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2,500 West Texas Seniors Expected Here April 27

Definite Plans Are Made For Future Work of Texas Laymen By Committee

Conference Speaker



DR. DAN RUSSELL
A. and M. College

PLANS BEING MADE FOR RURAL CONFERENCE WITH SW. SEMINARY

A country church conference is to be held at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth June 17-21. Rev. F. V. McFartridge, State Rural Church Missionary, is chairman of a committee to work out the detail plans. Other members of the committee are: Dr. L. R. Scarborough, Dr. W. T. Conner and Dr. Jeff D. Ray.

The schedule will allow those attending the conference to attend the regular Seminary Summer Session classes in the morning with special classes in the afternoon and evening. Dr. Dan Russell, head of the department of Rural Sociology of A. & M. college has been secured as one of the conference leaders. Many other outstanding men are to be secured for lecturers and addresses. Prof. I. E. Reynolds of the School of Sacred Music of the Seminary will give a course in the Country Church Music program.

There will be no fees or registration and board and room will be charged at a minimum rate of one dollar per day. Make plans now to attend.

BILLY SUNDAY TAKES FLING AT MODERN DRIFT IN MORALS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., April 4. Billy Sunday, 72-year-old veteran of the sawdust trail, whose voice has rung out in evangelistic halls for decades in a bitter battle against liquor, license and religious laxity, sees in America a second Rome, whose grandeur slowly is crumbling.

Atheistic leaders, dictatorial in power, fascistic in policies, are guiding the nation to its ultimate downfall, and an age of American people indifferent to God, moral standards and the ideals of pioneering forefathers are aiding in the destruction of all that is American by their passive attitude, the evangelist told the United Press today.

"The world is going straight to hell so fast it's breaking the speed limit," the one-time baseball player said, placing Russia and Germany in the van in this mad rush into disaster.

"The Russia which knew the absolute rule of czarism was a Sunday school compared to the government by Stalin today," he stated.

Germany is little better, and other nations of the world are following close behind in the parade into cataclysm. "In our own country everything's heading toward communism, our President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, is a virtual dictator," he pointed out.

The Steering Committee for the Baptist Laymen's work in Texas elected at the recent Laymen's Conference in Dallas met in Secretary J. Howard Williams' office April 3 to give consideration to a future program for Texas Baptist laymen. Mr. Earl B. Smith, Dallas, chairman of the committee, presided. Those present and participating in the discussion were as follows:

Dr. J. Howard Williams, Dallas
Dr. F. M. McConnell, Dallas
Judge L. H. Welch, Breckenridge
Dr. Thomas H. Taylor, Brownwood
Dr. R. T. Wilson, Temple
Mr. J. M. Cook, Amarillo
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Mr. R. F. Currin, Dallas
Mr. Earl B. Smith, Dallas
Mr. G. S. Hopkins, Dallas
Mr. George J. Mason, Dallas
Dr. T. C. Gardner, Dallas

It was pointed out during the meeting that God's estimate of laymen is seen in his call of Noah, a carpenter, to save the race; in his call of Moses, a herdsman, to redeem a nation; in his call of Jeremiah, a farmer, to proclaim his message; in his call of Amos, an ox driver, to speak his word; in his call of Gideon from the thrashing floor to establish his kingdom.

God is still calling such laymen to yield their lives and influence to his church and kingdom. For a talented man to spend all of his time in the mere making of money is a prostitution of his personal powers.

It was the expressed opinion of the members of the committee that our Texas Baptist churches would be greatly strengthened by the enlistment of all our Texas Baptist laymen. To enlist the men, it was suggested that a brotherhood organization be set up in all the churches within the state to meet once a month on a week night. It was learned that the brotherhoods that had been organized were meeting either on a Tuesday or a Friday night once a month.

Someone said that there never was a better time for it to be said with emphasis, "that the weakness of our churches, as a rule, is not financial but spiritual," that our greatest need was not more organized mechanics but spiritual dynamics, that manpower was one of the greatest needs of our churches. It was the opinion of the committee, however, that if the spiritual life of our men is deepened, they must be enlisted in an organization of noble purposes, worthy objectives, and challenging programs. It is believed that a brotherhood, composed of men 18 years of age and above meeting once a month, will help to take care of a great need in the spiritual growth of development of our Texas Baptist laymen.

Organization Suggested

1. Officers: It was suggested that the officers for a brotherhood be a president, first vice-president, second vice-president, and secretary-treasurer.

2. Committees: It was suggested that the first vice-president be chairman of the membership committee, the second vice-president chairman of the program committee, and that the secretary-treasurer keep the records.

3. Time for Meeting: It was suggested that the brotherhood meet once a month on a week night. Many of the brotherhood organizations now functioning in Texas meet either on a Tuesday night or Friday night.

The other immediate objective for Texas Baptist laymen is the observance of Laymen's Day April 14. This was the day suggested by Southern Baptists at the last convention when the following recommendation was adopted:

"We recommend that Sunday, April 14, 1935, be designated as Laymen's Day, when an effort will be made to have as many of our pulpits as practical occupied by a capable and consecrated layman who shall speak on missions and stewardship, laying special emphasis on the importance of tithing."

The committee thinks that the preparation and service by the laymen who speak will quicken their interest in missions and stewardship and promote (Continued on page 2)

Abilene Revival Will Begin Sunday, Led By Dr. Holcomb

The First Baptist Church of Abilene will begin their Spring revival next Sunday. Dr. T. Luther Holcomb, for some years pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, and newly elected Secretary of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention will conduct the meeting, ably assisted by Mr. B. B. McKinney of Fort Worth, one of the ablest gospel singers and best known hymn writers in the country.

The services will run 10:00 o'clock in the mornings, and 8:00 in the evenings. Prayer meetings have been planned from 7:00 to 7:40 each evening for Adults, Young People, Intermediates and Junior Departments. The choir under the direction of Mr. McKinney will be composed of the regular choir and volunteers.

The First Church is unusually favored in having two such men in their meeting. Dr. Holcomb is outstanding as a pastor-evangelist, as his labors in Mississippi, Texas and Oklahoma have proved. As a constructive builder his work as Secretary of the Executive Board of the Texas Baptist Convention was monumental. When the beloved and honored Dr. I. J. Van Ness, now far along in the seventies, felt that he should pass the load on to younger shoulders, the Sunday School Board turned enthusiastically to him and this coming June, he will take up the task of directing the work of this greatest Southern Baptist agency.

Mr. B. B. McKinney has the distinction of having more of the songs he has written sung in Baptist Churches of the South today than any other living writer; and not only Baptists, but other denominations use his songs freely. It will be a rare privilege, as well as an opportunity to serve those who will have him make up his choir for this meeting. In Dr. Holcomb's presence here, our young preachers will have the opportunity of meeting and knowing one of our great Southern Baptist leaders.

PENTACOSTAL REVIVAL REPORTED IN S. C. LED BY M. F. HAMM

A revival meeting in which there were over 6,000 additions to the churches in eight days was reported from Spartanburg, South Carolina. The meeting was conducted by Evangelist M. F. Hamm and his party. The story appearing in the Western Recorder follows:

"The meeting just closed in Spartanburg conducted by Dr. M. F. Hamm and his party was said to be the greatest religious awakening ever experienced in that section of South Carolina. There were over eight thousand professions and recommendations during the special meetings. In addition to the two main services daily at the tabernacle, extension services were held in the different sections of the city and the surrounding towns for twenty miles around."

"Mr. Hamm preached as often some days as six times, the largest number of conversions at these extension services being 360 at the Pacolet Mills village. The day services were broadcast, thus enabling each community to enter into the meetings, sometimes installing a radio in some local church and one of the pastors in charge would make the proposition and greet them as they would come forward in that church, enabling each community to reap the harvest which had been prepared by the central tabernacle service."

"At a special service for the colored people at the tabernacle one night, the white people did not want to miss the service, so they asked their community to assemble in their churches and listen over the radio. Some churches witnessed as many as sixty conversions and additions."

Mr. Hamm preached for eight weeks before he began to call for public demonstrations at the tabernacle. Many churches had already reaped a large harvest before that time. But, when the harvest period began at the tabernacle, there were over 6,000 in eight days who came forward and committed themselves and giving their names for some church."

Visiting Evangelist



DR. T. L. HOLCOMB



MR. B. B. MCKINNEY
Hymn Writer and Gospel Singer

DR. T. L. HOLCOMB ACCEPTS POSITION WITH S. S. BOARD

On November 21, 1934, at a full meeting of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, President W. F. Powell appointed the following committee to nominate a successor to Dr. I. J. Van Ness as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Sunday School Board: V. E. Boston, Miss.; O. J. Wade, Ark.; L. M. Proctor, Mo.; A. H. Reid, Ala., and T. F. Calloway, Ga. At a called meeting of the Board, March 13, 1935, the committee made its report to the full Board and Dr. T. L. Holcomb of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, was unanimously elected. On March 30 he wired his acceptance.

Doctor Holcomb is a capable, consecrated, dependable, Christian gentleman and a successful pastor. He is well informed in all church and denominational activities. He is humble, spiritually minded and sound in his doctrinal views and not an extremist on any one point. He will give to our people that finer cultural education that helps to unfold and develop that divine life planted within the soul by the blessed Holy Spirit. He believes in our Baptist position. He has the courage of his convictions. He has a fine insight of present conditions within our denomination and throughout the world. He is one of our ablest leaders in local church, district association, state and Southwide convention life. He has shown himself to be a man of unusual business and executive ability.

The following brief history of Doctor Holcomb and his work will reveal how well fitted he is for this task and how God has been leading and preparing this man for this responsible position among Southern Baptists.

Doctor Holcomb graduated at Poplarville High School, Poplarville, Miss., Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by Mississippi College in 1921, and by Howard Payne University in 1928.

With the exception of ten months (Continued on page four)

Program On Campus Will Include Barbecue Lunch; Night Program Scheduled

Hardin-Simmons university will be host to the high school seniors of West Texas April 27 in its second annual West Texas High School Senior Day. Plans have been completed to handle more than 3000 students who will be in Abilene to attend the affair inaugurated last year.

High spots of the day will be a musical program and miniature crowning of the university queen in the university auditorium in the morning, a barbecue dinner at the university cafeteria, a massed band concert and intra-squad football game in the evening.

The university chorus, orchestra, and fine arts department will have charge of the morning program. A band of 300 pieces under the direction of H. A. Vandercook, Chicago; W. T. Betts, Marlin; Harold Woolridge, Fort Stockton; and Marion B. McClure, Abilene, will give a concert on Parham field under the lights at 7 o'clock. Players will be picked from the bands attending the Eighth Annual West Texas High School Band Contest which will be in progress. Vandercook, Betts, and Woolridge will be judges for the contests while McClure is conductor of the Hardin-Simmons Cowboy band.

The Cowboy football squad will wind-up its spring training period with an intra-squad game following the band concert. The fifty-man squad will be divided into two groups by Head Coach Frank Kimbrough, new Hardin-Simmons mentor, and will play a regulation game. A loudspeaking system is being installed, and Coach Kimbrough will make remarks to the crowd during the melee concerning the various plays, and details of the game. The microphone will be placed on the field at intervals to allow the spectators to hear what goes on in a huddle during a game. Exhibitions of punting, passing, blocking, and tackling will be put on by Kimbrough, his assistants, T. W. Harrison, and J. B. Neely, and several members of the team.

A marching contest for bands will be held between halves of the football game with the winner to be awarded a handsome loving cup. All bands will compete in this event which will be judged by Major Harold D. Austin of Abilene, and Vandercook. All visitors will be served a free barbecue dinner at noon with the afternoon being left free for visits and a tour of the city.

Assisting the Women's Missionary unions of Abilene and West Texas in planning the affair are Dr. D. M. Wiggins, dean of students at Hardin-Simmons; Miss Mary E. Head, dean of women; Mrs. Arthur McClure, cafeteria manager; Lola Gibson-Deaton, head of the voice department; E. Edwin Young, head of the piano department; H. M. Preston, head of the violin department; Marion B. McClure, conductor of the Cowboy band; Moxley Featherston, student president; and other members of the faculty and student body.

BAPTIST WORK IN FAR SOUTH BRAZIL

God gave us a most gracious service last night in our Esperanza Baptist Church of Porto Alegre. There were four candidates received for baptism, all adults. There were baptized, but one will follow later, with perhaps others.

We are witnessing the marvels of God's grace in this young missionary church. The church is paying its own rent, rent on a preaching hall in a small town ten miles away, is giving regularly to all mission causes, state, home and foreign, and every few weeks has a spiritual blessing by having a sacrificial special offering and is under a building campaign. We have no more room to grow in our present hall with its several classrooms. Our largest congregations are in the streets. We ask our readers everywhere to join us in prayer that God may raise up some one to help us in this great task of evangelizing far South Brazil.—Harley Smith.

Welcomes Seniors



PRESIDENT SANDEFER EXTENDS WELCOME TO WEST TEXAS SENIORS

April 27 will mark the second annual Annual High School Senior Day to be observed by Hardin-Simmons University. From the deep of my soul, I want to welcome to our University campus every young man and woman coming from the splendid high schools of this great western section. We want you to feel that for this day you are a part of our Hardin-Simmons family, and we want you to study our plant, our equipment, our student body and our faculty as best you may, feeling that the more you know about us the more you will appreciate this pioneer Christian institution of higher learning.

In the name of the trustees, the faculty, and the students, I extend happy greetings to every visitor on our campus and say to you that we are more than glad to have you as our guests on this potential occasion.

Sincerely yours,
J. D. SANDEFER.

REPORTS GREAT MEETING WITH LEVELLAND CHURCH

God's richest blessings were poured out upon us in a gracious revival which closed Sunday night, March 31, with pastor A. A. Brian and the First Baptist Church, Levelland. Twenty-four were added to the fellowship: eight came by letter and statement, ten were baptized and six others received will be baptized later. The music was ably conducted by the local forces in that good church. A number of both men and women rededicated their lives, while four fine young people surrendered for special work.

Brother Brian and his church have an aggressive program that challenges each and every member to do his best. The organization is one of the very best and is reaching out to greater activity. A street service was held Saturday afternoon, as is the custom there. A group of consecrated deacons have charge of this phase of work. Group prayer meetings for the respective ages were held daily with an average attendance of 113. It was not uncommon to see 25 men meeting together for prayer, and other groups of respective ages had equally as many in regular attendance. Some real praying was done and spiritual fervor was poured out upon the church.

This church has paid all indebtedness during the last three dry years, and the budget, taking in all mission and local causes, is over paid each week. It is needless to say that Brother and Mrs. Brian are deeply entrenched into the hearts of the members, for their untiring efforts for three years has proved their worth. It was indeed a real joy to work with such leaders as they.—R. Neal Greer, Quitaque, Texas.

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HARDIN-SIMMONS UNIVERSITY NEWS

(From The Brand)

Choral Club Leaves Thursday Morning On Extended Tour

Quartet, Sextet, Trio, and
Accordion Soloists Are
Features

Forty members of the Hardin-Simmons choral club left Thursday morning at 7:30 for a seven day tour of 16 Texas and Oklahoma towns.

The organization presented programs at Hamlin, Stamford, and Haskell Thursday. Yesterday the club appeared in concerts at Rule, Munday, and Seymour. Tonight a full concert will be presented at the Wichita Falls high school.

Other towns on the schedule for next week are: Iowa Park, Burkburnett; Frederick, Oklahoma; Vernon, Thalia, Paducah, Matador, Spur, and Rotan.

Special features of the program will include the men's quartet, composed of James Rodden, Payne Hathcock, James Rosser, and Gordon Suits; the girls quartet, Edna Ardis, Rose Mary Malone, Ruth King, and Margaret Upshaw; the girls sextet composed of Peggy Byers, Edith Currie, Naomi Davis, Tabitha Adkisson, Mildred Jenkins and Ruth Scheibe; Gordon Suits, accordian soloist; and Mrs. Lola Gibson-Deaton, director of the club, sprano. The burlesque opera, "Cleopatra," will be presented by the male members of the chorus as a part of the program in most of the appearances made.

This is the first and only tour of the choral organization for this year.

100 Scientists Will Attend Meet Here

Watts Is Chairman of Place Committee; To Meet May 3 and 4

At least one hundred scientists are expected to attend the annual regional meeting of the Texas academy of science to be held here May 3 and 4, according to Dr. O. O. Watts, Hardin-Simmons, chairman of the arrangements committee for the meet.

This meeting is one of three such meetings held in Texas every spring. Other sessions are being held at Huntsville and Brownsville.

The two day program will consist of special sessions in which current problems of scientists and matters of scientific interest will be discussed.

Six Delegates Go To Baton Rouge To Attend Press Meet

Junell, Kinard, Machen McCarty, Flynn, and Shults Make Trip

Six delegates left Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 for Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to attend the annual convention of the Southwestern Journalism Congress which started yesterday morning and will last through tonight.

Those who attended the meeting from Hardin-Simmons were: Frank Junell, head of the department of journalism; Gaines Shults, editor-elect of the Brand; Ivan Flynn, president of the press club; D. F. McCarty, business manager-elect of the Brand, and Cearley Kinard and Machen Machen, members of the Brand staff.

Hardin-Simmons was elected this year into the new journalism conference by a unanimous vote of the members. Up until this year the Brand and the Bronco, university annual, had been in the Texas Intercollegiate Press association.

Thirteen schools are members of this Congress. The convention is being held at the Louisiana State University. The Hardin-Simmons representatives are to return tonight.

Dr. D. M. Wiggins, student dean of Hardin-Simmons university was the chief speaker at the meeting of the College Heights Parent-Teachers association Monday afternoon. Delegates were also named for the spring conference of the sixth district of Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers, to be held April 11, 12, and 13, in Big Springs.

Friday night, May 3, the group will be honored with a dinner at the Hardin-Simmons cafeteria. This dinner will be followed by an address in the university auditorium, which will be open to the public.

Saturday afternoon local members of the organization will conduct the group on a field trip to Lake Abilene and the state park south of town, visiting several places of scientific interest in that vicinity.

Dr. Winton, Texas Christian university, is chairman of the regional division of the academy and will preside at the meeting. All of the sessions will be held in the science department of Hardin-Simmons university.

WELCOME FROM MAYOR

In behalf of the Citizenship of Abilene I extend an old fashioned, real welcome to the visiting High School Seniors.

We are indeed proud to have every one of you as our guests on this occasion. It is our aim and desire to help in every way possible to make you enjoy to the very fullest extent, this and every other visit you make to our city.

C. L. JOHNSON, Mayor.

WELCOME FROM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Abilene Chamber of Commerce joins with Hardin-Simmons faculty, student body, trustees, and others in welcoming the high school seniors in this section of Texas to participate in and enjoy West Texas Senior Day at the University.

Yours very truly,

T. N. CARSWELL, Secy.-Mgr.

AMONG THE FISHERMEN AT HARDIN-SIMMONS

Gilbert Webb

Claude Gooch preached at Hamby Sunday.

L. T. Nipp filled his regular appointment at Elmdale.

Several of the Fishermen are in Training Schools this week.

Wallace Stark was with the South Side Church of Abilene.

Geo. Q. Fulgham reports good services with the Salt Branch Church.

Albert Cade preached at Crossroads in Jones County Sunday.

Orval Hendon preached at Enterprise in Shackelford County Sunday.

Elsie Latta preached at Valley View, near Paducah, and reports good services.

Vesta Boyd was with his church all services this week, the Sunset Church in Abilene.

They had three good services at Hanna in Jones county according to W. P. Kirk.

James Alexander preached at Barnett in Runnels county and reported good services.

Jimmie Easterwood was with his church at Roscoe in both services Sunday.

Fred Moreland was with the church at Valley View in Runnels county and reports one addition to the church.

Frank Burress was at Mann Sunday in his regular appointment, he reports good Sunday School attendance.

Laymen T. D. Chism and W. F. Miles from the Bethel Church were with the Wastella Church in their layman's service.

A fine service was held at River Side Sunday morning according to Foy King. There was no evening service of a nearby church.

According to Thos. J. Young there was no preaching services at Tuscola church because of the Methodist revival being in progress.

R. L. Shannon delivered the baccalaureate sermon at Delwin in Cottle county Sunday morning. He preached in his church at Vairview that evening.

J. W. Arnett filled the pulpit of First Baptist Church, Midland, both services. The pastor, Winston F. Borum was in a revival meeting with the University Church, Abilene.

Truett Beaty, Joe Self, Charles Dixon and Paul Davis were all in their regular positions at the University Church Sunday. Paul was on the program, sang a solo at the regular service.

The regular contributor to this column, Gilbert Webb, is in a B. T. U.

Training School with the First Baptist Church, Graham, this week. And items of the Fishermen were gathered by J. W. Arnett.

A male quartet from El Paso brought a Sermon in Song to the Van Horn church Sunday, according to Vernon Yearby. A collection of \$15.00 was taken for the singers, who gave it to the Orphans' Home.

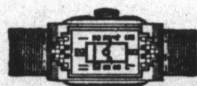
The Hatchell Church in Runnels county with their pastor, N. J. Westmoreland will be in a B. T. U. Training School the last of the week. Brother Westmoreland reported good services Sunday.

Murray Fuquay, Fred James, Moxley Featherston and Rose Ross represented the B. S. U. in two lively programs with the Parks Heights Church in San Angelo. Murray is in a B. T. U. Training School at Pumphrey this week.

H. N. Baldree reports a layman's service in his church at Bethel Sunday morning with T. D. Wiman Sr. speaking. Brother Baldree filled the pulpit at the evening hour. There were several reconsecrations, and additions to the Sunday School.

Three laymen from the Wastella Church in Mitchell county spoke in layman's services in other churches. Marvin Leech is the pastor of this good church. Brother Leech was at Ennis Creek and Baptized 11 candidates into the mission of the First Baptist church of Snyder. They had three additions by letter.

Roy O. Young reports good services at Truby. Started the six point record system in the Sunday School. In conference Saturday night the time for their revival meeting to start was set for Friday night, July 19, to run through July 28. They have not decided as to who will do the preaching. The treasurer's report showed that the church was paid up in all obligations, even the pastor's salary, and the expenses of the recent homecoming services, and showing a balance in the treasury. The outlook is very promising for a great work in this field.



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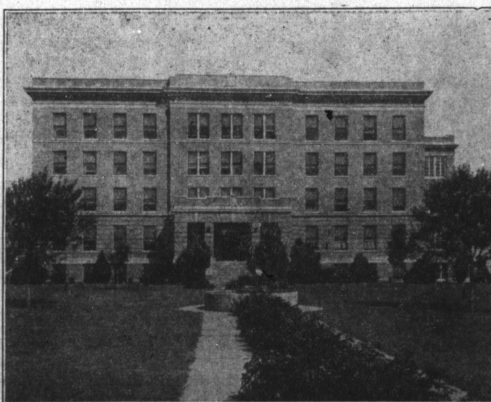
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There are some experiences in life, after which one is never the same again. Reading a good mission book is one of those experiences. If the book is written by a true missionary heart or if it tells the heroic deeds of someone who has achieved nobly for Christ, whether by simply witnessing or spectacular martyrdom, the very account of it will give new power to our thinking and new compassion in our feeling for a lost world!

I have just finished reading "David Livingstone, the Pathfinder" by Basil Mathews. It is a matchless story. Its stirring message should be read again and again and told and retold. I'm sure after having read it I shall never be the same again as a Christian and a Missionary Baptist.

The book thrilled me. It stirred me. It inspired me. From the time David Livingstone sat at his grandfather's knee on that long ago wintry night and begged for a story to the last word of the book my intensest interest was held. I watched the hero as he grew up, mounting difficulties, sailed to Africa. I followed him as he penetrated into the heart of the ark continent, into forests untouched before by white man's hands. I made new paths into inland villages and

founded new rivers to meet perilous black men and with tenderness make new men of them—with this pathfinder I trembled at his adventures with lions and his fearlessness in the face of death. I rejoiced with him in his winning of lovely Mary Moffatt as his bride and companion.

Again and again, he escaped imminent death in the trackless forests. He evaded poisoned arrows, hostile tribes and burning villages. His wife and children must eventually go back to England while he pioneered for Christ. He must finish his task. Not that he did not love his family. One is deeply impressed with his devotion to them, a devotion that brought him loneliness and aching hours. It was not that he loved them less, but that he loved Christ and Africa more! His fight against the "open sore of Africa," the slave trade, became the passion of all his efforts. He suffered, he starved, he conquered.

I wept over the pages as I watched him on his last trail, as with tender care the attendant black men who loved him cared for him in his last illness. In the dim light of a burning candle, they found him on his knees that last night, his head buried in his hands. They thought he prayed. But David Livingstone need pray no more. He had found his quest and crossed his last river. The black men buried his heart in

Africa and bore his precious body to the coast that it might be sent to England. His voice would never raise again a protest to slave trade but the cry already sounded still echoes around the continents and across the seas until the "open sore of Africa" has been healed. Mission stations peacefully stand and constructive schools welcome the black man's children where once were atrocious slave markets. He was a forerunner, this David Livingstone. He was a pathfinder, a missionary! He was a noble knight errant of the Cross.

His story is but one of many which we may read and from which we may draw new power. If other men can live so much, love so much, dare so much, how can we be little in this challenging age?

QUARTERLY MEETING OF JONES COUNTY W. M. U.

The quarterly meeting of Jones County Associational Auxiliary was held with the newly organized West Side Church at Stamford, April 9th.

The subject of the day's program was "Problems and Achievements." After a devotional led by Mrs. Robert Purifoy of Stamford, greetings were given by Mrs. W. H. Wright, Mrs. Harris of Anson responding. Mrs. W. L. Boyd of Hamlin spoke

on "Our Greatest Achievements," Mrs. Sam Crawford, Stamford, on "Our Greatest Problem."

Mrs. Walter Love, Anson, named some accomplishments and Mrs. F. E. Tonroy, Lueders, some obstacles overcome.

A musical number, "Oh, Jesus, How I Love Thee," by little Miss Henrietta Tenger stirred all hearts.

Mrs. J. R. Anthony, Abilene, gave an inspiring message on "Missionary Achievements."

After a beautiful lunch and a delightful hour of Christian fellowship, Mrs. R. M. White, Abilene, district president, conducted a round table discussion on "W. M. U. Problems and Achievements."

The West Side ladies were delightful hostesses and practically every society in Jones County was represented.

—Publicity Chairman.

UNIVERSITY Y. W. A. ELECTS OFFICERS

The following have been elected as officers of the Y. W. A. for next year: Louise Creed, Santa Fe, New Mexico, President; Eugenia Pauley, Valera, Texas, Vice-President; Florence Neal, Westbrook, Texas, Secretary; Rose Ross, El Paso, Texas, Reporter; and Christine Dennis, Muleshoe, Texas, Chorister.

CHURCH NEWS

FIRST BAPTIST, ABILENE

We had excellent crowds this week and Rev. Jenkins delivered some inspiring messages.

At the morning service the Glee Club from Central Ward school rendered some beautiful selections.

Everyone is cordially asked to attend our revival meeting beginning on next Sunday. Come and bring someone with you.

UNIVERSITY CHURCH, ABILENE

Rev. Winston Borum closed the two weeks revival that has been in progress Sunday evening with his sermon on Heaven. We feel that this has been a wonderful meeting which has helped us all and we express our thanks to Rev. and Mrs. Borum for their services.

We had a good attendance Sunday and fell only a few short of reaching the enrollment in B. T. U., having one entire union making 100 per cent.

HARDIN-SIMMONS B. T. U.

A group of our workers went to San Angelo this Sunday and rendered two programs for the River Heights Church. The programs were one "Salvation" and "Service" Those

REVIVAL AT CISCO

We closed our spring revival April seventh. Brother P. D. O'Brien of Colorado did the preaching for us while our own Brother W. F. Walker had charge of the music. The Lord blessed us with a number of conversions. A good revival has come to the church. The kind of preaching that is done by Brother O'Brien cannot fail to bring the desired results. It is Scriptural, potent, and positive. This pastor has never heard a series of sermons that were more inspiring. West Texas ought to thank God for this man. We know that every good thing cometh from the Lord.—E. S. James, First Church, Cisco.

Julius Olsen Reviews Articles To Scientists

Dr. Julius Olsen reviewed articles of scientific interest from recent editions of the "Science News Letter" for the Science Club in its regular weekly meeting on Monday morning.

Items of particular interest concerned the possibility of death rays in future wars, the substantiation of the English theory of relativity and the recent discovery of the effects of aspirin on the body.

DISTRICT MISSIONS

J. D. Brannon, Missionary

CLAIREMONT CHURCH ORDAINS SHERIFF AS DEACON

Last Sunday afternoon the Clairemont Baptist Church ordained B. A. Cumbie, the sheriff of Kent county, as a deacon. Brother Cumbie has been a Christian four years, and is one of the staunchest Christian men, as well as courageous law enforcement officers, anywhere in West Texas. We congratulate Kent County on this good sheriff, and Clairemont on this good deacon. Rev. S. C. Lair is the pastor and is doing excellent work.

Rev. Harvey Dennis, of Swenson, led the questionnaire. Rev. J. D. Brannon, preaches the sermon, Rev. Finis Williams, of Peacock, lead the prayer, and Rev. Fred McPherson, of Jayton, delivered the charge.

At the close of the sermon one girl was converted and joined the church. A mission offering was taken which amounted to \$6.10. The pastor continued the offering at the night service.

MARCH MISSION OFFERINGS

Here is a comparative report of the Associations of District 17 in their gifts to the Cooperative Program during March.

Callahan Assn.—Churches 17, No. Churches giving 7, Per cent Churches giving 41.1, amount \$83.66.

Cisco Assn.—Churches 30, churches giving 3, per cent of churches giving 33.3, amount \$411.28.

Fisher Assn.—Churches 22, churches giving 10, per cent of churches giving 45.4, amount 108.55.

Haskell Assn.—Churches 25, churches giving 5, per cent of churches giving 20.0, amount \$109.11.

Jones Assn.—Churches 31, churches giving 9, per cent of churches giving 29.0, amount \$133.66.

Stonewall Assn.—Churches 15, churches giving 5, per cent of churches 33.3, amount \$35.68.

Sweetwater Assn.—Churches 36, churches giving 18, per cent of churches giving 50.0, amount \$1,015.98.

Total No. Churches 185, Churches Giving 67, per cent of Churches Giving 36.2, Amount \$1,898.02.

HAVE A V. B. S. IN YOUR CHURCH THIS SUMMER

Do you want something to put new life in your church, win lots of people to Christ, enlist lots of new leadership, and do the greatest work in

Bible teaching you have done in years? If so, have a Vacation Bible School this Summer.

Many of the pastors are considering a V. B. S. for this Summer, and they are asking many questions about it. Here are the answers to some of them:

What is a V. B. S.?

A Vacation Bible School is a real Bible School, that meets from nine to twelve o'clock five days a week from one to four weeks, composed of boys and girls in the Beginners, Primary, Junior and Intermediate departments, where they learn Bible stories, scriptures, songs, dramatization, doctrines, and how to make things with their hands. You may have perfect order, large attendance, and real study if you plan for it.

When should it be held?

The best time to hold a V. B. S. is immediately after the close of school. If you give them time to scatter it is hard to get them together again. The work is all planned for four weeks, and it is better to have that time, but you may have less.

Where can we get teachers?

Use the Sunday School organization when possible, and supplement that by enlisting a great number of new leaders among the young people and often among those who have never before been active in the church. They all like to work in the V. B. S.

How would we finance it?

On the last night pass out envelopes or take pledges. In almost every case you will raise more money than it took to run the school. Do not have a cheap school, people like to pay for the best.

How would you begin?

First, let the church vote to have a school. Elect a director for the school. (He, in most cases, ought to be the pastor). Let him select his Superintendents and Directors, select teachers and Helpers for each department. Present these names to the church, let them be elected, and then get a V. B. S. training course started at once. Be sure to have every teacher study the V. B. S. Guide, by Grice.

Where can I find out more about the V. B. S.?

Order free literature from G. S. Hopkins, Dallas, and a V. B. S. Guide, by Grice, from the Baptist Book Store, Dallas, Price 40 cents.

S. B. Convention Meets At Memphis On May 15 and 16

The forthcoming session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis, May 15-18, gives promise of being one of the biggest and best in the history of the Convention. Our space will not permit us to give the detailed program.

President M. E. Dodd, of course, will preside. Dr. L. R. Scarborough and Dr. John Jeter Hurt are the two vice-presidents. Dr. Hight C. Moore and J. Henry Burnett are the secretaries. John S. Ramond, Shreveport, will direct the music. Dr. R. J. Bateman will deliver the address of welcome Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 to which Dr. J. W. Raley, Shawnee, Okla., will respond. Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon, Louisville, or his alternate, Dr. John H. Buchanan, Lynchburg, will preach the Convention sermon, Thursday morning.

The Wednesday evening session will be devoted to the work of the Baptist World Alliance. Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, London, General Secretary, and Dr. Geo. W. Truett, President will make addresses. Dr. Truett is also scheduled to speak in connection with the report of the Sunday School Board, Friday morning. Another feature of Friday morning's session will be the presentation of the new Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Sunday School Board, Dr. T. L. Holcomb.

Doctor Dodd will deliver his presidential address Wednesday afternoon. Another feature of this Convention, will be the address of Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon, who accompanied Secretary Maddy on a four-months' tour of our mission fields in Asia since the first of this year. Doctor Maddy will not return in time for the Convention. Several of our outstanding missionaries will have a place on the program Thursday night.

Dr. E. McNeill Poteat, Jr., will deliver an address Friday morning 11:30, on "The Social Challenge of the Hour to Southern Baptists" in connection with his report of the committee on the Advisability of Creating an Agency of Social Research. Dr. A. J. Barton, Chairman will conclude this session of the Convention with his report Saturday morning, 11:00.

Dr. T. L. Holcomb

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spent in Y.M.C.A. work in France during the World War, and thirteen months as Executive Secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Doctor Holcomb has been continuously in the pastorate since leaving the Seminary at Louisville. He has held the following important pastorates: Durant, Yazoo City, Pontotoc, Columbus and Columbia, Miss., Sherman Texas and Oklahoma City. In all of these, without exception, his work has been an outstanding success.

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