thinking.

Satan never admits defeat. Real sermons stop and start something.

Pastors are not on God's board of pardons.

Does the empty pew belong to you? Present defeat often obscures ultimate victory.

Satan is no simpleton. Don't borrow mistakes. Hell will not be a new experience for sinners.

Job gained more than he lost. Better be famous than infamous. Souls are superior to soils. Death can be no surprise.

Life's most common quality is inequality.

Sin is never a necessity. Death is delivery or doom. Souls expand or contract. Fusses never fix anything.

If God's will isn't plain, it is probably because ours is too plain.

### THREE DEACONS ORDAINED IN BLACKWELL CHURCH

The Blackwell Baptist Church met Sunday afternoon, February 26 and ordained the following men as Deacons: S. P. Smith, L. H. Montgomery and Kay Corley. The council was composed of Pastors and Deacons from Nolan, Shep, Lamar Street, Sweetwater, and Bronte.

Rev. Dean Elkins conducted the questioning, Rev. T. J. Suarman gave the charge and the sermon was preached by Rev. Clyde Jackson. L. E. Youngblood led the ordination prayer. It was a very Spiritual and impressive service. We are indeed thankful for these new Deacons and feel that they will be of great service to the Master in building His kingdom in this community.

J. H. DEAN, Pastor.

### INCREASING INTEREST IN DISTRICT MISSIONS

The associations of District Seventeen are taking renewed interest in the cause of District Missions.

From one cause and another, partly due to changes in pastorates and in associational and district treasurers, all associations except Sweetwater and Fisher have fallen more or less behind during the winter.

But during February there was quite a forward movement. Callahan, which has a pledge of \$20 per month, sent in \$35.00. Jones association, which had fallen a little behind on a \$35.00 pledge, sent in \$43.00. Stone-wall made the first contribution in some time.

A little more effort will close the fiscal year of the district in fine shape. R. E. Dudley, Treasurer; District 17.

### SHALL I SIGN--

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supposition is wrong. Under Ezra's preaching they all signed the pledge. Those who signed are carefully listed (10:1-29). The first signer was Nehemiah, the governor. He was followed in order by (1) "the Levites" (preachers), (2) "the chief of the people (heads of families or clans), (3) "the porters" (deacons), (4) "the singers" (choir), (5) "the Methinims" (sextons or janitors), and (6) "their wives, their sons, and their daughters, everyone having knowledge, and having understanding (old enough to know what was being done). These "entered into a curse and into an oath" to keep the above covenant.

In the second place, let me say that this proposal is NOT UNREASONABLE. If one sleeps eight hours per day, the week has one hundred and twelve waking hours. The church in all its regular services asks for your presence less than six hours per week. Church organizations may take another hour of your time each week. In all the church asks for less than six per cent of your time at its services. That is not an unreasonable demand.

In the third place, the possibilities of this church attendance movement should challenge every one who loves the Lord and His church. Like a revival meeting that wins one soul to Christ, or a tithers campaign that enlists one new tither is not a failure, so this effort, though it may fall short of one hundred per cent, will be a success if it brings one of Christ's wandering sheep back into fellowship and service.

Shall I sign a church attendance pledge? Of course, I'll sign and I'll try to get others to sign also. "I was GLAD when they said unto me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord'."

Dr. A. C. Donath, returned missionary to Africa, was guest speaker at First Church, San Antonio on February 24.

### MEMPHIS CITIZEN CALLS WESTEX TOWN UNHEALTHY

The following story was clipped from the editorial page of the Memphis, Tennessee, New-Scimitar. If the condition described has not been corrected it should be cleaned up promptly.—Ed.

#### "Unhealthiest spot"

A Memphian who has just returned from a motor trip to Texas tells me that a West Texas town is without a doubt the "unhealthiest spot" in the United States. It has been a long time since he has seen so many "sick folks" crowding into a doctor's office.

His wife and baby were with him, and he parked his car in front of a drug store while his wife went to another nearby shop to make a small purchase. He remained in the car with the baby, holding the little fellow in his lap. The youngster grabbed hold of the steering wheel and, in fumbling with it, blew the horn.

Out came a pretty girl from the drug store's soda fountain. And the motorist decided that, since she was there, he would order a bottle of beer.

"I'm sorry, sir," she said. "We don't serve beer. This is a dry town."

"Oh, I didn't know that," said the motorist. "Well, I'll—"

"But you can get whiskey," the pretty girl interrupted. "A prescription costs only a nickel."

"Yes, but where can I get a prescription?"

"Just go in the store—right on to the back. You'll see the doctor back there."

#### "Prescription" Five Cents

So, with the baby in his arms, the motorist got out and went in to consult the doctor. He would have a terrible case of lumbago—from driving so much—or maybe his stomach would be a little out of whack.

But, to his astonishment, he found that it wasn't necessary for him to complain of any ailment. He just had to get in line before the doctor's desk; and when his turn came, the doctor—"a white-haired, dignified old gentleman of the Southern colonial type"—just looked up at him and said, "How much?"

"Half a pint," replied the motorist. The doctor took his name and address, and then wrote out the prescription.

"When I told him I was from Memphis, he said, 'Well, well, that is my native city.' The prescription was on a regular prescription blank, and the doctor's name was printed at the top with an 'M. D.' after it. As he handed it to me, I asked whether I paid him or the clerk who gave me the whiskey. 'You pay me the nickel, suh,' he said. I handed him a dollar, and he made change out of a tin box filled with change.

"The young girl soda clerk had stayed with me, and I gave her the prescription and she took me into a little room with shelves filled with whiskey bottles and told me to take my pick. While I looked, she folded the prescription and filed it away. That's all there was to it. And they were really doing the business. A steady stream of patients was flowing in and out."

### PROGRAM

Fisher County Baptist Associational Sunday School Meeting at Roby, 2:30 Sunday Afternoon, March 5. Devotional—Sardis. Special Music—Longworth. Departmental conferences. Important business. Discussion of coming enlargement campaign. Address on Evangelism by Rev. J. Henry Littleton of Hamlin.

Luther Holcomb and B. B. McKinney of the Sunday School Board will hold a youth revival in First Church, Ada, Oklahoma, March 5 to 12.

### RAMBLING REMARKS

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not along the same lines. Joe dreamed that the world was actually coming to an end, and I dreamed that I was sleeping with a stranger who was subject to epileptic fits, and that if he were not held on the bed might do great harm to both himself and others. Honestly believing it to be my duty to hold him firmly on the bed, and feeling that an early start would help, I got astride of Joe's middle section and took a firm hold on each of his wrists and pinned him to the mattress with all my power. Of course this broke into Joe's dream and as he emerged from dream-land to reality he thought sure enough the world was coming to an end, and who he thought I was is no compliment to me, nor was it pleasant to him. In his effort to free himself from what he believed to be the proprietor of the lower regions, he acted very much like an unfortunate person in a fit of epilepsy, confirming my earlier impressions and doubling my determination. So the fight was on. Joe was soon fully awake and aware of his adversary, though not of my ultimate intentions. Never having met me before he could not recall my name so did not know what to call me, or how to make me understand that I was making a serious mistake. So we wrestled in silence, except for groans and grunts that should have awakened my brother's family and brought welcome relief to us both, but it didn't. The harder he tried to shake me off, the more I felt that I must hold him still. After some time he began to weaken, and relaxed preparing for a final effort to release himself from what he came to believe was the grasp of a mad-man. This relaxation led me to believe that the spell was giving way, so I quietly slipped over to my side of the bed, but still held onto his wrists so as to be ready to renew the struggle if he became violent again. I noticed that he was holding my wrists also, and found out later that was a precaution on his part in case I became violent again. So we finally both went back to sleep, holding onto each other in self defense. I have never eaten sausages for supper, nor has Joe. Nation agreed to sleep with me since. Boy, when I dream I don't fool about it. But I had rather dream like I do than to snore like some people do. . . I heard about a fellow the other day who was so modern that he dreamed in technicolor. Please do not think I am making a jest at the expense of our unfortunate friends who are afflicted with epilepsy or similar afflictions. I have an older brother who traveled this road for ten years, and all such have my sincere sympathy.

### GIRARD

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Psalms, 122:1. Sunday School, 10:15 a. m. Preaching hour, 11:00 a. m. B. T. U., 7:00 p. m. Evening Preaching, 8:00 p. m. WADE CAMPBELL, Pastor.

## CHURCH BULLETIN SECTION

### FREE BULLETIN SPACE OFFERED CHURCHES

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Copy may be changed weekly if desired. It must reach our office Tuesday morning to be sure of getting published that week.

Several churches which send the West Texas Baptist to every family have not accepted this opportunity. Some of them have a bulletin which, of course, gives them a much better service.

Rev. Harold Russ, Bradshaw pastor, appealed in his bulletin space for a record Sunday School attendance last Sunday. It will be seen by reading the Bradshaw bulletin below that the people responded loyally.

### GILLESPIE

S. S. and Preaching, 10 and 11 a. m. B. T. U. and Preaching, 6:30 and 7:30.

Evangelism at Home, the theme for this spring, will be the morning subject. Let us pray that God will use us to win the lost to Christ.

Brother B. N. Shepherd will be with us on the week end of March 11 and 12. Pray God to refresh and make us better witnesses for Him. EDWARD FREELAND, Pastor.

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### ELMDALE

- 1939 Goals For Sunday School
1. Increase enrollment to 175.
  2. Organize and standardize classes above Junior Department.
  3. Enroll all resident church members in Sunday School.
  4. Enlist unchurched Baptists in community.
  5. Average attendance of 100.
  6. Start a church library.
- Finis A. Williams, pastor, Wendell Foreman, superintendent.

### BRADSHAW

We reached our goal for Sunday. There were over 75 in Sunday School. Our superintendent is anxious to have the same result next Sunday. Let each of us surprise him and be there on time at ten. Remember B. T. U., 7 p. m. HAROLD RUSS, Pastor.

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