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RAMBLING

EMARKS



By DICK O'BRIEN

A few days ago I had a letter from my first school teacher, and today I had a letter from my second teacher. These letters contained some things which have set my mind to whirling again, bringing into focus on the cas-vas of memory some of the ex-periences of those good old days. These memories and this unseasonably warm afternoon have brought to mind the pleasant sensation of the first "barefoot" days of late winter and early spring. The memory is so vivid that I have pulled off my shoes and am sitting here wiggling my toes, which have been temporarily paroled from their "prison cells of pride."

What a price we paid for the joys of going barefoot during those first few days of the "toughening" process. How we limped over the rocky ground, and how the grass burrs and sand burrs exacted their toll! But by the first of April we could almost strike fire out of the rocks with our bare heels and never notice it. Of course we would suffer the loss of a few toe-nails and experienced a few "stone bruises," but that was to be expected. . . . Talk about luxury, did you ever "run out middles" behind a Georgia stock, equipped with a 16 inch buzzard-wing sweep, walking barefoot in the cool, fresh dirt turned up by the sweep which pulled up by a sharp bull tongue? Boy, O! boy, I pity these modern farmers who ride bumpy tractors, and inhale kero-sene fumes all day, and never walk in or smell "fresh dirt," or a friendly, sweaty horse. They hear nothing but the monotonous chug of a combustion engine which responds to the pull of a steering wheel; and miss the squeaking of harness leather and the rattle of trace chains and the friendly old horse or mule who could be guided by "gee" and "haw." They ruined farming for me when they discarded the chain drive, horse drawn, walking lantern with David Bradley's name in bright letters on the box; and when they quit running out middles with a Georgia stock, and "running around" cotton and cron with a "double shovel." When farming ceased to be a pleasure and became a pro-fession, I entered the ministry. . . . The two or three young readers of this column may wonder how I could start off on school and end up farm-ing. Well, in those days we mixed the two considerably, about four parts farming and one part school. We had no compulsory school attendance laws in those days, so on real cold days mother would think it was too bad for us to walk the mile and sit in the cold school room all day, and on warm, fair days dad thought it was just right to do some farm work and would keep us at home. How-

EVENTS TO COME

- February 23-24—District 8 conven-tion, Lamesa.
- February 24-25—District 7 Con-vention, Marfa.
- March 2-6—Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong offering.
- March 5—District 17 Convention, Rotan.
- March 17-18—District 16 Con-vention, Coleman.
- March 31-Apr. 1—District 9 Con-vention, Coleman.
- April 2-3—District 10 Convention, Amarillo.
- April 3—District 11 Convention, Vernon.
- April 7-9—State Sunday School Convention, Houston.
- April 14-15—District 17 W. M. U. Convention, Stamford.
- May 16-20—Southern Baptist Con-vention, San Antonio.
- June 10-18—B. S. U. week, Ridge-crest.
- June 22-28—General Encampment, Lueders.

TRAINING U. PROMOTES TEN WEEKS ENLARGEMENT

Rev. Roy S. Hollomon, pastor of Emmanuel Church, El Paso, writes, "Our church recently started the 'Mobilizing for the Master' campaign in the Training Union. This cam-paign will continue for ten weeks and during that time an effort will be made to increase the attendance of the Training Union 5 per cent each Sunday. The members of our church seem to be taking this campaign seriously and I think it will be a great blessing to our church."

The Baptist Training Union De-partment of Texas has suggested that the ten weeks campaign begin Sunday, March 1, and close Sunday, May 10. This suggestion has been made because Sunday, May 10, is High Attendance Day for the Train-ing Union in Texas. It is also Mother's Day. Again, it is the Sunday preceding the opening of the South-ern Baptist Convention in San An-tonio.

There are 211,611 members of the Training Union in Texas. It would be glorious if we could inspire all of these members to attend the Train-ing Union on Sunday, May 10. In addition to inspiring 100 per cent of the membership to be present, it likewise, would be fine if we could in-spire the entire official family of each church, as well as all mothers and fathers to attend the Training Union that day.

It is one thing to adopt a High Attendance Goal for the Training Union and another to adopt a gradu-ated goal for a period of ten weeks. Churches that adopt the "Mobilizing for the Master" plan will find that it is a plan that in inspiring in its permanency. The churches that in-crease the Training Union attendance 5 per cent each Sunday for 10 weeks, will gain greatly.

Pastors and Training Union direc-tors and workers, desiring to secure the details of the campaign, should write T. C. Gardner, 309 Baptist building, Dallas.

STONEWALL WOMEN MEET AT PEACOCK CHURCH

By Mrs. G. C. Tarrance
The Woman's Missionary Union of Stonewall Association met with Pea-cock Church, February 5, with an at-tendance of 28. The president of each of the four local societies was pres-ent with a good report. The mem-bership is 48, with an average local attendance of 32.

Pastor W. T. North of the host church was present, as were Pastors S. R. Respass of Swenson, and Byron Bryant of Aspermont. Pastor Bryant brought the morning message, which was uplifting and encouraging. It made us resolve in our hearts to do more work for our Master.

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord," is the way one feels when lis-tening to Mrs. J. E. Marshall of Jay-ton lead a devotional service. Melva Joyce North, a junior G. A. girl of Peacock, gave a vocal solo. The standing committees all brought good reports.

One of our aims this year is to organize an associational Young Peo-ple's convention. To this purpose, the Jayton Church is giving a ban-quet for the young people, with their leaders and counsellors, Monday eve-ning, February 16. Mrs. O. B. Wood-rum, district young people's leader, is to be the main speaker.

CUMMINGS RETURNS FROM SOUTH TEXAS CAMPAIGN

Judge E. S. Cummings, state Bro-therhood president, has returned from a week of speaking engagements in South Texas, he having been one of the speakers at the District 6 con-vention and visited several of the as-sociations in company with District Missionary Willis J. Ray.

State Brotherhood Secretary R. A. Springer and southwide leaders, Law-son H. Cooke and Hugh F. Latimer, were also in the district.

Among Judge Cummings' appear-ances were at South First Street Church, San Antonio, Luling, Gon-zales, Uvalde, Hunt and Kerrville. He is to speak at First Church, Cisco, Sunday, February 22.

The surest way to live with honor in the world is to be in reality what we would appear to be.—Socrates.

PUBLICITY DISTRIBUTED FOR S. S. CONVENTION

Attractive display posters and fold-ers are being distributed, calling at-tention to the State Sunday School Convention, which is to meet at Houston April 7, 8 and 9. Under present plans, this will be the last Sunday School meeting for the state until 1944.

Troy Campbell, education director of First Church, San Antonio, is con-vention president and Dr. G. S. Hop-kins, Dallas, is corresponding secre-tary-treasurer. Recording secretar-ies are Mrs. Julia Mae Slaughter of Dallas and Mrs. Manor Sewell of Fort Worth.

Dr. E. H. Westmoreland, pastor of South Main Church, is chairman of the hotel committee. Dr. E. D. Head, pastor of First Church, is general chairman with Walter Jackson, his education director, assistant. First Church will be general headquarters for the convention, taking care of registration, home assignment and information.

Inspirational speakers from other states will include Dr. C. E. Maddy of the Foreign Mission Board, Rich-mond; Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, pastor of the Third Baptist Church, St. Louis; Dr. W. F. Powell, pastor of First Church, Nashville; Dr. T. L. Holcomb and a number of staff work-ers from the Sunday School Board, Nashville. Dr. W. W. Melton will head a group of prominent speakers from within the state.

Among special features of the con-vention will be the recognition of all Standard Sunday Schools in the state and a training banquet, at which only those holding a blue seal or higher award will be eligible for at-tendance.

DR. HILL IS SPEAKER FOR WACO BIBLE CONFERENCE

Dr. John L. Hill, book editor of the Sunday School Board, is the inspira-tional speaker for a Bible conference which is being held at Waco, Febru-ary 16 to 19. Dr. L. L. Carpenter of the Baylor Bible faculty is giving Bible lectures. Other speakers in-clude Dr. Wallace Bassett, Dallas; Douglas Hudgins, Fort Worth; H. D. Bruce, Midland; E. T. Miller, Corsi-cana; Porter M. Bailes, Tyler; J. M. Dawson and A. J. Holt, Waco; J. D. Thorn, Belton; Vernon G. Miles, Hillsboro; and Mr. A. J. Foreman, Sr., of Houston. Dr. W. W. Melton is conducting a series of conference for pastors.

On Sunday morning it is often a debate between ought and auto-Credit Lost.

Two Dangers Threaten Us

By Charles E. Maddy

Times of war and of world up-heaval are abnormal times. These are days when we need to be on our guard against the subtle drifts and tendencies which seek to undermine the high and holy ideals for which our fathers stood and to which we have dedicated our lives.

The very psychology of wars, with their accompanying fear and hysteria, renders it exceedingly difficult for people to maintain their poise and to keep a sane and just perspective.

Confronting the life and work of Southern Baptists just now there are two acute and far-reaching dangers to which we wish to call attention.

Fear Thou Not
The first is the danger of taking counsel with our fears and, in the face of adverse and untoward cir-cumstances, drawing back from our Christ-appointed task. This applies especially to mission work in the lands overrun by cruel and devastat-ing war. Because some of our prop-erty has been destroyed and many of our missionaries have been com-pelled to flee for their lives, some of our brethren are ready to curtail the work until the war is over. Such an attitude results from looking at cir-cumstances instead of turning eyes of faith to a risen and living Lord.

We should remind ourselves that Jesus was born and grew to man-hood, and accomplished his life's work in a land which was then under the heel of the most cruel and desperate totalitarian dictators the world has ever seen. Jesus was crucified on a shameful cross by the mob violence of the Jews and the connivance and authority of the Roman invaders. The risen Lord gave His great Com-

District Eight Convention Meets at Lamesa Feb. 23-24



REV. R. ELMER DUNHAM
East Fourth Street, Big Spring



REV. W. C. HARRISON
Missionary, District Eight

PAT NEFF AND JOSH LEE BAPTIST RADIO SPEAKERS

President Pat M. Neff of Baylor University and Senator Josh Lee of Oklahoma are to speak on the Bap-tist Radio Hour at 7:30 Sunday, Feb-ruary 23, and Sunday, March 1, re-spectively. Dr. Neff was to speak at an earlier date, but had not suf-ficiently recovered from injuries re-ceived in a traffic accident during the Christmas holidays. His subject will be Christian education and that of Senator Lee will be Christian citi-zenship. They may be heard over a Southwide network, including stations WFAA and KOMA.

mission to a little handful of Gal-ilean peasants and went back to God's right hand "from henceforth expect-ing, till his enemies be made the foot-stool of his feet."

Suppose the Savior had taken coun-sel of his fears or had drawn back because of untoward circumstances? Suppose that because of adverse con-ditions and dangers Paul had turned back at Troas? Suppose that the long list of Christian heroes and mar-tyrs had taken counsel with fears and had given up?

Shall Southern Baptists be less courageous? We must not hesitate nor falter. Today in Latin America and in Africa, opportunity's doors are swinging wide. Whenever and wherever possible, we must enter and re-inforce our overworked missionar-ies.

Love Your Enemies

The second danger confronting us is that of yielding to the temptation of Satan and admitting to our hearts ill-will and hatred toward the people whose ungodly rulers are waging war against us. While compelled to de-fend our country against the on-slaughts of dictators and arrogant war lords, we must be Christian in our attitude, and not allow ourselves to be drawn into hatred toward the innocent and helpless people of enemy lands.

Japan is an outstanding example. Fifty years ago, Southern Baptists began missionary work in that coun-try. Gratifying success has attend-ed our efforts there. Throughout the years several thousand have been won to Christ and organized into self-supporting churches. They have a

First Church, Lamesa, Rev. E. F. Cole, pastor, will be host to the Dis-trict 9 Convention Monday and Tues-day, February 23 and 24. It will be the first regional meeting in the beautiful Lamesa building which was completed last fall.

Rev. R. Elmer Dunham, pastor at East Fourth Street Church, Big Spring, and former district mission-ary, is the convention president. Rev. W. C. Harrison, Odessa, is present district missionary.

Visiting speakers include Dr. T. C. Gardner and Dr. G. S. Hopkins of Dallas, Drs. B. A. Copass of Fort Worth and Evangelist Jesse Yelving-ton, who will deliver the closing ad-dress.

The plan of the convention is for the sessions to open with Sunday School conferences and address on Monday morning. In the afternoon there will be separate sessions for the Brotherhood and the W. M. U. A young people's pageant and a mis-sionary sermon by Pastor A. E. Tra-vis of Colorado City First Church will be featured in the evening. Tues-day morning will be the Training Union session and the convention will close with a business meeting Tuesday afternoon. Pastor Vernon Shaw of Snyder will preach the con-vention sermon before noon Tuesday and Pastor E. J. Cobb of Andrews is to preach Tuesday morning.

In the Brotherhood session Mon-day afternoon, Owen Taylor, Lamesa, and Lyman Wren, Snyder, will con-duct a praise and testimony service. President C. G. Murray, Midland, will deliver the annual address. Rev. Dunham will discuss the plans and purposes of the Brotherhood. Dr. H. D. Bruce, Midland, will explain the pastor's retirement plan. Hon. Stan-sel Clement will close the meeting with an address on Christian Citizen-ship. The district board is to meet following this session.

Mrs. Copass will speak twice for the W. M. U. sessions. Mrs. J. M. White, district president will be in charge. Reports will be heard from the chairmen of the standing commit-tees and from the presidents of the associational bodies, who are, Mrs. J. W. Middleton, Ackerly, for Lamesa Association; Mrs. H. D. Bruce, Midland, for Big Spring Association; and Mrs. D. S. McGee, Roscoe, for Mit-chell-Scurry Association. Mrs. G. A. Elrod, Roscoe, young people's se-cretary for the district, will preside for the Tuesday evening program.

In addition to Dr. Gardner, Train-ing Union conference leaders will be Mrs. Dunham, Mrs. Elrod, Mrs. A. A. Watson, Lamesa, Miss Laura Gools-by, Odessa, and Claude O. Crane, Midland. Irby Cox, education director at First Church, Big Spring, will pre-side for this session of Tuesday morning and Rev. Roy Clayton, Ackerly, will be in charge of the music. Missionary W. C. Harrison will speak on district missions, pre-ceded by Dr. Gardner and followed by Pastor Cobb.

Sunday School conferences will be conducted at the opening session by Mrs. J. C. Hamilton, Odessa; Mmes. E. R. Yates and S. E. Nall, Lamesa; Mrs. R. V. Hyatt, Midland, Mmes. Dick O'Brien and M. E. Harlan, Big Spring; and Dr. Hopkins, who is also to address the convention on Sunday School work.

Visitors staying over night will be provided with bed and breakfast in homes of the host church. No meals are to be served at the church.

LAWSON COOKE WILL TOUR DISTRICT SEVENTEEN

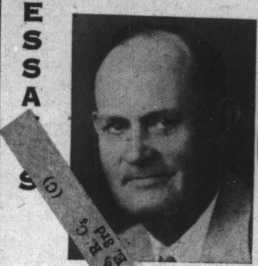
As part of the state-wide program of having Brotherhood rallies in every association in Texas, Secretary Law-son H. Cooke of the Baptist Brother-hood of the South will be in each of the associations of District 17 the week of March 8.

His itinerary will begin at First Church, Cisco, on Sunday afternoon. He will be at Baird Monday, at Abi-lene Tuesday evening, and reach the other associations later in the week. The complete program and sched-ule of appointments will be carried next week.

Any nit-wit can point out the weak-ness of a program, but it takes a genius to take a group of weak and imperfect people and put over a great program.—J. M. Sibley.

MISSIONARY

ESSA



By J. H. NETTLETON
517 Hickory, Abilene

From the reports on another page you will readily see that we have 49 churches out of the 168 which did not give anything to missions the first three months of this conven-tion year. I know of several who had not given that have made an of-fering this month. Each pastor will get the West Texas Baptist this week. Check to see whether or not your church has made a contribution to missions. I do not feel like God will bless a church locally that does not have a vision of a lost world. I know that several of these churches are pastorless and have been for some time. I also know that it is very difficult to keep the work up in some of these places. If we ever lived in an hour that we should be deter-mined to give our best, surely this is that hour. Won't you, at your next service, give your people an oppor-tunity to support missions.

You will also notice from Dr. Mel-ton's report that we were in the ninth place as to number of churches giv-ing to missions. I do feel like we ought to rank a little higher in this, in this part of Texas. I will never be satisfied until every church is giv-ing something every month to the Cooperative Program.

I was with the New Hope Church in Stephens County from Wednesday night through Sunday morning, at the 11 o'clock hour. This church called W. R. Ivey of Cisco, to be their pas-tor. He is a good man and we are

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This Changing World

"... that those things which can-not be shaken may remain."—Heb. 12:27.

By LOUIE D. NEWTON

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands — one nation, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

None of us mind for a minute hav-ing to do without something that is essential to the national defense pro-gram. But why should the distillers be allowed to go on using sugar in enormous amounts when they say in their reports that they have two and a half billion gallons of hard liquor in storage? Why not redistribute some of this stuff that otherwise will be used to destroy the efficiency of the nation?

Bread is selling for fifteen dollars a loaf in Greece, which is just an-other way of saying that many peo-ple in that historic land are perish-

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

I being in the way, the Lord led me.

—Genesis 24:27.

ing to death. And, according to daily reports, starvation faces millions of people in other Nazi-subdued lands. America has not only the tremendous task of winning this war, but of feed-ing and rebuilding a war-torn world.

When the Red Cross first asked for donations of blood for its "blood bank," it was stated that Negro blood would not be accepted. The Negroes of the country resented this apparent discrimination against their race, and now the Red Cross an-nounces that it will accept Negro blood to be used only for Negroes.

The War Department has requested the Y. M. C. A. to turn over all its

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PUBLIC OPINION

The Belden poll reports that public sentiment in Texas is strong for the removal of liquor from the vicinity of army camps. It also shows that nearly a majority of those approached in their sample test favor state prohibition now. A vigorous campaign, might sway enough of the undecided to make a majority. What do you think?

STARS IN THE NIGHT

In the Book of Beginnings it is written, "And he made the stars, also." In the vast sweep of the creation story, this little sentence is somewhat overlooked, but how much poorer the world would have been without the stars.

Down through the ages, men of every race and country have thrilled to the beauty of the stars and have endeavored to fathom their mysteries. From Adam until now the same stars have guided the wayfarer in his course and have told the hours till the dawn. But we can use and enjoy the stars only in the night.

In the cycles of the affairs of mankind, night has fallen again. In our bewilderment and gloom have some of us lost all sense of direction and time? Then look up to the stars. Do clouds of hate and smoke screens of falsehood black out our sky? Still, as in an airplane, we can rise on the wings of faith above the gloom and murk to get bearings which are not seen by our befogged friends.

As are the stars for multitude, so are the mercies and kindnesses of God toward his erring children. The same stars, which in their courses, fought against the conquering Sisera, still adorn our nightly skies, reflecting the beauty and majesty of the same God. The Son of this God, in whom we trust, is called the Day-star, the bright and morning star. At His return truth will prevail and wrongs be righted.

Look up to the stars, the dawn might not be far.

TOO LITTLE AND TOO LATE

There appears to be some adherence to an idea that missions to the heathen must be a failure because, after fifty years of sending missionaries to Japan, we are confronted by a mighty educated nation of pagans who are apparently quite as savage as any wild, untutored tribe.

The heathen savagry of the Japanese is not chargeable to the failure of missions, but to the fact that our mission attempts in that land have been like so much of the defensive activity of this war—too little and too late. It is possibly true that no force of missionaries which we could have sent to Japan in the last twenty-five years would have been able to convert enough of that teeming population to change the policies of the government. Certainly, one could not expect the small force which we have sent to win more than a small, unimportant group.

But there was a time when it might have been otherwise. Remember that Commodore Perry forced Japan to open ports to foreign commerce in 1853. Within a few years there was a literal stampede of the Japanese leadership to adopt Western methods and education. During these two plastic decades, the people of America were engaged in the ugly business of butchering each other and in the slow recovery from that unfortunate struggle.

An all-out missionary movement to win the Island Empire to Christ in those formative years would have cost less than the disaster at Pearl Harbor, only a fraction of the waste of the campaign in Malaya and the Indies, and this war has not well begun. But by the time we commenced our tentative efforts to evangelize the little men from Nippon, they had set their course in the pattern of the victorious Bismarck with his creed of "blood and iron," while their educational system took its mechanics from the godless French and its philosophy from the neo-pagan Germans.

Another reason for the difficulty in converting the Japanese was their experience in the 16th century with the travesty on the teachings of Christ which was presented them by the political-minded Jesuits, whose program was to win over chieftains who would order the people to submit to the priests at the point of a sword. This policy finally resulted in the expulsion of the priests, the rooting out of Catholicism, and a traditional hatred of the name of Christianity.

The trouble with the Japanese is not that Christian missions have failed in Japan, but rather that we have allowed a proud and imitative people to become educated and industrialized without a knowledge of Christ. It is too late now to seize the opportunities which our forebears missed, but it is not too late to prevent similar errors of our own from rising to plague our grandchildren.

China, for example, is at the crossroads. Never, in history, has there been so ready an opportunity for evangelizing so numerous a people. They are ably led by devout Christians. All classes have been compelled to admire the self-forgetting spirit of the missionaries who have befriended them in their hour of need. The whole population has been thoroughly broken up, plowed and harrowed. It is a fertile bed for the planting of seed.

The atheistic Russians, we must remember, have been busy at sowing their weed seed in the land. There is a new spirit of nationalism in China now, such as appeared in the awakened Japan of the last century. If we would not have the myriad Chinese to be the war lords of Earth tomorrow, we must help in accepting the present opening to make Christian the China of today.

We have our choice of losing the most populous of all nations to the blood-lust for power, or of taking a great people for Christ. Let not our children say that we, too, sent too little and too late.

News Notes

Rev. W. M. Draper has resigned at Penwell to accept the call of Quitaque Church.

Rev. J. William Arnett of Caddo has resigned to accept the pastorate at Smith Chapel, near Odessa.

Rev. W. H. Bell has accepted the call of Tye Church. He is also pastor at Admiral, Callahan Association.

Rev. W. C. Williamson has been called as pastor at Wilson and has accepted.

Rev. Robert S. Bassell, who has been secretary of the Sunday School, Training Union and Baptist Student work in Oklahoma, has resigned to accept a commission as chaplain in the army. He will be stationed at Camp Robinson, Arkansas.

Dr. J. B. Tidwell, veteran Bible teacher at Baylor University, is conducting the annual revival at Oklahoma Baptist University.

Prof. Hiram R. Arrant of H-SU, president of the District 17 Brotherhood, was guest speaker for the men of First Church, Ballinger, last week.

First Church, Wheeler, where Rev. Murray Fuquay is pastor, has recently expended \$1,200 in new pews and other improvements.

First Church, Vernon, is to have an award banquet on February 20. It follows a Sunday School Training Course, while his being held there.

Evangelist T. C. Crume recently closed a meeting in Lockland Church, Cincinnati, in which there were 110 additions. He is now in Bedford, Virginia, and will go from there to Florida.

The men of Buffalo Gap Church have organized a Brotherhood with M. S. Shelton, president, and Claude Biggers, secretary. Judge E. S. Cummings will be guest speaker at a barbequed duck supper on Friday night, February 20, in the high school lunch room. Rev. Scott W. Hickey is pastor of this progressive church.

Pastor E. Douglas Carver of University Church, Abilene, was speaker for the Sweetheart banquet for the young people's department of First Church, Brownwood, February 12. There were 173 present. He spoke the following morning at the chapel service at Howard Payne College.

Captain W. E. King, assistant divisional chaplain of the 45th Division, supplied February 8 at First Church, Sweetwater, Pastor J. M. Sibley being ill with flu.

Rev. Philip C. McGahey of Albuquerque is in a revival with Pastor A. A. Brian at Loveland.

Missionary John M. Riddell supplied February 8 for Pastor Jack Manning at Burk Burnett.

Dr. Louie D. Newton, pastor at Druid Hills Church, Atlanta, has been invited by the British Baptists to deliver a series of addresses in England this year in commemoration of the founding of British Baptist Missionary Society.

Rev. W. C. Taggart of Abilene supplied at Park Heights Church, San Angelo, on February 15. At this meeting the church unanimously called Rev. Finis A. Williams of Moran and made plans to arrange for a loan to complete their education building. Rev. Taggart, a retired pastor, preached at Paducah on February 1.

The state secretaries of Southern Baptists met in annual conference in New Orleans last week. A feature of the meeting was a tour of the missions among the French speaking people of Southern Louisiana.

Pastor E. Douglas Carver of University Church was guest speaker at a steak supper for the Brotherhood of Temple Church, Abilene, February 17.

Evangelist Wm. H. Joyner spoke to the Brotherhood of Trinity Church, San Antonio, using the subject, "Should a Christian Man Go to War." He has scheduled his 43rd meeting in his home city for May.

Rev. Roger Hebard, Breckenridge pastor, has just concluded a revival at Atoka, Okla., with 61 additions. Pastor Aaron Justice reports the meeting was a great blessing to the church.

This Changing World

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facilities outside the United States for use in ministering to the men in service, the work to be carried on under the supervision of the USO. Already the Y. M. C. A. has turned over property valued at \$2,500,000 for this purpose.

The League for Human Rights, Cleveland, Ohio, has asked that Charles E. Coughlin, Roman Catholic priest and publisher of Social Justice, be interned for the duration.

The Anti-Saloon League of Pennsylvania has appealed to the government for a moratorium on the manufacture of liquor during the war. With the announcement from the distillers that there is a supply of liquor in storage for five years, the Pennsylvanians urge that no more liquor be offered the nation in the crucial period of its struggle to defeat Hitlerism.

Mr. Cordell Hull's physical condition is a matter of serious concern to the nation. Ablest member of the Cabinet, he has carried on bravely when he had intended to retire because of his failing strength. His present vacation in North Carolina will, let us hope, renew his strength sufficiently to make it possible for him to return to his desk during these stressful days of 1942.

Underground hangars, large enough to house at least a squadron of planes, and capable of withstanding direct bomb hits, are being constructed along the coastal areas of our country. Although we do not expect heavy or continued air raids, the government is, wisely, taking no chances of having large numbers of planes destroyed in open fields.

With all the other distressing developments, we are again reminded of the continued work of Nazi agents throughout Central and South America. One of the most distressing of these reports says: "During the Inter-American conference in Rio, according to Tokyo, the Vatican warned South Americans that a break with the Axis would result only in a corroding alliance with Anglo-Saxons."

With all that had gone before—Singapore, the Normandie, the pension grabbers, the row with Mrs. Roosevelt over the QCD, the threat to the Mediterranean, Suez, Australia, and so forth—I thought last week had done enough to us, when, of all days, Friday the 13th, came the escape of the three German ships through the front door of England's boasted sea power. It was, indeed, a Black Friday.

To "Bugs" Baer goes the cake for the best quip about the shameful sabotaging of the Normandie. He said: "Admiral Andrews told us it was accidental, but he didn't pronounce it correctly. He might have said it was Axidental. . . . There are going to be a lot more of those Axidents around here. The only ship killed over here was sideswiped by a taxicab in Times Square; and they took the driver's license away for two months."

Malcolm Cowley, chief information analyst of the Office of Facts and Figures, is said, by Congressman Dies, to hold 72 connections with the Communist party. That looks like we are taking the war seriously, eh? Last week Cowley published a book, described by Time as the inopportune book of the month. Selah.

H-SU Accepted for Marine Training

H-SU has been placed on the approved list of universities for U. S. marine corps officer candidates, and the result is a definite quota of seniors, juniors and sophomores for acceptance at the officers training school at Quantico, Virginia.

The H-SU quota is eight seniors, seven juniors and one sophomore. The seniors are to be accepted for the May class at Quantico while both juniors and sophomores will be allowed to finish their work before going into training. However, if the international situation becomes more tense and they are needed immediately they will have to curtail their college work, said Lieut. Early, from the Dallas recruiting office and himself a graduate of Quantico.

He took applications Thursday and will return between March 1 and 20 to give physical examinations and enlist candidates. This is the first time that Hardin-Simmons has been included in the marine corps quota.

Sunday School Lesson

February 22, 1942

JESUS APPOINTS AND TEACHES THE TWELVE

Read Mark 3:13-19; Matthew 5-7; Luke 6:12-49; Study Luke 6:12-26

In midsummer of the year 28 and after a night of prayer Jesus chose the twelve apostles and preached the Sermon on the Mount probably on the Horns of Hattin near Capernaum. It was the inaugural address of the Kingdom, being delivered to the newly chosen twelve and to the multitudes who assembled probably by appointment. The sermon opened with the Beatitudes which set forth the character and privileges of the Messiah's subjects. Then was unfolded the superiority of the Kingdom over the old dispensation in its fuller meaning and wider application. Finally the Great Preacher enumerated several kingdom duties, closing with his matchless peroration contrasting the house on the rock with the house on the sand.

1. Jesus Praying
FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FATHER in fervent prayer occupied an entire night. Alone and alert Jesus ascended the mountain for a season of intercession at one of the crises in his career. See him praying also at his baptism; on the Mount of Transfiguration; by the grave of Lazarus; in the garden of Gethsemane; from the cross on Calvary. Not a word of his prayer that night is recorded for us, but we may reverently think of Father and Son as going over together the plans laid before the foundation of the world, now listing the personnel, outlining the organization, planning the program, and defining the duties ahead. How much was done during that night of prayer!

2. Jesus Choosing
APPOINTMENT OF THE APOSTLES in solemn choice and consecration was the King's inauguration of his kingdom. Their selection and setting apart came in the early morning and was witnessed by a multitude that assembled in a level spot near the crest. Jesus called his disciples close about him from the crowd. He selected from them twelve men as his associates and witnesses henceforth. He entrusted them with power to heal the sick and to cast out evil spirits. He ordained them solemnly to their apostleship.

The list of the twelve is here given as it is elsewhere, Peter always the first and Judas always the last, and with the groups of four each headed by Peter, Philip, and James. For service afield they were later paired.

3. Jesus Healing
MINISTRY TO THE MULTITUDES in the might of mercy demonstrated and forecast the healing of the nations. Great throngs were attending upon the ministry of Jesus. They came from all parts of the immediate district of Galilee; from Judea and Jerusalem in the center of the nation; from Idumea and other regions east of the Jordan; and from the country of Tyre and Sidon on the north. Close around him crowded the people from every quarter to hear and to be healed. Nor did he disappoint any one of them as he taught and wrought. Every demoniac was

delivered from the unclean spirits that deranged and distressed him. Every defective was made whole and every disease was cured. Seeing that health and strength and soundness emanated from him, everybody sought to touch him or be touched by him. Every contact with him was curative. No wonder the crowds came!

4. Jesus Preaching
TEACHING THE TWELVE in peerless discourse Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Four of the eight beatitudes (Matt. 5:1-12) are repeated in Luke and corresponding woes are pronounced.

The Beatitudes reveal the character of Christians, who are the subjects of the kingdom. They are not the godless rich, but the poor in spirit; not the self-satisfied, but they that hunger for righteousness; not the thoughtless gay, but they that weep; not the popular through compromise, but the persecuted for Christ's sake. The Woes sketch with clarity the impenitent and unregenerate who refuse to accept and acknowledge Christ as Savior-King. The rich who will not let Christ reign over them have their only consolation in their possessions which must soon pass away. The slaves of appetite and passion must perish in their gluttony, drunkenness, and immortality. There can but be mourning and weeping for those who degrade life to a laugh, make goodness a jest, and waste time as a trifle. And woe to those who compromise with evil, court the favor of the wicked, crave popularity at whatever cost!

Gold in the Golden Text
Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.—Matt. 5:16.

Your life is a light, large or little, bright or dim. Let it shine and not flicker or be flameless. Let it shine before men who are herded in a dark world. Let it shine through your good works which men must see and be thankful for. But let it shine and serve not in honor of itself, but to the glory of "your Father which is in Heaven." He gives your life. He kindles your light. He puts you in the place of service. He irradiates every beam of your light. Glorify him!

Daily Bible Readings
Feb. 23—How the Kingdom Grows. Mark 4:26-32.
Feb. 24—Finding Hidden Treasure. Matt. 13:44-46.
Feb. 25—The Separation of Men. Matt. 13:47-50.
Feb. 26—A Pointed Parable. 2 Sam. 12:1-7a.
Feb. 27—The Method of the Parable. Mark 4:9-13.
Feb. 28—One Parable Explained. Mark 4:14-20.
March 1—Parables and Commandments. Psalm 78:1-8.

A SAFE ARRIVAL
Rev. and Mrs. B. T. Griffin and their small son arrived in New York, January 22, from Lagos, Nigeria. They are making their home in Texas.—F.M.B.

PARABLES OF THE LORD

Discussed By
COOPER WATERS

PARABLE OF THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS

Luke 16:19-31

Some dangerous conclusions might easily be drawn from the story of Lazarus and the rich man. Indeed, they are sometimes drawn. It might seem to some that riches is the determining factor in salvation. Lazarus was not saved simply because he was poor, and the rich man was lost simply because he was rich. God has no special case against the rich nor does he have a special fort for the poor. The story just illustrates the fact that a rich man cannot buy his way into salvation. The rich might be honored here and have things at their command but they are just common clay in God's sight. The fact is money does not have one thing in the world to do with salvation, one way or the other.

Another dangerous conclusion that is sometimes drawn from this story is that the rich man was lost because of his evil works. He was haughty and selfish with the beggar. The truth of the matter is that works, like money, have nothing to do with salvation. Works are a good indicator of whether one has been regenerated or not. The rich man clearly showed an unregenerated spirit in

his treatment of Lazarus at his gate. His evil works were not the basis of his condemnation, for he was condemned already because he had not believed (John 3:18). If evil works could condemn, then good works could save. Let us not draw the wrong conclusions from this story.

In this story we have about the clearest description of hell that we have anywhere in the Bible. Four things seem to characterize the place where the unregenerated man went. (1) It is a place of separation from God. A great gulf stands between that place and the place where God and the redeemed are. There is no passing from one place to the other. Hell is, among other things, a place where God's love and protection are withheld. (2) It is a place of helplessness. The person there begged for a few drops of water on his parching tongue. He couldn't help himself to a little water. (3) It is a place of hopelessness. When the condemned man realized his own sad plight he wanted his brothers warned before they got there. Once they got there they would have no hope of getting away. (4) It is a place of torments. The man said he was in "torments." All the tormenting things even beyond the imagination are there to do their worst.

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Fighting Men's Worst Foe is King Alcohol

By Millard A. Jenkins

From time immemorial liquor has been the No. 1 foe of fighting men. Would that our lawmakers in Washington might have their eyes opened that they might see. To the shame of a nation that calls itself Christian, and the peril of our armies, the Senate, by two to one, has voted against the restriction of liquor around our army camps and training bases.

These gentlemen would do well to take a look at history, how General Alcohol defeated the armies of Amalek (1 Sam. 30:16-17). And of Ben-hadad (1 Kings 22:16-21). And Belshazzar (Dan. 5:1-4, 30-31). And how he caused the fall of Nineveh (Nahum 1:10; 2:6-7). And of the Anglo-Saxons at Hastings when the Normans "passed the night in fasting and prayer," as William of Malmesbury records, and the Anglo-Saxons devoted the same period to drunkenness and debauchery. And of the Hessians at Trenton when the Colonial troops crossed the Delaware and fell upon them while they were "celebrating the season with drinking and feasting." And of the French at Waterloo when Marshall Ney on the eve of the battle, "after imbibing his favorite Burgundy too freely, when he awoke, found himself apparently unable to give orders, or to reach any decision."

And of the Germans in World War I in a few miles of Paris, when the retreating French, according to Prof. Hans Schmidt of Halle, a German commanding officer, "The French had left a great supply of alcoholic drink as the surest means of retarding the Germans' advance. Two whole divisions were found drunk, ready to be cut down by the Allied troops. The wine-drenched German troops were simply mowed down by the enemy machine guns." To which Crown Prince William replied: "If we had not found alcohol, we should have advanced further. You are right in laying your finger on the painful wound." It is commonly reported that the failure of France in 1940, that "alcoholism was the chief cause of the French army's moral collapse and is one of France's greatest problems." They fell victims of defeat while "the German armies were under the strictest discipline against the use of alcohol."

Yet, the blind attitude at Washington says: "Let the boys we are training to whip the well-disciplined armies of the Germans and Japs have all the liquor they want; let there be no restrictions. This should please the distillers as they now claim to have 500,000,000 gallons of liquor on hand, and will distill another 100,000,000 gallons during the year, enough to keep the saloons, honkytonks, prescription-writing doctors and the plentiful bootleggers busy. For the men in uniform who drink, or who can be induced to drink, there will be plenty of liquor handy."

Liquor makers and vendors have never been accused of a patriotism that would interfere with their money-grabbing. As Henry M. Johnson says in The Western Recorder, whose enlightening article (January 15 issue) we commend to all:

"Liquor has defeated more men; more armies, more nations, than any

other cause. It does seem that the lessons that history records, should serve as ample warning against this the greatest of all enemies."

Of all the blackouts, the common sense in this life and death struggle, should teach our lawmakers, our army and navy leaders and our citizenship, each and every man and woman, one and all, the imperative need of a blackout against this dread foe of our fighting men in this perilous hour.

What did Morris Sheppard think of as he looked down from heaven, and witnessed that vote against his bill offered while he was yet here? All honor to those in the Senate who are taking up the noble fight where Senator Sheppard left off to answer the call of his Lord and Savior to come up higher.

Maybe the Sheppard bill, written before this war crisis came upon us, is not just the bill needed for the situation we now face. If not, let it be so amended that it will fit. Let the politicians know they will have somebody to answer to other than the manhood-destroying, society-depraving liquor forces. Newspaper men and cartoonist, Charles G. Wells, forcefully reminds us: "Selfishness and greed within our own country, can do more to defeat us than the surrender of an army, or sinking of a fleet. . . . When a nation's character is gone, there is no repair. France taught us that."

If you think well of safeguarding our fighting man against this great foe, write Senators Tom Connally and Lee O'Daniel, and Congressman Sam Russell. Let sons of Liberty be on guard against this insidious foe.

Two Dangers Threaten Us

(Continued from page 1)

splendid college for men and one for women. There is a women's missionary training school and a theological seminary. Baptists also maintain a publishing house and book store for the printing and distributing of Bibles and other Christian literature. Fully one-third of the native pastors were trained at Louisville Seminary; and plans were in the making to bring others to America for training. Then came the threat of war, and we were compelled to withdraw all of our missionaries except one. Maxfield Garrett chose to remain, and the Foreign Mission Board approved of his decision and his loyalty. To our Japanese Baptist brethren and sisters, Dr. Garrett is a living testimony to the fact that Southern Baptists have not deserted them.

We Have Not Abandoned Japan
The Foreign Mission Board has passed no resolution with reference to withdrawal from our Japanese Mission. When the budget for 1942 was made last October, we still had a dim hope that the Japanese government would suspend its harsh and repressive decrees against missionary work. With this in mind, we recommended that \$10,000 be set aside for our Japanese Mission. The Board approved a gift of \$4,000 by Woman's Missionary Union on the same terms. Then war came and we were unable to send out the funds.

Our Japanese Baptists are a devoted and heroic group. They did not want to make war against us. They love Southern Baptists and greatly appreciate what we have done for them.

Surely we shall not permit ourselves to drift into hatred and resentment against the helpless people of Japan—the victims of a group of cruel and pagan militarists. We must pray for the blameless masses of that island kingdom and the other war-scarred lands. Knowing that our Savior has not deserted Japan and Germany and Italy, we who are his followers must not abandon them in their hour of extreme need.

Every morning, in our prayer period at the Foreign Mission headquarters, petitions are offered on behalf of our brethren and sisters in war-torn lands. Thus in united prayer as well as in our private devotions let us not cease to pray for the sorrowing and suffering people of all the stricken lands. To them let us echo the words of Samuel, "As for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you."

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EFFORT FOR REPLACEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE URGED

By G. S. Hopkins

Surely it would not be considered over-emphasis to call attention again to the very serious situation particularly confronting young people's classes and departments over the south. Some weeks ago an appeal went forth regarding two great matters: (1) That every church would compile a list of the young men away in military service (or defense industries) and send them each quarter the special vest pocket lesson commentary "On Duty"; (2) That each church would seek vigorously to promote a Replacement Drive for young people, reaching large numbers of young people thus far unenlisted by the Sunday School.

The actual declaration of war by our nation bringing an increased number of men into the armed forces but adds urgency to these suggestions. Never before have we sustained greater opportunities or heavier responsibilities in our work with young people. It is clear that definite action by our churches is demanded if we are to meet and fulfill our obligations. Every church is affected and every church shares in a mutual responsibility. Every church will desire to supply its own young men with every possible means of sustaining spiritual life, under exceedingly difficult conditions. Such sustaining will the more fully build up and preserve a morale in our forces and even more will conserve these young men with their powers and abilities for the succeeding generation. Some loose thinking ex-army officer is reported to have said that what our armed forces need is morale not morals. Who has ever known of dissipation and undisciplined living developing good soldiers or anything else? It has on the contrary been at the base of the collapse of all great empires and individual lives. Therefore, whatever can be done by our churches for the spiritual welfare of our boys in uniform is perhaps our greatest contribution to the cause of liberty. We can afford to do no less.

A Practical Plan

Growing out of expressions from the various state and Southside workers at the recent meeting in Nashville come the following suggestions:

1. Let each church make some one person definitely responsible for listing and supervising the church's ministry to all young men away in the country's service. Perhaps the Young People's department superintendent or a teacher would be most suitable.

2. Let this responsible individual see that a sufficient number of the special lesson treatment, "On Duty," is ordered and sent each quarter to all men thus listed.

3. Seek to locate through the men from your own church others in the camps who would appreciate and profit from "On Duty" and include them each quarter.

4. Urge regular communications with these young men from various departments of church life, send the church bulletins, class papers, and in every way help them to know of the interest the church has in them.

5. To do all that should have been done all along, but made more imperative now by enforced losses in the young people's division, let each church launch a vigorous Replacement Drive for young people. With two on the outside for every one in Sunday School we should do our best to reach them now—before yet others are called away for duty on the land, sea, or in the air. In all of the above matters every church can be of great help.

As Dr. Holcomb has well said, "On Duty" and other religious materials will be much more appreciated by our boys when they are received from their church than otherwise. Many churches are finding it helpful to send "Open Windows" along with "On Duty" to their boys in service and this seems especially helpful inasmuch as these daily devotions are centered around the Sunday School lessons.

Extension Courses Organized at HSU

First spring semester extension courses, to be given on the Hardin-Simmons University campus each Saturday, were organized last week. Dr. R. N. Richardson, head of the department of history, will teach a course in recent American history at 1:30, and Elva Atherton, head of the department of education, will give a course in social studies at 10:30. Enrollment in each course is still open. Other classes can be formed as interest warrants, in English or education, and a meeting to discuss their organization will be held in the H-SU auditorium at 10:30 next Saturday morning. Dr. R. A. Collins, the university's director of extension, said.

WOMEN'S WORK HISTORY OF HASKELL ASSOCIATION

(1910-1941)

By Mrs. George T. Hardburger
The Haskell Associational W. M. U. was organized in 1910 at Cook Springs at the Fifth Sunday meeting of the association. Brother W. P. Whitman was moderator, and appointed Mrs. I. N. Alvis, Mrs. W. L. Cason, and Miss Rosa Bell Breedlove to draft a report on women's work.

As a direct result of this report, an organization was perfected. Miss Sue Cochran of Baylor College assisted in the organization. They met in the home of Mrs. A. C. Henry. Mrs. J. F. Jones (now of Abilene) was elected president, and Mrs. W. H. Wright (now of Stamford) was elected secretary-treasurer.

In 1911, the work was revived at the Fifth Sunday meeting at Knox City. Mrs. Wright of Rule made a strong plea for the work.

A meeting of the body was held in Rochester in 1912. Mrs. O. H. Cooper and Mrs. George Paxton of Abilene, were the outside workers present.

There was an interim from 1912 to 1919, of which we have no record. In 1919, the association convened with the O'Brien Church, and Mrs. E. B. Speck of O'Brien was elected president, and Mrs. Berry West of O'Brien was elected secretary-treasurer.

In 1920-1921, Mrs. John Cook of Munday, was elected president and Mrs. Edwin Heald, also of Munday, was elected secretary-treasurer.

At a meeting held with the Rule Church, September, 1922, Mrs. R. J. Reynolds of Haskell, was elected president, and Mrs. M. W. Rogers of Rule was elected secretary-treasurer.

Societies entering the auxiliary were: Haskell, Munday, Knox City, Rochester, Rule, and Cook Springs. Administrations of presidents and secretaries were: Mrs. E. B. Speck, president, 1919-1920, and Mrs. Berry West, secretary-treasurer, O'Brien. Mrs. John Cook, president, 1920-21, and Mrs. Edwin Heald, secretary-treasurer, Munday.

Mrs. R. J. Reynolds, president, 1922, Haskell, and Mrs. M. W. Rogers, secretary-treasurer, Rule.

Mrs. Will Reddell, president, 1923, and Mrs. J. E. Geer, secretary-treasurer, Rule.

Mrs. C. O. Davis, president, 1924, and Mrs. Audie Verner, secretary-treasurer, Rule.

Mrs. B. M. Whitaker, president, 1925, and Mrs. C. M. Conner, Haskell, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. G. C. Cowan, president, 1926, and Mrs. L. M. Kay, secretary-treasurer, Rochester.

Mrs. J. O. Bowden, president, 1927-28-29, and Mrs. A. C. Brock of Munday, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. L. M. Kay, president, 1930-31-32, and Mrs. Vestus Alvis, secretary-treasurer, Rochester.

Mrs. C. O. Davis, president, 1933-34, and Mrs. Ed Cloud of Rule, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. H. R. Whatley, president, 1935-36, and Mrs. I. N. Simmons, secretary-treasurer, both of Haskell. Mrs. W. D. Green, president, 1937-1938, and Mrs. H. W. Finley, secretary-treasurer, of Knox City.

Mrs. J. O. Bowden, president, 1939-1940, and Mrs. Edd Thompson, secretary-treasurer, Munday.

Mrs. Bob Speck, president, 1941-42, and Mrs. Hob Smith, secretary-treasurer, Rochester. Societies functioning at present are: Haskell, Mrs. H. R. Whatley, president; Weinert, Mrs. T. L. Hawkins, president; Munday, Mrs. Leland Hannah, president; Goree, Mrs. S. G. Hampton, president; Knox City, Mrs. J. T. May, president; O'Brien, Mrs. Berry West, president; Rochester, Mrs. Henry Qualls, president; Rule, Mrs. C. O. Davis, president; Pinkerton, Mrs. B. W. Ingram, president; Brushy, Mrs. J. W. Rutherford, president; Paint Creek, Mrs. M. L. Middlebrook, president.

The Young People's Council of the W. M. U. was organized at Rule, January 10, 1934. Mrs. Joe Averitt of Knox City was elected councillor.

TEXAS LEADING SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

In the month of January 11, 1935 Training Union diplomas and seals were earned by Southern Baptists; 3,209 were earned by Texas Baptists.

In Texas an effort is being made to enlist all Texas Baptists in the Training Union. We really believe that every member of every church should be trained to serve Christ effectively and heroically. The Training Union offers that kind of training.

During January Texas earned more Training Union awards than the following ten states combined: Virginia, Tennessee, Louisiana, Illinois, Alabama, Arizona, New Mexico, Florida, Georgia, District of Columbia.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM PERCENTAGE REPORT, JAN. 1942

Dist.	Missionary	Chs. in Jan.	No. Chs. giving	Pct. Chs. giving	No. Chs. giving	Pct. Chs. giving	Amt.
1.	M. A. Roberts	181	72	39.8	15	81	39.7
2.	C. M. Spalding	228	108	44.9	9	89	47.3
3.	O. D. Martin	143	74	55.9	8	47	51.7
4.	Lem Hodges	219	148	73.9	6	45	67.5
5.	C. G. Carter	100	72	76.0	5	13	72.0
6.	W. J. Ray	158	116	73.2	4	14	73.4
7.	J. A. Kidd	42	39	80.9	1	0	92.8
8.	W. C. Harrison	86	52	67.4	7	16	60.4
9.	J. L. Ponder	187	86	51.1	11	48	45.9
10.	J. C. McKenzie	95	73	72.6	3	12	76.8
11.	J. M. Riddell	118	54	61.8	12	32	45.7
12.	J. D. Brannon	322	130	42.9	14	119	40.3
13.	E. W. Marshall	414	177	41.7	13	162	42.7
14.	M. O. Cheek	210	183	79.9	2	4	87.1
15.	J. A. Melver	248	117	52.4	10	81	47.0
16.	J. P. King	204	68	43.8	16	79	33.3
17.	J. H. Littleton	168	87	60.7	8	49	51.7
Totals		3123	1656	55.7		891	44.4

Every church in Rusk-Panola Association, District 2; Medina River Association, District 6; Big Bend, El Paso, and Pecos Associations, District 7; Canadian Association, District 10; Corsicana, Freestone, Leon, Hill, Leon River, and Waco Associations, District 14, has given, at least once, this Convention year.

100% giving for January: El Paso, District 7; Canadian, District 10; and Leon River, District 14.

71.4% of all churches in Texas have given to the Cooperative Program this year.

—W. W. MELTON.

SILVERTON CHURCH PLANS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

On the first Sunday in April, the Silverton Church will observe her 50th anniversary with an all-day program to which all former members and pastors are cordially invited.

On the above date, the church will begin a revival with Rev. John M. Riddell doing the preaching and the pastor leading the singing.

The Rev. Mr. Riddell is the son of the organizer and first pastor of the church, the late Rev. W. S. Riddell.

Sunday, February 15, was a high day for Silverton Church, of which Rev. Jesse B. Leverett is pastor. Before the morning message by the pastor, pledges were taken for the Hundred Thousand Club and twelve memberships were taken. These came from Sunday School classes and individuals. After a warm message by the pastor on the theme, "The Great Thirst of the Soul," six presented themselves for membership in the church, one of these, a fine intermediate girl, was gloriously saved and came for baptism.

God is wonderfully blessing this good church and pastor. Since the first Sunday in September, there has been better than an average of five coming for membership each month. During the two and one-half years that Rev. Leverett has been pastor there has been more than one hundred additions to the church, 35 of these coming by baptism. The Sunday School has been Standard for the past two years and the W. M. U. has maintained the A-1 Standard for the same period of time.

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NEW PLAN FOR RELIGIOUS WEEK IS USED AT BAYLOR

(This account is a senior journalism student's interpretation of Religious Focus Week, sponsored at Baylor University, February 8-13, under auspices of the Department of Student Work of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board):

By A. L. SMITH

Last week Baylor University experienced something new. Passing emotionalism, shallowness of thought, and impracticabilities were forgotten as students made their acting and thinking definitely Christian.

The students called it Religious Focus Week. Students, to a great extent, planned it. Students presided at the meetings, formal, seminar, and informal discussion. Students participated wholeheartedly on a scale unprecedented in the history of the nominally Christian campus. Students profited and shared their spiritual blessings with all whom they contacted.

In this time of stress the students decided they could well afford to devote time and energy to obtaining an alignment between their workaday lives, and their spiritual lives, for they knew that in an ideal state the two should be one perfect whole. Religious Focus Week was just this concentrated, pointed effort to align the two realms of student life so that more abundant and finer experiences could be obtained in both.

And so these students got behind the movement and helped carry the load of responsibility. Of the large committee of 103 people responsible for the success of various parts of the week, 95 were students.

No one part of the week's activities could be said to overshadow the others. Beginning on Sunday, February 8, in the churches and every morning thereafter in chapel on the campus some of the very finest religious speakers in the entire south lifted the student body to higher realms of thought and action. Again at night, for the short space of an hour, outstanding Baptist laymen and ministers gave the students the benefit of their counsel from the pulpit.

But Religious Focus Week was no small affair. These leaders came, on student invitation, into the various classrooms, visiting nearly every class at least once, during the week to lead discussions vital in student thinking. At night, after the formal meeting was over, seminars in 12 different subjects, ranging from "Christianity and Race Relation" to "Love, Courtship, and Marriage," found the students and Focus Week team members talking to each other on a common level, questions and answers being proposed freely by each one.

Still closer to the students, though, were the small group discussions held in the dormitories and boarding houses from 10 p.m. on. Boys who had not shown an interest in improving their lives previously first tentatively asked questions and then warmed to the discussions as they saw the sane approach to troublesome problems taken by these Focus Week leaders.

Planned since last fall by Robert S. Denny, director of religious activities on the Baylor campus, with the cooperation of President Pat M. Neff, and by Dr. Frank H. Leavell, southwest Baptist Student secretary from Nashville, Tenn., the week was an example of a new technique followed now to cause religious initiative to come from the students rather than from minister to students. Student reaction undoubtedly will call for a like week next year.

Team members included William Hall Preston and Miss Mary Nance Daniel, associates of Dr. Leavell; Dr. Clarence Jordan, a Georgian interested in bettering race relations; Dr. Everett Gill, Sr., and Dr. George Sadler, missionary statesmen with keen understanding of international relations; Dr. Homer P. Rainey, president of the University of Texas; Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, a minister-humorist from St. Louis; Dr. Maurice Trimmer of Macon, Ga., and Howard Rees of Washington, D. C., who led discussions on faith and doubt; Mrs. J. O. Williams, a Tennessee spiritual teacher; Dr. J. W. Middleton of San Angelo, and Rev. E. H. Westmoreland of Houston, young ministers with understandings of problems facing modern youth, and Bob Norman, a 22-year-old University of Georgia senior law student who holds many scholarship and fraternity honors.

Let's not forget our district Sunday School and Training Union Convention, meeting with the First Church, Rotan, March 5th, and remember the coming of Brother Cooke, March 8th through the 13th. Keep these things in mind.

Missionary Messages

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praying that God will lead that field to do greater things in His Kingdom. Brother and Sister A. S. Bargsley have been loyal members in this church since its organization. Last Sunday evening at 6 o'clock Mrs. Bargsley slipped out from this life and entered the Father's Home. She was one of the greatest mothers and most devoted Christian, loyal to every phase of Kingdom work. Many are the pastors that have found a home in this home. During the days of the oil field boom this couple gave \$1,000, which was the last \$1,000 except the Caldwell gift, in paying off the indebtedness against Smith hall of Hardin-Simmons University. She had lived in this one place, where the home now stands, for 66 years. I was her pastor in 1917 and 1918, and will conduct the services at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. We will pray for Brother Bargsley and the children in this hour.

I was with the Sagerton Church for a service Sunday afternoon. Will go back there the first Sunday in March. They are pastorless but will soon call. I am to be with Brushy Church this coming Sunday. Pray for our services there.

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CHESTER SWOR MEETINGS CONTINUE IN TEXAS

Chester E. Swor, dean of students of Mississippi College, who is conducting a series of youth revivals in Texas, is in San Angelo this week and will be in Longview next week. His first meeting in the state was at Hardin-Simmons University, where the student body was deeply moved by his appeals for full surrender to Christ. Last week he was in San Antonio in a meeting sponsored by the Training Unions of the city.

APPRECIATION EXPRESSED FOR A DECEASED LAYMAN

Immanuel Baptist Church, Odessa, Texas.

The West Texas Baptist: Whereas, in the tragic death of Representative Taylor White on the night of December 10, 1941, we, the pastor and membership of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Odessa, Texas, feel that we have sustained the loss of a friend whose invaluable service and sympathy during our earlier struggles for existence can not be estimated or expressed in words.

Brother White's services as a state representative, as a deacon in the First Baptist Church, and as an official in the Sunday School and Brotherhood, are all widely known but notwithstanding his many duties as a business man and citizen he could and frequently did find the time and take opportunity to be of great material and spiritual aid to us. He had charge of the song services during the three weeks outdoor evangelistic campaign which resulted in the organization of this church at the close of the campaign. He afterward negotiated the loan for the erection of the church annex.

At no time did he fail to render any aid possible and maintained a keen interest in the church's growth and development until the day of his death.

Therefore, Be it resolved by this church and Big Spring Association that this expression of our sorrow over his death and appreciation of his life be spread upon the records of this church and a copy be sent to the Baptist Standard, the Odessa American and the West Texas Baptist for publication.

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Ministers Auxiliary Meets in Cox Home

A practical and inspirational talk by Mrs. W. R. White on the Duties of the Minister's Wife, featured the program of the H-SU Ministers Auxiliary, which met at the home of Mrs. Sidney Cox on Thursday, February 5, with 29 members present.

Rev. Boyd Robertson, accompanied by Dorothy Rutledge, played two violin solos. New officers of the auxiliary, elected at the January 15th meeting at the home of Mrs. N. A. Moore, are: Mrs. Cecil McBeth, president; Mrs. Claude Harris, vice-president; Mrs. J. Lassiter, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Fred Molkenthin, chorister; Mrs. R. L. Williams, pianist; Mrs. Marvin Burgess, reporter; and Mrs. J. B. Herndon, social chairman.

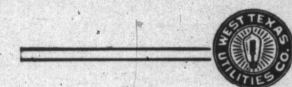
The next meeting will be at the University Baptist Church on February 19, with Mrs. J. B. Herndon in charge of the program.

Rambling Remarks

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ever, we managed to get in a little "readin', ritin', rithmatic, runnin', rasslin' and recess," in between crops. . . . Then on the days we attended school there were the "after school" jobs to be looked after. If you never had to "cut sprouts," or "burn brush," or "work in the new ground," after school, then you missed the most interesting extra curricula activities ever sponsored by a combination of old fashioned school teachers and equally old fashioned parents. . . . You younguns can get your dads and mothers to tell you what most of the above means. Kids have to have interpreters to understand the English of a short generation ago. Poor kids, I do not see how they can ever expect to be educated. . . . I hear somebody coming upstairs, so I better come back to the 20th century and put on my shoes.

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