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JONES COUNTY ASSOCIATION ORGANIZES FOR FALL CAMPAIGN

Our committee, selected at the last meeting of the association to assist, where assistance is desired, in getting every co-operant Baptist in every church in our association to co-operate in the campaign desires anxiously, and prays earnestly, that Sunday October 17 shall be a great day. The members of the committee are W. C. Moffitt, A. S. Barkley, O. B. Tatum, C. R. Campbell, J. H. Littleton, W. T. Hamor, and F. A. Pope. Every member of this committee is not only willing but anxious to render every possible assistance in getting the churches of our association to show their faith by their works. To show that they believe in missions by making a worthy offering to our missionary enterprises this fall.

In view of the fact that only a few of our Baptists take our Baptist papers, and fewer read them this committee is sending a letter to the churches and pastors, of the association pleading for co-operation by everyone. This committee not only urges but pleads earnestly that every one of us shall do his best: first in order to the full development of his own soul; second, because we profess to belong to missionary Baptist churches; third, because our association wears the name Missionary Baptist; and last and more important than all other reasons to be given, because Jesus Christ said "Go ye into all of the world and preach the gospel to every creature." F. A. Pope

WINSETT BLANKENSHIP PARTY AT LEVELLAND

The Winsett-Blankenship Evangelistic Party are at present with our church in a tent meeting. Prospects for a good meeting are very favorable. Our people are delighted with the work done by these people. The Blankenships are doing a wonderful work in the field of gospel music. They inspire the local forces, and lead them in a great song service. We all wait with great anticipation for the special songs, which every time thrill our souls and stir us to a greater service for our Lord.

Brother Winsett is bringing some great messages which are characterized to deepen the spiritual lives of the Christian people and bring conviction into the hearts of the unsaved. Any church may count itself fortunate to have the help of these people in an evangelistic campaign. The party will be with us until October 3rd, and will go to Cleburne for their next meeting. We are expecting great things to take place in our community before the close of the meeting here.

—W. H. Hughes, Pastor.

EVANGELIST ESTES IN TUCUMCARI MEETING

TUCUMCARI, N. M.—We are here at Tucumcari in a good meeting. Already there have been a large number saved, some 25 or 30 have been added to the church, and the interest continues to deepen. The large crowds are filling the beautiful new church building, just completed, and people are being saved every day. Dr. R. Peterson is the pastor here, and his people love him very tenderly. They have one of the best organized Sunday Schools in all this part of the country, and a live, working B. Y. P. U.

Brother L. E. Payne of Lubbock, Texas, is leading the music for the meeting and is doing it well. This is Brother Payne's third meeting with this church and the people want him to come back.

We go from here to be with Brother Bonnie Grimes and his church at Nacogdoches, Texas. Remember us in your prayers for the Master, R. L. Estes, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

The annual meeting of the Sweetwater Association will be held at Merkel, beginning on Thursday, Oct. 7. The W. M. U. program, an account of which appears on the W. M. U. page, will begin on Tuesday. Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth and a former pastor of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, will be present to represent the denominational work. A large attendance is expected.

MEXICAN EDITOR TELLS OF BAPTIST PERSECUTION

(The following story was published in El Atlatlaya, our Mexican paper at El Paso. It appeared over the signature of Rec. C. L. Neal, one of our honored missionaries in Mexico, and former school-mate of this editor. The article was translated by our missionary, J. G. Jeantet, and we are giving only the substance of it.)

Brother Neal states that he received letters from the pastor and several members of the church at Irapuato, giving account of the horrible persecution that happened in that city July 31. He states that after an investigation of what happened there it was found that fanatics went to the house of the pastor, and to the hall used for public worship. They plundered the house, and what they could not take away was burned or destroyed, such as seats, doors, windows, etc. The pastor and his family were left in most complete misery and destitution. The same thing happened in the homes of all the Baptists with the exception of three. In addition to the destruction of other property which could not be taken away, all the houses were set on fire. The brethren were left in misery and in suffering. They were left hungry. It is difficult to obtain work because of the hatred of the fanatics. Sister Guadalupe de Cuevas was stoned, stabbed, dragged through the streets like a dead animal, and was left dead on the outskirts of the city. Brother Jose Moreno is in the hospital seriously wounded, and is expected to die at any moment. Two others of the members were wounded, but not seriously.

An appeal was made through Atlatlaya, over the signature of Brother Neal, for churches or individuals to render help to our suffering brethren of this church. He stated that "any gift can be sent to the pastor, Angel Lopez, Lista de Correos, Irapuato Gto, Mexico, and a receipt will be sent, signed by the pastor and by the clerk."

Following the above article was another one in the same paper under the heading "Bloody Attempt Against Irapuato Christians." This was also translated by Brother Jeantet, and the substance is being given by the editor. This bloody attempt took place the 31st of July at Irapuato. When the Catholics were coming out of the Soledad Temple, and after the priest had pronounced his last words: "Ite missa est," and sorrowful on account of orders of the chief executive to obey the laws, and as vengeance against the same, the Catholics were incited to do away with the Christians, killing some and wounding others. One of the most horrible incidents was when they attacked a baby by the name of Martin Jaramillo who was carrying a two months old baby. Mr. Jaramillo was struck, the child was taken from his arms, sprinkled with kerosene and plans were being made to throw it into the fire to be burned alive, when at this moment the Lord touched the heart of a woman and she took the child away from the mob and delivered it to its mother in exchange for \$5.00. Another brutal incident was that they went into a house in El Recreo street where Mrs. Guadalupe was working at her trade, grabbed her in the most brutal manner, giving her strokes with sticks and with pointed steel bars. She also received blows with an axe on her head and body. Not being content with all this, they tied a rope to her neck and another on her feet, and dragged her through several streets. The name of this martyr of Jesus will be remembered for years to come.

Baptists and other devout Christians throughout Mexico and in other countries will greatly sympathize with those who have to suffer such torture and to suffer such horrible deaths. For further and more detailed information, we refer our readers to Editor Davis of Atlatlaya, or to Missionary C. L. Neal—Baptist New Mexican.

Pastor W. H. Albertson writes from Haskell: "Our work is moving along well. Had eleven additions last Sunday week. Baptized ten that night. The general spirit is fine."

ARCHAEOLOGISTS PROVE TRUTH OF THE BIBLE

The newspapers of recent date have had considerable to say of the recent discoveries made in the lands of Palestine, Syria and Egypt, all of which have been in support of the statements of the Old Testament. Only a few weeks ago a great archaeologist returned to America to write an article for one of the most "modern" periodicals on the subject of "Abraham's Home Town." While this author does not believe in Abraham nor Abraham's God he was forced to admit that there has been unearthed the home city of Abraham and that he "could have been" a real personage.

Now comes this message from the press: "Science is unearthing new evidence in support of the Old Testament. The excavated ruins of the Biblical city of Kirjath-Setpher, founded by the Canaanites in 2000 B. C. and finally destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar in 600 B. C., verify the story of the city in the Book of Joshua." But the interesting part of it is that this same city has been laughed at as a myth by the radicals for many years, just as they have considered the city of Ur of the Chaldees a mythical place.

Until very recent years it was generally held by those who deny the Bible that there never was a race such as that described as the Hittites by the author of the Pentateuch, but the spade produced the evidence of the Hittite.

Sodom and Gomorrah were but typical and mystical cities in the minds of our over-wise brethren until one of their own number dug up what is left of them and definitely located them. Nineveh was another of those cities which could not be found for many years and was, of course, not a real city. Today it is pointed to with pride by the successors of the same men who denied its existence.

If the Bible is long to remain a "myth" to many of the so-called scientists they will have to arrange to stop the continual unearthing of evidence in support of the places and the races mentioned in it. Not one single turn of the spade has ever brought to light even the slightest evidence against the Bible and most of the expeditions have proven some of its ancient references—The Propeller.

SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN NOW ON IN THE JONES COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A "Win One" subscription campaign for the Baptist Standard and West Texas Baptist is on in the Jones County Missionary Baptist Association. Personally I should like to put a campaign for five subscribers for these worthy papers where we now have one. But I shall thank God and every servant of His who lends a helping hand in this good work, by renewing his subscription where it is needed and by sending \$2.25 with the name and address of a new subscriber for both papers.

Subscription rates for the Baptist Standard are: renewal, for year \$2.00; to new subscribers one year \$2.50, eight months \$1.00. West Texas Baptist for one year, renewal \$1.00 or to new subscribers both papers for one year to one address \$2.25. Brother, Sister, will you be one to win one new subscriber to these very worthy papers?

The fall campaign for a contribution from every church in the association, to our co-operative program started well in Jones County. We were favored with an address from Brother Groner in three of our churches, Hamlin, Anson and Stamford, Sunday. In Hamlin, and Stamford the congregations were made up largely of the members of the respective churches. The service at Anson in the afternoon was attended by representatives from eight of our churches: Anson, Avoca, Fairview, Hamlin, Hawley, Stamford, Truby, Tuxedo and Unity Grove. The spirit of the service was fine and the address superb. Indications are favorable for a worthy offering from our churches this fall.

F. A. Pope

Brother H. H. Summers who recently moved his family to Abilene has accepted the calls of the churches at Tuxedo and Fairview in Jones County.

WEST TEXAS BAPTIST WILL GIVE \$100 PRIZE TO WINNING ASSOCIATION

The months of October, November and December are the subscription getting months of the year. An effort is being made this fall to double the subscriptions of all our denominational papers. In order to stimulate our people in West Texas to put forth a greater effort along this line The West Texas Baptist is going to give one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in cash prize to the Association sending in the largest number of subscriptions to the West Texas Baptist and Baptist Standard between October first and January first.

Rules for the Contest

1.—As the West Texas Baptist is being published in the Sweetwater Association, we feel it would be hardly fair to include that association in the Contest. Any association outside of the Sweetwater association will be allowed to participate in the contest.

2.—For each one dollar subscription sent in for the West Texas Baptist for one year, 2,000 units will be counted for the association from which the subscription is sent. For each subscription of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) for the West Texas Baptist one year and the Baptist Standard one year, either new subscriptions or renewals, 3,000 units will be counted for the association sending in the subscriptions. For example if five \$1.00 subscriptions are sent in for the West Texas Baptist and five \$2.50 subscriptions sent in for both the West Texas Baptist and Baptist Standard for one year, the association sending these in will receive 25,000 units in the contest.

3.—All subscriptions must be sent in to the West Texas Baptist within one week from the time they are secured by the solicitor. The new and renewal subscriptions in the contest will count the same in units, but all subscriptions sent in should state whether they are new or renewals, so that the proper entries may be made on the subscription books.

4.—The Association winning the \$100 prize may use the money for any purpose that the Board of the said association, in session, may designate it.

5.—Subscriptions solicited by workers in an association that go to addresses outside of the association may be counted as units for the association, if so designated when set in.

All Aboard for the Contest

Brother Pastor and Missionary, a weekly visit to the home of your member by The West Texas Baptist and Baptist Standard will be the greatest asset you can have. At the next meeting of the workers conference in your association discuss the matter, get into the contest and defy every other association in West Texas to win over you in this contest for this prize, and for the Glory of God that will come through placing these papers in the homes of your people. Let's make this a real West Texas "Scrap."

Contest in Sweetwater Association

In next weeks issue of the West Texas Baptist an important announcement will be made for a subscription contest within the Sweetwater Association. Fill in the following subscription blank and let's get going on this contest right now:

West Texas Baptist,
Abilene, Texas.

I want to see my Association enter the subscription contest for the \$100.00 cash prize. I am enclosing \$..... for subscription to the West Texas Baptist and for one year.

Name
P. O. Address
Association

WINSETT EVANGELISTIC PARTY PRAYING MEMBERS

Beloved members of the W. E. P.—Most of you know that Brother Winsett is passing through much sorrow. For many weeks his dear mother has been lingering on the border of the valley of the shadow of death, and now the Good Shepherd, according to promise, has safely carried her home. She was so tired and weak and frail that we know He carried her tenderly in His arms, and if that dear mother could send us a message it would be, "I feared no evil for the Savior was with me."

Brother Winsett sends the W. E. P. a characteristic message. After telling us that God's grace has proven sufficient even for this great sorrow, he asks us to pray God that it may all work to His glory and to the salvation of the lost to our blessed Jesus, closing with these words: "Until Jesus comes, let us pray and live to be the most to Him who died for us."

Beloved members, plead with God for Jesus' sake that Brother Winsett may know that "underneath are the everlasting arms." (Deut. 33:27) holding him up in his sorrow and prove the promise, "as thy day, so shall thy strength be." (Deut. 33:25)

Mrs. Mary Wilson,
Correspondent for the Winsett Evangelistic Party.

Rev. Joe R. Mayes, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Baird, reports a fine workers meeting of the Callahan Association at Scranton on Monday. At the board meeting in the afternoon it was decided to put a missionary on that field, the work to begin right away.

ELIASVILLE CHURCH SENDS GOOD REPORT

You are giving us a good paper. We are always glad to hear from our friends and co-laborers in the West. The Graham W. M. S. gave a program at our church recently, the main feature of which was a pantomime based on the parable of the Ten Virgins. It was very impressive, and much appreciated by the large audience which heard it. The local W. M. S. served supper to some thirty visitors and many of our home people on the church lawn. A good social time was enjoyed by all.

Our County W. M. U. president and secretary were with us, Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Grieg. They gave us encouraging messages about the work. We divided our W. M. U. into three circles. By this plan we will reach more of our people and hope to enlist them in missionary work.

Under the direction of our W. M. S. the intermediate girls gave a missionary program Sunday night. The playlet, "An Afternoon in a Chinese Hospital," was well rendered, after which the pastor took the Great Commission as a text and brought us a live message on the co-operative program.

—Mrs. M. F. Richardson,
Eliasville.

Rev. H. O. Hearn, who has been pastor of the Baptist church at Cross Plains for the past year, has resigned his work there and has moved his family to Abilene. Brother Hearn has entered Simmons University and he is open for pastoral work near Abilene. He is one of our strong preachers and some church or churches should put him right to work.

Sweetwater Pastor Holds Meeting at College Heights



Rev. Chas. T. Whaley, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Sweetwater, is doing the preaching in a revival meeting with the College Heights Baptist Church, Abilene. The meeting began last Sunday and will probably continue for two weeks.

Brother Whaley is one of the outstanding pastor-evangelists of Texas and the College Heights Church is expecting a great meeting.

LAMESA ASSOCIATION HAS GOOD MEETING

The Lamesa Association which closed its annual meeting at Fairview on Sept. 17th was a very gratifying meeting according to the missionary. Brother J. L. Isbell, who was a visitor in Abilene last week. This is one of the youngest associations in the State and is composed of Dawson and Gaines counties. The association now has a membership of 3,000.

All old officers of the association were re-elected. The moderator is Brother C. A. Baron, a layman; clerk, J. L. Isbell; corresponding secretary, Ross A. Smith, pastor at Lamesa.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. S. Evans, the subject being "A New Testament Church." The associational sermon was preached by F. M. Elliott on "Justification." Both of these sermons were great, soul-stirring messages that put the association in fine spirit for work.

Counting the cash and pledges raised at the association the body came out practically out of debt. Brother Isbell was re-elected missionary and his salary raised to \$3,000 a year. A striking feature of the reports from the churches showed that there are twenty-four churches in the association and twenty-seven B. Y. P. U. organizations. This is probably a record for the State. The reports of the W. M. U. shows that the women have been busy in that association. There were six unions in the associations last year and that number has increased to thirteen. The Sunday School report shows an enrollment in the schools equal to the church membership in the entire association.

The report of the missionary was very gratifying. He held five meetings in which there were 302 conversions, 135 additions, 85 of the number being baptized. Fourteen S. S. and B. Y. P. U. courses were held resulting in 100 awards. Thirty subscriptions were secured for the Baptist Standard and twenty-nine for the West Texas Baptist. Other features of the report were, 19,260 miles traveled, 520 books sold and 241 sermons preached.

Rev. J. R. Hillman, who recently moved to Abilene from Marlin is open for either pastoral or evangelistic work. He has recently placed a son in Simmons University.

WALNUT ST. BAPTIST CELEBRATES THEIR FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

The Walnut Street Church, Abilene is celebrating its fifth anniversary this week with a program continuing through the week. This church has recently gone to full time with Rev. Scott W. Hickey as pastor. The program for the week follows:

Sep. 26th—Oct. 3, 1926.
Sunday morning, Sept. 26, 6 A. M. Sunrise Prayer Meeting. 9:45, Sunday School; Address, W. J. Fulwiler; 11:00 Sermon by Missionary Jno. W. Newsom; 3:30, men's meeting, addressed by C. M. Caldwell and others; 6:30, B. Y. P. U.; 7:45, sermon by Pastor.

Monday Evening, 7:30, song service conducted by Lee A. Stulce; sermon by former pastor, J. H. Williams.
Tuesday Evening, 7:30, devotional service led by Pastor J. K. Ford, Archie Bryant Memorial church; sermon by Pastor Chas. A. Powell, College Heights Church.

Wednesday Evening, song service conducted by F. L. Mitchell; sermon by Dr. R. C. Pender, Abilene.
Thursday Evening, 7:30, song service conducted by Educational Director, Wendell Foreman, College Heights; sermon by Dr. J. C. Burkett.
Friday Evening, devotional service conducted by Rev. W. Henry Haney; sermon by Dr. M. A. Jenkins, First Church.

Saturday Evening, song service conducted by Earl Cunningham. sermon by W. F. Fry, Abilene. Anniversary prayer of re-dedication.

Sunday, Oct. 3, —, a. m., sunrise prayer meeting; 9:45, Sunday School; 10:30, address by Hyman Harrison; 11 a. m., sermon by Dr. E. B. Atwood, Abilene; 3 p. m., Young People's Missionary Rally, led by Simmons Volunteer Band; 6:30, B. Y. P. U.; 7:30, devotional service led by Mr. Mayfield; sermon by Pastor.

Friends, past, present and prospective, are invited to attend these services and join in praise to our Heavenly Father for His wonderful and bountiful blessings upon Walnut Street Mission and Church.
Scott W. Hickey, Pastor.

Rev. Scott W. Hickey closed a very successful revival meeting with the Calvary Church, near Lamesa, Sunday. Brother A. J. Oliver surrendered to preach during this meeting and preached his first sermon during the meeting.

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THE BUILDERS

A builder build a temple,
He wrought with care and skill,
Pillars and groins and arches
Were fashioned to meet his will,
And men said, when they saw its beauty,
"It shall never know decay;
Great is thy will, O builder,
Thy fame shall endure for aye."

A teacher build a temple,
She wrought with skill and care,
Forming each pillar with patience,
Laying each stone with care,
None saw the unceasing effort,
None knew of the marvelous plan,
For the temple the teacher builded
Was unseen by the eyes of man.

Gone is the builder's temple,
Crumbled into the dust,
Pillars and groins and arches
Food for consuming rust,
But the temple the teacher builded
Shall endure while the ages roll;
For that beautiful unseen temple
Was a child's immortal soul.

—Texas Parent-Teacher.

SIN WILL OUT

We are being brought face to face almost daily with the truthfulness of this statement from God's Book: "Be sure your sin will find you out." God is never in a hurry to bring men to justice and to expose their evil deeds. A man may be able to cover his sin for a while, but sooner or later they will be brought to light. When a person plays with sin, sin will always come out the winner.

THE FRAILTY OF MAN

The recent terrible hurricane that swept the coasts of Florida, causing millions of dollars worth of damage and killing hundreds of people is just another evidence of the frailty of man. Man spent months of hard labor and millions of dollars in building great and beautiful cities and in making attractive pleasure resorts. In just a few hours time all this mighty work of the hand of man was but a mass of wreck and ruin. When we see these things come to pass, like the Psalmist we are made to say "What is man that thou art mindful of him."

SOWING AND REAPING

Another Biblical truth is being enforced upon us in this stressful age. God's word says, "Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. For years undesirable picture shows, bad literature, immodest dress and Sabbath desecration have been sowing seed and the reaping time has come. Yes, we must reap what we sow—the same kind of seed, and always the harvest is great. The secular press of our country is continually taking a "rap" at the preacher for decrying the drift of the times, and these editors are trying to justify the conduct of the present young generation. This is the same old story being retold over and over. The preacher who has the courage of his convictions is going to have the world, the flesh and the devil right straddle his back whenever he dares to cry out as a true watchman from the wall.

MOTHERS NEEDED

Recently a college president made the statement that his institution made a ruling that all girls attending the college must wear their dresses at least three inches below the knee. The College was not able to enforce the ruling because of the fact that the mothers insisted that the girls refuse to comply with the ruling and stated that they (the mothers) would back them up in it. This leads us to say that in almost every instance of the delinquency of youth, the blame can be traced to the home. You can rest assured that when the parents turn their boys and girls loose without any restraint in our modern environment the chances are all against these young people. And don't blame the young people, either. Place the blame on the parents. The modern youth is a creature of environment. Many foolish parents think their children are safe because of heredity, but heredity in a race with environment nearly always comes out the loser.

A CHALLENGE FROM CHINA

In the return to China this week of our own beloved Miss Blanche Rose Walker, a fresh challenge is issued at the very door of our West Texas Baptists. Miss Walker who has spent almost twenty years on the field in China has again bid her loved ones and friends good bye and has gone on that long, weary, lonesome journey to dark, trouble-ridden China to tell again the story of Jesus and His redeeming love. In making this journey Miss Blanche is saying to Texas Baptists, "I am matching my life against your dollar. While I go to the far-flung battle line I am counting on our Baptist Brotherhood to

take care of the home base." Shall we meet this challenge, or shall we in this moment of indifference say to this noble Christian woman and to the other 500 missionaries: "We wish you well in your endeavor, but we have not the time nor the money to back you in the gospel enterprise. We are too busy now having a good time, buying automobiles, buying more land, building more beautiful homes and harking to the allurements of the world.

During the world war when two million of the flower of our youth were on the battle fields of France suffering untold hardships and giving their lives freely for the cause they represented, if any of our people in the home land had refused to back them up to the limit, the cause would have been lost and those refusing to help would have been branded as slackers. We have a parallel in our 500 missionaries on the foreign field. There is something desperately wrong somewhere. Either there is something wrong in the system we have adopted or our Baptists of the South are the rankest kind of religious slackers.

THE REWARD OF FAITH

Rio de Janeiro is, in many respects, the most strategic city of Brazil, and one of the most strategic in all South America. It might be called the New York or the Chicago of our neighbor-continent to the South. Its influence is felt throughout the continent, and a stronghold gained there for our Baptist cause would promote Baptist welfare in all Latin-America.

Our pioneer missionaries to Brazil recognized this, and began early to seek the establishment of a strong mission in this strategic center. The work, begun amid indescribable difficulties and hardships, has gradually prospered, until to-day Baptists are perhaps the strongest evangelical body in this great Catholic stronghold. One of the outstanding needs of our work, however, has been an adequate and worthy house of worship for at least one of our churches, and naturally all hearts were united in desiring that such a building might be provided for the great old mother church.

It was a daring venture of faith when Pastor Soren proposed the erection of a building to cost \$180,000 as the home of the First Church. Plans were drawn, and the site secured. After twenty-five years of waiting and praying the church entered into the building operation, almost wholly on faith. Of the amount necessary, only \$44,500 was in sight, but it was decided to build the walls and put the roof on them, trusting God to make possible the building's completion. "To our astonishment," writes Pastor Soren, "a few weeks after our decision we received a cablegram from Dr. Love informing us that Mrs. G. W. Bottoms of Arkansas had made a gift of \$65,000 toward our church building fund." It is easy to feel the thrill of Brother Soren's words when he says, "No human being could describe the feeling of gratitude to God and to that saintly lady that went through our souls, and the joy that possessed our hearts on account of that gift." Thus a total of \$109,500 was provided toward the completion of the \$180,000 building—which, by the way, would have cost \$194,000 but that Architect Noronha, not yet a professed Baptist, is giving his services absolutely free of charge.

The work went forward on the building with new zeal, although there yet lacked \$70,500 of the amount necessary to its completion. Now comes another wonderful chapter: "On the afternoon of May 13," Pastor Soren writes, "the thirty-eighth anniversary of the freedom of the slaves in Brazil, we had a grand praise service within the naked walls of our new building. Well, on the following evening a cable from Dr. Love, then in Houston, announced that Mrs. Bottoms had given \$17,000 more toward our building fund." Thus the amount necessary to the completion of the building was reduced, in direct answer to prayer and as a reward of unfailing faith, to \$53,500.

In announcing this last gift, the editor was under the impression that it made possible the completion of this great building. We hasten to correct this impression, and to put upon the hearts of our readers the burden of concern and prayer that the remaining sum of \$53,500 may somehow be provided, and without delay, in order that this city of South America may have at least one Baptist church which will compare with the scores of Catholic cathedrals. After all, \$180,000 is no extravagant sum for the First Church in a city of a million; and the plans provide for a splendid workshop, not merely an architectural display. May God put it into the hearts of some who love him and his cause to answer the prayers of these devoted friends in this mighty city of religious destitution and need, that the finished building may preach through the years to come the message of faith in a living Lord.—Home and Foreign Field.

No movement in the history of Mexico has been fraught with more of significance both to this nation and to the Latin-speaking peoples of the world than the present revolt against Catholicism which has plunged the Mexican government into a death-grapple with Rome. Thus far President Calles has been unyielding in his determination to free Mexico from Catholic domination. The hardships which our missionaries and evangelists native Christians have undergone are almost past belief, but the reaction will ultimately be favorable to Protestant work.

Shall we have another world war? Kirby Page thus summarizes the results of the recent holocaust which swept Europe: 10,000,000 known dead soldiers. 3,000,000 presumed dead soldiers; 13,000,000 dead civilians; 20,000,000 wounded; 3,000,000 prisoners; 9,000,000 war orphans; 5,000,000 war widows; 10,000,000 refugees. "This summary," he continues, "may be read in sixty seconds, but no human mind is capable of grasping its significance." There is but one guarantee against another such calamity, and that is the gospel of Jesus Christ known and accepted by a sufficient number of men throughout the world as to make impossible the ignorance and suspicion and selfishness and hate which are at the heart of war. The missionary enterprise is the hope of the world's peace!

The multitude of friends of Dan Crawford, the famous missionary to Central Africa, whose "Thinking Black" and other books made a profound impression on American readers, will learn with sorrow of his death, which occurred in Elisabethville, Belgian Congo, on June 3.

OUTLINE AND EXCERPTS OF SERMON BY C. E. BALL

Text, Galatians 5:7. "Ye did run well, who did hinder you?"

Theme: Some Things that Hinder the Work of the Church.

Introduction. There are at least two things implied in the text, among the many, that I would call attention to. The first one is that there was a time when the church had done better than it was at that time doing. "Ye DID run well, who did hinder you?" Disturbing elements had entered in and were retarding the progress of the work of the church at Galatia. The nature of this disturbance is well set out in the context.

The second thing implied in the text is that great concern filled the heart of the preacher because the progress of the work of the church was being hindered. He took time out of his busy life to sit down and write a long letter to the church seeking to eliminate this disturbance. It is enough to break the heart of a preacher when a church is not reaching its highest state of efficiency in Kingdom work. It should also give great concern to the members of the church themselves, who have been bought with the blood of Christ.

I. The question would naturally arise: What is the work of the church? If the work of the church is of such transcendent importance, then it is all the more serious to hinder it.

1. In thinking of the work of the church we cannot be scriptural and localize our vision. "The fields are white already unto harvest." "The field is the world."

"Go ye into all the world." There are plenty of others ciphers that might be used to justify this statement. So, then, when we hinder the work of the church, we are not only hurting the work of the church at home, but we are in some measure crippling the work around the world.

2. The outstanding thing the church is to do is to evangelize for Christ. It is Christ's soul saving agency. The biggest and most God honoring business in the world is the business of winning the lost to Christ. Christ has committed that task to the church, by the aid of the Holy Spirit.

3. The church is to teach, and to train the saved for service. All of these thoughts you will find wrapped up in the Great Commission.

4. The church is to minister to the world's needs. While Jesus was here in the world He unstopped the deaf ear, He opened the blinded eyes, healed the withered hand, raised the dead to life, and comforted the broken hearted. He said to His disciples after the resurrection, "As the Father has sent me, even so send I you."

II. Some Things that Hinder the Work of the Church.

1. The tendency on the part of human nature to drift. Heb. 2:1, R. V. "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest happily we drift away from them." Matt. 16:25: "If any man WILL come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." The worshiper at the shrine of worldly pleasure will not follow Christ.

It is a well known fact that human nature tends to the path of least resistance. It takes a live fish to swim against the current. Dead ones drift with the tide. Jesus knew this trait of human life when He urged His disciples to WILL, to DETERMINE, if you please, to follow Him. No casual desire will enable us to live the best sort of Christian life. It takes will-power, determination, devotion, and the power of God in our lives to enable us to live the best Christian lives. Our better selves must, daily, keep our meager selves under subjugation. "When I would do good, evil is always present with me." The Christian life is a continuous warfare.

2. Failure on the part of the members of the church to attend the services of the church hinders. We are enjoined in Holy Writ to forsake not the assembling of ourselves together. It is the incumbent duty of each member of the church to attend each and all of the services of the church if not very providentially hindered. Promiscuous Sunday visiting keeps a great many Baptists from church. The pastor has as much right to visit on Sunday as does his members. Sunday company keeps a great many people away from church. Why not the pastor stay home on Sunday and entertain his company? He has as much right as any of his members. The radio is a great blessing to the world. There is no doubt about that. But I maintain that no member of the church has any more right to stay home from church and be entertained with the radio than does the pastor. Lack of interest, carelessness, keep a great many away. A great many people in our churches act as if they feel, I do not know that they actually feel that way, that they have complimented the pastor and honored the Lord if they make it out to church once a month, and a few of them once a year.

3. Refusal on the part of so many members to accept a place of responsibility in the work of the church. One of the crying needs of our churches is more trained workers who are willing to accept places of real service in our churches. Many of our Sunday Schools are suffering because some who really have talents to teach will not accept a class because of the responsibility. Many of our B. Y. P. U. s are not doing their best work because members will not assume the responsibility they must assume for the most efficient work to be done. The only way that we may come to see our full duty is in the light of Gethsemane and the Cross.

4. One of the chief hindrances today is unadulterated worldliness in the church. The art of discipline is almost a lost one in our Baptist churches. Not long since I was told that when a new pastor went on the field in one of our best churches in this state that one of the deacons of the church came to him and told him that if he stayed there he would be compelled to go fifty-fifty with the world. I, personally, believe that the person who cannot see that our churches are more and more being filled with worldly members is more or less stupid. I, personally, believe that no longer ought the ministry to stifle their conscience and their God-given convictions in the matter of preaching against sin in the church.

III. What is the remedy for the above mentioned hindrances?

First of all, let the ministry preach against the prevailing sins of the day with all the fervor of his soul. I might say there are two ways of doing this, namely, with love and passion, and like we were mad. I believe in the main that if the preacher has such concern and alarm about some of the things mentioned that that concern will drive him on his knees for the right message and the right spirit in which to deliver that message, the people will have a greater tendency to accept the message.

2. Let the people of our churches examine their individual lives when the searchlight of God's truth is turned on. If the life is out of harmony with the Word, then let us force our lives into the channel of scriptural harmony, and not fall out with the messenger for doing his duty in delivering God's message, not his.

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MITCHELL SCURRY ASSOCIATION

Emmett Whitaker

Rev. G. W. Land has moved his family from Florence, Williamson County, to Snyder to accept the call of the church at Ira. His appointments will be the second and fourth Sundays. Mr. Land's time is not all occupied at the present time but other work here has already offered itself.

The Rev. Land is received into the Mitchell-Scurry Association with gratitude due to the enviable reputation as a strong gospel preacher he brings with him from Florence and Louisiana. Reports of his successes since giving up the practice of law have come over-ahed from Mississippi, Louisiana, and Florence.

Rev. G. A. Jarrett, of Goldthwaite, preached at Snyder Sunday in the absence of pastor Ferguson who is away at the Dallas Hospital again. Services were fine despite the bad weather and knowledge that the pastor would not be present. While here Rev. Jarrett renewed acquaintanceship with many that he had known in other places.

The work of Missionary Alexander is progressing nicely. Practically all the churches of the association have pastors or have some one in mind.

The church at Snyder has been compelled to postpone the meeting for the third time this year. Bro. Ferguson and Brother Reynolds were scheduled to begin a meeting on the 12th. The date was changed to the 26th when it appeared that Brother Ferguson would still be in the hospital at that date. Now it has been postponed indefinitely. Letters from the sanitarium indicate the pastor's return this week, however.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

WALTER JACKSON, Editor

MISSIONARY MESSAGE IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

OCTOBER 3.—Israel Journeying Toward Canaan. Num. 10: 11-13, 29-36 General Topic: What Israel Learned in the Wilderness.

Missionary Topic: Leading the Peoples after God.

Missionary Text—Verse 13: They first took their journey according to the commandment of Jehovah by Moses.

All the peoples of the world are today in the wilderness. Nearly all of them know and lament the fact. Few of them have any sure guidance, or are able to follow the guidance that is offered them. There is no work of men where the dependence on divine wisdom, protection and leadership is so consciously felt as in the work of Christian missions. This lesson has for us a number of suggestions that vitally touch the missionary work.

1. A number of years ago there came to the Student Volunteer Convention, meeting in Nashville, a cablegram from Japan, which when read thrilled the entire Convention and made an impression that is indicated by the fact that the message has been quoted in scores of addresses, and numerous books since. It read: "Japan leading Orient; whither?" It is a time when that "whither?" is being asked concerning every leadership of the nations and peoples of the world. Are there any that can answer? Thoughtful Christians are sure that we have a leadership which if men will follow it, will bring all

the peoples into God's Promised Land.

2. Missions is based on the conviction that God desires all men to go to his Canaan, and that he has commissioned all who are conscious that they are in the way to invite all the rest to come with them and share all the good our God shall give to us. Evangelism is urging this invitation at home; missions is pushing the same invitation abroad, and carrying it to all lands.

3. It is of first importance that we learn to recognize when God moves and that we move with Him. If we are to have the presence of God with us we have to go when he goes, and where he goes. This is the life and the hope of the missionary movement. Seven years ago God's cloud moved away forward for Southern Baptists. We set out with enthusiasm to follow. But we have fallen far behind. The only way of protection for us is forward, following Him. Jesus said—and continues to say: "Go; and I am with you."

4. Jehovah's commandment came to the people by Moses. What if the leader fails to pass on the forwarding word of God? Ambition for leadership needs the most careful searching of motive, of faith, of fidelity.

5. The cloud went ahead and selected the place for stopping, and in the presence of that cloud the enemies were scattered; and every stage was marked by protection and blessing.

—Home & Foreign Field

SWEETWATER ASSOCIATION

There will be a week of services at the Walnut Street Church this week up to the fifth anniversary of the church on next Saturday. The church will be five years old that day. The church has gone to full time under the leadership of Scott W. Hickey.

Only a few churches in the association without pastors at the present, and the pastorless ones have some men before them as prospective pastors.

The missionary will preach for the Hylton Church from Thursday night until Sunday night of this week. It is hoped that the church will call a pastor at the time. G. W. Lawrie is to preach for them Sunday.

The Cedar Gap people have asked the writer to be with them the second Sunday in October to Moderate the conference when the church hopes to call a pastor.

The Association is in a fine condition to come to Merkel on the 7th out of debt if they will do their best.

The church at Nugent has recently called Rev. J. C. McKenney, formerly of Kaufman, Texas, now a student in Simmons University, to be their pastor. He will likely accept the work. He has half time yet not taken which some church would do well to take.

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Ezra 3:11-13
Jno. W. Newsom

1. The Importance of a Revival.

1. Because Christ Put It First.

In Matthew He said, "Go make disciples of all nations."

2. The Disciples Put It First.

3. The Churches Today Should

Put It First.

11. The Demand For a Revival.

1. Because of so much Heresy.

a. Especially Modernism.

2. Because of Lawless Conditions.

3. Because of the Wastes Among Us.

a. Time, and

b. Money.

4. Because of Sin in High Places.

111. How Have A Revival.

1. By Becoming Dissatisfied with Our Present Spiritual Condition.

2. By Constant Prayer.

3. Have a Definite Object in View

a. By Prescribing.

a. The Word of God.

b. That Jesus Blood Saves.

c. Against All Sins.

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HASKELL ASSOCIATION W. M. U. MEETING AT MUNDAY

On September 16th the Auxiliary of the Haskell Association held a most interesting and enthusiastic meeting with the church at Munday. Since only a brief business session was held during the Association September 1st, this constituted the regular annual meeting for reports and program.

After a benevolence service led by Mrs. L. E. Frazier of Rochester, Bro. P. D. O'Brien, the versatile pastor of the Munday Church, spoke fitting and appreciated words of welcome. Mrs. G. C. Cowan of Rochester, former president of the associational auxiliary, responded.

Mrs. Geo. Hardberger and Mrs. Press Clark of Knox City rendered a most beautiful duet.

Rev. Joe English, pastor at Knox City, had been invited to make the main address of the program. He spoke on the general subject of "Missions," setting forth the authority for missions as found in the Word of God, in the risen Lord, and in the divine call to the ministry; the unity of missions through varied enterprises; the spiritual needs of the individual as against a social gospel; and the power of the gospel as man's only means of salvation.

The important question comes to each of us, "What can I do to carry out the Great Commission?" The call comes to each disciple, not only to the specially called, to dedicate ourselves, our homes, and all we have to the spread of the gospel. The matter of method is one of expediency. The speaker declared himself in favor of our recognized organizations and urged us as women to bear a noble part in the Lord's work.

The cooperative interest of the pastors present was greatly appreciated and spoke well for all. Brother English and Brother Frazier brought large representations from Knox City and Rochester, respectively, and Brother O'Brien showed his hearty cooperation in many ways. All these brethren played a man's part during the noon hour at one of the most complete and delicious dinners we have ever seen on such an occasion. In fact, we would make the thoughtful prediction that the lean and hungry looking Munday pastor will lose his boasted immunity before another mosquito season rolls around.

Reports from societies as given in the afternoon program were very encouraging. Mrs. Geo. Hardberger reported for Knox City a membership of thirty, a good mission study class and a young people's leader recently appointed.

Mrs. Tatum of Weinert reported eighteen members, a class in W. M. U. Manual, gifts to Rosabel Breedlove Loan Fund and lights for church.

Mrs. Mansell gave a good report

for Rochester.

Mrs. Cooper told interestingly of the new society at Sweet Home, which has seventeen members, who have finished the W. M. U. Manual. Sunbeams, R. A.'s and G. A.'s were organized by Miss Vivian Young, rural worker.

Mrs. Paxton reported for Munday twenty-five active members, a Y. W. A. and a mission study class.

It was voted to have instead of regular quarterly W. M. U. meetings, meetings in connection with the monthly workers' conferences and fifth Sunday meetings.

The following officers are to serve during the coming year.

Mrs. J. O. Bowden, Munday, President; Mrs. Edwin Heald, Munday, corresponding secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Elmer Turner, Rule, recording secretary; Mrs. P. D. O'Brien, Munday, mission chairman; Mrs. Gilstrap, Haskell, mission study chairman; Mrs. J. E. Mansell, Rochester, White Cross chairman; Mrs. Joe English, Knox City, educational chairman; Miss Louise English, Knox City, young people's leader; Mrs. L. E. Frazier, Rochester, personal service chairman; Mrs. R. Neal Greer, Rule, benevolence chairman; Mrs. B. M. Whiteker, Haskell, publicity chairman.

W. M. U. OF SWEETWATER ASSOCIATION TO MEET WITH MERKEL CHURCH

The Woman's Auxiliary to the Sweetwater Baptist Association will hold its twenty-second annual meeting with the First Baptist Church of Merkel October 5 and 6, according to programs which are being distributed.

Following is the two-day program in detail:

Tuesday, October 5, 2 O'clock Chorister, Mrs. L. B. Scott. Devotional, Mrs. P. B. Causseaux. The following conferences will be held in separate rooms:

First—County and Local Society Presidents and other officers led by Mrs. J. F. Clark.

Second—County and Local Committee Chairmen led by Associational Chairmen.

3:30—Executive Board Meeting.

Tuesday Evening Session Young People's Evening, 8 p. m. Mrs. Chas. T. Whaley, Young People's Secretary, presiding.

Music, Sweetwater First Church Orchestra.

Hymn—"Jesus Calls Us."

The Value of the Graded Plan of W. M. U. Training, Mrs. Robert Jones Solo, Thelma Lee Hattenback. College Y. W. A., Genoa Cole. Special Music, Simmons Quartet.

Reports—All Local Young People's Leaders.

Wednesday Morning Session, 9:30 W. M. U. Hymn.

Devotional, Mrs. A. M. Jones.

Recognition of Missionaries and visitors.

Words of Welcome, Mrs. T. E. Collins.

Response, Mrs. L. D. Terry.

Special Music.

Appointment of Committees.

President's Message, Mrs. J. P. Stinson.

Gleanings from the Field, County and Local Presidents.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Geo. L. Paxton.

Treasurer, Mrs. R. C. Lewis.

Young People, Mrs. C. T. Whaley.

Buckner Orphans Home, Dr. R. C. Pender.

Memorial Service, Mrs. D. W. Arnette.

Lunch, 12:00 to 1:30.

Wednesday Afternoon Session 1:30

Devotional, Mrs. Sam Swan.

Reports of Standing Committees, three minutes each:

Historian, Mrs. O. H. Cooper.

Missions, Mrs. W. W. Gibson.

Mission Study, Mrs. A. R. Booth.

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Special Music.

1926 Program, Mrs. J. E. Leigh.

Greetings, Mrs. E. B. Atwood.

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West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, Mr. S. F. Boucom.

Business Session.

Adoption of All Reports.

Miscellaneous.

Reports of committees:

Enrollment (Presentation of Ban' ner), Mrs. C. M. Caldwell.

Resolutions, Mrs. W. E. Gentry.

Nominations, Mrs. T. E. Collins, and all Local Presidents.

FAREWELL PARTY GIVEN TO MISS WALKER

A farewell tribute to Miss Blanche Rose Walker, who leaves Wednesday to return to her home where she will resume her twenty-first year's work as a missionary, was given Monday afternoon by the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, in the church parlors. Some one hundred women assembled for the occasion and listened with interest to the personal experiences of Miss Walker in her every day life as a missionary there. Miss Walker, who made this talk by special request, told also of her work in a general way and included many customs of the land.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. J. F. Clark, president, who presented Miss Walker a love gift of \$40 from the society. Mrs. Stuart also brought a special gift from Circle L, of which Miss Walker is a

member.

Mrs. R. J. Ellis conducted a devotional, Miss Florence Cunningham gave a reading, "Out at Old Aunt Mary's," with Mrs. Chandler playing a musical accompaniment, and Mrs. J. M. Chandler and Miss Anna Morris gave a duet with Mrs. Alex Miller accompanist.

After the delightful program a social hour was held, with guests given an opportunity to say farewell to Miss Walker. The social committee of the church served brick ice cream and cake.

MISS ALEXANDER LEAVES FOR CHINA

Miss Minnie Alexander, a Baptist missionary to China, spoke very touchingly Wednesday evening at the Baptist church of her experiences and ambitions among the Chinese people. This was a sort of farewell service to Miss Alexander, as she was to leave Thursday morning, via Vancouver, for her station at Kie-fung.

Miss Alexander was called back about a year ago to her home at Lometa by the last illness of her father. She is carrying back to China several musical instruments given her by the Seminary and by friends, also a victrola. These, she says, will be of great help to her in her work on the other side of the world. While in Winters she had been visiting in the home of her brother, S. L. Alexander.

In her prayer meeting talk she said there was no last farewell for the Christian. Many were the touching references to her character and work by others who spoke or offered prayers.—Winters Enterprise.

SISTER JESSIE, CAMP, GENTRY

The grim reaper, death, holds in his grip of dissolution the "earthly house" of another of our Jones County Baptists. This time he claimed one of our most splendid young women, a wife beloved, a mother devoted, a sister in Christ, faithful in all of the work of one of the really active churches in our association. Sister Jessie, Camp, Gentry, daughter of Morgan Camp and wife of M. P. Gentry was only twenty-seven years old at death. She leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. All who knew Miss Jessie in the public school work, or sister Jessie in the church work loved her for her patient kindness and consecrated faithfulness.

She is gone, but not for aye.

We wonder why she could not stay. Her life so humble, faithful, kind. But wondering we will not repine. For He who watches sparrows fall. Both gave her life, and gave her all.

—F. A. Pope.

PAUL'S PRESCRIPTION FOR CHARACTER BUILDING

PHILIPPIANS 4

W. H. Albertson

Character is the theme of the fourth chapter of Philipians. Paul makes three attempts at conclusion, and in each one of these statements he gives one of the fundamental necessities in building a worth-while Christian character. Then as he continues he gives some of the things that are the natural outgrowth of this character. He gives them as contentment, the ability in the Lord to do all things, and God supplying all of our needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. The first condition of character culture is, "Stand Fast in the Lord."

This is verse 1. When the little child learns to stand alone he is far on the road to taking care of himself on his feet. It means much for a Christian to stand, and "having done all to stand." The weather vane stands but it points in various directions, depending on where the wind is from. Too many times we are like the tumble weeds; you see them on the north side of some fence today and on the south side of some other fence tomorrow. We should stand for some things. We should positionize ourselves in the Lord and then stand up straight with our faces pointing ever toward God and His cause. Then we should stand against some things. Whatever doesn't help God's cause should be withstood by His child. We should never have it in our hearts to compromise with sin from any angle. When we begin to compromise and dodge we soon find ourselves in serious trouble. I saw a little dog get run over the other day because he tried to run on both sides of the road at the same time. There are many Christian wrecks today because someone tried to dodge and compromise with the real issues of life.

Then in verse six the statement, "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God," comes as the second thing in growing the right kind of a Christian life. We should recognize God as the great source of all our blessings, and that the only way to tap this great reservoir is by prayer. God will supply "every need of yours" as we pray unto Him. We should realize, too, that it is God alone who can assure the happy life. "The peace of God, which passeth all understanding," will keep our hearts and minds as we seek God and His will in prayer.

Then, in the third place, he says, "Think on these things." Thinking determines one's life course as the law of gravity and the lay of the land determines the course of the stream. The wise man said, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." All action originates in the thinking processes. Just as one can choose his companions so can he choose his thoughts. Thought tastes can be cultivated and developed just as the taste for food and drink. The first time I drank ice tea it was not pleasing at all, but now there is nothing that pleases the palate more. There are good things about which we may think. "If there be any virtue,"—"Any particular moral excellency." You can find this kind of characteristic in most every life somewhere. In some cases it may be hidden away under the debris of sin and folly. We will be less critical if we will look on and think of these qualities rather than on the others that may, at times, be closer to the surface. "If there be any praise,"—approbation, commendation, praise," usually bestowed by some one. They were holding Rastus' funeral. He had been a bad negro. No one would say anything in his favor. After awhile one negro arose and said, "I can say one thing about Rastus. He wasn't as bad all the time as he was some of the time." In our comments about others may we leave the bad for the other fellow to relate.

Paul's life had been so clean and open and had reflected so definitely the grace and power of Christ in producing uprightness of thought and service that he was willing to point to his own life as an example. As we keep our eyes on and our faith in Jesus it will be easy to Stand, to Pray and to Think aright. "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God," Haskell, Texas.

He would not play another game with the Lightning Grays until he had earned the seventy-five cents and paid his father.

How Jerry earned the money is another story. He worked every day and thought of new plans every night. But when the Lightning Grays played the Browns on Friday afternoon Jerry was in the pitcher's box and his father was on the sideline rooting for him.—Missionary Quarterly

SIMMONS UNIVERSITY NOTES

From The Simmons Brand

EVANGELISTIC SINGER VISITOR IN SIMMONS

One of the distinguished visitors on the Simmons campus this week was Jerry Cox, singing evangelist of Fort Worth. Mr. Cox visited his wife and on, Wayland, during the earlier part of the week. Mrs. Cox and her son are students in Simmons. Mr. Cox has been actively engaged in religious work for a number of years. He was assistant pastor of the Travis Avenue Baptist Church of Dallas for five years. For the last few years he has traveled over a large part of Texas as an evangelistic singer. He requests that any of the student pastors in Simmons who wish to get in touch with him about his work, write him at 1105 Orange street, Fort Worth, Texas.

University" are emblazoned, attract immediate attention when the fair visitor enters the Woman's Building. The University colors, purple and gold, are pleasingly used in many ways, and very effective is the group of miniature Simmons buildings from the booth background.

FINE ARTS RECITALS

Several faculty and students recitals will be offered between now and Thanksgiving by members of the School of Fine Arts, according to Miss Olivia Hobgood, acting dean of the fine arts school. Several major recitals will be given at different times by various faculty members as well as the mixed programs given in chapel each Friday morning by the instructors.

RECORD ATTENDANCE

When the bursar's office closed Thursday evening, approximately 850 students had registered for courses in the University. It is thought that the number will exceed 1000 before the close of the fall session since students are coming in every day.

All three of the dormitories were filled before the first few days of registration were over. Each of the three, Ferguson, Smith and Mary Frances, have well over a hundred occupants registered on their rolls.

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STORY FOR THE CHILDREN

THE BASEBALL GLOVE

Jerry Martin sat on the back steps gazing into the alley with unseeing eyes. Sport, his new puppy, wiggled and barked in front of him but Jerry paid no attention. He was wondering how he could get seventy-five cents before his team played the Invincible Blues that afternoon. "A pitcher's got to have a glove"—and there was his glove, wet and ragged, where Sport had chewed it.

A new glove would cost seventy-five cents, and Jerry had a dime, a nickel and two pennies. "Seventeen cents," he thought scornfully. "That's enough to buy the thumb." Where could he get enough money to buy a new glove? His bank was empty, for he had spent the money last week at the circus. Most of his monthly allowance had been spent for peanuts, and lemonade, and the side-shows. But now he had to have a glove! He was captain of the Lightning Grays and the best pitcher on the team, and the Blues were their rivals and—well, any boy would understand that he had to have a new glove, somehow. But there on the steps beside him lay seventeen cents. It was maddening.

Jerry's mother had taken his baby sister and gone to grandmother's to spend the day so he couldn't ask her for the money. He had a sneaking suspicion that she would not give it to him, anyway, because he had already spent his allowance. Mothers were "funny" about things like that

—besides, she had warned him not to leave the glove where Sport would find it.

Suddenly Jerry decided he could think better if he had a cookie so he went into the kitchen. There beside the cookie jar was the blue willow teapot where his mother kept the grocery money. Jerry never could explain how it happened. The doves on the teapot seemed to wink at him and something said, "Take it! Take it!" and he did.

He did not have much time to think until he started home after the game. Then he began to feel uncomfortable. A voice inside began to say, "That money was not yours!" And it talked so loudly he could not hear what the boys were saying.

As he came on the porch he heard his mother singing in the kitchen but somehow he could not go in where she was. He threw his old ragged glove under the steps and hid the new one under some papers on a shelf and sat down on the porch.

It was not yours! It was not yours! It was not yours! the voice said like a sing-ing.

"Aw, shut up!" he said.

"That money was not yours! Thief! Thief! You stole it! You stole it!"

"Taking from your mother isn't stealing. It isn't very wrong," Jerry defended. "She'd have given it to me, maybe."

"But you took it, and it was not yours, and that is stealing," insisted

the voice.

And before Jerry could answer his mother called him to supper.

Jerry was not hungry. There was cherry pie for dessert but he could not eat it. He did not feel like talking to the family, either. His father asked him about the game, but he couldn't talk about it because the voice kept saying, "Thief! Thief!"

As soon as supper was over he went to his room. The boys were calling him but he did not feel like playing. He tried to sleep and forget what had happened. But how could a boy sleep when a roomful of voices kept saying, "That money was not yours!" It was awful.

A black imp sat on the foot of his bed and began to taunt him.

"Won't you shut up?" Jerry begged. "I'm going to give it back. She will never miss it."

"You can't. You have spent your allowance," jeered the imp. "And, anyway, you took it and it did not belong to you."

Jerry could not endure it any longer. He put his fingers in his ears and shouted, "I'm going to tell. So there!" Then he ran out to the hall.

It was quiet downstairs but the light was burning and Jerry knew his father was reading. Before he could lose his courage, he ran down the stairs and blurted out the whole story.

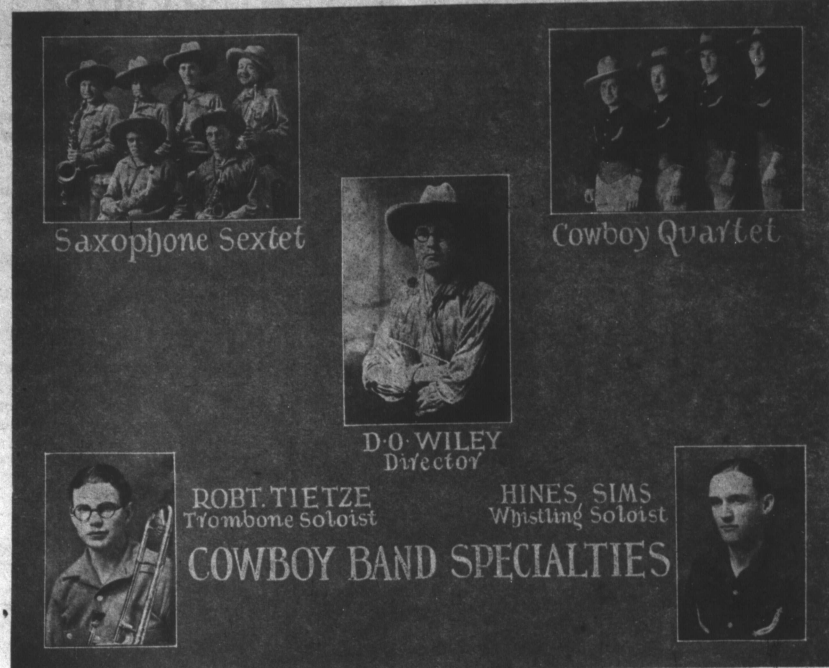
Jerry's father looked very grave but he was not angry. He had been a boy and understood why the glove seemed so important. But Mr. Martin was president of a bank and he also knew that to be trustworthy is more important than any baseball glove. Hundreds of people trusted

him with their money because he was honest. Thousands of dollars came to the bank every day but nobody thought of using a penny for himself because the money belonged to someone else. He explained all this to Jerry and added, "Some day I hope you will take my place as head of the bank. But the directors will never elect you unless you are honest, even in the 'littles' things. Stealing is taking anything that does not belong to you. Even little things that seem unimportant. If you turn on the water and leave it running, or turn on the light and leave it burning, or use two paper cups where one would do, or take another team's football signals, it's stealing. And if men could not trust each other to be honest there would not be any business or commerce in the world."

As Jerry listened he was so proud of his father that for a moment he forgot the wrong he had done. Jerry knew how honest his father was and how people respected him. Then he heard his father saying, "Everybody has to fight temptation. And little wrongs lead to big ones. I could let you off easy this time but I believe you want to do the manly thing and square the wrong. How do you think it could be made right?"

They talked about it for a long time and this is what they decided. First, Jerry must apologize to his mother for taking what belonged to her. Then, his father would lend him seventy-five cents to pay her, until Jerry could earn the money and pay it back. But both of them felt that even this was not enough. When a bank lends money it asks security, so Jerry gave his father a promise.

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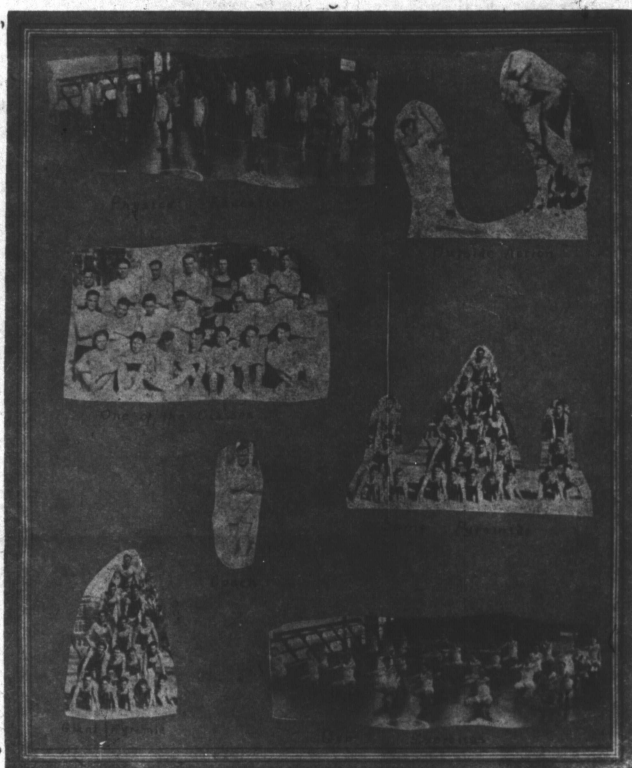
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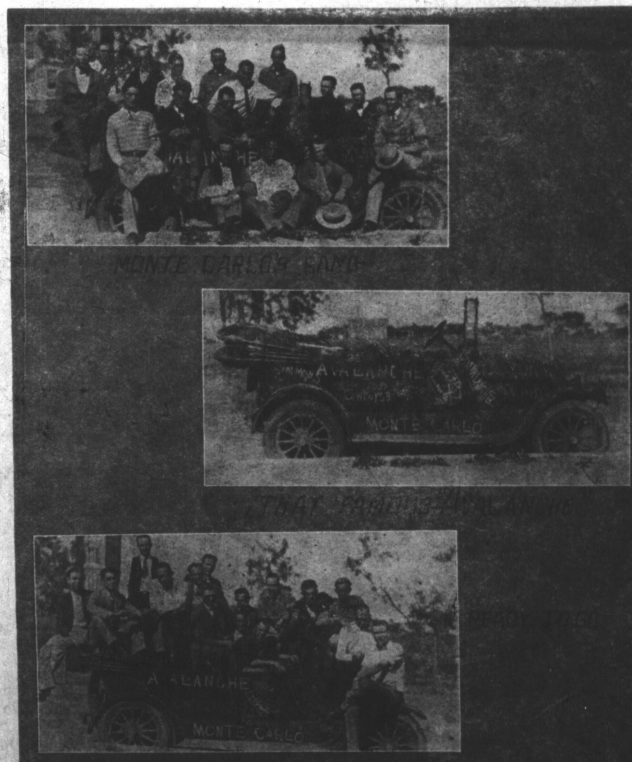
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LAMESA SUNDAY SCHOOL
HAS GOOD ATTENDANCE

There were 430 in Sunday School in time for the count last Sunday. All classes were well attended and a spirit of enthusiasm prevailed. A number of new members and visitors added to the joy of the happy hearts

in the teaching service. At eleven o'clock the Pastor, Ross A. Smith delivered the second sermon of a series on, "Why I Believe the Bible is the Word of God." At night he preached on, "Man, His Measure, His Possibilities and His Perils." The regular program of services will be carried out this coming Sunday, with Sunday School beginning at 9:45 a. m., preaching by the Pas-

tor at 11 p. m., the third sermon of the series on, "Why I Believe the Bible is the Word of God." The seven Unions will meet at 6:45 p. m. with good programs featuring each of their services. Then the regular evangelistic service at 8 p. m. —Lamesa Reporter

We may have to enlarge the alphabet—football letters.

WRITES OF MEETING OF
BROWNFIELD ASSOCIATION

According to promise, I am sending you notes of the meeting of the Brownfield Association. The meeting convened on Tuesday, Sept. 14. The laides had their program the first day. Their meeting was interesting throughout, and they gave some really fine reports.

On Tuesday night of the first day, Brother Bender spoke on the work of Buckner Orphans Home. He gave us a good message as he always does. An offering of some three hundred and fifty dollars was made for the home.

On Wednesday morning the association went into organization and the following officers were elected: Moderator, W. K. Horn; Clerk, C. E. Ball; Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, H. C. Draper.

Rev. G. W. Owen was here to represent our denominational work, and brought us a really great message on that phase of our work. His speech stirred our hearts, and made us want to do more than we had been doing for the Lord's cause.

Rev. Scott W. Hickey was here and spoke for a brief period on the hospital at Abilene, and also on foreign missions. His remarks were greatly enjoyed.

The Board re-employed Rev. W. F. Markham as its missionary for another year. Brother Markham brought up a fine report of his year's work. We came out in fine conditions from a financial point of view. Paid all of our bills and had a neat balance of some three hundred dollars.

—C. E. Ball.

ROTAN PASTOR STARTS
DROP-IN BIBLE CLASS

Rev. Fred Clark, pastor of the Baptist church, began a Drop-in Bible class at the Majestic Theater some two weeks ago, which is the first down-town Bible study that has been attempted in Rotan.

The class meets at the Majestic Sunday mornings at ten o'clock, dismissing in time for all church services.

The class is for men of all denominations or no denomination, for men who happen to be on the street at that time, for men who failed to get their shoes shined, get a new collar or a shave, men in overalls or work clothes, every man is welcome to come as he is. Rev. Clark puts it clearly when he says "if a man is dressed so he is allowed to be on the street he is dressed all right for the Drop-in Bible Class."

Such classes have been tried in large and small towns of the country and have proven very successful in reaching men who do not go to church or any regular Sunday school. The features of this class that distinguish it from regular Sunday school classes is that there are no collections, no one is called upon to answer questions or speak, but every one is free to comment and discuss any point of the subject they care to —Rotan Advance.

BIBLE SKETCHES

SOLOMON THE MAGNIFICENT

By J. N. Campbell

Solomon reigned over Israel for forty years. It was Israel's golden age. His reign was truly magnificent. In history the only parallel is the reign of Louis XIV in France.

Solomon was a success because in his youth he prayed for wisdom. God was so pleased with his choice that in addition he was given riches and honor, too.

His wisdom included a vast store of knowledge. He drank this well dry and pulled out the pump. His teachers were given nervous prostration in the vain effort to teach him something more. The ends of the earth heard of his fame. The Queen of Sheba came to prove him with hard questions. Solomon is the only man on record who ever fairly answered all of a woman's questions. So he must therefore have been the "wisest man who ever lived," as we have been told all our lives.

Solomon could take his place beside the world's greatest builders. Indeed during the forty years of his reign he had opportunity to bring to perfection all the arts of peace. His commerce covered the then charted oceans. And the inspired writer tells us that he made silver and gold to be as common in Jerusalem as the stones of the street!

But Solomon was a greater failure than he was a success. What a disappointment he must have been to the heart of God! He threw away his vast opportunities for usefulness in a sea of sensuality and a cloud of vainglory.

In his old age he saw what a fool he had been and wrote Ecclesiastes to warn future generations against the paths of folly he had trod.

The great lesson of Ecclesiastes is that nothing "under the sun"—31 times the expression is used in the small book of Ecclesiastes—can satisfy the immortal soul of man which was made in the image of God.

All the heavens we build for ourselves and leave God out will prove only ante-rooms to hell. God made man and God alone can satisfy the needs of the soul. If ever a man was qualified to answer the question of Jesus, "What is a man profited if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?", it was Solomon. The conclusion of the whole matter: A pauper with Christ for his Savior, Lord and Friend, is richer than a Croesus.

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10:00 a. m. Devotional service led by M. C. Golden.
10:20 Stewardship, R. D. DeWeese.
10:40 Tithing, J. W. Patterson.
11:00 Co-Operation, W. S. Yancey.
11:30 Sermon, Alvin Swindell.
NOON—Lunch.
1:30 Board meeting.
2:00 Devotional service led by M. A. Quindlen.
2:20 Reports from the field.
2:50 The 1926 program—General Discussion, led by H. H. Stephens.

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