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SOME ONE WANTS TO GIVE, SAYS PLAINS MISSIONARY

J. Lowell Ponder, Plainview

Well, we missed a week and have about forgotten how to write. Will have to look in the little black book to see where we left off.

The little book reminded me that we had only four months left in this Convention year. That means we have much to do the next weeks. I am anxious to see June reports on Cooperative Program. Still some churches that have not made a gift this year. I'm still convinced that there is someone in every missionary Baptist church who wants to give to missions—if given an opportunity.

Attended Workers' Meeting at Bethel church, Spur. That means we have turned into a Fifth Sunday meeting. Vernon Shaw presented Wayland College.

Fifth Sunday we preached for Calvary Church, Lubbock. Enjoyed the day.

Walter Brian reports an excellent Vacation Bible School at the Friendship church, Dickens Association. This is a small half-time church. They enrolled 65. Results: 20 additions to the church, 12 of them for baptism. Congratulations, Walter, for a fine piece of work.

Rev. W. N. Clark, pastor of College Avenue Church, Plainview, secured a tent and preached a mission meeting in West Plainview. He has moved it to the east side this week. He is doing some badly needed mission work. Pray for Nuel in this work.

Yesterday, July 7, we preached for Pastor Joslin at Matador. He has been sick for several weeks. His neighbor pastors will go to see him. He reports a good vacation school. Over a hundred enrolled. In the afternoon we went to Lockney to help in the ordination of a young preacher, William Stegall. William has had two years in Wayland. He is preaching at a half-time mission point.

The Staked Plains W. M. U. met with First Church, Plainview, for a Quarterly meeting July 2. A better than ordinary meeting was reported. Mrs. E. H. Perry is Associational president.

Tuesday, June 24, we made a speech at Lueders Encampment. Was given the denominational hour. Talked on "Religious Literature." Down in that section is "back home" to us.

The Wayland campaign is coming along nicely. Lubbock Association has set a goal of \$1,000. First, Lubbock, has assumed \$500 of that. As I write twelve churches have sent in money. Five of the twelve are in Floyd Association. We expect to hear from many this week. You have already received some information this past week about it. You will be the judge, of course, as to whom it will be best to present it to your church. Hope you will find it possible to do so at an early date. You will do your best.

EVENTS TO COME

- July 9-19—Ruidoso Encampment, Ruidoso, N. M.
- July 9-17—Menard Baptist Encampment, Menard.
- July 9-12—District 9 R. A. Camp, Ceta Glen.
- July 10-12—Boys Camp, Lueders.
- July 14-19—Southwide Sunday School Conference, Ridgecrest.
- July 21-26—Southwide Training Union Assembly, Ridgecrest.
- July 29-August 6—Paisano Assembly, Paisano Pass.
- July 29-31—District 16 Boys camp, Lake Brownwood.
- August 7-9—District 16 Girls camp.
- August 20-23—District 9 G. A. Camp, Ceta Glen.
- August 24—Close of Hardin-Simmons summer school.
- September 2-4—Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association, Seminary Hill, Texas.
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- September 4-7—B. S. U. Retreat, Seminary Hill.
- September 13—Fall registration begins, H-SU.
- November 12-15—Baptist General Convention of Texas, Houston.
- November 21-23—Texas Baptist Training Union convention, Dallas.
- March 17-18—State Laymen's Rally, Dallas.

CHARITY FUND OFFERINGS STILL COME TO HOSPITAL

Mother's Day offerings for the hospital charity fund, which commenced arriving at Hendrick Memorial Hospital over two months ago, are still coming in, reports Superintendent E. M. Collier.

During the past month there were gifts received from 68 churches and mission societies, including 32 cash offerings. Some of the gifts were collections taken in May, forwarded through associational treasurers and remitted after June 1.

Cash offerings for the month include the following churches: Spur, \$2.00; Monahans W. M. U., 13.36; Wilson, 12.40; Garden City, 1.00; Wichita Falls, 3.50; Caddo, 4.00; Breckenridge First, 18.35; Hodges, 2.50; Circle, 1.35; Graham W. M. U., 5.00; Potosi, 5.06; Albany, 25.00; Seagraves W. M. S., 2.45; Ranger, 8.00; East Cisco, 4.36; Nimrod, 1.96; Necessity, 6.25; Olden, 2.40; Dumas, 4.65; Calvary Silverton, 7.00; Adrian, 7.80; Earth, 6.01; Shamrock, 5.00; Garden City W. M. U., 1.00; Munday W. M. S., 5.90; Admiral, 1.25; Clyde W. M. U., 12.50; Cross Plains, 12.00; Sweetwater association, 28.91; Stonewall association, 2.25; Clyde, 5.00; and Van Horn W. M. S. 2.00.

Gifts of linens, canned goods and other useful merchandise came from women of the following churches: Talpa, Canyon, Desdemona, Elbert, Paducah, Quitaque, Rule, Cross Plains, Olney, Crosbyton, Primary department of First Church, Abilene, Five Mile, Caddo, Luling, Albany, Wilson, Pampa, Tahoka, Floydada, South Plains, Carbon, White Deer, Parks, Sardie, Lamar Avenue Wichita Falls, Highland Heights Wichita Falls, Pumphrey, Seagraves, Meadow, North Side Wichita Falls, Eastland, Calvary Silverton Y. W. A., Wink, Throckmorton, and Big Spring.

BROWNWOOD EX COMPLETES H-SU ORGAN FUND

A 100 per cent subscription to the \$3,000 organ fund to present the Hammond console to Hardin-Simmons university entirely debt-free, was announced here Saturday.

Final subscription to the fund to send it "over the top" was made by Emmett Whitesides, of Brownwood, H-SU ex-student, and member of the 1917 football team, first team to compete after reestablishment of the intercollegiate sport in that year.

The late Dr. J. D. Sandefer, H-SU president for 31 years, gave the first \$25 to the console organ fund, on purchase of the instrument, with chimes, for the university auditorium last winter. The check was the last one ever to be signed by H-SU's late Prexy.

Visiting in Abilene, Whitesides, oil operator at Brownwood, asked G. B. Sandefer, H-SU artist course manager, the amount of the unsubscribed balance for the fund.

Informed it was \$662, Whitesides wrote a check for that amount.

"It is an honor and privilege to be permitted to finish the final undertaking launched by our much loved Prexy Sandefer, who devoted a lifetime to the building of Hardin-Simmons," he said.

YOUTH CAMPS MEETING AT LUEDERS AND BIG SPRING

Record attendance was indicated at the girls' camp at Lueders assembling Monday evening with 623 registrations and more expected before the end of the camp Wednesday afternoon.

Rev. J. M. Sibley of Sweetwater is camp evangelist for both boys and girls camps at Lueders. Dr. R. S. Jones field secretary of the Foreign Mission board is also to address both camps. Mrs. Dick O'Brien of Stamford is director and Missionary J. Henry Littleton is camp pastor.

Dr. Jones is to speak Thursday at the District 8 camp for boys which is being held at the Boy Scout Camp at Big Spring. A camp for girls was held at the same place during the first half of the week.

FISHER TRAINING UNION TO MEET FRIDAY EVENING

A Training Union rally for Fisher association will be held at Roby at 8 Friday evening, July 12 with Rev. O. D. Henley of Sylvester presiding. Sardis Church will conduct the song service, Pastor Thos. J. Young of Roby will lead a devotional period and Rev. E. T. Powers will close the meeting with an inspirational address.

MEXICAN CONVENTION REPORTS 24 CONVERSIONS

Not included on the program of the Mexican Baptist Convention of Texas, which met at El Paso June 26 to July 1, were 24 professions of faith at the closing service in response to messages by Prof. Matias C. Garcia and Rev. Pascual Huertiz.

Reports from 44 churches and missions, which were represented by 182 messengers, showed a growth of 1204 members, 933 by baptism. Several of the churches and missions affiliated with the convention were not represented and a great many more have never participated in the statewide meeting.

Goals set for the Sunday School department, of which Pedro A. Hernandez of Abilene is head, include a membership of ten thousand during the coming year, 20 new schools organized, 500 teachers passing study course examinations, ten new standard Sunday Schools and one thousand converts.

Dr. J. L. Beagle of the Home Mission Board was the principal speaker of the convention.

New officers elected include: Pascual Huertiz, Beaumont, president; Elias Delgado, Corpus Christi and Julian Ramirez, Lubbock, vice presidents; Daniel Delgado, Eagle Pass, secretary; Napoleon Guanero, Beeville, assistant secretary; Paul Seibmann, San Antonio, treasurer; Cayetano Garcia, Dallas, statistician; Lloyd Corder, Big Spring and Leobardo Estrada, Alpine, clerks.

DRASCO WOMEN SPONSOR FATHER AND SON BANQUET

There were 53 men of the Drasco Baptist church connection present at the church in a father and son banquet, on Monday night, June 24. The following program was given:

Invocation—Harold Russ, Pastor.
Song—"Faith of Our Fathers."
Talk—"Our Sons"—Mr. Lewis.
Song—"J. C. and James Belew."
Talk—"Our Fathers"—R. Q. West.
Song—Robert Dobbins and Donas Belew.

Poem—Melvin Ray Williams.
Song—"We'll Be Rounded Up in Glory."

Message—"God's Round-Up"—Harold Russ.
Song—"Blest Be the Tie."

Benediction—Earl Cooke.

There were four gifts given to the following: B. C. Lee, the oldest father present; Allan Lee, the oldest son whose father was present; and Joe Smith, the youngest father present.

The theme was typically Western with decorations of wild flowers, western grasses and cacti. The place cards were miniature cowboys with lassos on which the programs were printed.

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INTERMEDIATES HAVE PEPPY CONFERENCES AT CAMP

The Intermediate Training Union conferences conducted by Ewell O. Bone, education director at First Church, Graham, was one of the most enthusiastic groups at the West Texas Assembly at Camp Lueders.

The group was organized as a union with the following officers: French Cadenhead, president; Doman Roberts, vice president; Marjorie Weatherby, secretary; Winnie Dudley, corresponding secretary; Mrs. P. D. O'Brien, Bible readers' leader; Douglas Reeves and Carabeth Sturdivant, group captains; Frankie Wilburn, treasurer; Mary Nell Baker, chorister; Christine Holly, pianist.

J. W. SAILORS PASSES OVER

Rev. J. W. Sailors, faithful pastor of Runnels association, died very suddenly following a heart attack June 10 at his home in Melvin. Funeral services were conducted June 12 at Bangs Baptist Church with burial in the Bangs cemetery, assisted in the services were Revs. Paul Ray of Llano, Clarence A. Morton of Ballinger and H. E. Williamson of Paint Rock. Many other pastors were present.

For over 35 years Rev. Sailors had served as pastor of West Texas churches, including Melvin, Paint Rock, Fort Stockton and Odessa. He is survived by his widow, three sons and four daughters.

LUEDERS ENCAMPMENT SHOWS GROWING INTEREST

Larger crowds were fed regularly at the cafeteria during the recent assembly at Camp Lueders than in any year since the founding of the camp, states Camp Manager, J. Henry Littleton.

The attendance throughout the camp and at special occasions exceeded any in recent years, it being necessary to bring in additional seats to the tabernacle from the closing address of Dr. John W. Raley, O. B. U. president, on Sunday morning, June 30. But for threatening clouds and showers, camp officials believe, it would have been difficult to find seats for those in attendance.

Besides the inspiring sermons by Dr. Raley twice daily, there were riverside vespers conducted by outstanding pastors of the area.

There were study courses for the W. M. U. with a faculty including Mrs. B. L. Lockett, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Ware, Mrs. Lacy Beckham and Bobbie Jo Cox. Professor I. E. Reynolds and J. D. and Mrs. Riddle conducted classes in Church music. Mrs. G. B. Hopkins headed a faculty of Sunday School conference leaders under the direction of J. M. Cook, District Director L. L. Trott arranged a series of Training Union conferences.

Threatening clouds Friday evening greatly reduced the attendance at the laymen's rally, but a large number enjoyed the chuck wagon supper under the large pecan trees of the river bank and were inspired by the message of Dr. Raley.

Choice Weather

Showers during the services Friday evening and Sunday morning made visitors appreciate the new roof on the tabernacle. The weather of the week was exceptionally good, the nights being refreshingly cool and the bright days, pleasant. Many made comparisons with the Ridgecrest weather which were favorable to Lueders.

The Sunday afternoon program by Hardin-Simmons faculty members and students drew a large attendance. Music under the direction of Dean E. Edwin Young, Herbert M. Preston and Mrs. Lola Gibson Deaton and on address on Christian Education by Dr. E. B. Atwood were included in the program.

Officers Elected

At a business session during the camp, Rev. Phillip C. McGeahy of Breckenridge was elected camp president succeeding Rev. Dick O'Brien of Stamford.

Members of the camp board elected include: C. A. Powell, Abilene; J. M. Sibley, Sweetwater; Cooper Waters, Merkel; Henry Weldon, Albany; H. D. Blair, Cisco; Judson Prince, Cisco; Ed Rowell, Anson; L. A. Doyle, Anson; P. D. O'Brien, Stamford; C. E. Poe, Cross Plains; A. A. Davis, Baird; H. R. Whitley, Haskell; J. W. Partin, Rule; Aubrey Short, Rochester; L. L. Trott, Rotan; Earnest Smith, Rotan; John P. Hardesty, McCauley; J. B. Rowan, Aspermont; G. W. Thomas, Peacock; Lowell Ponder, Plainview; Fred Delashaw, Paint Rock; J. D. Thorn, Graham; A. C. Hardin, Post; and Mrs. Chas. T. Whaley, Weatherford.

Rev. J. Henry Littleton, missionary of District 17, has been camp manager for a number of years and many compliments were paid him for the many improvements and the fine condition of the camp grounds.

THROCKMORTON PASTOR GOES TO SOUTH TEXAS

Rev. E. E. Burks, who has for the past three years been pastor of the First Church, Throckmorton, has resigned to accept the pastorate at Pearsall, and will move to that field July 10. During the time that he has been at Throckmorton there have been 147 additions to the church by baptism, and 100 by letter and statement. \$11,500 was borrowed about a year and a half ago to redecorate the church auditorium and complete the church basement, thus making it possible to more than double the Sunday School attendance and make it a Standard school.

CLYDE CALLS O. D. WELCH

Rev. Olen D. Welch, former Hardin-Simmons student who has been doing pastoral work on the Plains, has accepted the call of Clyde Church and began his ministry there on July 7. He is moving his family to Clyde this week. He was reared at Colorado City, where his mother still resides.

PENDING FINAL CHOICE—

Trustees Appoint Dean L. Q. Campbell Acting Executive Officer



L. Q. CAMPBELL

DISTRICT 8 YOUTH CAMPS MEETING AT BIG SPRING

By W. C. Harrison

This has been a busy month with me. I have been in twenty different churches, having spoken, publicly, twenty times, looked in on three revival meetings, four V. B. S., attended three Workers Meetings, two zone meetings, one for each Sunday School and Training Union. Have made forty-five visits.

In work of this kind, a man can never report the most important things. Many movements are begun that will be consummated "many days hence". There is a fine spirit among our people. Plans are being worked toward the holding of some sixty or seventy meetings in churchless communities. Our people are enthusiastic about this objective. Some churches are really seeing the need and are going to put a lot into this work. Some revivals in progress now.

Probably the best showing in the V. B. S. work will be made in this District than has ever been made. It looks as if there would be close to thirty schools held. This is a wonderful work. The enrollment is running high in proportion to membership.

The R. A. and G. A. and Y. W. A. Camp will be held at Big Spring, July 8-12. The Boy Scout Huts will be used and the Park equipment is also available. We are looking forward to a fine program that the W. M. U. has arranged.

TRAINING UNION AWARDS MUST GAIN 900 MONTHLY TO REACH RECORD GOAL

At the 49th annual session of the Baptist Training Union Convention in Austin, a goal of 75,000 diplomas and seals was adopted. Eight months of the convention year are behind us. During these eight months 59,265 diplomas and seals were issued and it would appear from this record that it would be easy for us to reach our goal; but the lean months are ahead of us.

We observe that during the months of July, August, September and October of last convention year that there were 12,287 Training Union diplomas and seals issued. One will note that if we reach our goal of 75,000 diplomas and seals, that during these same four lean months we must issue 15,735 diplomas and seals. The further observation is that during the first eight months of this convention year, this Training Union Department has granted an average of 968 more awards each month than for the same eight months last year. In other words, during the first eight months of last convention year, Texas Baptists earned 51,539 diplomas and seals. Whereas, the first eight months of this convention year, Texas Baptists have earned 59,265, or a gain over have earned 59,265, or a gain over the same time last year. If we can issue 866 more diplomas and seals each month for the remainder of this year than we did the same period of time last year, we will reach our goal.

Study Course Clubs

At the beginning of this convention year, fifty-one churches joined the "500 Study Course Club" and twenty churches joined the "250 Study Course Club." If all the churches joining these clubs reach their goal, we will reach our State Goal.

Dean L. Q. Campbell Hardin-Simmons U

L. Q. Campbell, head of the department of English and, since January 1938, assistant dean of the college of arts and sciences, has been chosen as acting president of Hardin-Simmons university "until a successor to the late Dr. J. D. Sandefer has been elected," trustees announced last week.

Dean Campbell succeeds Dr. Rupert N. Richardson, executive vice president and head of the department of history, who declined the presidency last spring to devote his time to teaching, research and writing in the field of history.

Dr. Richardson, who has written extensively of the history of the Southwest, has commitments to publishers on books in preparation which have necessitated his receiving a year's leave of absence from his arduous duties at Hardin-Simmons. During the summer he is guest professor at Oklahoma university and he will spend the winter doing research and writing at the University of Texas.

The appointment of Dean Campbell was tendered by an executive committee composed of C. M. Caldwell, T. T. Harris, George S. Anderson, T. N. Carswell, J. C. Hunter, O. D. Dillingham and John H. Alvis. Chairman J. D. Sandefer Jr. and T. E. Roberts, vice chairman are ex-officio members.

An alumnus of Tulane and Texas universities, Dean Campbell headed the English department at H-SU from 1917 to 1926. The following ten years he served as dean of Mississippi Woman's college, returning to his present position in 1936. He is a favorite teacher and a popular public speaker.

Experienced in administration, and executive posts, in accepting his newest responsibilities, Dean Campbell said:

"The committee selected to nominate a successor to Dr. Jefferson Davis Sandefer, the late president of Hardin-Simmons university, has asked me to serve as acting president of the university.

"Upon being assured that the committee would present its nominee to the board at the earliest date possible, I gave my assent to the committee, subject to the approval of the board.

"This approval has been voted. Needless to say, I am conscious of the heavy responsibilities that devolve on the acting president.

"My major objectives will be to make as light as possible the burdens of the president who is to be elected, and to maintain the high level of Christian education which is the heritage of our institution.

"I urge every member of the board of trustees, every member of the faculty, and all alumni and exes to work with me for these objectives."

BRECKENRIDGE HAS RECORD VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A total of 406 were enrolled in the Vacation Bible school at First Church, Breckenridge, Mrs. Phillip C. McGeahy, principal. The average attendance was 325, with a faculty of about 50, nearly all of whom signed to help next year. There were 31 conversions during the school.

YOUNG PEOPLE REPORT DEEP SPIRITUALITY AT RIDGECREST

Deep spirituality was reported dominating the Baptist Student retreat at Ridgecrest in June. Near 100 Texas students made the journey to the assembly grounds, secluded in the Great Smoky mountains of North Carolina. Those attending from H-SU were Charles McLaughlin, Doris Wayne O'Brien, Fairly Thelma Beam, Jeanne Hay and Winfred Harper.

ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING DATES IN WEST TEXAS

- August:
 - 21—Hamilton at Hamilton.
 - 22—Coleman at Coleman First.
 - 27-28—Runnels at Winters.
 - 28—Comanche at Zion Hill.
 - 29-30—Brady at Brady First.
 - 29-30—San Saba at Hall.
 - 30—Fisher at Pleasant Valley.
 - 30-31—Clay at Deer Creek.

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THE SPIRIT OF SACRIFICE

The lack of a spirit of sacrifice among the French people was listed by Marshal Petain as quite as important a factor in their downfall as any of the more obvious deficiencies in men and material.

If that is true in France, may it not be also true in ease-loving America? And if it is true in matters of physical indulgence, how much truer will it be when we look into affairs of the spirit?

The blood of pioneers still runs strong in our veins. We have become used to soft living and soft religion but we are still able to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. We are still capable of thrilling to a challenge and of rising to meet a difficult situation if it becomes necessary. We may be out of training but we have not lost the spirit of sacrifice.

ON HELPING OUR BRETHREN

American Baptists have been proud to claim the heritage of William Carey, that Baptist who believed in missions deeply enough to become both the founder of a mission society and to go out as its first missionary.

We have, at last, come to the day when the British Baptists, who have supported Carey's enterprise and many other mission endeavors in the dark places of the earth, are engaged in the most desperate war that England has seen since the days of William the Conqueror. Not only are their funds reduced by the hard living conditions of a wartime economy, but money which they might collect for missions cannot be sent abroad for every penny of dollar exchange must go for airplanes and other necessities of the struggle.

In these circumstances, British missionaries are in distress and those outside the Empire are in dire danger of being left penniless and without resources in a strange land.

In such an extremity, the Baptist mission board in England has appealed to American Baptists for loans to tide them over till a more peaceful time. Southern Baptists have been asked for \$250,000.

A strong committee, headed by Dr. Truett, was appointed at the Baltimore Convention to consider their plea. They have decided that we should make this a love gift in honor of the dynamic Carey. They recommend to our churches that offerings to this cause be made, if possible during the first three Sundays of July, and that the funds be sent designated for the British Baptist Missionary Society, to our Foreign Mission Board. Our Sunday School Board will bear any expense in connection with this offering and every cent contributed will go direct to the British Baptist missionaries.

We should respond liberally to this appeal. But for the grace of God it might be our missionaries in distress.

SOUND TEACHING

In a recent quiet discussion of doctrines and faith the question was seriously asked, "Who finds out what our children are being taught in Sunday School?"

The proper answer to that question would probably depend upon the individual church and its officers. The tendency exists, however, to let well-meaning and willing-spirited persons conduct classes in our Sunday Schools with very scant attention to their teachings of the Book.

It is true that Baptists have an admirable and efficient course of study for Bible school teachers. In this course, along with studies in pedagogy and child psychology, are valuable texts by Baptist scholars upon the historical facts of the Bible and Baptist interpretations of its doctrines. But do you know of a school in our denomination which requires its teachers to pass a thorough examination in these courses before they are allowed to stand before classes?

Not only is such a step highly impractical where one must depend upon volunteer teachers, but it would eliminate many consecrated, soul-loving and God-fearing men and women who find it impractical or inexpedient to take an extensive course in training. As a parent, would you not prefer a praying teacher with a spontaneous love for children to teach your child to the best trained one devoid of affection or spirituality?

There are churches which hire trained teachers for their Sunday Schools, but Southern Baptists, while encouraging training, prefer spirituality to skill. Yet there is a need of care, lest volunteer teachers with the best of intentions teach error for truth.

We Baptists in ordaining our deacons, usually subject them to a strict examination as to their beliefs and knowledge of the Baptist faith and practice. This is right and important. But is it not far more important that we know what teachers believe before they undertake to impart those beliefs to innocent children?

Before ordaining a minister, we require rigid tests of his Bible learning and his theological leanings, but it is coming to pass in many churches that a very large proportion of the children of the most impressionable years hear their teachers in Sunday School with fair regularity, and their pastors seldom if at all.

It is a tribute to Baptist ways of doing things that with our system of urging this and that good soul to "take a class" and of leaving them largely unsupervised as to their lesson discussions, that we seldom hear of serious error. But one error is too many. "But whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe on me, it were better that a mill stone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea."

NEWS NOTES

F. G. Flores of Big Spring, recent graduate of the Mexican Seminary at El Paso, is conducting a revival at the Mexican Mission in Sweetwater.

Mrs. Dean Elkins, who has been seriously sick for some months is reported recovered and is recuperating at the home of a sister in Kilgore. She will join her husband in a revival at a Dallas church beginning July 21.

Rev. B. N. Shepherd of Hobbs, N. M., will assist Pastor J. William Arnett in a meeting at Five Mile Church, Lamesa association, beginning August 2.

Rev. Clyde R. Campbell of Abilene will begin a meeting at Klondike Church, Dawson county, on July 26.

Rev. J. J. Gentry will conduct a meeting at Truby, Jones association, beginning July 12.

Rev. Clyde Jackson, pastor at Caps and Shep, is to assist Pastor J. W. Arnett in a meeting beginning on July 16.

Rev. Marvin Cole of Oklahoma City will assist his cousin, Pastor E. F. Cole, in a meeting at Lamesa First commencing July 14.

Personal Service chairman of the W. M. U. are invited to attend a conference led by Mrs. Eureka Whitaker, Southside chairman, at Plainview on the morning of July 23.

"Revival" was the theme of the Lamesa Workers' conference at New Hope church July 11.

Rev. Paul A. McCasland, pastor at Herrin, Illinois, preached Sunday evening for his classmate Pastor D. D. Tidwell at De Leon.

Rev. J. H. Ballard preached at View on June 30 and supplied at Central Church, Brownfield association, on July 7.

First Church, Sweetwater, has requested Dr. H. E. Dana, president of the Kansas City Theological seminary, to conduct an eight-day Bible conference the latter part of January.

Rev. Dean Elkins of Nolan is conducting a revival meeting at Plasterco, Fisher county, July 8 to 20.

Pastor A. A. Davis of Baird is in a revival at Elgin. The Baird pulpit is being supplied in his absence by the Bible professors of H-SU, Dr. N. A. Moore preaching July 7 and Dr. E. B. Atwood, July 14.

Denton Valley Church was greatly revived in meeting led by Rev. Dean Elkins, with J. Q. Collins of Nolan leading the song service. There were eight conversions and seven additions, five for baptism. In spite of the busy season, states Pastor Howard Martin there was a large attendance with an average of 75 in the prayer meetings.

Dr. McKinley Norman has been in two fine revivals recently. With Pastor Harold Menges of Birdville there were 34 additions, 25 for baptism and with Pastor Frank Cheavins and First Church, Victoria, there were 50 additions, 20 for baptism. With Mark Short leading the singing, he now with Pastor J. P. Neal at Wellington.

The Fisher association Sunday School met at Roby Sunday afternoon, July 7. O. D. Henley is Superintendent of this standard association.

Rev. S. L. Tidwell preached July 7 at Oil Center, N. M. On June 23 and 30 he supplied for Pastor Lem Hodges at San Jacinto Church, Amarillo.

Pastor T. J. DuBose of Eula has resigned to accept the call of Thalia Church.

Rev. Merle Weathers of Groom will preach in a meeting at Potosi, June 14 to 28. This is his second revival at Potosi. Rev. Sidney Cox, who supplied for Pastor S. L. Tidwell on June 30, will lead the song services with Mrs. Cox at the piano.

Rev. Phil McGahey of Breckenridge is leading in a revival at Rotan, where Rev. L. L. Trott is pastor. Charles McLaughlin is in charge of the song services.

Missionary Julius P. King has been conducting a revival at Lakeview mission, San Angelo.

In two years Missionary J. A. Ramirez has baptized 136 Mexicans in Lubbock association.

July 7 marked the third anniversary of Dr. E. S. James as pastor at First Church, Vernon.

E. F. Connell, father of Mrs. Joe Trussell, state approved intermediate worker, was buried June 20.

Rev. W. T. Lewis is leading in a revival at the South Vernon oil field. James Stanley is in charge of the music.

Rev. Fay Hinton has resigned the pastorate at Jayton to accept the call as pastor at Farrington, New Mexico.

Dr. J. L. Moye, field secretary of the Home Mission board, has been leading in a revival at the Spanish Baptist church, Albuquerque, N. M.

Rev. Lem Hodges of San Jacinto Church, Amarillo, has been assisting Pastor J. P. McBeth and the Dumas Church in a revival meeting. George Reynolds of Childress, led the singing.

There were 23 additions, mostly for baptism in the good revival in Merkel Church with Rev. S. F. Martin of Memphis assisting Pastor Cooper Waters. John Matthews of Fort Worth led the song services.

Dr. McKinley Norman, state evangelist, will preach for the Ralls summer meeting, beginning July 21, announces Pastor W. R. Derr. T. D. Carroll of Henderson will have charge of the choir.

Rev. E. P. Crocker will be in a revival meeting at Hebron Church, Jones county, July 12 to 21. Rev. Melvin Byrd is pastor.

Paint Creek Church sent their choir director to the Luaders encampment to benefit by the courses in Gospel music which were offered to all attending.

Rev. Byron Bryant of Elmdale is in a revival in the East Breckenridge mission.

Rev. L. A. Doyle of Anson has been assisting Pastor Chas. T. Whaley in a meeting at First Church, Weatherford.

Dr. J. Howard Williams of Amarillo is the principal speaker at Menard Encampment, which is meeting July 7 to 16. Rev. R. G. Alexander of Eden is camp pastor and Norman Fromm of Brownwood is song leader.

Mrs. I. W. Lawrence, wife of the Newcastle pastor, died suddenly June 19. Rev. Roy Shahan of Littlefield conducted services at the funeral.

J. D. and Mrs. Riddle are assisting with the music program at Palacios Encampment this week.

Pastor W. E. Hall has been conducting a revival at Cedar Gap church.

Pastor T. J. DuBose has resigned at Eula to accept full time work at Thalia.

Dr. John L. Hill has joined J. L. Kraft, R. G. Le Tourneau and Lawson H. Cook in accepting invitations to speak at the state Laymen's rally in 1941.

SUMMERIZE

We summerize our cars so they will run well. We summerize our homes so they will be comfortable. Let us summerize our church. How? During these days it seems to me we had better place the emphasis in our every conduct where it will lead our fine children and young people to the things that will last for time and eternity.

I would suggest two or three things. First, pray until the ord shows you what is right. Follow that impulse, it will lead you to your church, Sunday School, Training Union, and to the other activities in your church. Satan works during the summer as hard or harder than any other time. Do we, as Christians, do our best? What do the unsaved people think? What do our own loved ones think? Let's make this the best SUMMER our church has ever had. Summerize!—B. N. Shepherd.

HOW GOD SEES SIN

If we see sin as God does, we will see sin as the darkest and most terrible fact of this universe. Tragedy behind every tragedy is sin. Sin is folly, devastation, disorder, death. Sin is an opiate in the will, a frenzy in the imagination, a madness in the brain, a poison in the heart, the intolerable burden of a soul that is destined to live forever, the sum of all cruelty, all terror, all horror.—R. G. Lee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson for July 14, 1940

By Hight C. Moore

JOB'S STRUGGLE TO FAITH IN LIFE AFTER DEATH

Read Job 3 to 19

Study Job 14:13-17; 17:13-16; 19:23-29

The book of Job rests upon a definite historical background; that is, Job was a real character and the events recorded about him, though poetically colored, were yet historically true. That he lived far back in the patriarchal age is generally believed, and manifestly he was one of the greatest men of his time.

The afflicting experiences that came upon him in quick succession brought into prominence the problem of suffering. The theory that all suffering is traceable to some special sin in the sufferer was advocated by the three princes who came to visit Job: the oracular Eliphaz, the pedantic Bildad, and the dogmatic Zophar. This conclusion Job, conscious of his integrity, could not accept. The disciplinary character of suffering was set forth by a new speaker, Elihu, but when all is said and Jehovah has uttered his message, the problem raised in the book is yet unexplained.

The proposed solutions do not always solve; the cause and meaning of adversity are sometimes incomprehensible; the best we can do is to accept the inevitable and trust in God.

1. Affliction from God (Job 14)

1. DOUBT settled down like a black cloud upon the patriarch because of his affliction from God. We see it from five points of view: (1) Doubt of the Present. Things were going wrong in the world. Would not Sheol be superior? Would not Hades be happier? Why not hide in a secret nook of the nether world rather than sit exposed on an ash heap? At length surely the wrath of God would exhaust itself and remembrance of the better days would fix a date, distant or near but definite, for renewal. But now—uncertainty and confusion! (2) Doubt of the Future. Lift the veil; but, alas, is there a veil to lift? Let a man succumb to his afflictions—specifically, let Job's ulcers eat into his vitals and his sores slay him; what then? Is he not gone once and for all? Can he ever come back? "Shall he live again?" How utterly distressing for one to flounder in such a bog of questions and incertitude. (3) Doubt of Mercy. If only his release were on the way with any prospect of coming soon or ever, he could wait and wait. He could rally a little stronger and live a little longer. How eagerly he would respond if God should call him! And could not God afford to delight in the work of his hands through the life and labors of Job? Alas, where is the mercy of God? (4) Doubt of Justice. Still through colored glasses Job looks up to God and obtains also a distorted view of divine justice. He thinks of God as watching his every step to register every stumble and watch every sin and seal up as in a bag his transgression to be opened one day against him! Surely Job was wrapt in the "blackness of darkness." (5) Doubt of Destiny. After all, what could become of man? What end awaited him? Darkened by doubt of the present and the future, dismayed by doubt of the mercy and justice of God—whither? There must be—there is—a way! Yet linger to note the fruitage of doubt.

2. Annihilation Without God (Job 17)

2. DESPAIR like a cavern of pitch darkness yawned downward with tremendous suction before the patriarch in its prospective annihilation without God. Note three phases of it: (1) Despair in Life. To be without God is to have no hope. On that awful verge stood Job in his darkest moment. Was there nothing to see ahead but Sheol for his house or Hades for his home? Was there nowhere for him to spread his future couch but in darkness? Life without one single ray of light—what can it be worth? (2) Despair in Death. After the breath leaves the body the blackness becomes yet more inky. Imagine with Job for one dismal moment, the process of bodily decay with the grave as mother, the worm as sister, and putrefaction as father! Can that be the end of man? Never! (3) Despair in Eternity. Does the street of hope come to a dead end at the grave? Yet despair expects no bliss beyond; it sees no hope; it sinks out of sight and cries bitterly "All is over!" But all is not over nor does death end all!

3. Acquittal Before God (Job 19)

3. FAITH like a rainbow at length overspanned Job as he looked onward and upward confident of his ultimate acquittal before God. Credit him here with fivefold faith: (1) Faith in the Right. Job was not suffering with sore boils on account of some special and grievous sin as his friends charged and as he stoutly disclaimed. He did not declare himself without sin, but he felt innocent of any iniquity punishable by leprosy. He was willing to leave his case to future consideration and appraisal. Let the record be penned on papyrus books or preferably engraved in granite cliff or upon stone tablets. (2) Faith in the Redeemer. Of course Job could not see Calvary as clearly as we do, but we think he got a faint faraway glimpse of the atoning Savior. Much more was involved than simply his vindication before his friends and the world. Certainly he would be set right in the eyes of all good men because his Redeemer would first make it right and then manifest it. He had abiding faith in a Redeemer who redeems, who is alive and alert, and who will consummate his glorious work. (3) Faith in Resurrection. Has the body been destroyed by complete decay and so mingled with the dust as totally to disappear? Yet personality remains, and the dismembered spirit shall see God (as Jesus promised the thief and as Paul declared that absence from the body means presence with the Lord). Moreover the body is to be redeemed so that Job could say "In my flesh shall I see God" (AV). Thus stronger grows and farther reaches the faith of Job. (4) Faith in Righteousness. Had Job been thinking of "wrong forever on the throne" with righteousness relegated to the discard? His sight is clearer now. He has seen his Redeemer and he knows that righteousness must finally prevail in the earth and throughout the universe. Indeed he is assured that the Redeemer will stand by his side and save him, forevermore from all sin as well as from slander. Though blamed here for his sufferings he will be blessed with eternal salvation. (5) Faith in the Reign of God. Has he seemed to lay aside his crown and to vacate his throne? Never for one moment although some in their sufferings and in their sin may say so. God reigns and will reign. His scepter and his sword are in hand. They who have faith shall receive his mercy and they who are false must receive his judgment!

Gold in the Golden Text

For I know that my redeemer liveth.—Job 19:25.

The Redeemer redeems from sin which depraves and defeats man because it dishonors and defies God. He never sinned. He always saves.

"My redeemer" graciously redeemed me when I repented of my sin, put my trust in him, and committed myself to him. He gave me salvation and he guides my service.

"My redeemer liveth." He died atoning on the cross, but he rose from the dead as he said. He is living now at the right hand of the majesty on high. And he will live and reign forever.

"I know that my redeemer liveth." Nothing I know is so well founded on fact, or authenticated by experience, or transforming in human life. He lives!

Daily Bible Readings

July 15—Repentance. Job 42:1-6.
July 16—Forgiveness. Job 42:7-9.
July 17—Restoration. Job 42:12-17.
July 18—Prosperity. Job 42:12-17.
July 19—Preaching Repentance. Luke 24:44-49.
July 20—The Fruits of Repentance. Acts 26:14-20.
July 21—Sowing Time and Reaping Time. Psalm 126.

CHINA FOUND ITS SOUL

It is an ill wind that doesn't blow some good somewhere. We have had a bad time of it, as you know. But again good has come out of evil, for terrible as our sufferings and losses have been, our country has come through pain to a new stature, and above everything, has found its soul. That is a triumph. There is no question of the high spirit of our people. It is resolute and their determination to continue resisting is unshaken.—Madame Chiang Kai-Shek.

THE THINGS MONEY CANNOT BUY

It's good to have money and the things that money can buy, but it's good, too, to check up once in a while and make sure you haven't lost the things that money can't buy.—George Horace Lorimer.

CHURCH CONFERENCE CAN BE STREAMLINED

By Leon Gambrell,
University Church, Shawnee

During all the years of my ministry prior to coming to University Church, I had wondered what was the best plan for church business meetings. There was never a satisfied feeling if the whole prayer meeting hour was used for the transaction of business. It seems that this feeling was also shared by most of the members who attended. Many times it occurred to me that surely there was a better plan than that which we were following.

At the opening of school here, in September two years ago, word came to me frequently that the students planned to stay away when we had our monthly business session. They were attending the mid-week services in large numbers and we wanted to make every service as helpful as possible in order to keep them coming. We thought that if they missed one service a month, it would be difficult to have them in the other three services.

Our church adopted the following plan which has worked most successfully. By vote of the church, every Wednesday night was designated as a business meeting time so that any business transacted would be legal. On the first Wednesday night in each month, we simply have the minutes of the previous month. The treasurer's report is given the second Wednesday. On the third Wednesday the Sunday school and B. T. U. reports are read, and miscellaneous matters are considered on the fourth Wednesday night in the month. Quarterly reports from the W. M. U. and Brotherhood presented on the fifth Wednesdays. This schedule provides for all regular business matters and rarely requires more than five to eight minutes in any service. Granting of letters and other emergency matters may be considered at any time. This enables the church to take care of business as the need arises rather than to wait a whole month for its consideration. All our people are present to vote and all know what the church is doing.—Baptist Messenger.

A DEAD PIG, BUT A LIVE CHRISTIAN

A member of the Mexican church at Cameron, Texas, served by Rev. C. Hernandez Rios, Home Board missionary, has realized that for a Christian to work on Sunday is wrong.

This Mexican member worked a few hours several Sundays and for his work received a beautiful pig. He had several other pigs and was very happy to have this new one.

Some time afterward, the man came to Brother Rios and said, "My beautiful pig that I received for my Sunday work is dead. I realize that a Christian can't rob God and be successful. I will nevermore attempt to work on Sundays because I learned the lesson God gave me in this simple manner."

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THEO ASH

To my Friends and Citizens of Taylor County:

Having heretofore announced to the people of Taylor County my candidacy for the office of Taylor County Attorney, I am taking this means to solicit the assistance of the readers and their friends of this publication in my behalf in the coming primary election.

I am 33 years of age, married, and we have a baby girl age 7. I have lived in Abilene for the past 18 years, having attended Abilene High school and Hardin-Simmons University. I secured my license to practice law by home study efforts, and I have been practicing law in the Courts of Texas for the past six years. I have been serving Abilene and precinct one of Taylor County as your Justice of the Peace since 1937.

During the years I have been your Justice of the Peace, I have made every effort to carry out the important duties of the office in detail, with close attention to strict enforcement of our laws as they are written, and with fairness, impartiality and equitable justice to every person coming into the Court. I believe that every person, no matter what his social or financial standing may be, is entitled to the same rights of equality in this office or any other office. I have at all times co-operated closely with the County Attorney's office, and have gained thereby much valuable experience in the handling of criminal cases and prosecution in that office. I believe in making every effort to stamp out corruptible bootleg practices and lawlessness. I believe that every officer in Taylor County will tell you that Theo Ash is 100 per cent for law enforcement and a leader in that effort.

Since January 1st, 1937, I have handled and disposed of approximately 1,600 criminal cases coming before me as Justice of the Peace. I have assisted in securing many written confessions from notorious criminals, not only in Taylor County, but many other counties in Texas as well.

In doing these things and performing these duties, the experience and the knowledge gained has enabled me to become qualified to render Taylor County efficient, fair and impartial service in the County Attorney's office in investigating and prosecuting criminal cases to effect.

I have been a member of the Baptist church for many years and have attended the Victory Men's Bible Class for the past 8 years. I have worked hard and diligently in my present office, and have conducted my public and private life in such a manner as to merit your confidence and trust. The County Attorney's job is the next step up for me, and it has been your custom when one has served efficiently and qualified himself, to promote him to the County Attorney's office. If, after investigation, you feel that I deserve and have earned this promotion, I earnestly solicit your vote and influence, both yourself and your neighbors and friends.

Respectfully submitted,
THEO ASH.
(Pol. Adv.)

PROGRAM

Quarterly Meeting of Fischer County W. M. U. at Highland Home Church, Tuesday, June 16 at 10 A. M. Song Service led by Mrs. Alvin Smith, Mrs. Ernest Smith, Pianist. Devotional, Miss Myrtle Scott. Reports of associational chairmen. Presidents' Quarterly Reports. Message, Mrs. D. L. Swint. Noon—Bring Covered Dish. 1:30—Song. Devotional, Mrs. LaVerne Parks. Reports of Boys and Girls Camps, Mrs. L. L. Trott and Miss Julia Alice Ferguson. Report of Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Brown. Discussion of Plans and Work. Recording Secretary's Report, Mrs. J. D. Bradshaw. Mrs. John P. Hardesty, Pres.

UNITED DRYS WARN AGAINST IMPOSTERS

A TIMELY WARNING — All too often we are receiving letters from friends over the state asking if "so and so" represents our organization. The inquiry always comes too late for our reply to be of any protection to that particular community.

Since there has been a pickup in sentiment favoring the cause of prohibition, we have all kinds of scoundrels trying to capitalize on the prohibition movement. When the fight was hard, and only discouragements faced the prohibition workers of our state, these men were never heard of. For some of us who have labored and sacrificed, it is hard to understand how such men can muster the courage to come forth now and try to cash in on the other man's labors.

If friends of United Texas Drys will remember to ask for the credentials of prohibition solicitors, where they do not know, they can always put themselves straight. Every representative of United Texas Drys has a letter of introduction signed by Bishop Boaz and myself, and they are always glad to present this letter when asked to do so.

At the present time our field representatives are Rev. John J. Ball, Longview, Texas, and Rev. Joe E. Leatherwood, Dallas, Texas. These men have our heartiest endorsement, and any courtesies shown them by the pastors of our churches, and other friends of prohibition, will be greatly appreciated by United Texas Drys.

When we can serve you call on us at 603 Thomas Building, Dallas, Texas.—Signed: Jeff Davis.

THOUGHTS WHILE FISHING

By O. D. Henley

A fish-line can get worse tangled in less time than anything but a human life.

Fish at least know when they are full.

Fish have a good willpower about biting.

A creek can still have a good conscience even if it is crooked.

Nature at least never rebels.

Nature never denies its creator.

Nature never dishonors its creator.

Nature suffers uncomplainingly.

God is supreme in nature.

Fish rarely get caught twice.

Fish do not bite unbaited hooks.

Lazy men make poor fishermen.

Fish are strictly individualists.

Fish pay almost as much attention to the weather as some folks.

Fish have their enemies.

Liars are more than liable to lie.

Fish are not choicely in their food.

Fish can't be conscripted.

Big fish make the little fish eat.

Big fish make their living off the little fish.

Fish make the best of their circumstances.

Fish don't quit when they are caught.

Fish fight on even after they are hung!

Fish never commit suicide.

Fish use all the senses they have.

Fish fulfill their mission.

God's out-of-doors is meant to rest us not to ruin us.

Fish do most of their traveling up stream.

One of the certainties about fishing is its uncertainty.

We will catch the big one next time.

B. S. CUMMINGS

Attorney-at-Law
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ABILENE, TEXAS

PROGRAM

Quarterly Meeting of the Jones County Woman's Missionary Union, First Baptist Church, Hamlin, Tuesday, July 16, 1940.

10:00 A. M.—Song—"How Firm A Foundation."

10:10 A. M.—Devotional. Theme, "Youth"—Mrs. Hubert Morton.

10:20—Greetings, Mrs. G. P. Odom.

10:25—Response, Mrs. Fred Sideo.

10:30—Corresponding Secretary's Report, Mrs. Travis Green.

10:40—Achievements, Local Presidents.

11:20—Demonstration, Daily Vacation Bible School.

11:40—Sermon, Rev. H. E. East.

12:15—LUNCH. (Bring Covered Dish).

1:00—Board Meeting.

1:30—Devotional and Young People's Work—Mrs. Dick O'Brien.

2:00—Our Seminary—Bobby Jo Cox.

Business.

Adjournment.

BAPTIZING NAVAJOS

A twenty-three-year-old Indian student at the Navajo Government School in Santa Fe, N. M., recently witnessed a baptismal service for the first time in his life—on the occasion of his own baptism. Four other students were baptized at the same time, writes Miss Pauline Cammack, missionary of the Home Mission Board.

Remember that what you possess in the world will be found at the day of your death to belong to someone else; but what you are will be yours forever.—Henry van Dyke.

Better be three hours too soon than one minute too late.—Shakespeare.

Emmette Chandler

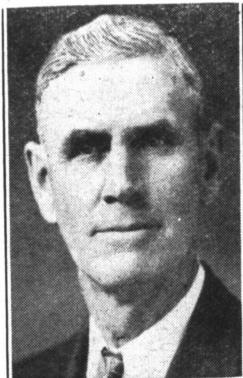
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A SEVERE INDICTMENT

America is going to fall. I am not a pessimist nor a calamity howler, but America can not go on as she is and stand. No nation has ever fallen from without, but from decay within. No nation has ever fallen from sin of another nation, but from her own sin. America has forgotten God. America has quit going to church. Church members stay home as though there was no God nor church. 'No man can serve two masters: Ye can not serve God and mammon'. Matt. 6:24. Jesus spoke those words to His

disciples. There is no validity to the claim that one is Christian when one has forsaken the things of Christianity. One can not lay valid claim to being a Christian and forsake Christ's church. America has forgotten Christ's church. Fathers and mothers have forsaken the church and thereby say to their children and other youth to forsake the church also. When America stays away from the church on Sunday and Wednesday evening they say to those of their own household and all others, stay away also.—R. G. Baucom.

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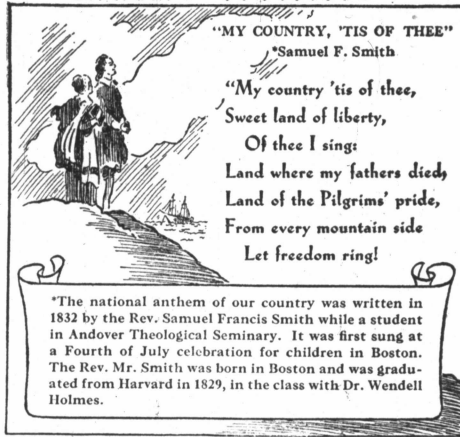
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TAYLOR SAYS, EDUCATION BEFORE PROHIBITION

Often when you go to talking about a program of alcohol education the question comes up, "What about the existing organizations?" That there may be no misunderstanding in the matter I am setting forth the relation of the movement for alcohol education to other movements, thought to be similar in the minds of other folks. The thing that creates a liquor problem is alcohol, therefore it is called alcohol education. Because alcohol is one of the narcotics it is proper to call it narcotic education. Beverage alcohol is the major narcotic problem in the United States today.

Some definitions will help us to think straight as we discuss this proposition. Alcohol education means TEACHING people what alcohol IS, what it does because of its inherent nature and why.

Prohibition is a method of control by legal sanction.

The relation of the two may be set forth under the following proposition viz:

Alcohol education is positive, Prohibition is negative.

Alcohol education touches the springs of motive, Prohibition operates in the field of method by means of control through legal sanctions.

Alcohol education deals with people as individuals, Prohibition deals with them in the mass.

Alcohol education progresses from the norm of conviction, Prohibition works from the norm of constraint.

Alcohol education is a fundamental way to reduce the consumption of alcoholic liquors (by prevention).

After all the most effective prohibition is that which a man puts into effect in regard to his own personal life.

Such a program must be continuous. Each generation must be educated.

Such a program must be militantly aggressive. It must carry the war into the enemy's territory. It must not be a defensive war.

Alcohol education will take care of Prohibition but Prohibition will not take care of alcohol education.

From here on out I am driving a tandem team in an effort to annihilate the traffic in beverage alcohol. My load horse is to be called Alcohol Education and my following horse Prohibition. Experience dictates that if we will keep them in this order and drive straight toward the goal we will arrive after awhile.

It will be readily seen that Prohibition is one step in such a program. But, Prohibition in the form of local option is not as effective as it was twenty years ago. And after you have secured your local option you still have your drug store saloons to contend with and the bootlegger to eliminate. Only an aggressive educated public sentiment can deal with this situation. Those who are seeking a short cut to the solution of this problem are doomed to disappointment, disillusionment and many heartaches. Let's educate, agitate and legislate.

A program and plan has been worked out which will be presented later. Faithfully and anti-alcoholically yours,
CARSON TAYLOR.

STANLEY LEADS HOLLIDAY CHURCH IN GOOD REVIVAL

July 2, we closed our revival meeting, having gone since June 16, sixteen days and nights. It was the best meeting we have been in for a long time, from the standpoint of reviving our people. Rev. James F. Stanley, of Dallas, state evangelist did the preaching, and he did it in a masterful way. He fearlessly condemned sin with God's Word, and led our people to see that to be a child of God means a lot more than just miss a burning Hell. Not only did our own people hear him gladly, but other people of the town and community came night and morning and feasted upon his old-fashioned gospel. They honored Brother Stanley both for his convictions and for his messages from God's Word. There were a number of professions and additions, and others, I think, will unite with the church as a result of the meeting.

Brother Stanley's son, James F. Jr., had charge of the music, and he did the singing in a fine way; not only is he a consecrated singer, but he has surrendered to preach, and he filled the pulpit for his father in one of our morning services. He helped our young people to a higher plain of living.

We go with Bro. C. G. Lee and his good church at City View, out of Wichita Falls, for a revival, July 15, the meeting starting July 14.

H. E. Davis, Pastor.

WHITAKER ANNOUNCES FOR STATE LEGISLATURE



E. L. WHITAKER

In submitting his candidacy for representative in the state legislature, E. L. Whitaker makes the following statement:

Much of the work of the next legislature will be determined by what the nation does in way of defense and payment of that program. We need to make the state strong in cooperation with the President and Congress in mobilization of minds, hearts and resources to defend heritages of our forefathers.

Your representative in the Legislature should seek a harmonious working of members of that body and with the governor in promoting the welfare of the public and destruction of extravagant professional politics.

In a world that changes as fast as has this one within the past six months it is difficult to know what will be the needs and issues six months ahead. But if the war situation does not become more critical the main problem of the next Legislature will be settlement of the old age assistance problem by finding a means to make payment to match fully the liberality of the Federal government.

The question is not whether to or not to pay. It is a question of how. To that end I would dedicate myself in an effort to find something upon which a majority of the Legislature could agree. For myself, I believe taxes on the state's natural resources should be used to meet this need, and the local taxing groups should permit the state a larger share in the taxes paid by the oil industry. I am opposed to a general sales tax.

Uncertainty of future world events and the similarity of platforms of various candidates for the Legislature in Taylor County this year make of utmost importance the character, ability and personality of the one chosen. A short biography follows:

Was born on a Runnels County farm September 4, 1905. Lived nine years in Nolan County where a non-professional preaching career was begun in 1921. Left farm at age sixteen for life-work in printing and newspaper business, and started own paper at 17. After reaching age 19 went to high school at Tahoka and Lamesa, and attended Wayland College and Simmons University, the latter after marriage and after serving as member of the Legislature from 119th district. Since moving to Abilene in summer of 1929, where we established a permanent residence, have worked in local printing establishments and was for five years production foreman of a publishing house. At same time served two years as pastor of a full-time Baptist Church at Big Spring, commuting each Saturday and Monday. At present am printer again and editor of an Abilene weekly newspaper.

This well-rounded experience should be of value to the citizenship of Taylor County as it fits for better service with better judgment and better knowledge of human need. A more mature judgment and wider experience should make more valuable this former experience at first-hand as a member of the Legislature (1927-28).

Subject to your selection, all that I have and am is offered in dedication to solving the problems of state and representing the citizenship of Taylor County as their defender, their voice, and their advocate in behalf of clean, honest, economical and progressive government.

(Signed)

E. L. WHITAKER.

"I complained that I had no shoes, until I met a man who had no feet."—An Arabian Proverb.

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GENERAL PRACTICE

PROGRAM

Quarterly Meeting of Sweetwater Association, Auxiliary, for April, May and June, Meeting at Tye Church, July 18.

Theme: Abounding in the work of the Lord.
President, Mrs. C. C. Compere; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Bert Low; Corresponding Secretary - Treasurer, Mrs. Bryan Ball.

Morning session, 9:45.
Devotional, Mrs. Earl Darden.
Greetings, Mrs. Fred Porter.
Response, Mrs. Perry, Sweetwater.
Recognition of Visitors.

Three minute reports by local presidents: Abilene Calvary; Abilene First, Mrs. E. O. Keeton; Abilene Immanuel, Mrs. H. L. Rice; Abilene North Park, Mrs. G. W. Thompson; Abilene, Southside, Mrs. W. C. Ashford; Abilene Sunset, Mrs. A. V. Moore; Abilene University, Mrs. D. W. Arnette; Blackwell, Mrs. J. W. Reynolds; Caps, Mrs. W. F. Joiner; Hylton, Mrs. John Kensie; Merkel, Mrs. T. E. Collins; Nolan, Mrs. Lem Ray; Sweetwater, Lamar Street, Mrs. C. J. Matthews; Trent, Tuscola, Mrs. W. J. Taylor; Tye, Mrs. N. M. Pitts; Ovalo, Mrs. W. J. Taylor.

Special music.
Report of Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Bryan Ball.

Announcements.
Lunch, 12 to 1.

Executive Board meeting.

Afternoon Session
Hymn, I Love to Tell the Story.
Repeating the Watchword of the W. M. U. for 1940.

Prayer.
Recommendations from the Executive Board, Mrs. Bryan Ball.

Three minute reports by standing committees: Personal service, Mrs. W. C. Taggart; Mission study, Mrs. A. R. Booth; Missions, Mrs. J. L. Anthony; Christian Education, Mrs. H. E. Gay; Benevolence, Mrs. S. J. T. Williams; Periodicals, Mrs. W. E. Ryan; Stewardship, Mrs. J. W. Bristow; Young People, Mrs. Paul Atchison; Bible study, Mrs. J. E. Winters; Margaret Fund Mother, Mrs. C. M. Caldwell.

Address, Rev. Fred Porter.
Report of committees, reading of minutes and closing prayer.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 27.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:
L. A. Woods

STATE LEGISLATURE
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E. L. Whitaker

SHERIFF, TAYLOR COUNTY
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CENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE PLANNED BY UNION ASS'N.

Union Baptist Association, the oldest in Texas, is making extensive preparation for its Centennial Celebration this fall. The date is October 7-9. Three thousand people are expected on the evening of the 7th at a Fellowship Meeting at the South Main Baptist church, Houston. This is an informal, open-house affair. The 8th and 9th sessions will be held in the First Baptist church and will be given over to business and addresses. Several notable speakers are on the program. The introductory and the missionary sermons will be combined and the message delivered by Dr. M. M. Wolf of Richmond, Texas.

A Centennial History is being prepared. This will be a book of about three hundred pages and will contain the history of the Association year by year for one hundred years; the history of the Woman's Missionary Union covering thirty-six years of achievement and written in a fascinating story form; the wonderful stories of the Star of Hope Mission, the Memorial Hospital and the Industrial day home; a brief history of more than a hundred churches composing the Association; many pictures of church buildings and individuals, and a number of biographies.

This book will come from the press about August 1, and may be had in paper binding for fifty-five cents, or two for \$1.00, postpaid, by sending your name and address with the remittance before August 1, to D. R. Peveo, 1236 Studeoak, Houston, Texas. After that date the price will be 75c. Why not save a third on your copy by ordering in advance?

The Centennial Committee.

Arrangements have been completed recently for an island-wide broadcast from Havana of Baptist services each Sunday morning.

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CHURCH BULLETIN SECTION

CROSS ROADS AND PLEASANT VALLEY

Last Sunday was the Cross Roads day and we had a good time, two additions and the services were fine. The church released the pastor for the next third Sunday because of the meeting at Pleasant Valley beginning that day. The meeting at Cross Roads begins the first Sunday in August and we are really expecting a good time. We will pray for the meeting every day until after it is over, and that means a mighty lot.

Next Sunday at Pleasant Valley we are expecting a lovely time, we will have our regular preaching service in the morning and in the afternoon will be the ordination service and then our Sunday night service. We will have no Saturday night service, so all will take notice. Our meeting begins 3rd Sunday and we want to be ready for it; there are three things we shall emphasize during the meeting, we are going to make much of singing. I will be glad to teach a singing school in connection with the meeting, and if we have that or not, we will have lots of singing during the meeting. And then we will stress praying. We will preach about it, talk about it, and I hope will practice it a big lot while the meeting is in progress, and so get the habit that we will just keep it up after the meeting is over, and then we shall emphasize the reading and study of the Bible. We shall preach that too and will read it and I am hoping that we will get the habit so that we will read the Bible every day after the meeting is gone. Now let every one who reads this note put it into his or her program to pray for this meeting and the Cross Roads meeting as well.

*JOE R. MAYES, Pastor.

SARDIS

T. H. Alcorn, pastor.
Sunday School, 10 a.m., J. S. Woodson, superintendent.
Training Union, 7:45 p.m., E. S. Keisler, director.
W. M. S. Mondays, 2:30 p.m., Mrs. Cecil Parks, president.
Brotherhood, 7:45 p.m. Friday after 2nd and 4th Sundays, J. F. Upshaw, president.
Teachers and prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:45 p.m.
R. A.'s and G. A.'s meet every Monday, 7:45 p.m.

JOHNSON CHAPEL

We will start a study course next Friday night. All are urged to attend. We will study "Building a Standard Sunday School."

Cecil McBeth, Pastor.

SUNSET

S. 5th and Sunset Drive, Abilene.
Sunday School, 9:45, W. Baker, Superintendent.
Training Union, 7:00, Lenora Hitt, Director.

Morning and evening sermons by Pastor.

Prayer services Wednesday evening.
C. N. Gilbert, Pastor.

DRASCO

We had our best attendance for the year last Sunday. There were 97 in Sunday School. We are greatly interested in having our full enrollment present for the next two Sundays.

Surely we will give our best in service in this short time before our revival meeting. Harold Russ, Pastor.

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E. M. Collier, Superintendent