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EMARKS



By DICK O'BRIEN

In these days when the national political pot is beginning to boil in earnest it is difficult to carry on an extended conversation, read a newspaper or listen to the radio without politics coming in for some consideration. One of the most clever political rejoinders I ever read or heard, I think, was given by the incomparable Chauncey Depew. A politician representing the other party came to Mr. Depew one day and said, "Suppose we try to carry on this campaign on a high plane, and let there be no mud slinging." Mr. Depew replied, "That's a good idea. I'll tell you what I'll do. If you will refrain from telling any lies about the Republican party, I will promise not to tell the truth about the Democratic party." Which reminds us of the Irish policeman who had been charged with misusing and abusing his office. When the testimony was in and the charges had been submitted to the court, Officer Hoolligan made his denial in the following words, "All them facts has been verified to be totally false and untrue in every particular." . . . But I think the most amusing court house story I have heard or read was about the Negro woman who was a witness in a case in which two men were on trial for fighting. The Negress had seen the whole affair, and was asked by the lawyer to state in her own words just what she saw. "Well," she said, glancing toward the two battle scarred pugilistic neighbors, "if he had hit him as hard as he hit him, he would have killed him, or him him." . . . I don't know what got me started on courthouse stories but another one comes to mind. A brisk, smart-alex type was hailed before the judge of the city court. In his best judicial tones the judge asked, "What is your name?" "Sparks," answered the accused. "What is your business?" demanded the judge. "I'm an electrician," he replied. "What are you charged with?" inquired the irate judge. "Battery," curtly answered the witness. Turning to the bailiff the judge ordered, "Put this man in a dry cell 'til he cools off." . . . I am deliberately using these stories which have given me some passing amusement in order to give my own long suffering family a rest. It seems that my public enjoys the stories I tell on myself or my family more than any others, which indicates to me that they have had similar experiences and secretly rejoice at the weaknesses and embarrassments of others. . . . Probably the family does not deserve it, but they have demanded a rest. . . . Just one more story, please. Another smart-alex walked up to a red cap in the Grand Central station, New York, and asked, "Where will I find the train to Chicago?" "Turn left and you'll be right," answered the red cap respectfully. "Oh, wise guy, eh?" said the smart one. "O. K.," replied the red cap. (Continued on page 4)

EVENTS TO COME

- October 27—Training Union contests, in churches.
- October 27—Church elimination for State Training Union contests.
- November 3—Association eliminations for State Training Union contests.
- November 3—Training Union contests in associations.
- November 7—Training Union contests in districts.
- November 11-12—State W. M. U. Convention, Houston.
- November 12-15—Baptist General Convention of Texas, Houston.
- November 21-23—Texas Baptist Training Union convention, Dallas.
- October 20—Laymen's Day in all Baptist Churches.
- March 17-18—State Laymen's Rally, Dallas.

ARMY CAMPS FOCUS OF BAPTIST PLANS FOR '41

The spiritual needs of the many thousands of American youth who are expected to be quartered in Texas military posts during the next year, will be the prime problem of Texas Baptists for 1941. This was the opinion expressed by leaders of the denomination in a conference at Dallas last week.

Around 150 missionaries, pastors, laymen and women gathered Tuesday in response to a call for a committee of 12 headed by Dr. George W. Truett. This committee was appointed at the 1939 state convention with instructions to confer with a representative group from over the state and to make recommendations to the Houston convention next month in regard to the plans for the coming year.

Dr. Truett, as chairman of the committee, presided at the all-day conference and delivered a keynote address in which he emphasized the need for understanding all phases of work fostered by the denomination. Presenting the heads of the denominational institutions, he said every one should be able to visualize the needs of all these.

Dr. Campbell, state secretary, called for a program which would be "intensive enough to take in every Baptist in Texas; challenging enough to enlist us all; spiritual enough to bless every one of us." He reported that the debts of the state board, which approximated two millions in 1928, have been reduced to about \$600,000. The increase in endowments and plants of Baptist properties in the state, plus the debts paid, have increased about 12 1-2 millions in that period.

The Baptist Foundation was credited with being the basis of confidence responsible for many of the large benefactions which Baptists have received in the past decade. Baptist credit, which has scrupulously met financial obligations, has resulted in the saving of \$20,000 per year in reduced rates of interest.

Heads of all denominational institutions in Texas or their representatives, were presented and each gave a brief message of his work.

Dr. W. R. White stressed the vital importance of Christian schools to denominational life in the days of crisis which confront this world.

Dr. T. C. Gardner spoke feelingly of our obligation to the mobilized men who are being concentrated in the state.

Every section of Texas, including the Panhandle, the Trans-Pecos region and the Rio Grande Valley was well represented at the meeting. Especially prominent were the Brotherhood presidents and the laymen from over Texas.

NOVEMBER 7 IS DATE FOR DISTRICT 17 CONTESTS

The Training Union elimination contests for District 17 will be held at the University Baptist Church, Abilene, on Thursday evening, November 7, beginning at 7 p. m., announces Rev. L. L. Trott, district director.

On account of the holiday and the meeting of the Pastors' and Laymen's conference at Houston on that date it has been decided to make the change.

Associational contests will be conducted Sunday afternoon, November 8. Both these contests will have competition for all ages including story telling for beginners and primaries, memory verses for juniors, sword drill for intermediates, oratorical contests for young people and devotionals for adults. The Better Music contest will be held this year only at the state convention.

IMMANUEL CHURCH HAS STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Laymen had charge of the morning services at Immanuel Church, Abilene, on October 20. C. E. Fuller, Brotherhood president, spoke on the stewardship of time. L. D. Boyd discussed the stewardship of money, and R. E. Dudley, the stewardship of talents. Rev. W. A. Nicholas spoke at the evening hour. Pastor D. G. Reid is greatly encouraged with the progress of the church. Sunday School showed a marked increase with 242 present, and Training Union had nearly 90. The church plans to erect an addition and install a baptistry in the near future.

REV. C. A. POWELL GOES TO RULE PASTORATE



After 17 years and two months as pastor at University Church, Abilene, Rev. Chas. A. Powell has resigned to accept the call of Rule. This extended service has covered just about half of the existence of the University Church, which was constituted in 1905 as College Heights. The name was changed when Simmons College became known as a university.

Thousands of students have come under the influence of this sympathetic pastor during this long service. He has been especially sought out by the student preachers, to scores of whom he has been a father in the ministry.

Pastor Powell has been very active in the work of Sweetwater Association during these years, having served in various capacities and at present is chairman of the important budget committee. He is a district board member from the association and is chairman of the district board. He is also a trusted member of the state executive board.

He is conceded to be one of the most thoughtful and forceful preachers of the state and is frequently sought for a speaker at important conventions.

University Church has experienced great growth during these 17 years. The modern and commodious education building has been erected and many other physical improvements have been added. The Sunday School has a long record of attaining the standard. All other organizations of the church are functioning efficiently, the Brotherhood organization being one of the oldest in the state.

Rule Church is one of the very strongest and best equipped in the Haskell Association. Pastor J. W. Partin resigned recently, moving to Lubbock.

VERNON CHURCH ORDAINS DEACONS AT DEDICATION

On Thursday night, October 17, the Calvary Baptist Church of Vernon ordained three deacons and at the same time dedicated the church building which was recently freed from debt.

Doyle Thomas, Harold Keene, and J. N. Owens were ordained after due examination by the Presbytery, which was composed of the following pastors and deacons: Rev. W. E. Lovelace, chairman, T. E. Davis, secretary, and W. B. Fitzgerald, John Stout, T. J. DuBose, E. S. James, J. O. Rouse, Roscoe Rainwater, J. A. DeShea, S. H. Southall, Everett McKinney, Malcolm Hines, and Bob Owens.

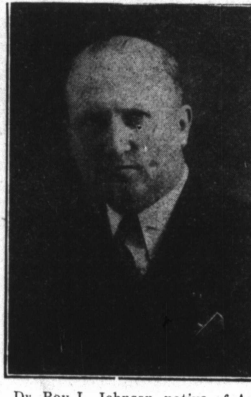
Pastor Lovelace acted as Moderator, Rev. W. B. Fitzgerald led in the examination; J. O. Rouse read the Scripture message; Rev. John Stout led the invocation. Message was brought by E. S. James, pastor of the First Church, which was a message of dedication for the church. The dedicatory prayer was offered by the pastor, and the Church history was read by J. A. DeShea. The canceled notes of the church were burned by the Treasurer, J. N. Owens.

ELMER HOLT ACCEPTS THROCKMORTON CALL

Rev. Elmer D. Holt, pastor at Jean and Bryson, has resigned to accept the call to the pastorate of First Church, Throckmorton, which was vacated some months ago when Pastor E. E. Burks resigned to accept a call to the Pearsall Church.

The Throckmorton Church has a recently built stone building valued at \$50,000 and a membership of nearly 600.

CANYON CHURCH CALLS PASTOR FROM ARKANSAS



Dr. Roy L. Johnson, native of Arkansas, an A. B. graduate of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Ark., and a Th. M. and Th. D. graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, became pastor of First Church in Canyon on September 1st. It is his first pastorate in the west and he likes it. A splendid response from students in West Texas State College and town people has made possible more than one hundred additions to the church in six weeks, and increases are noted in all lines of work.

The large building, begun in 1927, is being completed, although the job will take many months since the work is proceeding on a cash basis. The church will be 50 years old in December and plans are being made for a celebration early in January, at which time the auditorium is expected to be completely refurnished and furnished with new pews and furniture. More than four hundred students of Baptist membership and Baptist preference are enrolled in the State college at Canyon this year and the church is doing its best to minister to their spiritual needs while they are away from home. Mr. Olie T. Brown is assisting the pastor as secretary of student work.

CHAS. WELLS ADDRESSES SEMINARY ON THE ORIENT

Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, the past week entertained Charles A. Wells, well known speaker among Baptist Student Union circles and cartoonist and lecturer from New York City, just before his engagement at the State B. S. U. convention in Waco. Using his illustrated drawings Mr. Wells gave a penetrating analysis of the conditions in the Orient today.

Speaking on the subject "Our Tomorrow's World," he reproduced a communistic poster which first appeared in China and which stirred up many race riots. As used by the Red propagandists it symbolized the oppression of the yellow race by the white imperialists. Mr. Wells stated that such posters as this were used by the Communists in their campaign to stir up the Chinese anti-foreign movement. When the Japanese saw that they were excluded by this movement their war-lords seized on the opportunity for the conquering of China.

"The smoke screen of the invasion of Japan has covered up the main issue—not what the Japanese have done to China but what Asia has done to the white man in China. We are through in Asia. Let me warn you if you go to Asia don't carry your racial attitudes with you. The racial problem is something that we can no longer pass by."

Mr. Wells gave as the only solution of the problem the supremacy of the love of Christ. "Jesus cut across the racial prejudices of all time to establish love as supreme. We are not going to do much about it until we start crossing railroad tracks and oceans with love as supreme. We won't do it really until love has become a personal experience."

WELLS SPEAKS TO B. S. U.

The philosophy of love as taught by Jesus Christ was upheld by Charles A. Wells, world traveler and newspaper writer of New York City, as the only antidote to hatred causing present world conflicts when he addressed the Texas Baptist Student Convention at Waco Saturday, October 19.

More than 2,000 college students from 30 Texas campuses attended.

BAPTIST PROBLEMS TO BE DISCUSSED NOVEMBER 6

A mass meeting of Baptist District Seventeen to be held at First Church, Abilene, has been called by Missionary J. Henry Littleton, seconded by the departmental leaders of the district. The meeting will be in session from ten in the morning to three in the afternoon with lunch at the church at which all in attendance will be guests.

The meeting will open with a devotional message by Rev. Phillip C. McGahey, president of the district convention. Missionary J. Henry Littleton will deliver the keynote address.

Superintendent E. M. Collier of Hendrick Memorial hospital will speak on the Ministry of Healing, following which there will be an intermission for introductions. The Hardin-Simmons girls quartet will sing at 11:35. The Attitude of Texas Baptists in the Face of World Conditions will be the subject of Dr. W. R. White, whose address will conclude the morning.

Our Departments in the Enlarged Program will be briefly discussed after lunch by Mrs. J. B. Buckley, speaking for the W. M. U.; Judge E. S. Cummings, for the Brotherhood; J. M. Cook, for the Sunday School; and Rev. L. L. Trott for the Training Union. This will be followed by a period of open discussion.

Dr. T. C. Gardner will conclude the conference with an address: Texas Baptists' Responsibility in the Face of National Crisis.

The meeting will be an extension of the meeting of the recent committee of 150 which met in Dallas last week to look into the needs of the denomination and to discuss plans for the program for next year.

J. A. LUNSFORDS SAIL FOR MISSION WORK IN BRAZIL

J. Lowell Ponder, Plainview. Don't imagine you missed it, but I didn't make the column last week. Was on the train for Dallas at the usual writing time.

Yesterday, October 20, at the morning and afternoon was with Earl McManis and his Edith Church. In the afternoon we worked out a budget for the new year. The Baptist Standard was placed in the budget for every family.

Preached the night service with the O'Donnell Church. Their recent pastor, J. A. Lunsford, is at this writing on the high seas on the way to Brazil.

Last Sunday we were with the Lone Star Church, in Floyd Association. Had a good mission service. They are planning on coming in with a substantial offering for missions this month.

Pastors, we'll not forget that Sunday is the last opportunity to make an appeal in behalf of the October mission round-up. You will not fail to do your dead level best. All the world is watching Texas in her program of missions and evangelism. We cannot disappoint them nor our Lord.

Had a funeral the 8th in Haskell County, and another the 16th just under the Cap.

Friday, we visited in chapel at Wayland. The student body was called upon to quote Scripture. The response was fine. We heard one young fellow quote, "He will supply every need of yours." The reason it struck me was because we knew what a hard time that particular fellow was having to stay in school. And many others akin to it. If you are approaching that frame of mind that says that the future is dark, just visit Wayland College and meet some of the fine young men and women that are there. I'm of the opinion that the future is just as secure as any future ever was.

The other Sunday we preached ordination of a young preacher at College Heights Church, Plainview. It was a good service.

We make another appeal to churches to send their pastors to the Houston convention. By cutting the corners pretty close, the trip can be made from this section for around \$25.00. But more nearly \$30.00. It isn't a question of giving the pastor a trip, but a means of helping the work on the field. It will give him a great boost for months to come. Take care of this for sure.

Don't start asking about the minutes. They can't be gotten out until the clerk in your association gets in his copy. Ask your clerk if his copy is ready.

See you next week.

MISSIONARY

ESSAYS



By J. Henry Littleton
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Week before last I attended six of our associational meetings. They were all forward looking. Now, as we begin a new associational year, let all of us make a more far reaching program.

I was with the Aspermont Church the second Sunday. They are pastorless. We will all pray that God will lead them in this hour. We have several churches without pastors over the district. If we can help them in any way we are ready.

We were with Brother Fred Moreland and his church at Lueders last week in a study course. We had a good week. It is a joy to be in a church like Lueders. They always have a good program.

We spent last Sunday with Brother J. C. Parks and the church at Highland Home in an all-day study course. This is one of our best rural churches. This week we are with Brother Davis and the Baird church. We are beginning in a good way.

About one hundred and fifty people from every section of Texas met in Dallas last week for an all-day meeting. I wish I could just tell you what I think this meeting will mean to Christ's cause as we go into a new year. It was decided in this meeting to call a similar meeting in each district in the state. You will find a program for our district in this issue of the West Texas Baptist. We are to meet on Wednesday, November 7.

Now I know that some think we are having too many meetings, but as we face the most serious times in the history of America I want to urge every pastor to do his best to get a good representative group to attend this meeting from your church. I do not believe you will be disappointed. We are to have Dr. White and Dr. Gardner speak to us. I have heard them both and you will appreciate their messages. I do not believe any of us realize what we face. We cannot, we must not, fail God in this hour. The First Church will serve lunch to all that come and we will have the full day of fellowship together.

We did well for Missions during the month of September. We were seventh in the state in the number of churches giving. We still have a number of churches that have not given this year. Surely not a church will fail to get in on the Round-Up program this month. We only have two more Sundays. The first Sunday in November will count in this year's offering. For Jesus' sake let's do our best.

NEW MEXICO BAPTISTS MEETING AT CARLSBAD

The state convention of New Mexico Baptists is meeting at Carlsbad this week. The W. M. U. and Brotherhoods met Monday evening through Tuesday evening and the convention is to be in session all Tuesday and Wednesday.

Among out of state speakers will be Dr. W. R. White, president of Hardin-Simmons University; Dr. R. S. Jones, field secretary of the Foreign Mission Board; Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, president of the Southwide W. M. N.; Dr. T. J. Watts, of the Relief and Annuity Board; Dr. J. E. Dillard, promotion secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. E. L. Carlson of Southwestern Seminary; Dr. I. L. Yearby of El Paso; and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kraft of Chicago.

The Abernathy Sunday School has passed all previous records of attendance. On October 20 a downtown Bible class was organized with Pastor J. F. Nix teaching. The Training Union is now well organized with over 100 in regular attendance.

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HEARING GOD'S CALL

We Baptists make much of our belief in a God-called ministry. There is ample scriptural basis for the belief, as there is also for believing that he who preaches the Gospel must live by the Gospel. We must, of necessity, then believe that when the man is called to preach others are called to send. One wonders if both calls are being clearly heard.

There seems to be no doubt that the young men of our Baptist churches are hearing God's call to the ministry. Figures announced by the presidents of our colleges at the meeting at Dallas last week revealed that, in addition to a great number of young men and women who are studying to become special religious workers, there are 560 licensed and ordained ministers studying in the Baptist schools of the state, in addition to 385 Texans in the Southwestern Seminary.

If God has called over 900 of our fine youth to prepare for the ministry, he will have places where he wants them to serve. We cannot believe that the Spirit intends for all of these to serve in Texas any more than He continued to use the six prophets in the First Church of Antioch.

You will recall that the Spirit said to that church, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." The church did as they were commanded and the mission movement to the Gentiles was begun.

Scores of these students are announcing a definite impression that their call is to mission fields. From all our mission fields are coming calls for help to enter open doors.

From the Rio Grande to Cape Horn are opportunities for the spread of the Gospel. In Brazil, in Chile, in the Argentine, there are broad frontiers, unexplored for Christ, where the people are calling for someone who can break the bread of life.

In China, where yesterday the missionary was a hated "foreign devil," he is, today, the friend of every Chinaman, welcomed at the generalissimo's headquarters and the peasant's hovel.

In Africa, heathen and Mohammedan kings are calling for missionaries to lead their people from darkness to the light.

Though these doors are open to us in the imperative now, in a not to distant tomorrow, if they are not entered they may be closed.

For a generation there was such an open door in Japan. Thought in that country was in the fluid state which exists today in many lands. But instead of seizing the opportunity only the most half-hearted efforts were made at evangelizing Japan until thought had crystallized and hardened in atheistic and materialistic lines. Now missionaries are being driven from Japan and the thousands of dollars which we should have put into missions in the fifties and sixties of the last century must be multiplied into billions for preparations for protection against a war-mad Japan in the forties of this century.

God is mobilizing youth for His armies. If Baptists will honor God they will match lives with dollars, hearing the call of the Spirit for money no less readily than others are hearing the call for their ministry.

THE FIRST STEP IN STEWARDSHIP

"If they know, they care; if they care, they pray; if they pray, they act." With these words a quiet and unassuming woman summarized the steps of stewardship. The speaker was Mrs. Alexander of Waco, whose daily life is demonstration of her philosophy.

Thus, the first step in stewardship is knowledge. If the people that care and pray and act are those who know, those who are informed are those who read. And those who are informed about Baptist missions, Baptist benevolences and Baptist evangelism are those who read the Baptist papers.

Baptists are slowly learning a lesson which is the secret of the greatness of American industry, that the printed page is the greatest power in the world for arousing the interest of people.

The first step in enlisting our people in cooperative efforts is to put in their hands the denominational papers which tell of what Baptists are doing, that knowing they may care and pray and then give themselves, and their means, as far as possible, to answering their own prayers.

BRINGING IT HOME

It took the registration of all the young men of America last week to arouse the most of us to a realization of the seriousness of the time.

That our people are aware of the tense struggles overseas and are deeply sympathetic, was evidenced by the readiness with which Baptists responded to the call to aid British missions. But it took the shock of finding sons, brothers and close associates suddenly subject to military orders to bring the matter home.

The press recently quoted Senator Connally as saying that West Texas is the ideal place for the training of the vast army which our nation is committed to assembling. The great camp which is suddenly mushrooming at Brownwood, and the air field at San Angelo may be duplicated in several places before we get around to next fall. Remember in the other war, there were four divisional cantonments in the state besides numerous air fields and other activities.

These men in our midst will constitute a tremendous challenge to the Baptists of Texas, calling for maturest thought and prayerful planning.

"For I Will Show Him"

By Gordon Barrett

No half-hearted person can be of much value to any worth while cause. The whole creation is composed of causes and effects.

To be conscientious does not necessarily mean that one is right. Listen to Paul in his defense before Judge Agrippa. "I verily thought with myself that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth."

Jesus said of Paul, "For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake." I do not mean to judge; but as I see it, there has never been a time in all the history of the Christian religion when there has been as little suffering for the cause of Christ as we are having right now.

As soon as God pointed out the righteousness of Job, the devil challenged him. Joseph had hardly finished telling his father his two dreams and their interpretations, until his brothers set about to kill him. If Daniel had not been a man with a purpose, his heart would have failed him when he faced the den of lions. The three Hebrew children knew that their God and His cause were right. Therefore they had rather be right and in a furnace of fire, than wrong and in a king's palace.

"Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take,
The clouds you so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break,
In blessings on your head."

"Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence,
He hides a smiling face."

After Jesus had shown Paul how great things he must suffer, He also

showed him some other things. Jesus took Paul up into the heavens with Him. The things that Christ said to Paul while up in the third heaven were so rich and rare, the old saint refused to utter them while on earth. But after Paul's heavenly vision with Christ, you hear him say, "The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

"O love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be."

As the earth becomes full of the glory of God, it is going to do it as the sacrifices, toils, tears, and maybe deaths of Christ's servants.

No one need punish himself to prove that he is a saint. Just do your duty as God will have you do it; the devil will give you all the punishment you can stand. But after all, that is as it should be, for does not the poet say,

"His lamps are we,
To shine where He shall say;
And lamps are not for sunny rooms
Nor for the light of day;
But for the dark places of the earth
Where shame and wrong and crime
Have birth;

Or for the mirky twilight gray,
Where wandering sheep have gone astray;

Or where the light of faith grows dim
And souls are groping after Him.

And as, sometimes, a flame we find,
Clear-shining through the night
So bright we do not see the lamp,
But only see the light;
So may we shine His light the flame,
That men may glorify His name."

At The Top O' Life

By Orval A. Hendon

The progressive pastor is the kind of pastor the church needs today. The world is a progressive world, all keen minded people hope for progress. The church must move forward—progress—or close its doors. The pastor is the key man of the church, he is the leader. He must have a well rounded program that will include every age and challenge every member to work for the Master.

The pastor must, not only, call his members to prayer but he must be a praying man himself. Prayer available much. Pastor, be at the top of life by being a praying shepherd.

Surely visitation is one of our greatest needs, so many of little faith, tired, weary, heart broken, nearly ready to give up, who need comforting and encouraging to keep faith and march on to victory for Christ. Pastors, we must not fail to visit our flock; they need our contacts, smiles, voices, and presence. Pastor, be at the top of life by visitation.

The man in the pulpit must be on fire, literally on fire, filled with the Holy Spirit, before he can warm those in the pews. Pastor, let the Spirit of God be your guide, follow Him. To be at the top of life, pastor, commune with God many times daily, follow His leadership, be His helpmate both day and night. Take the time to listen for His voice, then do as He commands. Rely on the Bible, study it, believe it, trust it, love it and above all preach it; the lost world is longing to hear its message—salvation—eternal life. Pastor, be at the top of life by being a soul winner. "He that winneth souls is wise," be a wise man, a progressive pastor, by doing God's will. Let others see Jesus in you.

"Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the Lord." Jeremiah 23:1.

LAMAR STREET CHURCH IS FORGING TO FRONT

The attendance at the Training Union and Sunday School at Lamar Street Church, Sweetwater, is showing an increase over any period in the last three years. An indication of the spirit of fellowship and an expression of the appreciation of the members, the church presented Pastor T. J. Sparkman with a beautiful watch and chain and voted an increase of \$25 per month in his salary.

During the month of November Pastor Sparkman, who was recently reelected vice-moderator of Sweetwater Association, will be heard at the Sunday morning services over Station KXOX.

Deeper giving means deeper living.
—B. N. Shepherd.

Sunday School Lesson

October 27, 1940

By Hight C. Moore

CHRISTIAN MOTIVES FOR ABSTINENCE

(International Temperance Sunday)
Read and Study Luke 1:13-16; 2:40; 4:4; 6:21, 25, 43-45.

Christian motives for abstinence are found in the debt to the unborn, as implied in the announcement of the birth of the Baptist; in the development of the child, as evident in the infancy of Jesus; in the discipline of youth, as exemplified in the resisted temptation of Jesus; and in the duty of manhood and womanhood, as taught in the Sermon on the Mount.

1. Debt: The Forerunner of Jesus (Luke 1)

PREVISION FOR THE UNBORN, with its debt, is implied in the birth-forecast of the Baptist. The first voice from heaven at the dawn of the Christian era, was that of the angel Gabriel to the priest Zacharias, then on duty in the Temple, perhaps early autumn 5 B. C. The angel first calmed the natural agitation of the aged official actually calling him by name. Then he assured him that his prayer was answered. The angel went on definitely to promise him and his wife a son, even giving him there and then a family name, John or Johanan which means "Jehovah hath been gracious." He declared that John's coming would bring joy not alone to the glad parents, but to many others who would join them in rejoicing.

He asserted that John would be great in his character: great first of all, in the sight of the Lord; great in his abstinence and self-control, for he must drink no wine (Samson and Samuel being the only other Nazirites named in Scripture); and great in spiritual power, for he would be filled with the Holy Spirit. The mission of the Baptist was also forecast; he would turn many to the Lord; he would be the herald of the Messiah; and he would make ready the people to receive the Messiah.

2. Development: The Childhood of Jesus (Luke 2)

PROGRESS FOR THE CHILD, with its development, is pictured in the growth of the child Jesus. Naturally "the child grew," and he did so in three ways: the first was physical, for he "waxed strong." There was in him no dissipation, no disease, no decay, no defect. He was "a lamb without blemish" in body and soul. The second was intellectual for he was "filled with wisdom." He was our model and ideal in mental development. And the third was spiritual, for "the grace of God was upon him." Here is the highest goal of human progress.

3. Discipline: The Temptation of Jesus (Luke 4)

POWER FOR THE YOUTH, with its discipline, is exhibited in the resistance of Jesus to the wiles of Satan. Consider the first temptation in the wilderness. Jesus, like Moses and Elijah, abstained from food for forty days and nights. During that time he was perhaps supernaturally sustained for he was exposed all the while to the malicious attacks of the tempter. The object of Satan was "to get him to distrust the heavenly testimony borne to him at his baptism, as the Son of God—to dislodge from his heart the consciousness of his Sonship." But so far the tempter had failed. Now he marshals his forces for a yet fiercer assault. The forty days' fast being followed by intensest hunger, the tempter here finds the point of attack. Loaflike stones were scattered over the ground at their feet; how a hungry man could wish that they were actual bread! But Jesus claimed to be the Son of God. Why, then, should he not command a stone to become bread? The suggestion was a subtle one; would not any human being with the power have yielded readily? But such a proof of the divine Sonship of Jesus was needless, and Jesus, who never wrought a selfish miracle, would not exert his power for the premature gratification of bodily appetite. Yielding would have been both selfish and distrustful. Hence he responded in Scripture word (Deut. 8:3) that spiritual manna is of more value than physical bread.

4. Duty: The Teaching of Jesus (Luke 6)

THE PROGRAM FOR A MAN, with its duty, is presented in the Sermon on the Mount. From topic and text we draw three imperatives: Aim, abstain, attain! Aim at that which is divinely blessed; the hunger for goodness which shall be gratified; the tears of penitence which shall be wiped away in the joy of pardon and peace. Abstain from that which must be divinely cursed: the fullness to glutony and intoxication which must be

followed by everlasting hunger; the festing and revelry which must terminate in the weeping and gnashing of teeth in the outer darkness.

Attain that which pleases God and is profitable to men. Be a good tree, sound in heart and standard in character: bear much good fruit, with never a thorn or thistle; be a good man with good treasure in a good heart ready always to do good with never a thought or touch of harm to anybody anywhere.

GOLD IN THE GOLDEN TEXT

For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.—Romans 14:17.

In the kingdom of God every citizen is called upon to abstain from whatever causes a brother to stumble and stray and suffer.

What is not, and what is, the kingdom of God?

Negatively, the reign of Christ over man is featured and figured not by "meat and drink" whether mere food for the body, or a feast for fellowship, or even the formality of partaking of the Lord's Supper.

Positively, the kingdom of God in its essence and energy is righteousness which requires right dealing with others, peace which promotes and perpetuates true brotherhood, and joy which is animated by the Spirit and radiant in its fellowship with God and the good.

Here is the highest Christian motive for abstinence.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Oct. 28—Mediating on Method. Luke 4:1-2, 14.

Oct. 29—A Magnificent Mission. Luke 4:16-20.

Oct. 30—Good Tidings to the Poor. Matthew 23:31-40.

Oct. 31—Release to the Captives. Romans 8:1-11.

Nov. 1—Healing the Blind. Luke 18:35-43.

Nov. 2—Liberty for the Bruised. Luke 5:12-16.

Nov. 3—The Word Fulfilled. Luke 7:16-23.

TRAINING U. CONVENTION REPRESENTS 10,000 UNITS

By T. C. Gardner

The Baptist Training Union Convention of Texas will celebrate its Fiftieth Anniversary in Dallas, November 21, 22, 23, 1940.

The Training Union movement began in Texas in 1888 as a Christian Co-Laborers' Society organization that was set up in the Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth. In reality, it began as a prayer meeting composed only of young men. The Training Union, during its life of 50 years, has had four magic names.

1. The Christian Co-Laborers' Society.

2. Baptist Young People's Union.

3. Baptist Training Service.

4. Baptist Training Union.

The Training Union began as a one-unit organization. It was composed only of young people. At present the Training Union is fully graded with unit organizations for all age groups.

When the Training Union convention meets in Dallas, it will be reported that there are approximately 10,000 unit organizations with a combined membership of approximately 200,000 in Texas.

The constitution of the Training Union provides that each and every unit may send five messengers. A church that has five individual unions and the general organization may send 30 messengers—five for each union and five for the general organization. It would be grand at this, the 50th anniversary convention, if every union in the state could be represented by an accredited messenger. Now is the time to make plans to attend this convention.

The convention will meet in twelve sections this year.

ELEVEN CONVERTED IN MEXICAN SERVICE

In an afternoon service for Mexicans at Hodges Baptist Church Sunday, eleven were converted in an audience of 36. Some of the converts were children of a Baptist from Rockdale. All those making profession were cotton pickers in the community for the season.

Rev. Pedro Hernandez has conducted services for these people for four Sundays. He is a Home Mission Board worker and missionary for Sweetwater Association. Some members of the Mexican Mission in Abilene accompany their minister to the meetings.

PROGRAM

LAMESA ASSOCIATION
TRAINING UNION
O. K. Baptist Church
October 27, 1940, 3:00 P. M.

3:00—Song and Praise, Max Gray.
3:10—Business Session.
3:20—Some Problems Facing the Training Union, Homer Barron.
3:55—Tithing, a Bible Doctrine, A. A. Watson.
3:50—Departmental Conferences.
4:15 — A Fully Graded Training Union, John Thomas.
4:30—Adjourn.
Same department leaders have charge.

The Missionary Enterprise

An address delivered by S. E. Stevenson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Goree, Texas, annual meeting of Haskell Baptist Association, and published by request of that body.

Of all the worthy undertakings in which the sons of men engage, the noblest is the missionary enterprise. It is the father of all endeavor whose aim is man's betterment. Our richest legacies have come to us as a product of missions: the Bible, the church, our schools, hospitals, all have grown out of missions. Its majestic sweep through the centuries has lifted the world nearer to God and bequeathed to man his most treasured and cherished possessions.

Concerning this missionary enterprise there are seven things worthy of earnest consideration. First, it is divine in its origin. Missions originated in the heart of God. John 3:16 states its origin: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

It is sublime in its motive. Love is the motive that prompts it. Paul says: "For the love of Christ constraineth us."

First, love to Christ. The Savior said: "If ye love me ye will keep my commandments." Because we love Him we do what He commands.

Second, love to our fellow man. Our love for Christ leads us to love our fellow men. Love is the sublimest faculty of the soul. Love is God-like, for God is love. Love is the greatest thing in the world. Love is the only panacea for this troubled and distressed world, shattered and torn by discord and hate.

It is biblical in its authority. The doctrine of missions is to be found all through the Word of God. The Bible centers around the missionary enterprise. The Old Testament presents its period of preparation; the four gospels tell the story of its organization; the Acts its propagation; the epistles its explanation, and Revelation its consummation. To deny missions is to repudiate the authority of the Bible.

It is universal in its commission. There are many religions of the world, but only one world religion, that is Christianity. "The field is the world." Again: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

The gospel of Christ knows no color lines; no racial barriers; no social distinctions; no territorial limitations. Christ was a Jew, but He belongs to all nations. Christianity was born in the little country of Palestine, but its blessings are to be shared by all lands and peoples.

It is redemptive in its objective. There is a three-fold redemptive purpose in mission work. First, the sav-

ing of the soul. This is the first and great objective. Second, the saving of the life. Next to the soul comes the life. Third, the redemption of society. The gospel of Christ has inescapable social implications. Society must be redeemed. This is a task of the gospel of Christ. Christians are the light of the world and the salt of the earth.

It is civilizing in its results. The missionaries are the torch bearers of civilization. They are the trail blazers; the pioneers of righteousness. The missionaries have done more to advance civilization than all other agencies combined.

Lastly, it is certain in its triumph. Its progress is slow, but its ultimate triumph certain. Great bodies always move slowly. The modern missionary movement had its genesis in 1792, one hundred and forty-eight years ago, under the dynamic and far-sighted leadership of William Carey, the greatest missionary factor since Paul, the tent maker.

Let us pause for a while and review this century and a half of progress. The historical records show that American Baptists raised funds to assist Carey in his work. This intrepid leader met stubborn opposition and bitter criticism. The missionary enterprise then as now had its opponents. That tribe is not all dead yet. The Edinburgh Review denounced his mission as madness, and sneered at the missionary as "a cobbler." Even dear Dr. Ryland said to him: "When God gets ready to convert the heathen, He will do it without your help and mine."

Starting from this small and humble beginning, let us give a resume of Baptist missionary work for this year. And I speak only for Southern Baptists, giving the facts as put out by our Board. We now have 456 missionaries and 2,900 native workers in 16 different countries. In these fields we have 1,883 churches, of which 1,180 are self-supporting, and 3,269 outstations. The total membership of these churches is 263,265. During the past year 18,606 have come into the fellowship of these churches by baptism. Then progress is being made in the liquidation of our debts. It has been reduced from \$1,110,000 to \$245,000. It is planned to have the Board entirely free of debt by 1945, when it will celebrate its 100th anniversary. Further, there has been progress in gifts to missions. The Lottie Moon Christmas offering this year reached the high mark of \$330,424.70. Through these increased gifts, scores of missionaries have been sent out, missionary homes built, chapels and schools erected, hospitals enlarged and repaired.

It is now largely up to American Baptists to carry on the work that Carey started 148 years ago. When he went out to India in 1792, George Washington was just completing his first term as president of the United States, and this new republic learning its first lessons in the art of self-government. Since the beginning of this modern missionary enterprise Baptists of America have grown in wealth and numbers. Southern Baptists now number approximately five millions. Our fellow Baptists of Europe because of the war are appealing to us for aid. Our people are responding to these calls in a noble way. Texas Baptists have gone beyond the \$40,000.00 which they were asked to raise for our British brethren.

The calls coming to our Board are urgent and appealing. China is calling for new missionaries. The Board has sent 12 new workers to this war-ridden country this year. We should send 100 more in the next year. Multitudes in this land are turning to Christ. Africa, the dark continent, piteously pleads for the light. Her heathen kings are pleading for missionaries. South America is wide open. We now have 145 workers in this land of opportunity. This number should be doubled in two years. The lights have gone out. Civilization faces its darkest hour. There is only one hope left, this is Christ. The world is lost, it needs a Savior; in darkness, it needs the light; restless, it needs peace; depressed, it needs encouragement; dead, it needs life. Christ can give it all its ills.

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RED CROSS WAR RELIEF

During the past year a growing army of Red Cross volunteers, now estimated to number more than 500,000 persons, has been at work in communities the country over, producing articles for Europe's war victims. Sweaters, socks, mufflers, mittens and afghans are being knitted by the deft fingers of some, while others are at work making pajamas, dresses, underwear and hospital garments. Still others are rolling bandages and making surgical dressings for use in both civilian and military hospitals in the war zones.



Other needs of the Red Cross societies in warring countries are being met through shipment of manufactured supplies. Purchases include food, clothing, drugs and surgical supplies, bedding, towels, shoes, hospital tents, ambulances and auxiliary hospital trucks, X-ray apparatus, and many other articles. The largest single shipment of goods was made on the S. S. McKeesport, especially chartered by the Red Cross to carry more than \$1,000,000 worth of relief stores to Europe. The ship sailed June 15, arriving exactly one month later at Marseilles from Bilbao, Spain, where it had stopped en route. These supplies were distributed in unoccupied France.

During the past summer heavy shipments were also made to England. In one month, July, the Red Cross announced the following: 255,987 cases of food; 12,587 cases of clothing, 6,601 cases of bedding, 290 cases of towels, 8,666 cases of soap, and large quantities of nursing bottles, nipples, surgical dressings, hospital garments and layettes. Additional large quantities of supplies were sent in September, including \$400,000 in cash to help air raid victims.

Despite war relief activities, there has been no let-up of the Red Cross program at home. Wants created by natural disaster have been met, chapter programs of community service have been continued and expanded. Funds to support these services are largely derived from the small Red Cross membership dues received during the annual Roll Call.

To meet the growing tasks at home, Red Cross membership must be increased. Men and women from coast to coast are invited to join their local Red Cross chapters during this year's annual Roll Call which takes place from November 11-November 30.

LOYALTY TO THE LEADER

By Edward B. Jenkins

One of the most daring military expeditions of history was that of Napoleon's march on Moscow during the French conquest of Europe. The Russians, knowing that he was coming, blasted out and destroyed all the bridges over the rivers leading to Moscow on his line of march. As they approached the first river, with the bridge gone, Napoleon ordered his soldiers to enter the river and stand in groups and form a temporary pontoon bridge for the army to pass over.

Notwithstanding the fact that it was in the dead of winter, they obeyed without a word. These soldiers stood at their posts in the icy water. They held the temporary bridge till the last marching soldier of the regiment had passed over to safety. Then Napoleon commanded the men to come out of the water—but not a man moved. They had frozen to death, and stood clasped in each other's arms.

"Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee."

And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife or children or lands for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive a hundred fold now in this time, houses and brethren and sisters, and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life." (Mark 10:28-30).

Life has no blessing like a prudent friend.—B. N. Shepherd.

MRS. CRAWFORD AGAIN HEADS CISCO AUXILIARY

The Women's Auxiliary of Cisco Association met in its Twenty-eighth annual session in the First Baptist Church of Cisco, Thursday, October 10, 1940. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a. m. by the president, Mrs. Pat Crawford, and the opening prayer by Mrs. H. D. Blair. Mrs. W. W. Fewell led the opening song service.

The theme of the day being, "For as Much as Ye Know That Your Labor Is Not in Vain in the Lord." A very inspiring devotional was given by Mrs. D. M. Phillips of Ranger. The words welcome were given by Mrs. Judson Prince, with Mrs. Finis Williams responding.

The chair at this time recognized visitors, new members, pastors, pastors wives and laymen.

The summaries of the year's work were given by the local presidents; Second Baptist Church of Ranger was recognized. Special music was given by Mrs. M. G. Stephenson.

Mrs. Pat Crawford, our association's president, brought her annual summary using the theme of the day, reporting a busy and fruitful year's work, inspiring the women to go forward during the coming year. Mrs. Harold Osborn, corresponding secretary-treasurer, brought her report, showing advancement in every line of work. Mrs. J. R. Bucy and H. Jones brought a message in song.

It was a privilege to have Mrs. B. A. Copass, State W. M. U. President, bring our inspirational address. We were lifted to new heights by her message which brought the morning session to a fitting climax.

In the afternoon, Mrs. Jones Weather's of Eastland brought a very uplifting devotional. Mrs. J. R. Buckley, our District President, brought a soul-stirring message on "Cleaving To the Lord's Work." Reports were handed to the secretary and each chairman spoke on her report. They inspired us to go forward in every phase of our work.

We were favored with a vocal solo by Miss Billie Cole. Mrs. B. L. Lockett brought a missionary message on our work in Africa stirring our hearts anew with zeal to go forward in His Kingdom work.

The report of committees on registration showed 290 were present for the day. Following the report of the nominating committee, Mrs. Pat Crawford was re-elected president. Mrs. Philip McGahey, Young People's Leader, Mrs. O. W. Kean, Recording Secretary, Mrs. Joe Pearce, Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer.

Mrs. G. B. King, Albany, conducted a beautiful "In Memoriam" for our departed workers who have been called home during the past year.

After the resolutions were read expressing our appreciation to the First Baptist Church of Cisco for their splendid hospitality, Rev. Finis Williams led the closing prayer.

MRS. O. N. KEAN, Publicity Chairman.

PROGRAM

Workers Conference, West Plains Association, Meeting with First Church, Sudan, Oct. 29

Theme: "The Holy Spirit."
10:00 Song service, W. H. Walker.
10:15 Devotional, Truett Stovall.
10:30 "The Holy Spirit Working with the Lost," F. B. Hamilton.
11:00 "Holy Spirit Work with the Christian," J. E. Moore.
11:30 Announcements; recognition of visitors.
11:35 "The Holy Spirit in Missions," F. N. Allen.

Lunch.
1:30 Board meeting and W. M. S.
2:15 Song and praise service; announcements.
2:30 Address on missions and Fall Round-up, Roy Shahan.

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STEWARDSHIP INSTITUTE WILL BE HELD AT HAMLIN

The women of Jones and Fisher Associations will meet in Hamlin Thursday, October 31, for a stewardship institute. Mrs. J. H. McClain of Brownwood, state stewardship chairman, will be guest speaker. The program follows:

10:00 Devotional, Mrs. E. F. Fairley.
10:15 Book, "This World's Goods."
11:00 Special Music, Rotan.
11:10 Book, "This World's Goods."
12:00 Noon, Covered Dish Lunch.
1:00 Devotional, Mrs. Jack Miles.
1:10 Conference: 1. Local Chairman's work in detail; 2. Stewardship education plans for young people; 3. Poster exhibits and discussion.
Questions asked and answered any time during conference.
3:00 Adjourn.

MRS. D. O. GRAY, District Stewardship Chairman.

CALLAHAN WORKERS MEETING DATE CHANGED

On account of Tuesday, November 5, being the date of the presidential election, the Workers Conference in Callahan Association has been postponed until the next day. The meeting place will be at Oplin. The program will appear in the West Texas Baptist next week.

REYNOLDS' DAUGHTER HONORED IN MUSIC

It was announced that Miss Lurames Reynolds, daughter of Professor I. E. Reynolds, director of the School of Sacred Music of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, was awarded a fellowship in the graduate school of the Juilliard School of Music, New York City. Miss Reynolds was one of three chosen for the fellowships from a class of 40 who were granted auditions. She is one of the few Texans ever to receive this high honor.

Miss Reynolds began her study of the violin on a one-eighth size instrument when she was three. She has been a member of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra for the past three years and has done considerable radio work. She will be remembered by Southern Baptists for her appearance on the program at the Baptist World Alliance in Atlanta, and at Ridgecrest and several state assemblies and encampments.

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TUSCOLA-OVALO HOSTS TO SWEETWATER AUXILIARY

The 36th annual session of the Woman's Missionary auxiliary of the Sweetwater Baptist association was held October 10 at the Tuscola Baptist church. In the executive session, an all-day stewardship meeting was set for October 24, to be held at First church in Abilene.

During the morning session, Mrs. C. C. Compere, president, was in charge. Mrs. Frances brought the devotional and Mrs. Doyle Fogle of Tuscola gave greetings with the response made by Mrs. W. F. Joiner. Mrs. P. L. Ullum sang a solo after which visitors and new members were recognized.

Reports were given by Meses. E. O. Keeton, J. L. Winter, J. A. Reynolds, and J. N. Anderson. Mrs. Compere brought the president's message and reports were given by the following presidents: Meses. R. G. Graves, Keeton, H. L. Rice, G. W. Thompson, W. C. Ashford, W. D. Arnette, J. W. Reynolds, Clyde Campbell, Bascom Hartgraves, T. E. Collins, Lenn Ray, James Bryant, Garland Vinson, Jack Welch, Fred Porter, Fogle, and N. W. Pitts. Following a song led by Mrs. Ullum, Mrs. Bryan Ball, secretary, gave her report.

After a talk by Mrs. E. B. Atwood and a song by Sue Kirby, Mrs. O. H. Cooper closed the session with prayer. The Ovalo and Tuscola churches then served a lunch in the school gymnasium.

Afternoon Session

At the executive board meeting, welcome was extended to Mrs. L. Q. Campbell, the new district corresponding secretary and treasurer. A committee was appointed to investigate getting a religious worker for the hospital.

Reports were heard from the Methodist and Finance committee after a song service. Talks were given by Mrs. W. E. Ryan, Mrs. A. R. Booth and Mrs. J. A. Bristow. Mrs. Wickliffe Skinner gave a message on tithing. The Hardin-Simmons university quartet sang, after which Mrs. George Faxton gave a report. Mrs. H. E. Gay, Margaret Dillard, Margaret Tridwell, Gladys Hardy, Nona Ruth Caffey, Frank Arroyo, Mrs. W. C. Taggart, Mrs. C. M. Caldwell, and Mrs. J. L. Winters talked.

All officers of last year were re-elected. Mrs. Butler closed the session with prayer.

ENLARGEMENT MEETING AT AMARILLO OCTOBER 25

10:00 Keynote address, Rev. J. N. Hunt, Borger.

10:30 The Texas Baptist Educational Program, Dr. W. R. White, President, Hardin-Simmons University.

11:15 The Larger Program of Texas Baptists, Dr. J. Howard Williams, Amarillo.

12:00 Lunch.

1:30 The Laymen and the Enlarged Program, Mr. R. A. Springer, State Laymen leader; Mr. H. C. Pipkin, District Laymen leader.

2:30 Open discussion.

3:00 Closing address, Dr. W. R. White.

ODESSA CHURCH MAKES GREAT STRIDES IN YEAR

Immanuel Church, Odessa, has just closed a revival with Rev. A. T. Willis of Fort Worth assisting Pastor B. A. Rogers. There were 24 additions to this new church which is having baptisms nearly every Sunday.

Immanuel Church was organized August 11, 1939, with 70 members. They now number 245. The Sunday School is standard with 380 enrolled and an average attendance of 220.

During the past year they have erected a church building, with educational plant, and a pastor's home at a total cost of \$7,000, one-half of which is paid for.

Last week the church adopted a budget for the new year, increasing \$100 over last year. The salary of the pastor was increased \$40, mission gifts were enlarged and several new items added.

ARIZONA CONVENTION MEETS NEXT WEEK

Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, southwide W. M. U. president; Dr. J. E. Dillard, secretary of promotion of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. Noble Y. Beall of the Home Mission Board; and Dr. M. P. Hunt, Louisville pastor, will be out-of-state speakers at the Arizona Baptist state convention which will meet at the First Southern Church, Tucson, October 31 and November 1. Dr. W. R. White was invited to address the meeting but could not go on account of the date conflicting with the revival at First Church, Abilene, which will be in progress at that time.

PROGRAM—PASTORS' AND LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE

November 11-12, 1940, First Methodist Church, Houston, Texas

Afternoon Session

Theme: The Church Magnificent.

- I. Magnificent in its membership.
 - 2:00—Song Service, Allen Ezell, Taft, leading.
 - 2:15—Devotional, E. D. Dunlap, Fort Worth.
 - 2:25—Christ the Head of the Church, Jones Weathers, Eastland.
 - 2:50—A Transformed Membership, T. W. Gayer, Uvalde.
 - 3:15—Special Music.
 - 3:20—A God Called Ministry, Gordon Bayless, Pampa.
 - 3:45—Separation of Church and State, W. T. Rouse, Denton.

Evening Session

- II. Magnificent in its method.
 - 7:00—Song Service, Tommie Godfrey, Corsicana, leading; Mrs. Hoyt Braselton, Paris, accompanist.
 - 7:15—Devotional, George Stuart, Charlotte.
 - 7:25—Responsibility and Opportunity of Laymen for Personal Evangelism, G. C. Cole, Fort Worth.
 - 7:50—Go Into the Highways and Hedges, Vernon G. Miles, Hillsboro.
 - 8:15—Special Music.
 - 8:20—Teaching Them the Word, R. F. Currin, Dallas.
 - 8:45—Trained Church Membership—A Vital Need, T. C. Gardner, Dallas.
 - 9:10—The Call of Red Blooded Men to Service, Z. T. Huff, Brownwood.

Morning Session

- III. Magnificent in its message.
 - 9:00—Song Service, Tommie Godfrey, Corsicana, leading; Mrs. Hoyt Braselton, Paris, accompanist.
 - 9:15—Devotional, N. B. Moon, Corpus Christi.
 - 9:25—God's Word, the Need of a Warring World, J. M. Cook, Abilene.
 - 9:50—Its Message to a Lost World, Phillip C. McGahey, Breckenridge.
 - 10:15—Special Music.
 - 10:20—Its Message of Hope to the Christian, John T. Kee, Odessa.
 - 10:45—In Building a Christian Citizenship, Carr P. Collins, Dallas.
 - 11:15—The Preaching, the Message, the Methods of Evangelistic Movement, Harlan J. Mathews, Marshall.

Afternoon Session

- IV. Magnificent in its mission.
 - 2:00—Song Service, Tommie Godfrey, leading; Mrs. Braselton, Paris, accompanist.
 - 2:15—Devotional, Willis J. Ray, San Antonio.
 - 2:25—Election of officers.
 - 2:40—To the Suffering, Lawrence Payne, Waco.
 - 3:05—To the Ambitious Youth, John W. Cobb, Plainview.
 - 3:30—Special Music.
 - 3:35—To a Lost World, W. R. White, Abilene.

NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED BY STAMFORD W. M. U.

Mrs. J. B. Buckley, Abilene, president of the District 17 W. M. U., made the installation address and the presentation of keys to new officers of the Stamford W. M. U. at a general meeting, October 7. Pastor Dick O'Brien led a devotional service and Mrs. C. R. Sims presented Mrs. Buckley.

Music was rendered by Mrs. W. B. Tayman at the organ, and Mrs. H. C. Michael, soloist.

Officers installed include Mrs. Geo. Smith, president; Mrs. Rodney Ezell, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Weaver Medlin, recording secretary; Mrs. Coy Upshaw, treasurer; Mrs. Maurine Jackson, pianist; Mrs. W. B. Tayman, chorister; Mrs. Dick O'Brien, young people's leader. Circle chairmen are Ruth Ford, Mrs. W. P. Crosby, Mrs. C. F. Upshaw, Annie Hamilton, Mrs. George Campbell, Lillias Penick and Mrs. J. H. Weldon.

SAVINGS

Savings represent much more than mere money value. They are proof that the saver is worth something in himself. Any fool can waste; any fool can muddle; but it takes something more of a man to save, and the more he saves the more of a man he becomes.—Rudyard Kipling.

CLYDE JACKSON ACCEPTS CALL TO TEMPLE CHURCH

Rev. Clyde Jackson, who has done a constructive work over a period of several years at Caps and Shep, outstanding rural churches, has accepted the call to become pastor at Temple Church, Abilene. He will begin service with them November 1.

Rev. Jackson was engaged in his second revival meeting with the Temple Church recently when Pastor C. D. Owens was stricken and later died. This circumstance resulted in the preacher and the church being drawn into a close relationship resulting in the call and acceptance.

The Temple people are making plans for greater progress in the months ahead.

A LARGER SPIRITUAL LIFE

After more than thirty years of the practice of psychiatry, I have reached the conclusion that what is most needed by modern civilization is an enlargement of the spiritual life. I find in the vast majority of my patients that when all is said and done, the thing that is really wrong with them is that they have lost their spiritual bearings—they are suffering from a lack of that stabilization of personality which is dependent on a real religious experience.—Dr. William S. Sadler.

"One more good man on earth is better than an extra angel in heaven," says a Chinese proverb. Drive carefully.

Laymen's Speaker



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GOLDEN JUBILEE PROGRAM TO BE AIRED ON KRBC

A "Parade of Hardin-Simmons talent" will pass in review over KRBC Sunday, October 27, as the Reporter-News station dedicates its entire day of broadcast to Hardin-Simmons University. Occasion is the celebration of the university's "Golden Jubilee."

Featured on the day long tribute will be the Hardin-Simmons "Golden Jubilee Broadcast," from 2-2:30 p.m. This program, to be broadcast over the entire Texas State network, will offer music by the world famous Cowboy band, under the direction of Marion B. McClure; E. Edwin Young at the H-SU chapel organ, and an address by Dr. W. R. White, president of Hardin-Simmons University. Dr. White will speak from station WRR in Dallas, the Texas State network switching controls from Abilene to Dallas for the address. After the talk by Dr. White, the program will continue from Abilene.

Also featured during the day will be Herbert M. Preston's symphony orchestra, the H-SU a cappella choir, directed by Mrs. Lola Gibson Deaton, the Marimba Trio, Virginia Sheridan, talented harpist, the H-SU Players club, directed by Katharine Boyd, Marijohn Melson and Joedene Propst, popular singers, the Cowgirl band, Saretta Morrow, violinist, the Hardin-Simmons boys' and girls' quartets, and other musical programs. Talks by Dr. C. E. Adams, Golden Jubilee chairman, Dr. Truett Walton, Ranger, anniversary historian, Dean L. Q. Campbell, and others.

RAMBLING REMARKS—

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"then turn right and you'll be left."
... Say that's got me mixed up. I better close and go outside and try to get my own bearings.

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CHURCH BULLETIN SECTION

CROSS ROADS AND PLEASANT VALLEY

Last Sunday was Cross Roads day, and we had a wonderful time; the largest crowd we have had, only during the meeting, and the best interest. Monday we had our all-day Training course, and it was fine. Fifteen stayed with us through the course and qualified for the award, and let me say frankly, I believe that book "The Church Using Its Sunday School" is the best course offered yet. It seems that we are going splendidly at Cross Roads, we started the State Mission offering, got a good start and it will be finished next Sunday. We want every member to make an offering, and that will be nearly true.

Next Saturday we are to have a B. T. U. study course at Pleasant Valley, and we are hoping to have a good attendance. We will likely study the book, "Training in Leadership." I like the all-day course better than I do the way of taking a whole week of nights. It seems to me that it is less trouble and you just get more out of it. People of Pleasant Valley, I will expect you and if any one else can come, we will be glad to have you.

Sunday will be our State Mission Round-Up and we hope to have a good offering from each one.

JOE R. MAYES, Pastor.

REDWINE

Conference, Saturday night, October 26. There were about 60 attended the last conference.

Remember Sunday School at 10, E. W. Holloway, superintendent. We had over one hundred last preaching day and would like to increase this number. Training Union at 7, Clayton Bierd, director. We had 85 on the second Sunday.

A good crowd was present October 13 at the ordination of Brother Bruce Giles to the ministry. The pastor asked the questions, Brother Sam Brian brought a great message to the church on "The Great Commission." Brother Cobb, New Home pastor, prayed the ordination prayer and preached the ordination sermon.

Remember October 27, Round-Up for State missions.

W. P. BRIAN, Pastor.

PRAIRIE VIEW, BIG SPRING ASSOCIATION

The Training Union is coming along fine with an average attendance of 32. We would like for all of you who have not been coming to make a desperate effort to attend this Sunday night. Three clubs of "No Bible Reading, No Breakfast" has been organized and we believe that most of the Training Union Members will read their Bible daily from here on.

May we take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your kindness toward us and for the wonderful shower of canned food that you gave to us.

A. B. LIGHTFOOT, Pastor.

WILMETH

This week was outstanding with us. With only 61 in Sunday School, our offering was \$61.67, and our offering for the October Round-Up was \$20.37. Our work is growing and every one is happy. A committee is now working on plans for repairing our building. We are planning great things for God this year.

SAM BRIAN, Pastor,
JOHN W. HENRY, S. S. Supt.

O. K.

Our offering for the October Round-Up was good, for which we are very thankful. The associational Sunday School will meet with us Sunday afternoon. A good program has been planned and everyone is urged to attend.

SAM BRIAN, Pastor,
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