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LUDERS ENCAMPMENT BEGINS JULY 10

Movement is Started for New Baptist Convention

Call for the organization of a new Baptist convention of Texas to "co-operate with and reinforce" the present Baptist General Convention in the payment of its \$6,000,000 debt and the promotion of missions and evangelism in the state, was issued last week by M. H. Wolfe of Dallas, former president of the convention, and other leading churchmen.

Organization of the new convention will be affected within several weeks from "among the members of the more than two thousand Baptist churches of the state not now co-operating with the Baptist General Convention of Texas."

The first meeting of the new convention will be held in Mineral Wells during November, either two days before or after the annual conference of the general convention, which will meet in the West Texas city.

Won't Reveal Backers

A "legion" of Baptist churchmen of the state are behind the movement for the new convention, Mr. Wolfe declared, refusing at the time to reveal their names with the statement that "their names will be made public at the proper time" and that he was "willing to take the criticism for the movement and save the others from the trying ordeal."

That all Baptist churches of the state send the same delegates to the meetings of both the present and new conventions was one of the requests made in the call.

Mr. Wolfe declared that the reason behind the organization of the new convention was the fact that mission work in Texas, under the state board, had been greatly reduced because of the heavy church debt.

Best For Denomination

"Much criticism has been heaped upon me because of the call," he declared, "but I feel that it is best for the Baptist denomination."

Future plans of the new convention will not be determined until the time of the Mineral Wells conference, he said.

"It is further suggested and contemplated that the organization committee will select about twenty-five prominent Baptist preachers and laymen living in various sections of Texas who will be named in the charter to serve as directors until the first meeting of the convention."

"It is expected that the first meeting of the convention will be called to meet in Mineral Wells next November, one or two days prior to the meeting of the Baptist general convention of Texas, at which time the bylaws and other regulations will be adopted and the plan of work set forth."

"The further suggestion is made that the Baptist churches in Texas will be asked to send messengers to the new convention with the special request to the churches to name the same messengers to the old convention in order to insure harmony and co-operation between the two conventions."

All who are interested will kindly write us your suggestions.—M. H. Wolfe and Associates.

The Mitchell-Scurry Association had a fine workers' conference on June 12 with the Dunn church. A major part of the time of the meeting was spent in prayer. Rev. Marcellus Wadkins, representing Wayland College of Plainview was present and delivered an inspiring address. In the afternoon, Rev. Graves Darby, the new pastor at Roscoe, delivered a great sermon on Jno. 18: 1-2. The next conference will be held with the Roscoe church, July 8.

The Workers Conference of the Fisher County Association meets Monday with the Spring Creek Church. A good program has been arranged.

SOME SUGGESTIONS

For the purpose of providing a channel for greater co-operation among Texas Baptists the following suggestions are made:

Organize the Texas Baptist Convention by securing the co-operation of the more than two thousand Baptist churches in Texas not now co-operating with the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Objects Of New Convention

First—Promote and magnify missions and evangelism in Texas and around the world in co-operation with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Second—Support hospitals, the orphan home and the ministerial relief fund for Southern Baptist preachers.

Third—Re-enforce the Baptist Council Convention of Texas in the payment of its debts and the maintenance of its schools.

The reason for the above movement comes from the fact that our mission work in Texas, under the State Board, has been greatly reduced and with the heavy debt now resting on the Baptist General Convention of Texas there seems little hope for missions in the future.

Most people know that missions and evangelism has been the driving force that made Baptists great and without that spiritual power Baptists will die.

RECEPTION GIVEN FOR COLORADO PASTOR AND HIS FAMILY

W. M. S. IS HOSTESS TO CHURCH MEMBERS IN SOCIAL AFFAIR

(From the Colorado Record.)

Friday evening at the Hut, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist church entertained the church membership in honor of Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Ashford and the Misses Ashford, the family having just moved here within the last few weeks. The Hut was lavishly decorated with sunflowers, vases and bowls being in every window and on all the tables.

The guests were met by Mrs. Chas. Farris and Mrs. Robert Terrell and introduced to the receiving line. At the head of this stood Mrs. Jack Smith, president of the society, Rev. Ashford, Mrs. Ashford, the Misses Ashford, Mrs. W. C. Hinds, Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Morgan, chairman of the board of deacons. All of the missionary officers were hostesses. Mrs. A. L. White had arranged the program.

Rev. Mr. Elliott, in a very clever way, welcomed Rev. Mr. Ashford and his family in behalf of the ministers of the town. He, in a most cordial and happy manner, expressed the town's appreciation of Brother Ashford and his work, and wished for him and his family a happy, prosperous and lengthy stay in Colorado. The children of the church gave a very clever impersonation of "The Ladies Aid." Mary Frances Majors came as a reading, "The Minister Comes to Tea," which was much enjoyed. A song was given by a double quartette of girls in Mrs. A. L. White's class, which was very beautiful.

Mabel Ratliff Majors read "Take a Tater and Wait," which was well received. With Margaret Cook at the piano, Pat Whitaker sang most delightfully. "Chat" was the next or-



DR. MILLARD A. JENKINS
Abilene, Texas

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Abilene, will be the inspirational speaker for the first week of the encampment. Dr. Jenkins is recognized as one of the ablest preachers of the South. Doubtless no one has surpassed his efforts along evangelistic lines the past few years.

ABILENE CHURCHES CLOSE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Friday evening at eight o'clock the commencement exercises of both the Baptist Daily Vacation Bible Schools in Abilene were held in the First and University Baptist churches, respectively.

Both programs consisted largely of an outline of the work accomplished in the schools, with a salute to the American flag, to the Christian flag, and to the Bible. These salutes are given by the pupils every morning upon marching in. At the First church the Beginners, Primary, Junior, and Intermediate Departments were each given fifteen minutes on the program.

The First church school gave certificates of recognition to those members who have been regular and prompt in attendance, both to teachers and pupils. Out of about 264 who participated in the commencement exercises, about fifty children received certificates. This being the first vacation school of the University church, only oral recognition was given.

After the program, there was an exhibition at both churches of the handwork done by the pupils during the school. Each department had a booth or table for display. Many friends of the young people and of the church were in attendance at these closing exercises.

MAKES APPEAL FOR BUCKNER ORPHANS HOME

In spite of the fact that his health has not been up to its usual standard during the past few months, Dr. R. C. Pender of Abilene is actively continuing his work for Buckner's Orphan Home.

On a recent Sunday Dr. Pender spent a profitable day with Pastor J. O. Herrin and the Rochester church. He was also with Pastor Claude Stovall and the Gillespie church. Services were held all day with lunch served at the church. In the afternoon Pastor P. D. O'Brien of Munday made a fine talk. The church gave \$200 for the Home. On the second Sunday, Brother Pender was with the Smith's Chapel church, where he has been going in the interest of the Home for the past seven years. Last Sunday he was with University Baptist Church, Abilene where he secured a good collection.

Appeals For Home

Dr. Pender was at the Home recently and was informed by Hal F. Buckner that contributions have fallen off to such an extent that the receipts are not sufficient to meet the daily need. Over \$500 is required each day to maintain the home as there are 700 children to be cared for. The charter forbids the institution going in debt. Let me urge our friends, everywhere, to come to our help in this great hour of need. These dear children are looking to us for help, let us not fail them.

der of the day. After three minutes conversation with one's neighbor a bell was rung and new groups were formed, thus giving everyone the opportunity to meet everyone else.

Misses Beatrice Logan, Julianna Smith and Margaret Cook played during this time, and while refreshments were being served. The girls of Mrs. White's and Mrs. Sadler's classes served refreshments of grape punch and angel cake while Mrs. Smoot's class pinned on the favors, which were sunflowers. A large crowd attended this affair and all spent a most enjoyable evening.



WALTER JACKSON
Abilene
President Lueders Baptist Encampment

LUBBOCK CHURCH HAS REMARKABLE GROWTH

Has Gain of 240 Members In Fifteen Months of History

The Nineteenth Street Baptist church of Lubbock was organized fifteen months ago. Rev. W. A. Todd, with his faithful wife labored hard for its beginning.

It was organized in a residence with eleven members. The following Sunday eleven more came into their fellowship, and their growth has been steady, until now they number two hundred fifty-two.

During the regular services of the church the increase has been three times, that of the revivals. About one fifth of the membership has come by baptism.

Not only have souls been received into the Kingdom of our Christ, but many of them showing that they are true Christians by doing personal work for Him. Six young men have surrendered to the ministry, thus devoting the rest of their lives to His service.

The value of the church property is now about seven thousand dollars. Practically all of which has been paid for. Only a small amount of six or eight hundred dollars yet to be paid.

This church owns two lots, on which is situated a stucco building with a seating capacity of about four hundred. This was the first building. But the crowds soon grew until there was a necessity for more room; especially a place in which to have Sunday school classes and departments. For this two rooms were added to the rear of the building. Then a sixty foot annex was erected to take care of the fast growing school. Besides growing in numbers the Sunday school is also growing in efficiency, until now it only lacks one point being up to the standard, and under the direction of Mr. J. H. Ritchie who has been superintendent since the organization of the Sunday school, they expect to soon bring this other point to the standard.

Beside a Sunday school there are three B.Y.P.U.'s in which the young people can get training that they would not receive in other services of the church.

There is also a W. M. S. which is steadily moving forward. The same pastor, Rev. W. A. Todd who labored so faithfully for the organization of the church is still with them. He is an untiring worker who lives in close communion with his Master at all times, and ready to do anything for the ongoing of His cause. Not only in the Nineteenth Street Church but any where he is needed.

With this church he only received the first month of his pastorate eighteen dollars, and the next month he received fifty-two, but now the church is paying him eighteen hundred dollars per year and doubtless will pay more next year.

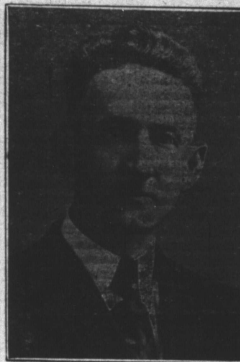
We need more men like this who are willing to make a sacrifice for our Lord's cause.—W. M. Lawrence.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

Twenty one students are taking graduate work in the summer schools at Simmons University, it is shown by figures released by the office. This means that nearly five per cent of the enrollment are graduates, which is probably the largest percentage yet recorded in the school. None of those registered as graduate students will take the M. A. degree this summer.

NEWS TO US

The Department of Commerce announces that, according to the returns received, there were in the United States 27 churches of the Two-Seed-in-the-Spirit Predestinarian Baptists in 1926, with 304 members, as compared with 43 churches and 679 members reported in 1916. Of the 27 churches reporting, 9 with 90 members were located in the state of Kentucky, and 13 with 145 members were located in Tennessee.



DR. T. L. HOLCOMB
Sherman, Texas

Dr. T. L. Holcomb, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sherman, will give the inspirational address for the latter part of the encampment. Dr. Holcomb is one of the most popular preachers of the South and is sought after far and near. In oratory, Dr. Holcomb is hardly surpassed in the entire South.

BAPTIST SANITARIUM MAKING EXPANSION

Marking a new step in the expansion of the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium was the opening of the fifth floor of the building Monday for exclusive use as an obstetrical department. Announcement of plans for this addition to the hospital was made Saturday by L. A. Sanders, superintendent.

This division of the sanitarium has been modernized and furnished to meet the growing demands for maternity accommodations, Mr. Sanders said. The third floor of the building, previously used for the obstetrical department, is now to be used for general surgery.

With the opening of the fifth floor of the sanitarium, the last unit of the building will be in use and future expansion will necessitate additional space, Mr. Sanders pointed out.

The hospital was established more than three and one-half years ago, its fourth anniversary to be September 15. During the less than four years 5,000 patients have been admitted to the hospital, Mr. Sanders said. The mortality rate for the time has been below three per cent. This is an unusually low rate, Mr. Sanders said, the average mortality for hospitals ranging between four and seven per cent.

Caring For Sixty

During the past year the number of patients admitted to the sanitarium has doubled that of the preceding year. Sixty patients are now being cared for. The hospital territory has a radius of 150 miles and patients have frequently come from New Mexico, Mr. Sanders said.

The hospital staff consists of physicians including specialists for ear, eye, nose and throat; pediatric and obstetrical specialists; a bronchologist, a proctologist and a urologist; four internists, two X-ray experts, and a radium specialist who has charge of the sanitarium's \$12,000 radium supply. The staff also includes several surgeons of outstanding ability.

Employ Thirty-two Nurses

A staff of thirty-two nurses is employed at the sanitarium, under the supervision of Miss Lovelle Thompson.

Mr. Sanders came to the sanitarium

one year ago in April from the Baylor hospital in Dallas, where he was chief anesthetist for 17 years.

SIMMONS COWBOY BAND WINS HONORS

As official band of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce the Cowboy Band has been playing at the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Convention at Fort Worth the past week. In the annual band contests, the Cowboy were adjudged the best all-around band at the convention, and awarded the gold medal. The grade made by the Cowboys in the contest was 95.84.

After the closing of the contest Wednesday evening, the band contest committee headed by Mr. Clarence Kraft congratulated Col. Wiley on the success of his band, and presented to him the gold medal—highest award of the convention for band efficiency. C. C. Chenette of De Kalb, Indiana, acted as chief judge of the contest.

Leaving Abilene in buses Sunday morning, the bandmen have been in Fort Worth the entire week. Numerous contests and many street parades have featured the stay.

Shortly after returning from Fort Worth, the bandmen go to Houston to the Democratic Convention, where they will play five days, June 26-30.

The bandmen are in perfect condition as a result of intensive practice since the end of the Spring quarter, and can be expected to present to the Convention delegates a real treat, both in Western stunts and the Cowboy spirit, and also in the fact that the type of music will be the very best, rendered with masterly precision.

SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION OFFERS GOOD PROGRAM

SIMMONS COWGIRLS TO ATTEND ENCAMPMENT

Simmons Cowgirls have decided to visit the Lueders Baptist Encampment—July 10-22—and spend some time in the new Y. W. A. camp. It is hoped a large number can attend. The Cowgirls were the center of attraction at the Confederate Reunion at Little Rock recently. They will likely attend in their uniforms.

Swimming stunts for boys will be directed by Y. P. Kuhn of Simmons, and general recreational features will be directed by Miss Mary Esther Cheshier.

Extensive study classes have been arranged. The directors believe that the greatest good the encampment can do is to teach church leaders to so perfect the organization of the respective churches that they will be materially bettered.

Great stress is being placed on Woman's Missionary Union work, as Mrs. Leigh, State Secretary, will be present, and the Young Woman's Auxiliary will occupy their new building.

The encampment bulletin is out and will be distributed this week.

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, of Abilene and Dr. T. L. Holcomb of Sherman, will lead the inspirational addresses.

The dates are July 10 to 22. Shady camping along the bank of the Clear Fork will be provided without cost.

The Post Baptist Encampment will meet this year on July 23-29, at Two Draw Lake near Post, Texas. Dr. T. L. Holcomb of Sherman, who was the main speaker last year will be on hand again this year as encampment pastor. T. C. Gardner and G. S. Hopkins of the B.Y.P.U. and Sunday School headquarters are scheduled to lead the work in their respective departments. Mrs. J. E. Leigh of the W.M.U. state work is on the program. A number of the Baptist schools are to have representatives at the encampment, according to program announcements. Among the number will be Dr. Godbold of Howard Payne, Dr. J. D. Hardy, Baylor College; Dr. S. P. Brooks, Baylor University; Dr. McDonald, Wayland College; Dr. J. D. Sandefer, Simmons University.

Two Draw Lake furnishes an ideal encampment site. Considerable improvements have been made on the grounds this year. The grounds will furnish ideal conditions for boating, swimming, fishing and other recreational activities. The athletic activities will be in charge of Coach Y. P. Kuhn of Simmons University.

Miss Wilma Trip of the music department of Simmons will be one of the pianists, assisted by Miss Delma Bishop of Post, daughter of Pastor M. C. Bishop.

On the third Sunday in this month the First Baptist church at Brownwood observed the first anniversary of Dr. A. E. Prince as its pastor. A review of the year's work was made which showed a substantial gain over the previous year. The central west has been blessed in the coming of this fine preacher and his family.

Evangelist John W. Newsom has just closed a meeting with Pastor I. W. Lawrence and the South Side Church, Claco. He begins a meeting Sunday with the First Baptist Church, Crowell. Rev. Joe R. Mayes will lead the singing.

The sixth annual session of the Lueders Baptist Encampment will meet on the beautiful camp grounds on the Clear Fork River at Lueders, July 10-22. The program, which is published in this issue is one of the strongest the encampment has had. Dr. M. A. Jenkins of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, will be the main speaker for the first half of the program, and Dr. T. L. Holcomb of Sherman will be the speaker for the last half.

Walter Jackson of Abilene, president of the encampment is optimistic over the prospects for this year's session. In the encampment bulletin, which has just been put in circulation, Mr. Jackson gives the following information about the encampment.

In addition to the most commodious tabernacle and convenient teaching pavilions of any encampment in Texas, we have a complete water system and a sanitary sewerage system that meets every demand of convenient camping grounds. A swinging bridge for the pedestrians is across the river. Grounds have been arranged for baseball, tennis, volley ball and croquet.

The best equipped cafeteria found in the state on an encampment ground.

Location—Lueders, 16 miles east of Stamford, Texas, is situated on the M. & T. railroad, Bankhead highway, and the Clear Fork of the Brazos River.

Grounds—Nearly one hundred acres on the banks of the Clear Fork with natural scenery, including beautiful spreading pecans. Grounds are electricity lighted.

Equipment—For sale or rent, plenty of cots, tents and camp stools. Bring these from home if you have them, also bring light bedding. Bring your fishing tackle. Cafe, grocery store, etc., on the ground for your convenience.

Program Unique—Varied with the strongest corps of teachers and speakers to be had.

Registration—Every one urged to register. Individuals fee 50 cents, family fee \$1.00. Receipts are to apply on general expenses.

Shade—Camp sites are opened on both sides of the river, under spreading pecan trees. No charge is made for camping space, only receipt for registration.

Encampment Program—July 10th Tuesday Night

7:30-7:45—Announcements.
7:45-8:30—Introduction of the Faculty.
8:30-9:15—Sermon by Dr. Millard A. Jenkins.
9:15-10:00—Recreation.

JULY 11TH

Wednesday Morning
8:00-8:25—Devotional.
8:25-9:20—Class Period.
9:20-9:30—Rest Period.
9:30-10:25—Class Period.
10:25-10:45—Song Service.
10:45-11:00—Announcements.
11:00-11:30—B.Y.P.U. Conference.
11:30-12:15—Sermon, Dr. Jenkins.

Wednesday Afternoon
12:15-2:00—Dinner.
2:00-3:00—Quiet Hour.
3:00-6:00—Recreation.
6:00-7:00—Supper.

Wednesday Evening
7:00-8:00—Prayer and Devotion in Groups.
8:00-8:15—Announcements.
8:15-8:30—Song Service.
8:30-9:15—Sermon, Dr. Jenkins.
9:15-10:00—Recreation.
10:00—Taps.

JULY 12TH
Thursday Morning
8:00-8:25—Devotional.

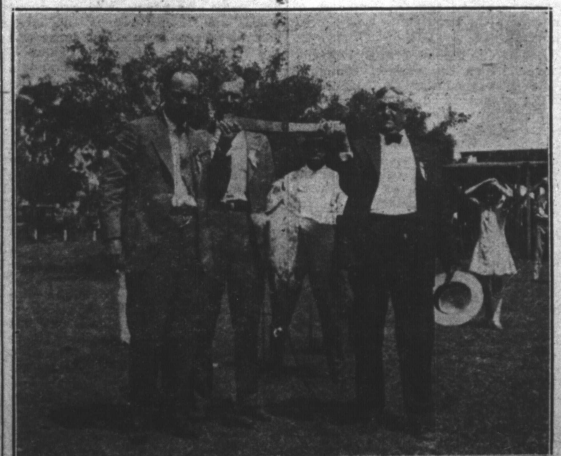
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Lueders Encampment Scene



The above picture is just one of the tempting shady spots at the Lueders Encampment grounds. Both sides of the river will be open to campers this year, and many attractive sites are to be had.

Fishing Good at Lueders



For particulars about this fish story see Col. R. S. Penick, of Stamford, Judge C. M. Caldwell of Abilene or Pastor Henry Littleton of Hamlin whose pictures appear in the above scene. They are all three prominent officials of the Encampment, and their evidence would be entirely credible.

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THE LUEDERS ENCAMPMENT

The West Texas Baptist is this week featuring the Lueders Baptist Encampment which meets at Lueders on the Clear Fork River, July 10-22. The meeting this year will be the sixth annual affair, and it promises to be one of the best that has been held.

The encampment is ideally located. It is right in the heart of one of the greatest farm and oil sections of the entire South. It is also located right in the midst of an exceptionally strong religious center, which guarantees for it sufficient capable leadership to make it a decided success.

The program as published this week is very attractive from every angle. The encampment speakers are among the best to be found in the state. A strong faculty of teachers have been secured to teach in the training classes, the athletic activities will be under the direction of Coach Y. P. Kuhn of Simmons University.

Ideal camp sites have been arranged on both banks of the Clear Fork River, and the management has added a number of features which will add to the comfort and convenience of the visitors.

Baptists from all over this section should avail themselves of this opportunity of securing a few days recreation where fellowship, training, rest and religious inspiration will combine to make this an unsurpassed place to meet during the warm days of July.

THAT NEW CONVENTION

We are carrying a news item this week, taken from the daily press, announcing a movement to launch a new convention for Texas Baptists. The information given out so far is entirely too indefinite to justify a discussion of the question at this time. Texas Baptists as a whole have the most confidence in the sincerity and integrity of Deacon M. H. Wolfe of Dallas, who seems to be taking the lead in the movement. Frankly, we cannot see at this time how a movement of this kind can help matters. However, we are reserving judgment in the matter until more elaborate details are given. In the meantime let Texas Baptists go ahead for a great summer campaign for lost souls. The harvest is white and the laborers are few. The opportunity challenges the very best within us.

A SPIRIT OF FAIRNESS

The West Texas Baptist wishes to commend the fine spirit in which Editor McConnell of the Baptist Standard discusses the new convention issue of which M. H. Wolfe is one of the leading figures. It will be a happy day for Texas Baptists when we can discuss differences among ourselves without feeling that the one who disagrees with our policies and dares criticism them, is a Bolshevik. Editor McConnell is on the right track. Let us emulate his example and thus issue in a new and better day for Texas Baptists.

A Word About Simmons and Her Future

Sam Morris, Pres. Simmons Alumni and Ex-Student Ass'n.

It was a personal joy to attend the commencement exercises of Simmons. I thought I loved the institution while I was a student there but it grows dearer with each month that I am away.

The year just closed has been the greatest in the history of Simmons. She enrolled 1407 students. There were 127 in the graduating class. During this past year her equipment has been reinforced by the erection of a cafeteria building and an adequate chapel. These were two buildings that were very badly needed. And they would be a credit to any institution. Since the opening of school last fall Simmons has been admitted into the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges and into the American Association of Colleges. An A. B. degree from Simmons now ranks with one from any college or university in the South. I think that we have every reason to be justly proud of this Baptist institution.

I was glad to hear President Sandefur and the Board of Trustees announce an enlargement program that calls for \$1,500,000 to be raised in the next five years. Simmons could think of doing no less and hope to hold her present place among the leading educational institutions of our state. Almost every leading denominational institution in Texas has declared a similar movement within the past year. It was in keeping with the policy of Southern Methodist University at Dallas. It was in keeping with the policy of Texas Christian University at Fort Worth. It was in keeping with the policy of Baylor University at Waco. And just last week the papers announced that the Alumni were entering a campaign to raise \$500,000 for the University of Texas. Simmons could do no less and hold her place at the forefront of Southern Institutions of higher learning. She had to take this step in order to meet the Texas competition with which she is faced and to measure up to the developments of modern education. It was a wise move.

Let no one become confused by this movement on the part of Simmons. It in no way conflicts with the campaign launched for \$2,000,000 by Baylor University at the recent call session of the Baptist General Convention in Waco. Though that was launched as a convention program it was made clear at the time, that the other Baptist schools of Texas were expected to take care of themselves by local campaigns and by making use of the personal appeal among their friends. The Baylor proposal could not be unanimously adopted until its proponents had made this concession to other school men present in the convention.

During the noon hour, while the first resolution was pending, I discussed this phase of the subject with Mr. B. L. Kokernot, Chairman of the Educational Commission. I told him that I would vote for the resolution only on the condition that I might give preference to a campaign for my own school if such a campaign should be launched. He made this reply: "We are not only saying that you may do that but we are urging you to do that very thing." And during the discussion of Baylor's proposal, it was declared on the

A meeting will begin with the Wilmett church, Runnels county, of which the editor is pastor, on Friday night before the third Sunday in July. Rev. H. E. Sumner of Abilene is to do the preaching.

SANITARIUM NOTES

To me there was some very interesting reading in the Baptist Standard of June 21, under the head of "Must Pull Out." Also "A Memorial From the Waco Baptist Association to Sister Associations in Central Texas," and the editorial by the editor, "Going At It Right." This was an endorsement of the campaign for Howard Payne. Well do I remember two years ago when the Cisco Association met at Eastland and in my speech I made a plea for West Texas Baptists to take care of our West Texas institutions and put their money into them. Brother McConnell took me to task and said to me, "You will have to quit talking West Texas Baptists and their institutions." I am glad to see that our leaders are coming around to our way of thinking. I believe Waco and the contiguous territory should take care of Baylor University and the Central Texas Baptist Sanitarium just like they take care of West Texas Baptists and the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium at Abilene if any of our institutions are saved it will be by their local contributions, this is what it should be. Howard Payne and Waco have my sympathy in their undertakings.

About the hospital work, it is growing by leaps and bounds. 16 operations in one day; 11 another day. We have had to equip and use the fifth floor in order to care for the patients that have reached as high as 62 in the hospital at once. What a wonderful opportunity for service. What a responsibility. Brethren help us bear it. One community sent us in two charity patients in less than ten days. We need help now.

Let every West Texas Baptist turn to page 7 in the Baptist Standard and read Brother George J. Mason's report for May cash received. Thirty six thousand two hundred seventy three dollars and eight cents; look down the line to the Abilene Hospital \$29,54. Then answer the question, What will become of our hospitals on a program on this basis. The Waco hospital received a like amount. Is it any wonder that the Waco Association has resolved to change their program. What will West Texas Baptists do?—S. F. Baucum.

TEACHING EVANGELISM

I am highly pleased to note, in the papers, that two great pastors are entering the field of evangelism with the doctrinal emphasis evident in their preaching. Reference is to Evangelists George Parks, Roscoe, Texas, and T. W. Rouse, Waco, Texas. For a long while the teaching note has not been sounded as generally as it should have been sounded. Especially is this true when it touches the great doctrines of the word as held by Baptists.

It is not enough for Baptists to hold these doctrines; they should teach them, and that diligently. To do so these doctrines should ring true and strong right in the midst of the warmest evangelistic setting. Indeed these great doctrines of the Gospel, preached in the Spirit of the Lord, will bring on revival in any New Testament church.

These men are not of the pugilistic, debating type. They are great Bible teachers, able to set out the reason for the hope that is in us, as Baptists, and to give the average Bible student and ardent listener a living grasp on things eternal. I am profoundly glad to see a swinging back to the doctrinal emphasis in the field of evangelism. Why should Baptists even be persuaded that they can win best by soft peddling the great distinctive doctrines as held by Baptists? The doctrinal note is strong in the New Testament and always sounded clear in the midst of soul winning. If a meeting is staged to please our Pedro friends none of them are won to our faith and all others are likewise uninterested. But in a meeting where the whole truth is declared, with the authority of the one and only a guide book, all who hear will be benefited, and that, too, in a permanent way.

Timothy was an evangelist and Paul, writing to him, said an elder must be "Apt to Teach."

May the Lord open many doors of evangelistic opportunity to these good men and to all others who are "Apt to Teach"—Our churches need this sort of evangelism.—Knox City.

Rev. J. G. Holder, who left Abilene a few months ago to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Goodnight, was assisted recently in a revival conducted by Pastor L. P. Thomas of Claude. There were twenty additions to the church.

REJECTING THE WORD OF GOD

Joe W. English
When Christ the Incarnate Word came into the world, "He was despised and rejected of men."

It has been the same with the written Word.
Many of the religious leaders, chiefly the Scribes and Pharisees and Sadducees, offered stubborn and active opposition to Jesus, denying His deity. They finally brought about His crucifixion. The same classes now represented by evolutionists, unitarians, infidels, modernists and certain pacifists and soft-pedal compromisers or conformists, are according the same sort of treatment to the Word of God. The Bible is being crucified every day. It is rent asunder. Jehoiakim is not the only inflated egotist that has ever tried to destroy the word of the Lord by means of the penknife and the flame. But His word is not destroyed. They destroy themselves who reject the word.

There are two great evils accorded the Bible. One evil is to add to it, the other is to take from it.

Catholics have as much right to add to the word as others have to take from it. To do either is fatal to those who are guilty of such presumption.

Catholics have added the Holy See, Infallibility, Papal Supremacy over nations, many sacraments, confessional, penance, baptismal regeneration, with many frightful superstitions by which they make merchandise of the souls of men. They had no right to add any of these and having done so are fallen under the curse and have brought damnation to multitudes of people falling under their blighting power.

Modernists have taken away from the word of God: The virgin birth, the deity of our Lord, His vicarious suffering for sin, His bodily resurrection. His intercession and the hope of His glorious return. "They have taken away my Lord and I know not where they have laid him."

No man can reject the word of God without rejecting the Son of God. To reject the Son of God is to be left without God and without hope in the world.

There is absolutely no way to come to the Father except through the Son. "No man cometh unto the Father but by me." "He that hateth me hateth my Father also." "Be ware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophecies: Behold ye despisers and wonder and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you." Men reject the Word because they are not willing to practice its divine precepts.

"If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine."
"Full well ye reject (frustrate) the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition."
"He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken: the same shall judge him in the last day."—Knox City.

CATHOLIC DOMINATION OF U. S. PREDICTED

LONDON, Eng.—In an address before the annual dinner of the Rationalist Press Association in London, according to the "Catholic Citizen," issue of June 9, the Hon. Bertrand Russell declared: "It seems that in another fifty or one hundred years the Roman Catholic Church will dominate America. It will do so by sheer force of numbers. This is a grave matter." Mr. Russell added, "and will have its effects on the whole civilized world, because more and more Americans tend to rule the world."

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Requirements for A Maiden:
Q. A. Watchword—"Arose, shine for thy light has come." Isa. 60:1.
G. A. Aim—"Our great G. A. Aim is to be awake to conditions about us even to the end of the world, to be alert to guard our minds against evil, to keep our bodies as temples of God, to cast selfishness out of our hearts, to align ourselves with all our denomination does to make Jesus Christ King."

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Mission Study: Accepting the Great Commission.
Personal Service: Adorned with Good Works.

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WORKER'S COUNCIL PROGRAM

Program of Worker's Council of the Sweetwater Baptist Association to convene with the Blackwell Baptist Church, July 2, 1928 follows:
10:00 A. M.—Devotional: J. E. Walker.
10:15 A. M.—Denominational Loyalty: Ira L. Parrack.
10:45 A. M.—What Should Be the Attitude of Our Association Toward Simmons University: Rev. D. Sandefur.
11:15 A. M.—Sermon: Rev. C. A. Powell.
11:30 P. M.—Meetings of W. M. U. of Association and Executive Board.
1:30 P. M.—Devotional: O. L. Dennis.

1:45 P. M.—Evangelism in Sunday School: E. K. Daugherty.
2:00 P. M.—Checking up on Standard Schools: Missionary.
2:10 P. M.—Associational Standard: Will Largent.
2:25 P. M.—Inspirational Address: Chas. T. Whaley.

LAWN PARTY FOR SUMMER STUDENTS

The faculty of Simmons University were hosts to the students of the Summer School at a lawn party held at the home of President Sandefur on Friday evening, from 8 to 10 p. m. The entertainment was planned for Thursday evening but was postponed to last evening because of the rain. This entertainment is an annual affair, and is given by the officials of the school in honor of the new students. It is a sort of "get acquainted" affair, so that all the students will get acquainted with each other and feel at home during the term.

Rev. A. V. Hill, who recently resigned as pastor at Floydada is planning to return to Tennessee where he was pastor of churches for a number of years. The Floydada church has called Brother Rodgers, pastor at Spur, but we have not heard what his decision has been in regard to the call.

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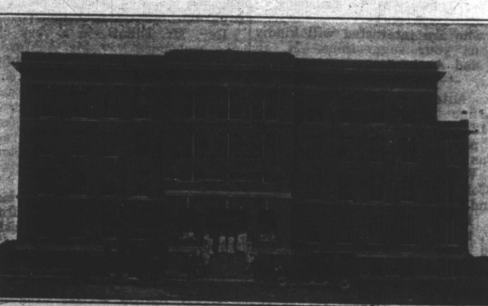
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8:25-9:20—Class
9:20-9:30—Rest
9:30-10:25—Class
10:25-10:45—Song
10:45-11:00—Ann
11:00-11:30—Sun
ence.

11:30-12:15—Sermon
Thursday
12:15-2:00—Dinner
2:00-3:00—Quiet
3:00-6:00—Recreation
6:00-7:00—Supper
Thursday

7:00-8:00—Prayer in Groups
8:00-8:15—Announcement
8:15-8:30—Song
8:30-9:15—Sermon
9:15-10:00—Rest
10:00—Taps

JULY
Friday
8:25-9:20—Class
9:20-9:30—Rest
9:30-10:25—Class
10:25-10:45—Song
10:45-11:00—Ann
11:00-11:30—W.
Cisco-Breckenridge
11:30-12:15—Sermon

Friday
12:15-2:00—Dinner
2:00-3:00—Quiet
3:00-6:00—Recreation
6:00-7:00—Supper
Friday

7:00-8:00—Prayer in Groups
8:00-8:15—Announcement
8:15-8:30—Song
8:30-9:15—Sermon
9:15-10:00—Rest
10:00—Taps

JULY
Saturday
8:00-8:25—Devotional
8:25-9:20—Class
9:20-9:30—Rest
9:30-10:25—Class
10:25-10:45—Song
10:45-11:00—Ann
11:00-11:30—W.
11:30-12:15—Sermon

Sunday
12:15-2:00—Dinner
2:00-3:00—Quiet
3:00-6:00—Recreation
6:00-7:00—Supper
Saturday

7:00-8:00—Prayer in Groups
8:00-8:15—Announcement
8:15-8:30—Song
8:30-9:15—Sermon
9:15-10:00—Rest
10:00—Taps

JULY
Sunday
9:30-10:45—Sun
10:45-11:00—Ann
11:00-11:15—Song
11:15-12:30—Sermon

Sunday
12:15-2:00—Dinner
2:00-3:00—Quiet
3:00-3:30—Song
3:30-4:15—Ann
Sandefur, Simme
6:00-7:00—Supper

Sunday
7:00-8:00—Prayer in Groups
8:00-8:15—Announcement
8:15-8:30—Song
8:30-9:15—Sermon
9:15-10:00—Rest
10:00—Taps

JULY
Monday
8:00-8:25—Devotional
8:25-9:20—Class
9:20-9:30—Rest
9:30-10:25—Class
10:25-10:45—Song
10:45-11:00—Ann
11:00-11:30—W.
School Conference
11:30-12:15—Sermon

Monday
12:15-2:00—Dinner
2:00-3:00—Quiet
3:00-6:00—Recreation
6:00-7:00—Supper
Monday

7:00-8:00—Prayer in Groups
8:00-8:15—Announcement
8:15-8:30—Song
8:30-9:15—Sermon
9:15-10:00—Rest
10:00—Taps

JULY
Tuesday
8:00-8:25—Devotional
8:25-9:20—Class
9:20-9:30—Rest
9:30-10:25—Class
10:25-10:45—Song
10:45-11:00—Ann
11:00-11:30—W.
11:30-12:15—Sermon

Tuesday
12:15-2:00—Dinner
2:00-3:00—Quiet
3:00-6:00—Recreation
6:00-7:00—Supper
Tuesday

7:00-8:00—Prayer in Groups
8:00-8:15—Announcement
8:15-8:30—Song
8:30-9:15—Sermon
9:15-10:00—Rest
10:00—Taps

JULY
Wednesday
8:00-8:25—Devotional
8:25-9:20—Class
9:20-9:30—Rest
9:30-10:25—Class
10:25-10:45—Song
10:45-11:00—Ann
11:00-11:30—W.
11:30-12:15—Sermon

Wednesday
12:15-2:00—Dinner
2:00-3:00—Quiet
3:00-6:00—Recreation
6:00-7:00—Supper
Wednesday

7:00-8:00—Prayer in Groups
8:00-8:15—Announcement
8:15-8:30—Song
8:30-9:15—Sermon
9:15-10:00—Rest
10:00—Taps

JULY
Thursday
8:00-8:25—Devotional
8:25-9:20—Class
9:20-9:30—Rest
9:30-10:25—Class
10:25-10:45—Song
10:45-11:00—Ann
11:00-11:30—W.
11:30-12:15—Sermon

Thursday
12:15-2:00—Dinner
2:00-3:00—Quiet
3:00-6:00—Recreation
6:00-7:00—Supper
Thursday

7:00-8:00—Prayer in Groups
8:00-8:15—Announcement
8:15-8:30—Song
8:30-9:15—Sermon
9:15-10:00—Rest
10:00—Taps

JULY
Friday
8:00-8:25—Devotional
8:25-9:20—Class
9:20-9:30—Rest
9:30-10:25—Class
10:25-10:45—Song
10:45-11:00—Ann
11:00-11:30—W.
11:30-12:15—Sermon

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8:25-9:20—Class Period.
9:20-9:30—Rest Period.
9:30-10:25—Class Period.
10:25-10:45—Song Service.
10:45-11:00—Announcements.
11:00-11:30—Sunday School Conference.

11:30-12:15—Sermon, Dr. Jenkins.
Thursday Afternoon
12:15-2:00—Dinner.
2:00-3:00—Quiet Hour.
3:00-6:00—Recreation.
6:00-7:00—Supper.

Thursday Evening
7:00-8:00—Prayer and Devotional in Groups.
8:00-8:15—Announcements.
8:15-8:30—Song Service.
8:30-9:15—Sermon, Dr. Jenkins.
9:15-10:00—Recreation.
10:00—Taps.

JULY 13TH
Friday Morning
8:25-9:20—Class Period.
9:20-9:30—Rest Period.
9:30-10:25—Class Period.
10:25-10:45—Song Service.
10:45-11:00—Announcements.
11:00-11:30—W. M. U. Conference, Cisco-Breckenridge District.

11:30-12:15—Sermon, Dr. Jenkins.
Friday Afternoon
12:15-2:00—Dinner.
2:00-3:00—Quiet Hour.
3:00-6:00—Recreation.
6:00-7:00—Supper.

Friday Evening
7:00-8:00—Prayer and Devotion in Groups.
8:00-8:15—Announcements.
8:15-8:30—Song Service.
8:30-9:15—Sermon, Dr. Jenkins.
9:15-10:00—Recreation.
10:00—Taps.

JULY 14TH
Saturday Morning
8:00-8:25—Devotional.
8:25-9:20—Class Period.
9:20-9:30—Rest Period.
9:30-10:25—Class Period.
10:25-10:45—Song Service.
10:45-11:00—Announcements.
11:00-11:30—Budget Conference.

11:30-12:15—Sermon, Dr. Jenkins.
Saturday Afternoon
12:15-2:00—Dinner.
2:00-3:00—Quiet Hour.
3:00-6:00—Recreation.
6:00-7:00—Supper.

Saturday Evening
7:00-8:00—Prayer and Devotion in Groups.
8:00-8:15—Announcements.
8:15-8:30—Song Service.
8:30-9:15—Simmons University Program.
10:00—Taps.

JULY 15TH
Sunday Morning
9:30-10:45—Sunday School.
10:45-11:00—Announcements.
11:00-11:15—Song Service.
11:15-12:30—Sermon, Dr. Jenkins.
Sunday Afternoon
12:15-2:00—Dinner.
2:00-3:00—Quiet Hour.
3:00-3:30—Song Service.
3:30-4:15—Address, President J. D. Sandefer, Simmons University.
6:00-7:00—Supper.

Sunday Evening
7:00-8:00—Graded B. Y. P. U.
8:00-8:15—Announcements.
8:15-8:30—Song Service.
8:30-9:15—Sermon, Dr. Jenkins.
10:00—Taps.

JULY 16TH
Monday Morning
8:00-8:25—Devotional, H. R. Whatley.
8:25-9:20—Class Period.
9:20-9:30—Rest Period.
9:30-10:25—Class Period.
10:25-10:45—Song Service.
10:45-11:00—Announcements.
11:00-11:30—Daily Vacation Bible School Conference.

11:30-12:15—Sermon, Dr. Jenkins.
Monday Afternoon
12:15-2:00—Dinner.
2:00-3:00—Quiet Hour.
3:00-6:00—Recreation.
6:00-7:00—Supper.

Monday Evening
7:00-8:00—Prayer and Devotional in Groups.
8:00-8:15—Announcements.
8:15-8:30—Song Service.
8:30-9:15—Address.
9:15-10:00—Recreation.
10:00—Taps.

JULY 17TH
Tuesday Morning
8:00-8:25—Devotional, H. R. Whatley.
8:25-9:20—Class Period.
9:20-9:30—Rest Period.
9:30-10:25—Class Period.
10:25-10:45—Song Service.
10:45-11:00—Announcements.
11:00-11:30—Layman Conference.

11:30-12:15—Address.
Tuesday Afternoon
12:15-2:00—Dinner.
2:00-3:00—Quiet Hour.
3:00-6:00—Recreation.
6:00-7:00—Supper.

Tuesday Evening
7:00-8:00—Prayer and Devotion in Groups.
8:00-8:15—Announcements.
8:15-8:30—Song Service.
8:30-9:15—Program by nurses and officers of the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium.
9:15-10:00—Recreation.
10:00—Taps.

JULY 18TH
Wednesday Morning
8:00-8:25—Devotional, H. R. Whatley.
8:25-9:20—Class Period.
9:20-9:30—Rest Period.
9:30-10:25—Class Period.
10:25-10:45—Song Service.
10:45-11:00—Announcements.
11:00-11:30—W. M. U. Conference, Wichita Falls District.

11:30-12:15—Address, Mrs. J. E. Leigh, Dallas.
Wednesday Afternoon
12:15-2:00—Dinner.
2:00-3:00—Quiet Hour.
3:00-6:00—Recreation.
6:00-7:00—Supper.

Wednesday Evening
7:00-8:00—Prayer and Devotion in Groups.
8:00-8:15—Announcements.
8:15-8:30—Song Service.
8:30-9:15—Address.
9:15-10:00—Recreation.
10:00—Taps.

JULY 19TH
Thursday Morning
8:00-8:25—Devotional, H. R. Whatley.
8:25-9:20—Class Period.
9:20-9:30—Rest Period.
9:30-10:25—Class Period.
10:25-10:45—Song Service.
10:45-11:00—Announcements.
11:00-11:30—W. M. U. Conference, Wichita Falls District.

11:30-12:15—Address, Mrs. J. E. Leigh, Dallas.
Thursday Afternoon
12:15-2:00—Dinner.
2:00-3:00—Quiet Hour.
3:00-6:00—Recreation.
6:00-7:00—Supper.

Thursday Evening
7:00-8:00—Prayer and Devotion in Groups.
8:00-8:15—Announcements.
8:15-8:30—Song Service.
8:30-9:15—Address.
9:15-10:00—Recreation.
10:00—Taps.

JULY 20TH
Friday Morning
8:00-8:25—Devotional, H. R. Whatley.
8:25-9:20—Class Period.
9:20-9:30—Rest Period.
9:30-10:25—Class Period.
10:25-10:45—Song Service.
10:45-11:00—Announcements.
11:00-11:30—W. M. U. Conference, Wichita Falls District.

11:30-12:15—Address, Mrs. J. E. Leigh, Dallas.
Friday Afternoon
12:15-2:00—Dinner.
2:00-3:00—Quiet Hour.
3:00-6:00—Recreation.
6:00-7:00—Supper.

Friday Evening
7:00-8:00—Prayer and Devotion in Groups.
8:00-8:15—Announcements.
8:15-8:30—Song Service.
8:30-9:15—Address.
9:15-10:00—Recreation.
10:00—Taps.

10:25-10:45—Song Service.
10:45-11:00—Announcements.
11:00-11:30—B.Y.P.U. Conference.
11:30-12:15—Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Sherman, Texas.

Thursday Afternoon
12:15-2:00—Dinner.
2:00-3:00—Quiet Hour.
3:00-6:00—Recreation.
6:00-7:00—Supper.

Thursday Evening
7:00-8:00—Prayer and Devotion in Groups.
8:00-8:15—Announcements.
8:15-8:30—Song Service.
8:30-9:15—Sermon, Dr. T. L. Holcomb.
9:15-10:00—Recreation.
10:00—Taps.

JULY 20TH
Friday Morning
8:00-8:25—Devotional, H. R. Whatley.
8:25-9:20—Class Period.
9:20-9:30—Rest Period.
9:30-10:25—Class Period.
10:25-10:45—Song Service.
10:45-11:00—Announcements.
11:00-11:30—Sunday School Conference.

11:30-12:15—Sermon, Dr. T. L. Holcomb.
Friday Afternoon
12:15-2:00—Dinner.
2:00-3:00—Quiet Hour.
3:00-6:00—Recreation.
6:00-7:00—Supper.

Friday Evening
7:00-8:00—Prayer and Devotion in Groups.
8:00-8:15—Announcements.
8:15-8:30—Song Service.
8:30-9:15—Sermon, Dr. T. L. Holcomb.
9:15-10:00—Recreation.
10:00—Taps.

JULY 21ST
Saturday Morning
8:00-8:25—Devotional, R. H. Whatley.
8:25-9:20—Class Period.
9:20-9:30—Rest Period.
9:30-10:25—Class Period.
10:25-10:45—Song Service.
10:45-11:00—Announcements.
11:00-11:30—Denominational Conference.

11:30-12:15—Sermon, Dr. T. L. Holcomb.
Saturday Afternoon
12:15-2:00—Dinner.
2:00-3:00—Quiet Hour.
3:00-6:00—Recreation.
6:00-7:00—Supper.

Saturday Evening
7:00-8:00—Prayer and Devotion in Groups.
8:00-8:15—Announcements.
8:15-8:30—Song Service.
8:30-9:15—Sermon, Dr. T. L. Holcomb.
9:15-10:00—Recreation.
10:00—Taps.

JULY 22ND
Sunday Morning
9:30-10:45—Sunday School.
10:45-11:00—Announcements.
11:00-11:15—Song Service.
11:15-12:30—Sermon, Dr. Holcomb.
Sunday Afternoon
12:30-2:00—Dinner.
2:00-3:00—Quiet Hour.
3:00-3:30—Song Service.
3:30-4:15—Mass Meeting.
6:00-7:00—Supper.

Sunday Evening
7:00-8:00—Graded B. Y. P. U.
8:00-8:15—Announcements.
8:15-8:30—Song Service.
8:30—Sermon, Dr. Holcomb.

WORKER'S CONFERENCE PROGRAM
Program of the Worker's Conference that will be held with the church at Rocco, July 3, 1928.
10:00 a. m.—Devotional, A. C. Hardin; Alternate, L. L. Trott.
10:15 a. m.—What I Think a Pastor Ought to Be and Do: W. F. Ferguson.
Praise and Prayer.
10:40 a. m.—What May a Pastor Rightfully Expect of His Church: Wiley Bowers, Dunn.
11:00 a. m.—Associational Missions, W. M. U. Point of View: Mrs. A. L. Wipkey.
Song and Prayer.
11:25 a. m.—Sermon, W. C. Ashford.
12:00 m.—Lunch.
1:00 p. m.—Board Meeting and W. M. U. Session.
2:00 p. m.—Post Encampment: B. J. Holway, Slaton.
2:40 p. m.—Sermon, "Calvary," Charles Burnett.
3:10 p. m.—Announcements.
Resolutions.

BIBLE HAS TREMENDOUS CIRCULATION LAST YEAR
Over 10,000,000 Copies Distributed in All Parts of World.
More than ten million Bibles, or parts of the Bible, were issued during 1927 by the American Bible Society, according to the society's report, which has just been made public. The Bibles were published in one hundred and sixty-six languages and dialects.
One of the outstanding accomplishments for the year was the publishing of the first complete Bible in the Lulu-Lulu language, "W h e h" is spoken by some two million five hundred thousand natives of the Bantu race in the Belgian Congo, the report says. This is the one hundred and sixty-ninth translation of the whole Bible which has been effected through the work of Bible societies.
Another important work was the second edition of ten thousand Zulu New Testaments printed for African missions. Progress in translation work was made in Central America, South, East and Central Africa, and in some of the American Indian dialects through the assistance of certain American missions. More than three million copies of the Scriptures were circulated in China by the society.
The society reports an increase in the distribution of Scriptures in the United States and says that its Brazil agency in Rio de Janeiro has completed fifty years of Bible work, the circulation of Scriptures having increased during this period twelve and a half times. Nearly fifty thousand more copies were circulated in 1927 than during the preceding year.

SUMMER SCHOOL HAS
RECORD ENROLLMENT

Registration for the Summer School were brisk throughout the past week and it is the belief of the officials that the enrollment for this Summer summer. In addition to the resident students, there is also a very large enrollment in the extension and correspondence courses being offered by various members of the faculty.

Registration in both the women's and men's halls are larger than any summer heretofore, and new students are enrolling daily. Seventy or seventy-five girls are in Smith Hall and about thirty-five boys are staying in Ferguson Hall.

The total enrollment had reached 475 Thursday afternoon, which means, according to a statement made by Dean Wiggins, that the total for the summer will be well above 500. Students are still enrolling for courses for the summer and others will come in, the Dean said, which will swell the number to more than half a thousand.

"This is by far the largest enrollment for a summer term that Simmons has ever had," Dean Wiggins said. "We are sure that there will be fully one hundred more here than were in school last summer."

WICHITA CHURCH HOLDS
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We have just concluded a Daily Vacation Bible School in the Floral Heights Baptist Church of Wichita Falls. We had an excellent school, maintaining the A-1 Standard. Our faculty made an average of 98 per cent in attendance and the general school averaged 85.15 per cent. We actually enrolled 88 pupils and our highest attendance was 97.

The program committee of the Lueders Encampment has selected the writer to teach the D.V.B.S. Guide this summer. It is my opinion that the Daily Vacation Bible School when properly carried out will bring to out churches greater returns than the same amount of time and money invested in any other line. The children "cry for it," and the parents appreciate it, and it is the best discoverer and developer of talent for the church and Sunday school work that I have found. Come to the Encampment. Take the course in D.V.B.S. work, and by all means put on a school in your church.—W. H. Albertson.

THE PREACHER'S BOY

The effect of religious environment in producing men of genius is illustrated in data recently published by American eugenicists. A Protestant clergyman's son has a one chance in twenty of being listed in "Who's Who." The physician's son has one in one hundred five, the farmer's one in six hundred eighty. The skilled laborer's son has a tremendous advantage over the unskilled labor, for his chances are one in sixteen hundred while the latter is only one in forty-eight thousand. The atmosphere which characterizes the home of the Protestant minister of the gospel thus makes for success even in this world.

DR. PENDER CALLS
ATTENTION TO CHINA
STARVING MILLIONS

About two weeks ago Dr. R. C. Pender, field representative for Buckner's Orphan Home, sent the following urgent appeal, together with an article from Mrs. J. O. Herrin, by an error in the make-up Mrs. Herrin's article appeared without Dr. Pender's explanation. Because of its great importance, we are publishing Dr. Pender's comment with the reproduction of Mrs. Herrin's appeal. Surely America will heed the call of China's dying millions.—Editor.

Dear Editor:
Enclosed you will find a letter I received recently which reveals the awful situation of the thousands upon thousands who are starving to death, falling by the way side, eaten by droves of hungry dogs. The writer of this letter was for many years a missionary to China. She was born in Abilene and is a niece of the late Judge K. K. Leggett of Abilene. She is now in the homeland, and is the wife of Pastor J. O. Herrin of Rochester. The letter speaks for itself, and should be read by all. I would urge our people to come to the aid of these starving millions. Send your contributions either to Mrs. Herrin or to the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.—R. C. Pender.

Mrs. Herrin's Letter
Were you ever hungry, friends? I have had to live on sweet potatoes for a week at a time, and on sweet potatoes and salted onion blades, because I could not reach my supplies. I have eaten bread made of sweet potato leaves, and palatable weeds, because my hosts had nothing better to offer. But I never was hungry. There was always something to eat. But I have seen hungry hands stretched out to me for food, oh hundreds of hungry ones have come whom I could not feed because I had given all I could give.

I know a nurse, her name is Florence Jones and she lives at Pingtu in Shantung province, in China—to whose hospital doors little starving children have come by thousands to receive the one-tenth of a cent that she could give them. She has seen the little hands outstretched to her after her pennies were all gone, until she could not sleep at night.

O yes, such sights as this the writer has witnessed many times through the years in China. Beggars have starved and frozen and been eaten by dogs numberless times in her own city. Armies of beggars, poor people stripped by flood or storm or pestilence have passed through that many times, migrating to localities that they hoped could sustain them. How hard not to be able to relieve them, to rebuild their homes! But oh, how hard to have to see the babies, and the little folks go unfed!

But there's something harder than that. It is to have your own baby, your own little folks hungry, with nothing to give them. I never have been in that place, nor have you. But today while we eat, our neighbors yonder in West Shantung are selling their boys and girls, or killing them, because there is no food. The literature that comes from the relief

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST SECOND IN GAIN

The following table showing the gains of the ten leading denominations of America in membership during the past ten years, will be found of general interest, it being noted that the Baptist and Southern Baptists had the largest proportionate gains within that period:

Religious Bodies	1918	1927	Ten Years' Gains
Baptists—Northern	4,175,502	4,592,004	416,502—9.9%
Methodists—Northern	2,152,974	2,567,962	414,988—19.2%
Lutherans	2,451,997	2,707,183	255,186—10.4%
Disciples	1,119,423	1,281,931	162,508—14.5%
Episcopalians	1,077,556	1,218,941	141,385—13.1%
Presbyterians—Northern	1,608,033	1,885,727	277,694—17.2%
Baptists—Colored	2,938,579	3,430,000	491,421—16.7%
Baptists—Southern	1,285,416	1,399,931	114,515—8.9%
Baptists—Southern	2,887,428	3,765,001	877,573—30.4%
Catholics	14,927,466	16,735,691	1,808,225—12.1%
All Religious Bodies in U. S.	41,565,908	48,594,163	7,028,255—16.9%

HOME BOARD BESET BY MANY REVERSES

GOOD RESULTS WERE HAD DESPITE ALL THESE, ANNUAL REPORT SHOWS

Shortage in Receipts Necessitated Curtailment in Work and Increase in Indebtedness

Although the past year was one of the most difficult, in many respects, that the Home Mission Board has experienced, the results were highly gratifying, according to the annual report presented to the Convention by Dr. B. D. Gray, corresponding secretary.

Mississippi floods created unusual demands upon the Board, while lack of resources necessitated curtailment of the Board's activities in several departments. Decreased receipts also compelled a slightly increased indebtedness, the total current and bonded indebtedness on April 30th being \$1,618,493.93, an increase over a year ago of \$9,599.65.

During the year a total of 765 workers were employed by the Board in its various departments. These workers served 951 churches, and reported 17,649 baptisms and 29,791 additions to the churches; while 38 schools were operated, which employed 297 teachers and were attended by 5,021 pupils. In the student body were 166 candidates for the ministry. The workers organized 105 new churches, supervised the building or improvement of 83 churches, and organized 392 Sunday schools and 133 local societies.

Among the foreigners of the South the Boards employed 38 workers, who reported 1,001 baptisms, 1,492 additions to churches, and the organization of 8 new churches and 23 Sunday schools.

Among the Indians, 14 missionaries were employed, who reported 421 baptisms and 569 additions to the churches. The Indian churches affiliated with the Convention now number 124, with a membership of 7,181. There are 125 Indian Sunday schools, 115 B.Y.P.U.'s, and 100 Woman's Missionary Societies.

BAPTIST OF AMERICA ARE MIGHTY FORCE

According to Dr. Charles A. Walker, editor of the American Baptist Year Book, there are now in the Northern Convention 8,285 churches and 1,399,931 members. These churches raised for all purposes last year \$34,212,858. In these churches there were 65,951 baptisms. In the Southern Convention, there are 26,003 churches and 3,708,253 members. These churches raised for all purposes \$40,166,791. In these churches there were last year 195,858 baptisms. In the National Baptist Convention (negro) there are 20,668 churches and 3,263,369 members. The total gifts of these churches were \$2,199,823, and their total baptisms were 64,042. The total number of Baptist churches in the United States connected with these conventions is 54,926, and the total membership is 8,347,331. There are many independent churches connected with no convention. The Canadian churches number 1,335, with a membership of 144,537. The Mexican churches number ninety-three, with a membership of 6,653. Thus it is seen that our Baptist family constitutes a mighty host. Our problem is not more Baptists but better Baptists. By all means, let the work of evangelism go forward, but let us give attention to educating, developing and training the people who already call themselves Baptists.—Watchman-Examiner.

"And do you know your Bible, my child?"

"Oh, yes; I know everything that's in it. Sister's young man's photo is in it, an' ma's recipe for face cream, an' a lock of my hair cut off when I was a baby, an' a ticket for pa's watch."—The Reflector.

"Well," sighed the householder as guests began backing and turning their automobiles all over his front yard, "it won't be lawn now."—Life.

IN STATE UNIVERSITY

Simmons is well represented at the State University this summer with four of her faculty members registered there as students, and her vice-president acting as one of the professors.

Professor Carnace Ribble is beginning work on his Master's degree in sociology and economics this summer; Professor Rich is doing graduate work in law; Miss Campbell will obtain her M. A. in English this summer; and Mrs. Richardson is doing graduate work in mathematics toward her Master's degree.

In addition to these four who are doing graduate work this summer, Simmons will welcome back this fall four others of its faculty who have been on leave of absence. Professor Richardson has received his Ph. D. degree from the University of Texas; Mrs. Hunter will bring back a Master's degree in English from Columbia University; Miss Thine Andrews will have an M. A. in English from the University of Iowa; and Miss Erna Taylor will also have an M. A. from Iowa in speech arts.

SIMMONS LETS CONTRACT FOR LARGE STADIUM

Contract for the construction of the first unit of a steel stadium was awarded Thursday afternoon by the athletic board of Simmons University to R. C. Lewis, local contractor. The first unit will be 300 feet long and 21 rows high; it will be completed by September 22.

Approximate cost of the structure will be \$15,000. The Lewis bid was the lowest of four received, although each bidder offered several prices on a number of sets of plans. The first part of the stadium will be erected on the west side of Paramount Field. This will necessitate changing of the playing field to place the goals at the north and south ends of the field, as many gridirons in Texas are arranged.

Terms of the contract specify that the stadium shall be completed by September 22, which will be a week before the opening of the Simmons football season in a practice clash with the Decatur Baptist college.

The stand is designed by an expert steel staff engineer, and will be thoroughly safe for a capacity crowd, which will number about 5,000. Other stands in the park will accommodate an equal number until it is necessary to add the other sections of the stadium, the complete structure to hold fifteen or twenty thousand people.

Work will begin on the plant as soon as sufficient equipment and supplies can be put on the ground.

News Notes

Evangelist T. J. Saxon and Singer E. J. Thomas have just closed a fine meeting at Balmora.

The Alto Frio encampment begins on June 29 and runs through July 8. Plans have been made to care for a record attendance.

Missionary J. M. Riddle of the Russell County Association will be at the Mann school house on Friday night before the third Sunday in July.

L. E. Payne, who left West Texas to become educational director of the Olivet Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, has resigned that position to become educational director of the First Baptist Church, Aluta, Okla.

Missionary Geo. E. Alexander of the Mitchell-Scurry Association is to be with Pastor A. D. Leach and his church at Hot Springs, beginning on the fifth Sunday in July.

Rev. E. D. Dunlap, of Abilene, pastor of the churches at Drasco and Sagerton, is attending the Baptist World Alliance at Toronto, Canada, this week. He is accompanied on the trip by his wife and Brother Sewell and wife.

The First Baptist Church of Hico closed a two weeks revival last Sunday. There were 52 additions to the church as a result of this revival. Mrs. Geo. A. Miller "chalk talker" of Waco assisted. The preaching was done by the pastor, Rev. Clarence Allen Morton.

According to the East Texas Baptist of the 1,200 students in the East Texas Normal College at Nacogdoches, nearly one half of them are listed as Baptists or of Baptist preference. This certainly is a challenge to Baptists to care for their number of young people in state schools.

The workers conference of the Palo Duro Association will meet July 3 with the church at Panhandle. Pastor E. D. Gregory of Panhandle is expecting a large attendance. The program calls for addresses by D. D. Sumrell of Happy, Douglass Carver of White Deer, J. F. Johnston, missionary of the association, W. H. Fuqua of Amarillo and Dr. J. M. Cook.

J. E. Nicholson, pastor at Paint Rock, is doing the preaching in a meeting at Concho. Vernon Bradley of Abilene is leading the singing. Pastor Nicholson will begin a meeting with the Paint Rock Church next Sunday. Pastor C. E. Lancaster of Coleman will do the preaching.

The Charlie Taylor evangelistic party is in a revival meeting with Pastor Chas. T. Whaley and the First Baptist Church, Sweetwater. The services are being held in the city auditorium and large crowds are attending the meetings. The meeting began on Wednesday evening of last week and are to continue for three weeks.

Pastor J. C. Sisemore of the Tabernacle Church, Amarillo, has declined to accept a raise in salary for the coming year. For the past four years the church has raised the pastor's salary on the first of July of each year. The pastor also declined to accept a month's vacation for the summer on the ground that church activities at the present will not allow the time for a vacation. Journalists tell us that any unusual happening is "news." According to this definition the above item is "news."

Marshall gave a royal welcome to Dr. F. S. Groner, who has moved to that place to assume the presidency of Marshall College. Before leaving Dallas Dr. Groner and family were given a luncheon under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary of the First Baptist Church, Dallas. At the conclusion of the program Mrs. Groner was presented with a beautiful silver pitcher, in the name of the Woman's Auxiliary, and with a silver platter and goblets in the name of the Headquarters Office.

Rev. V. M. Cloyd, pastor at Hereford assisted Pastor W. C. Garrett and Second Baptist Church, Amarillo, in a revival meeting recently. There were sixty additions to the church during the meeting.

Dr. O. L. Powers of Wichita Falls assisted Pastor G. L. Yates of the First Church, Amarillo, in a great revival recently, in which there were over sixty additions to the church.

Pastor Joe R. Mayes of Baird writes that interest all over the county is growing in the camp meeting to be held at Admiral under the auspices of the Callahan County Association. The meeting will begin on Friday night before the third Sunday in August and continue two weeks. The meeting place of the Callahan County Association, for its annual session has been changed from Potosi to Admiral and this meeting will follow immediately the camp meeting.

Pastor H. H. Stephens, of the First Baptist Church, Winters, who a month ago was granted a month's vacation, has been spending the time with his family traveling in the North and East, and is this week attending the Baptist World Alliance at Toronto, Canada. This trip, with all expenses paid was given by the Winters church as an appreciation of the splendid work done by his pastor during the years he has been on that field.

We are glad to learn that Rev. M. A. Quenlin of Winters, who was stricken a few weeks ago with a stroke of paralysis, is gradually improving and is able to get around some now. Brother Quenlin is one of the few old line of preachers who has continued to preach, all through the years of fundamental doctrines of the Bible. He is loved and highly esteemed by his brethren in the Russell County Association and throughout Texas, and his friends will continue to pray that the recovery of

Last Sunday the First Baptist Church at Roscoe celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of its organization. The program called for the appearance of a number of former pastors, among the number being Rev. G. W. Butler, Rev. E. W. Parks, and the first pastor, Rev. W. White. We do not know how many pastors the Roscoe church has had, but it is interesting to know that the three scheduled to appear on the program have the initials of "G. W." Rev. Graves Darby, present pastor, has been on the field only a short time, but he is making fine progress in his work.

Pastor E. E. Dawson of Del Rio is planning a unique meeting in his town in the way of a "Front Yard Revival." A service will be held on the front yard of members of the church each night for two weeks. Invitations will be extended to people living in the immediate neighborhood of the homes where the services are to be held. In this way it is planned to reach the entire city with a revival service.

Baptists of San Jacinto Valley, California, are making extensive preparations for what is called a Hill Climb and Bible Encampment. Rev. A. T. Douglass, a former West Texas pastor has been devoting his full time for over a month making preparations for the meeting. Brother Douglass, at the close of the encampment will return to Texas, via Yellowstone National Park. He expects to arrive here in time for some evangelistic engagements during August and September. He has been pastor at Fresno, Cal., since leaving Texas.

Pastor Joe R. Mayes of Baird has planned a busy summer of revival meetings. He is to lead the singing in a meeting at Crowley, beginning next Sunday, in which Evangelist John W. Newsom of Abilene will do the preaching. Brother Mayes will do the preaching in a meeting with the Atwell Church beginning on the fourth Sunday in July. Other meetings he has scheduled will be at Balmora, near Putnam, beginning fifth Sunday in July; at Token beginning first Sunday in August, and at a school house near Admiral beginning on the second Sunday in August. This will carry him up to the camp meeting in which he is to lead the singing.

The Palo Duro Baptist, edited by Missionary John F. Johnston of the Palo Duro Association, has the following good words to say about the work being done at White Deer by Douglass Carver, who graduated from Simmons University three years ago:

Our live, consecrated young pastor at White Deer, Rev. Douglass Carver, is leading his church in great fashion in winning the lost to the Lord. For months there has been conversions and additions almost every Lord's day. Few weeks ago he laid his hands on the inimitable E. T. Miller, loved pastor at Memphis, who led his people in great soul winning effort in which over 60 people were added to the church. Since that time he has been very busy in meetings leading the lost to Christ. He has used the young preachers in his church supply who have themselves kept the spiritual fires burning witnessing the salvation of lost every service.

An old fashioned revival meeting is in progress at Butnam Tabernacle in Mulberry Canyon. The meeting is under the direction of Geo. W. Lowrie, pastor of the Live Oak Church. Missionary Chas. D. Owen, of the

Sweetwater Association is doing the preaching. The song services are being led by Ewell Bone of Abilene with Miss Evelyn Jordan of Abilene at the piano. The evangelistic part is an attractive circular advertising the meeting. On the first page were printed pictures of the party. The second page carried a list of subjects to be discussed, the third page a space for a prayer list and the last page an outline of 2 Chron. 4, which is a setting forth of conditions and promises for a revival.

G. E. Nicholson, prominent business man and assistant superintendent of the Sunday school of the First Baptist Church, Winters, has made a record of which any layman might be proud. The pastor of the church, Rev. H. H. Stephens, and the Sunday school superintendent, E. A. Shepherd, have both been away for the past month. It was up to the assistant superintendent to keep things going. That he has succeeded admirably is evidenced by the fact that the Sunday school has made a record attendance for the month of June. The pulpit of the church has been regularly supplied during the time and the church attendance has been good. Rev. Lewis Berryman, a young preacher from the Wilmett community near Winters was with the church on a recent Sunday and Dr. W. F. Fry of the Bible department of Simmons University, was with the church last Sunday.

MRS. W. A. ELLIS

At 7 p. m., June 10, 1928, Mrs. W. A. Ellis passed from this life to her home beyond.

Susan Texas Pike was born in Meigs county, Tennessee, April 13, 1851. She was united in marriage to W. A. Ellis November 28, 1875, at Pisgah, Tennessee. To this union was born seven children, two boys, Allen Ellis of Cottonwood and Geo. B. of Cleveland, Tenn., and five girls, Mrs. W. B. Ramsey of Putnam, Mrs. W. J. Hornsby of Baird, and Misses Timie Bells, Sarah Alice, and Annie Mae Ellis of Atwell, all of whom are living with their father to mourn her going. All were present except George B. when death came.

Sister Ellis was converted and joined the Baptist church at Pisgah, Tenn., in 1885, and for sixty three long years was a faithful member. Always thoughtful of the church and never failing to keep her vow as sacred. Throughout her long life she was a true disciple of her Master. All of which is attested by her own family. All of her children are devoted Christians. With her sixteen grand children and her twelve great grand children her influence has been so manifest that as they reach the proper age, they are brought into the fold.

Funeral services were held at the Cottonwood church, of which she was a member at the time of her death, June 12, conducted by her pastor,

Rev. W. H. Howell of Abilene, assisted by Rev. J. E. Black of Putnam, and Rev. Joe R. Mayes of Baird. Her body was laid to rest in the Cottonwood cemetery to await the call of Jesus.

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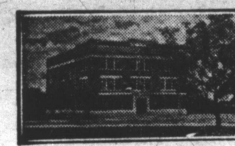
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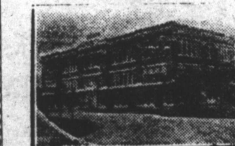
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SOUTHERN BAPTIST SECOND IN GAIN

The following table showing the gains of the ten leading denominations of America in membership during the past ten years, will be found of general interest, it being noted that the Baptists and Southern Baptists had the largest proportionate gains within that period:

Religious Bodies	1918	1927	Ten Years' Gains
Methodists—Northern	4,175,502	4,592,004	416,502—9.9%
Methodists—Southern	2,152,974	2,567,962	414,988—19.2%
Lutherans	2,451,997	2,707,183	255,186—10.4%
Disciples	1,119,423	1,211,971	92,548—8.2%
Episcopalians	1,077,556	1,218,941	141,385—13.1%
Presbyterians—Northern	1,908,033	2,185,727	287,694—15.0%
Baptists—Colorado	2,938,579	3,430,000	491,421—16.7%
Baptists—Northern	1,285,416	1,399,931	114,515—8.9%
Baptists—Southern	2,887,428	3,765,001	877,573—30.4%
Catholics	14,927,466	16,735,691	1,808,225—12.1%
All Religious Bodies in U. S.	41,565,908	48,594,163	7,028,255—16.9%

HOME BOARD BESET BY MANY REVERSES

GOOD RESULTS WERE HAD DESPITE ALL THESE, ANNUAL REPORT SHOWS

Shortage in Receipts Necessitated Curtailment in Work and Increase in Indebtedness

Although the past year was one of the most difficult, in many respects, that the Home Mission Board has experienced, the results were highly gratifying, according to the annual report presented to the Convention by Dr. B. D. Gray, corresponding secretary.

Mississippi floods created unusual demands upon the Board, while lack of resources necessitated curtailment of the Board's activities in several departments. Decreased receipts also compelled a slightly increased indebtedness, the total current and bonded indebtedness on April 30th being \$1,618,493.93, an increase over a year ago of \$9,590.65.

During the year a total of 765 workers were employed by the Board in its various departments. These workers served 951 churches, and reported 17,649 baptisms and 29,791 additions to the churches; while 33 schools were operated, which employed 207 teachers and were attended by 5,021 pupils. In the student body were 166 candidates for the ministry. The workers organized 105 new churches, supervised the building or improvement of 83 church houses, and organized 292 Sunday schools and 133 local societies.

Among the foreign workers of the South the Board employed 38 workers, who reported 1,001 baptisms, 1,492 additions to churches, and the organization of 8 new churches and 23 Sunday schools.

Among the Indians, 14 missionaries were employed, who reported 421 baptisms and 569 additions to the churches. The Indian churches affiliated with the Convention now number 124, with a membership of 7,181. There are 125 Indian Sunday schools, 115 B.Y.P.U.'s, and 100 Woman's Missionary Societies.

BAPTIST OF AMERICA ARE MIGHTY FORCE

According to Dr. Charles A. Walker, editor of the American Baptist Year Book, there are now in the Northern Baptist Convention 8,285 churches and 1,399,931 members. These churches raised for all purposes last year \$34,212,858. In these churches there were 65,951 baptisms. In the Southern Convention, there are 26,003 churches and 3,708,253 members. These churches raised for all purposes \$40,106,791. In these churches there were last year 195,858 baptisms. In the National Baptist Convention (negro) there are 20,665 churches and 3,253,369 members. The total gifts of these churches were \$2,199,829, and their total membership was 64,042. The total number of Baptist churches in the United States connected with these conventions is 54,926, and the total membership is 8,347,331. There are many independent churches connected with no convention. The Canadian churches number 1,355, with a membership of 144,537. The Mexican churches number ninety-three, with a membership of 6,653. Thus it is seen that our Baptist family constitutes a mighty host. Our problem is not more Baptists, but better Baptists. By all means, let the work of evangelism go forward, but let us give attention to educating, developing and training the people who already call themselves Baptists.—Watchman-Examiner.

"And do you know your Bible, my child?"

"Oh, yes; I know everything that's in it. Sister's young man's photo is in it, an' ma's recipe for face cream, an' a lock of my hair cut off when I was a baby, an' a ticket for pa's watch."—The Reflector.

"Well," sighed the householder as guests began backing and turning their automobiles all over his front yard, "it won't be lawn now."—Life.

IN STATE UNIVERSITY

Simmons is well represented at the State University this summer with four of her faculty members registered there as students, and her vice-president acting as one of the professors.

Professor Carnace Ribble is beginning work on his Master's degree in sociology and economics this summer; Professor Rich is doing graduate work in law; Miss Campbell will obtain her M. A. in English this summer; and Mrs. Richardson is doing graduate work in mathematics toward her Master's degree.

In addition to these four who are doing graduate work this summer, Simmons will welcome back this fall four others of its faculty who have been on leave of absence. Professor Richardson has received his Ph. D. degree from the University of Texas; Mrs. Hunter will bring back a Master's degree in English from Columbia University; Miss Thelma Andrews will have an M. A. in English from the University of Iowa; and Miss Erna Taylor will also have an M. A. from Iowa in speech arts.

SIMMONS LETS CONTRACT FOR LARGE STADIUM

Contract for the construction of the first unit of a steel stadium was awarded Thursday afternoon by the athletic board of Simmons University to R. C. Lewis, local contractor. The first unit will be 300 feet long and 21 rows high; it will be completed by September 22.

Approximate cost of the structure will be \$15,000. The Lewis bid was the lowest of four received, although each bidder offered several prices on a number of sets of plans. The first part of the stadium will be erected on the west side of Paramount Field. This will necessitate changing of the playing field to place the goals at the north and south ends of the field, as many gridirons in Texas are arranged.

Terms of the contract specify that the stadium shall be completed by September 22, which will be a week before the opening of the Simmons football season in a practice clash with the Decatur Baptist college.

The stand is designed by an expert steel staff engineer, and will be thoroughly safe for a capacity crowd, which will number about 5,000. Other stands in the park will accommodate an equal number until it is necessary to add the other sections of the stadium, the complete structure to hold fifteen or twenty thousand people.

Work will begin on the plant as soon as sufficient equipment and supplies can be put on the ground.

News Notes

Evangelist T. J. Saxon and Singer E. J. Thomas have just closed a fine meeting at Balmorea.

The Alto Frio encampment begins on June 29 and runs through July 8. Plans have been made to care for a record attendance.

Missionary J. M. Riddle of the Runnels County Association will begin a meeting at the Mann school house on Friday night before the third Sunday in July.

L. E. Payne, who left West Texas to become educational director of the Olivet Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, has resigned that position to become educational director of the First Baptist Church, Aluta, Okla.

Missionary Geo. E. Alexander of the Mitchell-Scurry Association is to be with Pastor A. D. Leach and his church at Horn's Chapel, beginning on the fifth Sunday in July.

Rev. E. D. Dunlap, of Abilene, pastor of the churches at Drasco and Sagerton, is attending the Baptist World Alliance at Toronto, Canada, this week. He is accompanied on the trip by his wife and Brother Sewell and wife.

The First Baptist Church of Hico closed a two weeks revival last Sunday. There were 52 additions to the church as a result of this revival. Geo. A. Miller, "chalk talker," of Waco assisted. The preaching was done by the pastor, Rev. Clarence Allen Morton.

According to the East Texas Baptist, of the 1,200 students in the East Texas Normal College at Nacogdoches, nearly one half of them are listed as Baptists or of Baptist preference. This certainly is a challenge to Baptists to care for their number of young people in state schools.

The workers conference of the Palo Duro Association will meet July 3 with the church at Panhandle. Pastor E. D. Gregory of Panhandle is expecting a large attendance. The program calls for addresses by D. D. Sumrall of Happy, Douglass Carver of Waco, J. F. Johnston, missionary of the association, W. H. Fuqua of Amarillo and Dr. J. M. Cook.

J. E. Nicholson, pastor at Paint Rock is doing the preaching in a meeting at Concho. Vernon Bradley of Abilene is leading the singing. Pastor Nicholson will begin a meeting with the Paint Rock Church next Sunday. Pastor C. E. Lancaster of Coleman will do the preaching.

The Charlie Taylor evangelistic party is in a revival meeting with Pastor Chas. T. Whaley and the First Baptist Church, Sweetwater. The services are being held in the city auditorium and large crowds are attending the meetings. The meeting began on Wednesday evening of last week and are to continue for three weeks.

Pastor J. C. Sisemore of the Tabernacle Church, Amarillo, has declined to accept a raise in salary for the coming year. For the past four years the church has raised the pastor's salary on the first of July of each year. The pastor also declined to accept a month's vacation for the coming year. The church has been on the ground that church activities at the present will not allow the time for a vacation. Journalists tell us that an unusual happening is "news." According to this definition the above item is "news."

Marshall gave a royal welcome to Dr. F. S. Groner, who has moved to that place to assume the presidency of Marshall College. Before leaving Dallas Dr. Groner and family were given a luncheon under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary of the First Baptist Church, Dallas. At the conclusion of the program Mrs. Groner was presented with a beautiful silver pitcher, in the name of the Woman's Auxiliary, and with a silver platter and goblets in the name of the Headquarters Office.

Rev. V. M. Cloyd, pastor at Hereford assisted Pastor W. C. Garrett and Second Baptist Church, Amarillo, in a revival meeting recently. There were sixty additions to the church during the meeting.

Dr. O. L. Powers of Wichita Falls assisted Pastor G. L. Yates of the First Church, Amarillo, in a great revival recently, in which there were over sixty additions to the church.

Pastor Joe R. Mayes of Baird writes that interest all over the county is growing in the camp meeting to be held at Admiral under the auspices of the Callahan County Association. The meeting will begin on Friday night before the third Sunday in August and continue two weeks. The meeting place of the Callahan County Association, for its annual session has been changed from Potosi to Admiral and this meeting will follow immediately the camp meeting.

Pastor H. H. Stephens, of the First Baptist Church, Winters, who a month ago was granted a month's vacation, has been spending the time with his family traveling in the North and East, and is this week attending the Baptist World Alliance at Toronto, Canada. This trip, at all expenses paid was given by the Winters church as an appreciation of the splendid work done by their pastor during the years he has been on that field.

We are glad to learn that Rev. M. A. Quenlin of Winters, who was stricken a few weeks ago with a stroke of paralysis, is gradually improving and is able to get around some now. Brother Quenlin is one of the few old line of preachers who has continued to preach, all through the years of fundamental doctrines of the Bible. He is loved and highly esteemed by his brethren in the Runnels County Association and throughout Texas, and his friends will continue to pray that the recovery of

Last Sunday the First Baptist Church at Roscoe celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary of its organization. The program called for the appearance of a number of former pastors, among the number being Rev. G. W. Butler, Rev. G. W. Parks, and the first pastor, Rev. G. W. White. We do not know how many pastors the Roscoe church has had, but it is interesting to know that the three scheduled to appear on the program have the initials of "G. W." Rev. Graves Darby, the present pastor, has been on the field only a short time, but he is making fine progress in his work.

Pastor E. E. Dawson of Del Rio is planning a unique meeting in his town in the way of a "Front Yard Revival." A service will be held on the front yard of members of the church each night for two weeks. Invitations will be extended to people living in the immediate neighborhood of the homes where the services are to be held. In this way it is planned to reach the entire city with a revival service.

Baptists of San Joaquin Valley, California, are making extensive preparations for what is called a Hill Climb and Bible Encampment. Rev. A. T. Douglass, a former West Texas pastor has been devoting his full time for over a month making preparations for the meeting. Brother Douglass, at the close of the encampment will return to Texas, via Yellowstone National Park. He expects to arrive here in time for some evangelistic engagements during August and September. He has been pastor at Fresno, Cal., since leaving Texas.

Pastor Joe R. Mayes of Baird has planned a busy summer of revival meetings. He is to lead the singing in a meeting at Crowell, beginning next Sunday, in which Evangelist John W. Newsom of Abilene will do the preaching. Brother Mayes will do the preaching in a meeting with the Atwell Church beginning on the fourth Sunday in July. Other meetings he has scheduled will be at Belknap, near Putnam, beginning fifth Sunday in July; at Token beginning first Sunday in August, and at a school house near Admiral beginning on the second Sunday in August. This will carry him up to the camp meeting in which he is to lead the singing.

The Palo Duro Baptist, edited by Missionary John F. Johnston of the Palo Duro Association, has the following good words to say about the work being done at White Deer by Douglass Carver, who graduated from Simmons University three years ago:

Our live, consecrated young pastor at White Deer, Rev. Douglass Carver, is leading his church in great fashion in winning the lost to the Lord. For months there has been conversions and additions almost every Lord's day. Few weeks ago he laid his hands on the inimitable E. T. Miller, loved pastor at Memphis, who led his people in great soul winning effort in which over 60 people were added to the church. Since that time he has been very busy in meetings leading the lost to Christ. He has used the young preachers in his church supply who have themselves kept the spiritual fires burning witnessing the salvation of lost every service.

An old fashioned revival meeting is in progress at Butnam Tabernacle in Mulberry Canyon. The meeting is under the direction of Geo. W. Lowrie, pastor of the Live Oak Church. Missionary Chas. D. Owen, of the

Sweetwater Association is doing the preaching. The song services are being led by Ewell Bone of Abilene with Miss Evelyn Jordan of Abilene at the piano. The evangelistic part is an attractive circular advertising the meeting. On the first page are printed pictures of the party. The second page carried a list of subjects to be discussed, the third page a space for a prayer list and the last page an outline of 2 Chron. 4, which is a setting forth of conditions and promises for a revival.

G. E. Nicholson, prominent business man and assistant superintendent of the Sunday school of the First Baptist Church, Winters, has made a record of which any layman might be proud. The pastor of the church, Rev. H. H. Stephens, and the Sunday school superintendent, E. A. Shepherd, have both been away for the past month. It was up to the assistant superintendent to keep things going. That he has succeeded admirably is evidenced by the fact that the Sunday school has made a record attendance for the month of June. The pulpit of the church has been regularly supplied during the time and the church attendance has been good. Rev. Lewis Berryman, a young preacher from the Wilmer church, near Winters, was with the church on a recent Sunday and Dr. W. F. Fry of the Bible department of Simmons University, was with the church last Sunday.

MRS. W. A. ELLIS

At 7 p. m., June 10, 1928, Mrs. W. A. Ellis passed from this life to her home beyond.

Susan Texas Pike was born in Meigs county, Tennessee, April 13, 1851. She was united in marriage to W. A. Ellis November 28, 1875, at Pisgah, Tennessee. To this union was born seven children, two boys, Allen Ellis of Cottonwood and Geo. B. of Cleveland, Tenn., and five girls, Mrs. W. B. Ransey of Putnam, Mrs. W. J. Hornsby of Baird, and Misses Timie Bells, Sarah Alice, and Annie Mae Ellis of Atwell, all of whom are living with their father to mourn her going. All were present except George B. when death came.

Sister Ellis was converted and joined the Baptist church at Pisgah, Tenn., in 1885, and for sixty three long years was a faithful member. Always thoughtful of the church and never failing to keep her vow as sacred. Throughout her long life she was a true disciple of her Master. All of which is attested by her own family. All of her children are devoted Christians. With her sixteen grand children and her twelve great grand children her influence has been so manifest that as they reach the proper age, they are brought into the fold.

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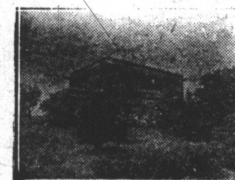
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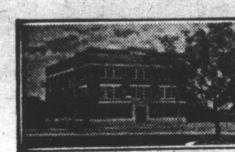
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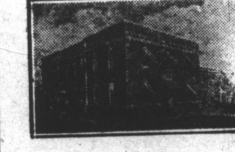
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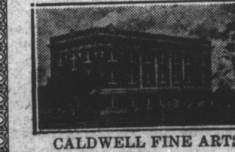
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