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LARGE CROWD ATTENDS STATE BAPTIST RALLY WITH HILLSBORO CHURCH

Money, church stewardship and scriptural methods of financing the church and its institutions constituted the keynote of the all-day State-wide rally and conference of Texas Baptists held at the First Baptist Church, Hillsboro, under the auspices of the executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Dr. J. V. Brown, president of the San Marcos Baptist Academy, was elected chairman for the day. Col. W. E. Jackson of Hillsboro, delivered the address of welcome in behalf of the citizens, Chamber of Commerce and civic organizations and clubs of the city. In his opening remarks Dr. Brown said that the first death among the student body of San Marcos occurred Monday when Wesson Holbrook of Fentress died.

More than 1200 men and women representing the churches of virtually every county in Texas and a number of visitors from out of the state were present at the meeting.

The main topic of discussion for the day was presented by Dr. F. S. Groner of Dallas, general secretary of the executive board, discussed the budget system, saying that its adoption by Texas Baptist Churches had been designated as one of the major aims of the executive board for the year 1925.

"The Bible says more about money than it does faith, heaven or hell. Dr. Groner declared in discussing the financing of hospitals and other denominational institutions. "The wrong attitude toward money will undermine one's faith, blight his chances for the eternal blessing of heaven and damn him to the black depths of hell. Christians should not be satisfied to do less for their religion than the Jews, and when all Christians have the faith to tithe it will usher in the greatest epoch in the history of the world since the time of Christ."

Dr. Groner announced that he would call for a meeting of the executive board in May to plan "the most extensive and most extensive evangelistic campaign ever held in Texas." Preliminary to this great State-wide revival a series will be held in cities all over the State, including Haskell and San Marcos.

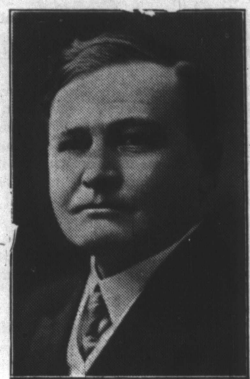
Dr. T. V. Herndon of Dallas, State budget director, presented plans for work throughout the State during 1925 in the interest of the budget system of church finance. "I have learned during the last few months that Texas Baptists are ready for the scriptural method of financing the work of the churches," Dr. Herndon said. "Most of the serious problems of the churches are financial. The problem of evolution, modernism and textbooks of unchristian doctrine pale into insignificance compared to finance. Finances have not kept up with the growth of our denomination in Texas and that is the greatest embarrassment to our program today. Our trouble is not that we have not devised efficient machinery of finance. The budget system, which has divine authority behind it, offers the only satisfactory, workable and scriptural solution."

"The 143 churches in the state under the budget system last year, contributed half of the \$1,400,000 raised through the 3,100 Baptist churches of Texas representing a membership of 400,000 persons."

"Christians of the world today need to be taught the value of a dollar. The members of many a church in Texas spend more on picture shows than on their church work. They know the value of a dollar in silk stockings, evening clothes, automobiles and gasoline, and worldly indulgences, but they do not know the eternal spiritual value of a dollar."

Dr. George W. Truett, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, expressed unqualified approval of the budgeting of churches being made one of the major activities of the 1925 program.

"One of the greatest benefits of big rallies like this is the fellowship that is created," Dr. Truett said. "This is a period of transition in church finance that presages an expanding epoch of Christian democracy unparalleled in the history of God's church. The five years of the \$75,000,000 campaign of Southern Baptists just completed has laid the foundation for an unprecedented ex-



Dr. F. S. Groner of Dallas, secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, who will deliver an address at the West Texas Baptist Rally to be held at Simmons College, March 9, 10 and 11.

JOHN W. NEWSOME IS ELECTED MISSIONARY FOR SWEETWATER ASSN.

At a board meeting of the Sweetwater Association held Monday with the College Heights Baptist Church, Rev. John W. Newsome, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Donna, Texas, was elected missionary for the Sweetwater Association. We understand Brother Newsome has accepted the work and will be on the field to begin work April 15.

John W. Newsome needs no introduction to our West Texas readers. He labored in this section for many years, receiving his degree from Simmons College two years ago. He is a successful pastor and evangelist and is one of the most tireless and faithful kingdom workers in the entire state. The Sweetwater Association has made a wise choice in selecting Brother Newsome to lead in the work of this important field. The West Texas Baptist joins the other friends and co-laborers in extending to him a hearty welcome back to this field.

REVIVAL AT JAYTON GROWS IN INTEREST

The revival meeting which began last Sunday at the Baptist church is gaining in interest all along, and bids fair to do great work and a lot of good in our community. Rev. C. R. Campbell is doing some mighty preaching that is sure to bring results once the people are shaken out of their state of lethargy and awaken to the need of a real revival of religion in this community. Brother Tucker of Abilene, is doing some fine work with the choir, and is bringing the gospel message in song at each service.

Thus far the preacher and workers have been handicapped by small attendance, but they are hopeful of a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit ere the meeting closes, and are not retrenching one step in their drive against the devil in this community.

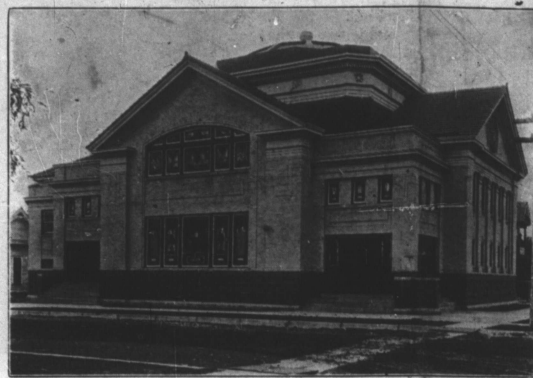
We are not informed as to when the meeting will close, but understand that it will continue for several days yet. The people of Jayton and community are extended an invitation to come and take part in this meeting and do all they can in the drive for lost souls.

BAPTIST PAPERS SUSPEND PUBLICATION LAST WEEK

The Oil Belt Baptist and the Concho-Runnels Baptist, two newspapers published by W. T. Curtis, editor and publisher of the Central Messenger of Brownwood, have suspended publication, according to announcements in these publications in last week's issues. The Oil Belt Baptist was started last September, and the other publication was started about two months ago. The subscription lists of the two papers have been absorbed by the Central Messenger.

Pastor W. H. Albertson and the Merkel church are in a revival meeting this week with the pastor doing the preaching. The meeting starts off under favorable conditions and the church is praying for a great revival.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BUILDING, STAMFORD.



One of the latest recruits to the great army of workers in West Texas is Dr. W. C. Moffett, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Stamford. Brother Moffett came to Stamford from Georgetown about a month ago. At the very beginning he led his church into a great budgeting campaign and the church budget for the year has been practically completed. It was the editor's pleasure to be with this great church on the last Sunday in February. Pastor Moffett and his good wife were both in bed suffering with influenza. The church had already fallen greatly in love with the pastor and his family and the church is anxious to go forward in a great campaign of constructive kingdom work. Dr. J. M. Price of the Southwestern Seminary was with the church last Sunday. The church is planning to secure an educational director in the near future.

SEMINARY QUADRUPLE MEET WAS HISTORY MAKING EVENT

MRS. GEORGE COWDEN MAKES \$150,000 GIFT TO FT. WORTH SEMINARY

Construction of a School of Gospel Music building to cost \$150,000, a gift to the Baptist Seminary from Mrs. George E. Cowden, 1519 Pennsylvania Avenue, as a memorial to her late husband, will begin not later than Sept. 21, according to a news item in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Announcement of the gift, which was made through the treasurer of the Broadway Baptist Church at the request of Mrs. Cowden, who is a member, was made Wednesday night by Dr. Lee R. Scarborough, Seminary president, at the third night session of a five-day program celebrating the triumphs of the Seminary and of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The gift was made by Mrs. Cowden without any conditions except that the building be a memorial to George E. Cowden and that it be dedicated to gospel music.

"I will make an initial payment the first part of September sufficient to begin the work on the building," reads the letter given to Dr. Scarborough by Mrs. Cowden. "Other payments will be made as needed during 1925 and the balance of the \$150,000 will be paid the first part of 1926."

Dr. Scarborough read the letter announcing the gift to the seminary after he had taken the floor to speak his appreciation for tributes paid to him in addresses by Dr. O. E. Bryan of Nashville and Dr. M. E. Dodd of Shreveport. Following the addresses, Dr. Scarborough was presented with a gold watch, chain and charm. The presentation was made by Dr. F. S. Groner of Dallas.

When the Seminary president announced that Mrs. Cowden was in the audience that was general applause and repeated calls for her to come to the platform. Mrs. Cowden was escorted to the platform by Dr. Scarborough.

"It was my husband's wish, expressed to me shortly before his death July 29, 1921, that part of his estate be used to erect a building for the Baptist Seminary," Mrs. Cowden said.

Dr. Scarborough explained that the proposed plans for the building include the erection of a structure which will accommodate adequate studios, practice rooms, and a large auditorium for recitals and other musical productions. An expensive pipe organ will be installed.

Rev. Joe Wilson of Fort Worth, who finishes his work at the Fort Worth Seminary this spring, is to be with Pastor C. R. Joiner and the Hale Center Church in a revival meeting beginning next Sunday. Brother Joiner has been at Hale Center only a few months, but the work in that church is making fine progress.

Pastor Clyde R. Campbell and the church at Jayton have been in a fine meeting. The singing was led by James Tucker of Abilene.

The Quadruple Celebration, held last week at the Southwestern Baptist Seminary at Fort Worth, was one of the greatest events in the history of this great institution. There were hundreds of visitors from seventeen states in attendance. The greatest hour of the four days celebration was reached on Wednesday night when Drs. O. E. Bryan and M. E. Dodd paid tribute to the wonderful life and service of Dr. L. R. Scarborough, who for the past ten years has led the Seminary and has made of it one of the greatest agencies for the Kingdom in the entire world. During five years of this time Dr. Scarborough has had the leadership of the 75 Million Campaign, and he has gladly given the very best of his life in making the campaign the great success that it was. At this service Dr. Scarborough was presented with a beautiful watch, a token of love and appreciation from 400 friends over the South who love and appreciate him for what he is and what he has done for the cause of our Master. Mrs. Scarborough was also given a beautiful chest of silver as an expression of appreciation for her loyalty to her husband and to the cause he represented.

It was a great hour when Dr. Scarborough read a letter from Mrs. George Cowden of Fort Worth in which she announced a gift of \$150,000 to the Seminary to be used in erecting a building for the School of Gospel Music. Work on this building will begin in the near future and completed just as quickly as possible.

The growth of the Southwestern Seminary has been one of the most phenomenal in the history of Baptists. It is not hard to understand this when one understands the part that evangelism plays in the life of the institution. The whole life of the institution is centered around the Cross of Christ, and every teacher and student is fired with that spirit of evangelism that will conquer every obstacle and hasten the coming of our Lord and Savior.

MANY ARMENIAN CHILDREN ARE BEING REUNITED WITH PARENTS, SAYS RELIEF

Of the more than 100,000 children who have been under the care of the Near East Relief a goodly number are from time to time being reunited with relatives. It is the policy of the organization never to keep a child who has a relative that can provide a home for it, and in the working out of this policy, the Armenians and Greeks have heartily cooperated.

One Armenian now living in Jerusalem, where he is earning a modest living, has relieved the organization of the care of thirteen orphans, children of his own or his wife's relatives.

Work has been started on the new church building at Tahoka. The plans call for the completion of the basement, 60 by 90 feet in size, which will be used for an auditorium for the present time. The building, when completed, will cost about \$15,000.



W. C. Moffett, Pastor First Baptist Church, Stamford.

GLORIOUS REVIVAL COMES TO SIMMONS AS RESULT OF TEN-DAY MEETING

The Simmons College revival meeting which came to a close Wednesday night with a great service was one of the greatest revivals ever held in Simmons College. The number joining the various churches in Abilene probably reached seventy-five, a large number being by baptism. Evangelist R. L. Estes, an alumnus of the college, delivered some great messages and he goes away with the love and confidence of the entire faculty and student body.

The greatest hour of the meeting was reached Wednesday morning when a number of fine young men and women surrendered their lives to Christ, and hundreds of others came forward and took President Sanderfer and the preacher by the hands, rededicating anew their lives to Christ. It was indeed a wonderful hour. Many homes over the entire country will be made happy because of the fact that their boys and girls came to a Christian college and there were led to accept Christ and find a nobler life in Christian service.

If many of our parents in this great section who do not, for various reasons, see fit to send their children to Christian schools could have looked in on the scene Wednesday morning and could have seen the wonderful manifestation of God's spirit, they perhaps, would have been led to see the tremendous advantages to be gained by patronizing our Christian institutions.

SAN ANGELO BAPTISTS HAVE PURCHASED NEW HOSPITAL

A new hospital has been added to the West Texas kingdom enterprises. The Baptists of San Angelo, at a recent meeting, purchased a 17-bed hospital from private individuals.

The hospital is located just three blocks from the business section. The structure is a frame building, but is equipped with modern conveniences and is up-to-date in every way. Mrs. W. B. Mathews, a good Baptist sister of San Angelo, who owns a large brick building adjoining the hospital property, has offered to deed her property to the hospital board with the understanding that she is to live on the property until her death. A board of directors, with Dr. Geo. W. McCall, pastor of the First Baptist Church, San Angelo, as president, has been elected.

NEW HOPE CHURCH IS PLANNING NEW BUILDING

New Hope Church, near Munday, has forty-five members on roll and is still growing, and if the present rate of growth continues our membership will double this year. We have Sunday School each Sunday and a good spiritual prayer meeting each Sunday night. Our pastor, Rev. C. V. Stovall of Abilene, preaches twice a month, every second and fourth Sunday.

We have been meeting in a little country school house, but we are looking forward to a new church building of our own. The committee reports that we have \$921.50 for building purposes, and if it be God's will we hope to have the house built and paid for within the next few weeks. God is blessing us at Red Top.

Pastor Millard A. Jenkins of the First Church, Abilene, is to do the preaching in a meeting with Pastor L. G. Morony and the First Church, Sweetwater, beginning the last of this month.

PROMINENT LEADERS OF TEXAS TO DISCUSS VITAL QUESTIONS

Brethren all over this section of Texas are looking forward with interest to the annual rally of the West Texas Baptist Workers, to be held in Abilene on March 9, 10, and 11. The rally will begin on Monday evening, March 9, with a service at the College Heights Baptist Church. The morning services will be held at the Simmons College auditorium and the evening services at the College Heights Church. As will be seen from the program which is published in this issue of the West Texas Baptist, outstanding preachers from every section of West Texas will appear on the program. Dr. F. S. Groner, our state secretary from Dallas writes that he will be present and he will speak at either the eleven o'clock hour Tuesday morning or the evening hour of the same day. Dr. T. V. Herndon, who is putting the budget on the Baptist map in Texas will be present for the entire conference and will deliver a number of addresses. At the close of the rally he will remain with the College Heights Church through next Sunday and will direct a "budgeting revival."

The good women of Abilene are making preparation to entertain the visitors in the genuine West Texas manner. Entertainment will be furnished the visitors and everything possible will be done to make the occasion one to be long remembered in this section.

The program committee and others interested in the cause of Texas Baptists are urging a large attendance upon this meeting. Never in the history of our denomination in Texas and in the entire South has there been such a crucial and meaningful hour as we are now facing. It is a time when Godly men must stand by the banner of Jesus Christ, and rally to his cause. We are facing a time when men must act wisely and bravely; it is a time when men need to pray earnestly to God for the leadership of the Holy Spirit; it is a time when men must join hands and resolve by the Grace of God that they are going to carry the blood-stained banner of Prince Emanuel to the uttermost parts of this sin-cursed world.

As we face the task before us, the tremendous responsibilities are driving our people to their knees, and everywhere people are praying for a baptism of the old time, Holy Ghost religion. Let us pray that this coming summer shall be the time when this revival shall start. At this meeting of our West Texas forces would be a fine time to begin in earnest to get ready for such a revival.

As we think of the five hundred and fifty missionaries we have on the foreign field, men and women who have left their friends and loved ones to go into the dark places of the earth to tell the wonderful story of Jesus and His saving power, we are made to tremble with the responsibility that rests upon us as workers at the home base. Brethren, the hundreds of missionaries are looking to us to make it possible for them to stay. It will be a tragedy too awful to mention for one of these missionaries to have to be recalled.

The West Texas Baptist is issuing a ringing challenge to our workers over this great section of the State to meet with us next week to talk and pray together to the end that our forces shall not be responsible for any orders for retreat in the great battle we are now fighting. God help us to pause long enough to look down through the ages and see the pathway of Christianity strewn with the bones of the millions of our brothers who gladly and joyously gave their lives for the cause of Christ, and thus made possible the great Christian blessings and privileges we now enjoy. Oh, pleasure seeking, ease loving Christians of today, how long shall we continue to squander the billions of our wealth and let the Cause of our Savior suffer shamefully in this awful hour of need!

MEXICAN EVANGELIST HOLDS SERVICES AT ASPERMONT: PLANS FOR ENCAMPMENT

Aspermont, Texas, Feb. 20.—Rev. D. Ruiz, of San Angelo, evangelist of the Southern Baptist Convention, held a series of services with the local Mexican Baptist Church. He also filled the pulpit at the First Baptist Church Sunday. The history of his life is as romantic as that of many of the early disciples. He was falsely accused of treason in Mexico in 1914, and was ordered to Mexico City. He was thrown in dungeons, and went for days with little or nothing to eat. He was led between lines of armed federal troops, and despaired of life many times. But he continued to pray unto God for deliverance. He took sick after enduring untold hardships, and the officer and doctor who had him in charge agreed to let him go free for \$500. Another Mexican was hired with \$100 of this money to go to Mexico City in Ruiz's stead. The substitute was court-martialed and shot. The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention paid the ransom money, and brought the Rev. Mr. Ruiz to the United States to do missionary work among the Mexicans.

He is planning a Mexican encampment at Christoval July 17 to 31. This will be the first assembly of Mexican Baptists in this section of the state. They will have the strongest speakers in the state on the program. The Rev. Mr. Ruiz expects an attendance of five hundred. During the encampment the West Texas Mexican Baptist Association will be organized. Business men, farmers, and ranchmen are financing the encampment. A Methodist of Merton has donated twenty goats. Many conversions are expected during the assembly. Courses in Sunday School, B. Y. P. U., and Church work will be offered.

Rev. Scott W. Hickey and J. N. Tidwell were at Idalou in two good services on the fourth Sunday. There was one addition to the church and several requests for prayer. This church has recently broke dirt for a new \$17,000 church building.

Money is an article which may be used as a universal passport to everywhere except heaven, and as a universal provider of everything except happiness.

HAMLIN BAPTIST IN STUDY COURSE WITH REV. REAVES TEACHING

Beginning last Monday night a class was formed to study the book "Winning to Christ." Forty-four signified their desire to take this book, twenty-two came the first night, two others have said, "we want books," and intend to come next class meeting. The class is meeting each Monday night, at about 7:30. This class is being taught by the Pastor, and we urge you to come and take the course with us. The lesson for next Monday night is the 2nd, 3rd and 4th chapters in the book. Out of this class of forty-four, thirty-three are women and girls, we would like to see more of our men and boys enlisted in this work.

We have now on roll in the Senior Adult Department of our Sunday School 129, have six classes in all. The Euzelian Class have now 30 on roll with 92 present last Sunday.

The Men's Down Town Class have 49 on roll, with 30 present last Sunday. The ladies class with seven on roll, reported all present last Sunday.

CHURCHES ARE AIDED BY BUILDING FUND

Thirty-two Texas Baptist churches are receiving aid from the department of church extension of the Southern Baptist convention, Dr. F. S. Groner, general secretary of the executive board of Baptist General Convention of Texas reports. This number is larger by ten than the number of loans outstanding in any of the other southern states in the territory of the convention. The amount of outstanding loans in Texas is \$179,423.46.

Six loans amounting to \$26,300 have been granted in Texas in the last year. In five years the number of loans allowed Texas churches totaled thirty-five and the amount of the loans was \$223,590. Contrasted to this only \$142,957 has been paid into the fund by Texas Baptist churches during the same time. By these figures it is shown that Texas Baptist churches have received \$80,000 more than was contributed by this state.

Some people's religion is over-charged with argument and under-charged with experience.

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SMALL SOUTHERN BAPTISTS SHOW THEIR HAND

Much has been said in recent weeks and months about Southern Baptists declaring themselves in the next meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention on the great fundamentals of the faith as held by Baptists. Our denominational papers are somewhat divided on the question. Some think we should steer clear of making any such declarations. They feel that it might offend some of the brethren who have slight leanings toward evolution or modernism. They feel that it would also be leaning a little toward the creedal position of our pedo-baptists. Frankly, we believe the time has come when our Baptist hosts must declare themselves unmistakably and unreservedly on all the great fundamental doctrines of the Bible. We believe it would do more to clarify the Baptist atmosphere right now than anything that could be done. There is no question but that the battle line is clearly drawn between the forces of the modernist and the old guard. The issue is not to be fought out solely between the fundamentalist and the modernist. The fundamentalists are all right in their fight against error as far as they go, but their use of the word is a misnomer. In other words we are not willing to let the fundamentalist interpret our conception of what the fundamentals of the Faith are. Baptists have always considered baptism, predestination, democracy and other great doctrines as being just as fundamental as any other doctrine. Southern Baptists have never yet been willing to compromise a single one of these doctrines.

We are hoping Southern Baptists will ring the changes good and clear at the next convention on every one of the great fundamental Baptist doctrines. We believe the time has come for every one of our Baptist institutions to take a definite stand on this matter—a stand that will not be mistaken by the humblest Baptist layman.

In a recent issue of the Baptist Messenger, the Baptist newspaper for Oklahoma, Editor C. P. Stealey published a statement from Dr. Millard A. Jenkins of the First Church, Abilene, in regard to this matter. Both articles in question are published below:

Dr. Jenkins Speaks Out.

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, stalwart pastor of the great First Church, Abilene, Texas, does not believe in letting down the bars even a little bit. He says some feel we will "drive this great body of people away from our churches" and truly adds, "They are not a great body." There is a strong tendency in some quarters to so present our doctrinal position as to make room for mild evolutionists and modernists. This should not be countenanced for one minute. True, there have been great men who held to a theory some times designated theistic evolution, but that false position in their theology has led to uncalculable harm for which they are in some measure responsible. We should not perpetuate such folly by shaping a statement to shield that class. Of course any statement we make will have no binding effect in one sense on anybody and yet it should declare unequivocally what we believe to be the true Baptist position. It is begging the question to simply say we take the New Testament as our creed or believe in the Lordship of Jesus. Of course we do, but that very declaration demands definition or there is no excuse under Heaven for maintaining the Baptist denomination. We might just as well join the great federation.

We believe that Baptist churches are of the Lord and that they have a distinct mission to the world and if we are to be effective we must declare the things for which we stand. Just now some of our prominent Baptist men are very insistent in declaring that all we need is to acknowledge the Lordship of Christ, meaning by that we want no specific statement of fundamentals and every instance if you will get the record of the Brethren you will find that they are more or less in sympathy with Fostickism, Chicago University propaganda, etc.

Read what Dr. Jenkins has to say. *The Forthcoming Baptist Statement.* The subtlety of Modernism makes it imperative that southern Baptists declare themselves in no uncertain terms on the faith "once for all delivered unto the saints." To hesitate even for a moment at such a time when this insidious enemy of that "form of sound doctrine" is seeking to emasculate spiritual religion would

indeed be a travesty on the most sacred traditions of southern Baptists in their long, bold, and consistent defense of the truth, as well as to cast aspersions on the sacred memory of the immortal host of Baptist martyrs of the glorious past who graced prison walls, and made radiant martyr fires with unflinching loyalty to Jesus Christ and the gospel of His grace.

It is not a time when apologists for Modernism are to speak for that great body of lovers of Jesus Christ and His church, much less Modernists themselves. If it be said that if we do not let down the bar a little we will drive this great body of thinking people away from our churches, our reply is, in the first place they are not a great body, and in the second place they are "stray cattle," and their place is on the outside. The cry that to re-emphasize our principles would be to declare a creedal statement will not hold. The New Testament is our creed, and to declare our abiding faith in its teachings without any modernistic trimmings, at a time when the tendency obtains to twist its teachings around to suit the materialism of the times, is not only essential to Baptist integrity but binding upon their loyalty to Jesus Christ the great Head of the church.

If southern Baptists are to walk together they must be agreed, and their only basis of agreement is the Word of God as He through inspiration wrote it, and not the guesswork of Modernists whose much speculative philosophy hath made them mad.

The great body of southern Baptists are waiting for the Statement, which will undoubtedly be made. It will be made in all friendliness but in all candor.—Millard A. Jenkins, Abilene, Texas.

THE WEST TEXAS RALLY.

Our leaders in the West are anxious to have a large attendance at the West Texas Rally to be held at Abilene on Monday evening, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. This should be a meeting of far reaching effect. The success of the meeting will mean much to the Lord's work in these parts. Surely all of our pastors and missionaries realize the acute situation all our causes are facing, from the local church clear on to our Foreign Mission Board, which is entrusted with the mission of sending and keeping our missionaries on the foreign field. If you love the cause of Christ, attend this meeting and let us have a frank, open discussion of our problems, and then set about in the name of Christ to solve them in a heroic manner.

The results of the meeting held for the past ten days at Simmons College have been very gratifying. It is a scene to make angels rejoice to see the faculty and Christian students in a great Christian institution band together in a great campaign to win the unsaved to Christ. There should be a great satisfaction to the parents sending their boys and girls to a Christian school, in knowing that every effort is being made to win their children to Christ and to train them in a Christian atmosphere.

We want to again urge our workers in the West to send in news items from every section of the West. We feel greatly encouraged by the manner in which our people have received this paper, but we feel that unless we make of the paper a great local medium for our work, its mission will have failed.

REV. R. A. SCRANTON WITH SLATON CHURCH IN GREAT REVIVAL

Our revival campaign begins next Sunday morning. Rev. R. A. Scranton of Plainview will do the preaching in this meeting. Music under direction of L. A. Wilson, Slaton. Services will be held morning and evening. Evening services will begin at 7:30 promptly. The morning services will probably begin at ten o'clock. Announcement will be made at the night service Sunday about the time for the morning services.

We invite everybody to attend these meetings. Tell your friends. Next Sunday's services are as follows:

Sunday School, 9:45 a. m. Paul Owens, Supt.
Preaching, 11:00 a. m., by Rev. R. A. Scranton.
Sunbeams at 3:00 p. m. All B. Y. P. U.'s at 6:30 p. m.
Preaching 7:30 p. m. by Rev. R. A. Scranton.
Jno. P. Hardesty, Pastor.

Pastor J. C. Burkett and the South Side Church, Abilene, are in a revival meeting this week with the pastor doing the preaching. This fast growing church held its first meeting in the auditorium of the new building last week. It is expected to have the building completed, paid for and dedicated in a short while.

Pastor W. A. Foster reports a fine day with the Wilmett Church in Runnels county last Sunday. There were four additions to the church at the Sunday services. The church has set the third Sunday in July as the time for their revival meeting and the pastor will do the preaching.

West Texas Associational News

GARZA COUNTY ASSOCIATION

GARZA WORKERS MEET WITH PLEASANT VALLEY

The major part of the Baptist churches in Garza county were represented in a most interesting and it is believed very profitable Workers Conference February 14-15, at Pleasant Valley church on the Plains.

After spirited and very illuminating and inspirational addresses on the various topics on the program for the morning session, participated in by Brother Weldon, pastor at Post, C. A. Jones, pastor at Close City and Pleasant Valley, and after a very sumptuous dinner participated in, by at least one (the writer), the executive board of the Association met in called session (called by President B. K. Bowen) and went at once and very heartily into the matter of our destitution and how to supply it with the preaching of the gospel. A motion was unanimously and enthusiastically adopted after thorough and somewhat lengthy discussion, to ask the laymen (including embracing the lay women) to get in their cars and visit from house to house in school communities nearest to them with all other destitute communities in Garza county, and agitate and talk the matter until they create a sentiment and desire for a meeting some time during the summer in those communities and if possible make definite arrangements for such meeting. All the brethren and sisters present at this board meeting (and a goodly number were present), promised to comply with such requests; and every pastor present committed himself to carrying out and putting into practical execution their part of the obligation by either holding the meeting or meetings arranged for by the laymen insofar as it will be possible for them to do so with their other regular work, or secure a preacher elsewhere to hold such meeting.

It is believed that there are ministerial students in Simmons and Wayland Colleges who have a burning desire to go out during their summer vacation and assist in carrying the messages of the Cross into the "byways" and "highways" together with other preachers within our reach (some of whom may have recently moved in among us) who would be more than glad of the opportunity to thus serve their Lord and Brethren.

On Saturday night a great message was brought by Pastor Weldon on "What is the Scriptural Plan for Financing the Kingdom Work?" also a great message by layman S. A. Attaway, on same subject.
On Sunday, 11:00 a. m., O. J. Harmonson preached. At 2:30 Brother Weldon explained and demonstrated our financial "Budget Plan." Stirring talks were brought also by C. A. Jones and O. J. Harmonson, thus closing a most delightful meeting of fellowship and service.

J. W. King for Committee.

CALLAHAN COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Workers' Conference of the Callahan Association met Monday with the Clyde church. The meeting was a very profitable one, although a number of speakers on the program were not able to be present on account of sickness. Pastor Mayfield and the Clyde church entertained the visitors in a fine way. Pastor O'Brien of Baird preached a great sermon at the eleven o'clock hour. In the afternoon the W. M. U. rendered a good program, at which meeting the women's work of the county was discussed. The editor of the West Texas Baptist arrived in the afternoon in time to make a speech and to present the causes he represents.

The next meeting of the Callahan Association will be the Fifth Sunday meeting, which convenes with the Denton Church on Friday evening before the fifth Sunday. The program for the meeting is published below.

PROGRAM FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING OF CALLAHAN COUNTY BAPTIST ASSN.

To Be Held with Denton Baptist Church, March 27-28-29:
Friday Evening.
7:30—Sermon—W. A. Foster.
Saturday Morning.
9:30-10:00—Devotional by P. D. O'Brien.
10:00-11:00—What should be our attitude toward our denominational institutions, and what should be the attitude of our institutions to us. Discussion led by Sam Malone.
11:00—Sermon by R. H. Williams.
12:00-1:30—Lunch.
Saturday Afternoon.
1:30-3:00—Woman's Program.
3:00—Board Meeting.
7:00—Devotional—P. D. O'Brien.
7:30—Sermon by Henry Littleton.

FISHER COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The first Sunday in February was a high day for the Baptist church of McCauley. Mr. Ollie B. Webb of New Orleans spoke at the morning and evening hours. Mr. Webb is an assistant to the President of the T. & P. Railroad Co., and is one of the busiest men in all the south, yet he puts God first in his life.

Prof. Richardson, of Simmons College spoke at the afternoon hour on "Stewardship." The auditorium was packed to the limit at each of the three services. Pastor Dick was a very happy over the events of the day.

Rev. Sam Morris of Simmons College was with Pastor Smith and the Roby church the second Sunday in February. Brother Morris spoke in the interest of Buckner Orphan's Home. Brother Morris was accompanied by Brother Carver who led the song service. Rev. Morris and Carver visited Pastor Harrison and the Pledger church Sunday afternoon and Dorris at the evening hour. They had good crowds and fine collections at each service.

On account of the death of Brother W. A. Patterson, we did not have our Workers' Conference the second Monday in February. Our next meeting will be at Liberty Monday after the second Sunday in March. We have a fine program.

Rev. W. W. Elam, one of our Fisher county preacher boys, preached at Newman last Sunday; had good crowds and fine service, three additions that night. Newman will call a pastor next third Sunday.

The church at Rotan under the leadership of their good pastor, Fred Clark, has their budget complete.

Rev. Phil J. Little, the president of our Associational B. Y. P. U., has divided the association into three zones and is making preparations to put on an educational program in each zone.

Rev. Fred Clark visited Pastor Bryant and the Sardis church Saturday night; they report a fine service with six additions.

WORKERS CONFERENCE FOR FISHER COUNTY MEETS WITH LIBERTY BAPTIST

To be held with Liberty Baptist church Monday, March 9th, 1925.
10:00 Devotional—W. W. Elam.
10:30 Report from all churches on budget plan.
11:15 Sermon: Bible Plans of Financing a Church.—Fred Clark.
12:00 Dinner.
1:30 Song service—S. B. Summers.

2:00 Office Work of the Holy Spirit.—J. A. Kinser.
2:45 The Mission of a Baptist Church.—C. E. Dick.

W. M. U. Program.
1. Business meeting, led by chairman, C. E. Dick.
2. Our W. M. U. Work Outlined.—Mrs. Fred Clark.
3. Talk—Our Watch Word.—Mrs. Elmer Hodges.
4. Individual and United Prayer.—Miss Arendall.
5. Bible Study and Soul Winning.—Miss Amason.
6. Special Number by McCauley W. M. S.
7. Enlistment and Mission Study.—Mrs. Cumbie.
8. Why My Church Should Have a W. M. S.—Mrs. Guy McNeal.
9. Christian Stewardship.—Mrs. Taylor Ramby.

MISSIONARY WOOD HAS GOOD MEETING WITH CHURCH AT SEMINOLE

Rev. T. C. Estelle and Missionary J. F. Woods closed a successful two weeks' revival meeting at Seminole Sunday, February 15, that resulted in twenty-seven additions to the First Baptist Church and the conversion of several that have not yet united with any church.

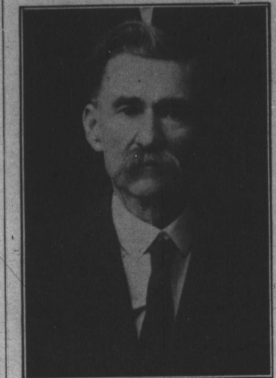
The church met in conference and called Brother Estelle to the pastorate. He asked for a few weeks to consider the matter.
Brother Wood started a meeting at Hilldale school, eight miles north of Seminole, Sunday, February 22.

"Some folks give their mite, Others give with their might, And some don't give who might."

Alternate M. F. Richardson.
Sunday Morning.
9:30-10:30—Sunday School.
10:30-11:00—Worth of a Real Sunday School, and How to Have It.—P. D. O'Brien.
11:00—Sermon by E. L. Mayfield.
Sunday Afternoon.
3:00—Laymen's Program. General Discussion: "Harnessing the Layman of Callahan County for Service."—Discussion led by G. E. Nicholson.
7:30—Devotional—P. D. O'Brien.
8:00—Sermon—D. G. Reid.

JONES COUNTY ASSOCIATION

PIONEER PREACHER HAS ESTEEM OF MISSIONARY



The above is a picture of Rev. J. D. Reeves, whose brief history of Baptists of Jones county appeared in a former issue of this paper. Brother Reeves is one of our true and tried brethren. But oftentimes when we speak or write of our old warriors, we fail or forget to mention the preacher's better-half, the one who makes or mars his usefulness.

This good man would resent my calling him a good man, lives a life of prayer and resignation, but he is not by himself in this. Sister Reeves, his faithful and life-long companion shares with him a life of prayer, resignation, self-sacrifice and continuous study and meditation of the Word of God.

Although confined to a chair on wheels, pulls herself to the phone occasionally to ask the missionary about the work throughout the association. They are a benediction to the life of the missionary. I thank God for their friendship and fellowship, as well as for the friendship and fellowship of all who are interested in and pray for the success of the work of our Lord. I am glad that our Baptist folk are providing care for our Old Ministers, but I believe that they should be kept in the section of the country where they have served, and provided for by the people whom they have served.

We who are younger need the encouragement, the friendship, the fellowship, the love and the knowledge which ripened years of experience have brought to them.

F. A. POPE.

WITH ANSON CHURCH

Last Sunday morning, we had as a welcome visitor and teacher, the Superintendent of the Merkel Sunday School, an A-1 Sunday school, especially in attendance.

May not the Anson Baptist Sunday School strive more to have the attendance more parallel with its enrollment.

Brother Hamor has lately begun a series of sermons on the fundamental doctrines of the Bible. As hitherto mentioned, his first subject was "The Inspiration of the Bible." His second message, being last Sunday, was "The Deity of Christ." All of these messages have been and will continue to be most vital and it is important to be present each Sunday and learn more about the great Bible truths.

The Young People's Organizations are now meeting each Sunday evening at 6:15, just one hour before the night services. Notice the change from 2 o'clock to 6:15.

Next Monday, the Missionary Society expects to begin a new Foreign Mission study: "Baptist Movements in Italy."

The ladies have recently had built in the kitchenette a pantry in the basement of the church. The society, gladly paid for the pantry and the work, last Monday afternoon.

BROWNFIELD ASSOCIATION

W. F. Markham.

The Missionary preached on "Money" at Seagraves last Sunday, and got ten subscriptions to "The West Texas Baptist." That is helping some—at least for the West Texas Baptist. Brother J. M. Doshier is pastor and doing a fine work. They are going to make a church canvass for putting the Budget next Sunday.

The Missionary supplied for pastor D. D. Johnson, at Loop, last Saturday and Sunday. This church is about to break "their band of affliction" by moving from a school house into a new church building that is nearing completion. They have been handicapped by having to have their Sunday School and preaching in the afternoon, because other denominations have the eleven o'clock hour.

On my way home Monday morning, I stopped to see the new church and watch the brethren work. But, (not being satisfied with my sermons??) they gave me a cordial invitation to work. I accepted and spent the day helping the brethren nail up ceiling. I really enjoyed it and I shall never forget that "bunch" of men.

To Whom It May Concern: If you do not want to work, do not fool around a "bunch" of farmers who are building a church.

Mrs. Oehler, teacher of the young ladies in the Brownfield church, had a class meeting in her home last week. C. E. Ball and W. F. Markham had the pleasure of meeting with and speaking to the class. Pastor Ball furnished quite a bit of amusement to the social side of the class meeting.

We had a fine Workers' Meeting at Gomez February 24. The program was evangelistic. Many fine speeches and sermons were made. Brother Horn started the meeting in "high" Monday evening and Brother Chas. Burnett closed it out in "high" Tuesday afternoon. It was good to be there.

Brother Burton, of Fannin county, and Brother Joe R. Mayer of Fort Worth, were visitors to the Workers' Meeting. Brother Burton made a fine talk, and Brother Mayes sang a good song and told a good Arkansas story. Brother Mayes was on his way home, having preached at Lovington, N. M., Sunday.

Pastor J. M. Doshier reports that about 75 percent of the church at Seagraves signed up for the Budget last Sunday. This is a new town and a new church in a new country with new people coming into the church weekly. Watch Seagraves grow.

Pastor Chas. Burnett has just spent another week in a "Teacher's Training Course." He taught book Three, "Talks With the Training Class."

The Missionary had the pleasure of preaching to a large crowd at an old time Church Conference last Saturday morning at Meadors. Toward the close of Conference Mrs. Maloch reported that the W. M. U. had pledged \$25.00 on digging a well at the Pastorium. A collection immediately started and was swelled to \$85 as a starter for the good work.

We preached the first sermon that was ever preached at the Hunter School house last Sunday, notwithstanding the fact the School House has been built almost three years. At the close of the morning service a Sunday School was organized, and at the close of the evening service a mid-week prayer meeting was organized.

The workers' conference of the Runnels county association met Tuesday with the Norton church. We hope to be able to give an account of this meeting in our next issue.

Brother J. D. Reeves of Anson has sent in a splendid communication on our present Baptist situation, which will be published in the next issue of the West Texas Baptist.

HASKELL COUNTY ASSOCIATION

W. M. Lawrence, Missionary Yesterday (Feb. 3) was a good day for Haskell Association. The Workers' Conference met with the O'Brien church and their beloved pastor, Brother L. E. Frazier. A splendid program had been arranged and was carried out in a fine spirit. Most every one on the program was present and each part was rendered nobly. A fine message was brought by Brother Woody Smith, pastor at Knox City, on the subject of "Baptism." After the spiritual feast of the morning the ladies of the O'Brien church served all who were present with a splendid dinner, which was greatly enjoyed, especially by the writer.

After the noon hour the ladies rendered a fine program, and then followed a round table discussion on "Evangelism." The spiritual tide ran high. There were interesting discussions by brethren Frazier, Jenkins, Smith, and Heath. Interest is growing in our association.

We are all praying for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Holy Ghost religion, shouting and rejoicing times this year in the salvation of many souls. May the graves of sin be opened and the dry bones be shaken up, and a great army be born into the Kingdom.

Gillispie Church, under the able leadership of their noble pastor, L. S. Jenkins, is moving forward. They have recently raised about \$300.00 for the purpose of installing an electric light plant in their house of worship.

It was the joy of this writer to be with our much loved Brother Stovall in a meeting at New Hope, and one of the fine results was that a church lot was secured, also \$1000 raised to build a new church home, and I understand that work will begin at once.

It was my happy privilege to preach for the Rose Chapel saints on the third Sunday. After the preaching hour the church went into conference and unanimously called Brother C. B. Stovall; his decision has not been given the church at this writing.

In understanding that Brother J. W. Reed had been called to the care of the church at Brock, and also Cook Springs, both of which he has accepted.

Our next general meeting, which will be our fifth Sunday meeting, will be with the Brusby church on Thursday night before the Fifth Sunday.

The Cottonwood church has called Brother I. N. Alvis, and we understand that he has accepted the work.

SWEETWATER ASSOCIATION

A large crowd of workers from different sections of the association met with the College Heights Church Monday in the regular monthly workers meeting of the Sweetwater Association. A splendid program was rendered by the brethren in the main auditorium of the church, and at the same time the women had an inspiring and profitable meeting in the basement of the church. There were thirteen churches represented at the women's meeting.

At the regular men's meeting a number of workers appeared on the program, including Dr. R. C. Pender, W. F. Fry, Joe Perry, Rupert N. Richardson, C. S. Williams, M. A. Jenkins, R. H. Williams, W. H. Albertson, J. B. Adams.

The board meeting was held in the afternoon, and at this meeting Rev. John W. Newsome, of Donna, Texas, was elected Missionary to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Brother A. R. Tyson, who served the association in a great way as missionary for five years. At this meeting the board also elected Rev. J. P. Reynolds as secretary-treasurer of the Church Building Loan Fund, and the Board recommended that the association make a drive to add \$500 to this fund to enable churches in the association to build houses of worship.

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ABILENE, TEXAS, MARCH 9-10-11.

Morning Session Held in Simmons College Auditorium.
Evening Session Held in College Heights Baptist Church.

GENERAL THEME:

BUILDING THE KINGDOM IN THE WEST.

MONDAY EVENING—MARCH 9

7:15—Devotional Service.....M. C. Bishop
7:30—Our Present Challenge and How to Meet It
.....Alvin Swindell, Ballinger

TUESDAY MORNING—MARCH 10

9:30—Prayer as an Asset in Kingdom Building
.....P. D. O'Brien, Baird
9:50—Faith as an Asset in Kingdom Building
.....W. T. Hamor, Anson
10:10—Associational Missions as an Asset in Kingdom
Building.....Jeff Davis, Snyder
10:30—Address by George W. McCall, San Angelo.
11:15—Address by Dr. F. S. Groner, Dallas.
12:00—Lunch.
1:15—Missionary Conference—"Conditions in Our West Texas
Associations and How to Meet Them"—(Round Table
discussion, led by Rev. Geo. Alexander, Snyder.)
2:30—Our West Texas Encampments:
The Christoval Encampment.....Geo. W. McCall, San Angelo
The Lueders Encampment.....W. C. Moffett, Leon, M. Gambrell
The Post Encampment.....Henry Weldon
3:15—Our Denominational Papers as Assets in Kingdom
Building.....Dr. E. C. Routh, Sam Malone
3:45—The West Texas Baptist Hospital
.....Dr. M. A. Jenkins, Supt. Campbell
7:15—Devotional Service.....Fred Clark, Rotan
7:30—Our School Situation.....J. D. Sandefer
8:00—Address by Dr. Herndon.

WEDNESDAY MORNING—MARCH 11

9:00—Prayer and Praise Service led by A. W. Reeves, Hamlin
9:30—Getting Ready for a Nation-wide Revival.
Great Revivals, and How They Were Brought About
.....L. G. Morony
Getting Ready for the Revival.....John P. Hardesty
Some Old Testament Revivals.....A. C. Miller, Cisco
Some New Testament Revivals, and Their Lessons
.....W. E. Mayfield, Clyde
Conserving the Results of a Revival—C. E. Ball, Brownfield
10:30—Address by Ross A. Smith, Lamesa.
11:00—How I Enlisted My Church in the Budget
.....H. H. Stephens, Winters
11:30—Evangelism as a Remedy for Our Present Ills
.....Rev. Heard, Big Springs
Good Musical Service at each meeting. Arrangement being made
for entertainment. Come and help us make this a mighty
meeting for the cause of Christ.

J. D. SANDEFER,
JEFF DAVIS,
C. A. POWELL, Committee.

SIMMONS COLLEGE

The annual revival meeting which has been in progress at Simmons College for the past ten days has been one of the greatest meetings the college has ever witnessed, in many respects. Evangelist R. L. Estes of Shawnee, Oklahoma, who is doing the preaching, has been bringing some wonderful messages. He has won the respect and confidence of the entire student body and the response from this source has been very gratifying. Up to the close of the Monday night service of this week there had been over fifty additions to the various churches of Abilene, a majority of the additions being by letter. The music of the meeting has been ably directed by Professor Grady Harlan of the voice department of the college and by Lee Stulce, choir director of the First Church, Abilene. At this writing it is planned to close the meeting on Wednesday night of this week.

Last Saturday was Senior day in the college, and the 1925 class made its first appearance in caps and gowns. It is expected that the class this year will number 115 students. The class gifts to the college this year will total around \$16,000 dollars.

Simmons College has been admitted to the Scholarship Society of Texas. This organization is three years old and 17 colleges and universities were members last year. The object of the society is to encourage higher scholastic standing in our schools of Texas. Dr. Julius Olsen, head of the science department of Simmons, was elected vice president of the society.

Friends of the college will be glad to know that the recent campaign to raise \$200,000 endowment to match the offer made by the New York education board to give an additional \$100,000 to the endowment of the college, has been successful. Something over \$200,000 in cash and notes has been raised, which with the gift from New York will place the college endowment about \$500,000.

He—I dreamed that I died last night.
She—What woke you up?

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

E. M. LANDERS, EDITOR.

If you have a Sunday School problem which is worrying you, this department will be glad to be of any assistance possible. Write us your troubles and let us help you.

Question: One teacher says, "I am teaching a class of 13 year old boys. What kind of socials should I have for them and how often?"

Answer: I would suggest any kind of outdoor party for them. Take them for a hike or give them a weiner roast. Plan some out-door games and then let them have their own ideas also. Get a boy scout manual and you will find a number of good games for boys. Be sure you don't bring any girls to this party for boys.

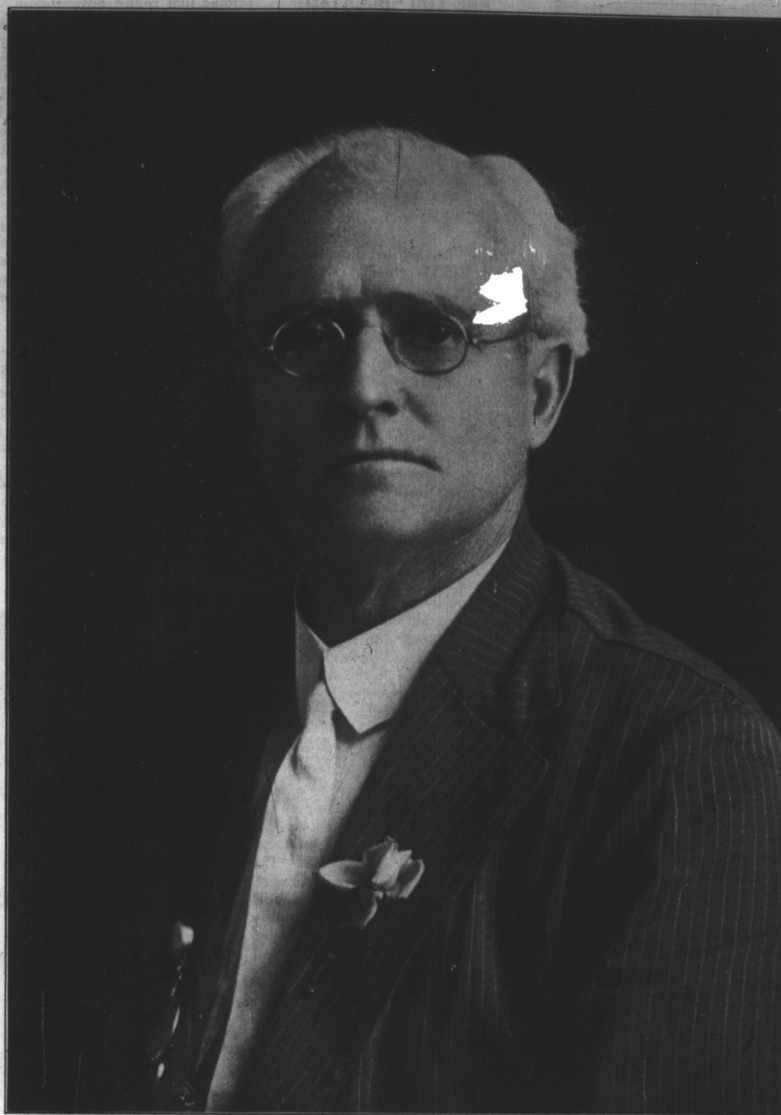
Ques.: This one from a country superintendent: "I am superintendent of a country Sunday School and I think it best to divide a young people's class which is now composed of both young men and young women. They do not want to divide the class. What am I to do?"

Ans.: First write Mr. Wm. P. Phillips, Baptist State Sunday School Secretary, Slaughter Bldg., Dallas, Texas, for a number of pamphlets and tracts on "A Young Men's Bible Class" and "A Young Women's Bible Class." Distribute these among the members of your class. Do not even suggest that you are thinking of a division. Talk the general Sunday School situation over with the individual members of the class and stress the need of organizing two new classes, one for young men and one for young women. Let the members get the Sunday School point of view and the class will divide itself.

Ques.: In the record system am I on time if I am in my class before the teacher begins teaching?

Ans.: No. You are not on time unless you are present at the hour named for the beginning of the Sunday School. If the time set is 9:30 you must be there at that time if you check your record on this point.

Ques.: If I forget my offering to day and will promise to bring it next Sunday can't I check myself as



The thousands of Texas friends of Dr. R. C. Buckner, the beloved field secretary for Buckner Orphan Home, will rejoice to know that he is able to again look after the interests of the Home, after having been confined to his home for several weeks

as a result of an automobile accident in which he sustained two broken ribs. Dr. Buckner has been a permanent fixture in the West for a long time, and he is perhaps more widely known than any other worker on this field. He was a warm personal

friend of Dr. R. C. Buckner, founder of our Orphan Home and his love for the home is shown by the way in which he is giving his life to help feed and cloth hundreds of children in the Home.

having an offering?

Ans. Not unless you make your offering at the beginning of each month. You must make your offering on the first Sunday and then grade for the next three on that same advance offering. We suggest, however, that you read 1 Cor. 16:2.

Ques.: How can I get our Men's Bible Class to use the Six Point Record System. They simply will not fill out the slips?

Ans. Surely you can find two or three in the class who will do this for you, encourage them to stand at the door and hand each man a slip, requesting him to fill it out. Let the class secretary urge cooperation. By and by most of them will do what you ask and you will have what you want.

REMARKABLE ANSWER

R. T. Hanks

Years ago when I was helping Brother J. M. Rankin in a meeting at Yarellon in Milam county, a man who did not live there, made arrangements for two baseball teams to play a match game on Saturday. It was known to be a game on which the promoters and other were going to gamble.

On Friday night I said to the church and congregation: "Well, we have no earthly way of stopping that proposed game; there are no officials to whom we can appeal, so we will have to ask the Lord to interfere. He can stop it if he wants to. Let's ask Him."

We then prayed, begging the Lord to stop the game, and if He would not, to not let it interfere with the meeting.

Saturday I took dinner with a family right near the ball game. After dinner I took a nap. I was awakened by what I thought was the roar of a cannon. I jumped up and ran out on the porch to see, and it was not a cannon but a clap of thunder. A streak of lightning had passed over the ball ground, knocked one man off the fence (only by a shock), and hit the ground in a sorghum patch about twenty feet from the man who was managing the game. He had his hand full of bills and parties were taking chances. The lightning was followed by a heavy rain which lasted for only a few minutes. You never saw a crowd run so! Of course they did not want to get wet, but they were also of the opinion that the lightning and rain were from the Lord in answer to prayer.

Whether all of that crowd thought so or not, I thought so! The ball game did not come off, and the incident turned out for the good of the meeting.—Jewett, Texas.

WITH BIG SPRING CHURCH

An unusually interesting meeting was held by the ladies of the W. M. U. of the First Baptist church Monday afternoon, February 23, at the church. Mrs. F. W. Bettle was in charge of the program with "Struggle for Religious Freedom" the topic for discussion. "Bible Study" was conducted by Mrs. B. Reagan in her usual capable manner. Her explanations of the passages of scripture were very helpful.

Some very interesting papers which made it quite clear just what a struggle was made by the early Baptists for their religious convictions, were read as follows:

Songs of Zion in a New Land.—Mrs. W. W. Hatcher.

The Baptist Church in America.—Mrs. W. C. Henley.

Rogers Williams, the Founder of the Baptist Church in America.—Mrs. C. S. Holmes.

Spirit of Missions.—Mrs. Burroughs.

The Duty of the Church.—Mrs. Clifton Tucker.

These papers were interspersed by appropriate prayers and songs and at the conclusion a short business session was in order with Mrs. Gary presiding. The final arrangements for Mrs. Booth's visit were made. Mrs. Booth, who is a field worker from Simmons College, will be here next Tuesday and Wednesday to conduct the training school on the W. M. U. Manual. There will be all-day sessions on these two days with a luncheon at the noon hour served in the basement of the church.

Every member of the church is

urged to take advantage of this splendid opportunity to get this special course to study. The society is very grateful to Miss Mae Cherry of California, formerly a member of this church for a generous contribution to be used any way we wish. It was voted that we use this for our Scholarship Fund.

The W. M. U. will sponsor an entertainment to be given by the Simmons College Glee Club the latter part of April.

Dainty refreshments of sandwiches and coffee were served by the refreshment committee which was composed of Mesdames J. P. Dodge, W. W. Grant and D. C. Maupin.

LUBBOCK PASTOR LECTURES TO HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS

Rev. Bowen, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lubbock, will lecture on the Holy Land at the High School auditorium on Friday night, March 6, his subject being, "From Cario to Calvary." He also has 150 pictures of that interesting country, a part of which he will show in connection with his lecture. Brother Bowen recently returned from a three-months visit in Palestine, and he has much first-hand knowledge of the country. Those who have heard this lecture promise it to be very fine.

"I am too small to buy a gallon of oil, or a good seat at a theater, or a box of undetectable rouge, or a pound of chocolates, but when I go to church most folk think I am some money—I am a twenty-five cent piece."

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42 baptisms every daylight hour
522 baptisms every day and Sunday

3,657 baptisms every week.
15,849 baptisms every month
190,188 baptisms every year.

This is practically 20,000 more baptisms every year than Southern Baptists have ever had in any preceding five-year period.

In spite of the fact that Southern Baptists have surpassed all other great denominations in America in the matter of soul-winning as well as to excel their own record in former years, they have very little cause for boasting and very much real need to understand how poor and pitiable is their record at best. Here are some facts which should send Southern Baptists to their knees in confession of guilt and of neglect and of half-hearted service in earth's greatest enterprise:

3,494,189 Southern Baptists reported only 195,664 baptisms.
But 29,930 of these baptisms were

reported by the Home Board missionaries.

On our foreign fields 111,872 Baptists reported 12,856 baptisms.

This is one baptism to every 8.7 members of our churches on foreign fields—a record twice over as great as our forces at home and one that was made in face of conditions ten times as difficult.

Almost 9,000 of our 27,000 Baptist churches in the South reported no baptisms at all in 1923—one-third of our church barren and unfruitful!

There were almost 2,000 more churches which reported no baptisms in 1923 than the number which reported none in 1922!

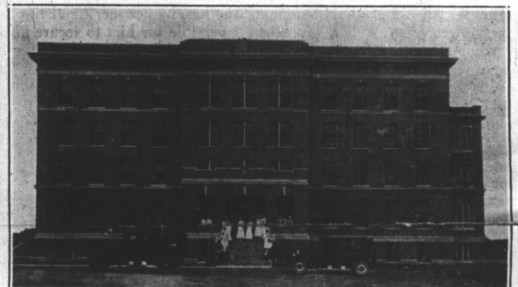
In 1922, 86 churches reported 100 to 199 baptisms each; whereas in 1923, only 80 churches came up to this mark.

In 1922, 10 churches reported more than 200 baptisms each and one church reported 374 baptisms; whereas in 1923, only 7 churches reported over 200 baptisms each and none reported over 300.

The "Big Four" quartet from the Southwestern Seminary at Ft. Worth was with the First Church, Merkel, last Sunday morning and rendered a fine program. The quartet was with Pastor Morony and the First Church, Sweetwater, at the evening service, and rendered a program, greatly to the delight of the congregation.

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Reports from twenty-three countries representing one-third of the population of the world, compiled by G. J. Drolet, statistician of the New York Tuberculosis Association, indicate that in the last forty-three years more than 18,000,000 people have died from pulmonary tuberculosis, according to a statement issued by the association.

In practically all of the countries studied the death rate from tuberculosis is declining, with the exception of Japan. The central European countries showed an increase during the war, but so far as figures are available since the war there has been a decline. At the present time, however, the death rate in Germany seems again to be mounting.

In the United States the death rate from tuberculosis has steadily fallen from nearly 300 in 1880 to 97 for each 100,000 of population in 1922.

CHAMPION NEWS

The pastor, W. G. Tankersley, filled his pulpit here Saturday night and Sunday, Brother Davis, of Abilene, preaching for us at the Saturday morning conference. The services were well attended throughout the day Sunday. There were five additions to the church at the night service.

Marked progress can already be seen in the Sunday School since the beginning of the contest with Lorraine Sunday School. We had 117 present Sunday morning, the average grade of the School being 88.1-2.

Each Sunday our B. Y. P. U.'s are increasing in membership and in interest. Our Juniors are almost A-1 and the other two unions are not far behind. All three unions are now planning to go to Fairview Church, near Colorado, to render a program in April. We are looking forward to that time as it will be our first program outside of our own church. The second Sunday in March the Intermediate B. Y. P. U. will have charge of the Sunday evening service.

Champion W. M. U.

The W. M. U. of the Champion church meets each Wednesday after the second and fourth Sundays for business and devotional services. They report a good spiritual service on last Wednesday, led by Mrs. J. P. Dyass. Sunday night the W. M. U. sent a love offering in the form of a linen shower to Mrs. Tankersley, wife of our pastor.

GOOD SERVICES AT BOLIN

Bolin church met again on their regular day, February 14. D. W. Henry Jr. preached the Saturday night service and brought a splendid message; his subject was "Prepare to Meet Thy God."

Clyde Stokes had charge of the song service and at the close of the sermon sang the old hymn, "Too Late."

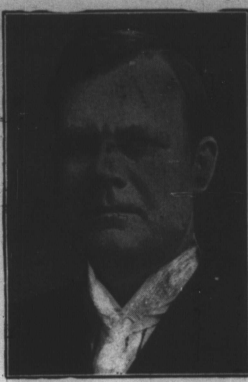
Sunday was well spent with Pastor W. G. Tankersley preaching at 11:00 o'clock on "The Lost Coin," portraying most beautifully the church's place and duty in the rescue of the lost coin which illustrated the lost soul.

Sunday night his subject was "The Temptation of Jesus," with which he carried us on the rugged mountain top with Jesus being tempted of Satan, and how he turned his back upon him and said get thee behind me Satan, and then of his glorious victory even over death and the grave. God give us all the ability in times of temptation to rely on the Maker and Ruler of all things, "God, our Heavenly Father," that we might be real victors over sin in our own lives. Our B. Y. P. U.'s are doing nicely. Intermediates specially interested and doing good work. S. S. also was well attended. Reporter.

MRS. NONA BLACK

Mr. Nona Black, wife of Brother James E. Black, ministerial student in Simmons College and member of the Senior Class, died at her home in Abilene on March 2. The funeral services were held at the College Heights Baptist Church Wednesday, with the pastor, Rev. C. A. Powell in charge. The body was taken overland to Jones county and laid to rest in the Spring Creek cemetery. Mrs. Black is survived by her husband, one child and a sister and two brothers.

Friends all over the west will surely join with the host of friends in Abilene in praying for Brother Black and the family in this sad hour of trouble. In the death of his wife Brother Black has lost a companion who has, by her sacrificial life, made it possible for him to secure his education and become one of our most efficient and consecrated young preachers. In an hour like this it is hard to understand God's dealings with his children, but it is a blessed privilege to be able to approach Him and find consolation sufficient for every need.



Rev. Jeff Davis, pastor of the First Church, Snyder, is recovering from a spell of the influenza. He was confined to his bed for several days. Brother Davis begins his work at Snyder with encouraging prospects.

The Plainview Church in Mitchell county has just closed a very successful training school in their B. Y. P. U. department. W. G. Tankersley taught the Senior Manual and the pastor, H. L. Davis, taught the Junior Manual. Missionary George Alexander taught the book, "Doctrines of Our Faith." Eighteen young people received diplomas in the Senior class, and other classes had large attendance. Brother Tankersley has accepted an invitation to hold a meeting for this church during the summer.

Last Sunday was a great day for the Ford City Church. On Saturday evening and Sunday evening, the boy preacher, J. N. Tidwell, preached to large audiences and fine spiritual services were had. The pastor, W. G. Tankersley preached at the eleven o'clock hour Sunday morning. The Ford-Willbarger Association has called Rev. C. Ross Payne of the Cisco Association as missionary and he has accepted the work and is now on the field. His headquarters are at Vernon. The Fifth Sunday Meeting in March will be held with the Ford City Church.

Rev. C. B. Stovall began his pastorate with the Friendship Church last Sunday with two splendid services. There was one addition to the church. The prospects for the year's work are encouraging.

ARE YOU EDUCATED?

A professor in the University of Chicago told his students he should consider them educated in the best sense of the word when they say, "Yes" to every one of these questions:

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Have you learned how to make friends and keep them?

Do you know what it is to be a friend yourself?

Can you look an honest man or a pure woman in the face?

Do you see anything to love in a little child?

Will a lonely dog follow you in the street?

Can you be high-minded and happy in the meanest drudgeries of life?

Do you think washing dishes and hoeing corn just as compatible with high thinking as piano-playing or golf?

Are you good for anything yourself?

Can you be happy alone? Can you look out on the world and see anything but dollars and cents?

Can you look into a mud-puddle by the wayside and see a clear sky? Can you look into the sky at night and see beyond the stars?

Are you educated?—Baptist Observer.

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Large Crowd Attends

State Baptist Rally

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pansion of religious and humanitarian works of the denomination.

"The condition of Baptist institutions and activities is that of a rapidly growing boy who has outgrown all of his clothes. This expansion demands insistently the shrewdest sagacity of laymen and the consecrated spiritual giving is the only thing that will make it possible to

clothe that robust boy.

"The growth of the city of Dallas in recent years is paralleled only by the growth of her churches. Several years ago, foreseeing that growth, I advised the board of the First Baptist Church of Dallas to buy the half block of land joining the church on the east offered at \$13,000. They refused to buy at successive offers at \$30,000, \$65,000, \$90,000, but finally pressed by necessity for room for expansion, they paid the owner \$115,000 for the half block. The congregation is now erecting a seven-story religious educational building covering the entire half block at a cost of \$1,030,000."

Dr. Eugene Sallee, Baptist missionary to China, pronounced a consecration prayer at the close of the morning session. Paul B. Harper of Mexico led the opening song service Mrs. Lewis Smith of Hillsboro gave a pipe organ solo and A. J. Morgan of Fort Worth led in prayer.

Dinner was served at noon to 1200 people on the church lawn by the ladies of the First Baptist Church with the cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce and the citizens of Hillsboro.

Talks on Cost of Crime.

The afternoon session was opened with a vocal solo by T. D. Carroll of Seminary Hill, Fort Worth, and prayer by R. T. Hanks of Jewett.

"The cost of crime today is greater in this country than the budget of the United States Government," declared M. T. Andrews of Texarkana in an address. "Our Government apparently is no longer a Government by and for the people but by and for the boozers, into whose clutches many of our cities and rural communities have fallen."

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lence are the three pegs upon which modern progress hangs," asserted O. L. Smith of Longview.

"Being a good Christian and an orthodox Baptist does not hinder one from being a scientific scholar, for there is no conflict between science and religion," said Dr. W. C. McClung of Denton. "Scientists say that there is enough energy in a drop of water with its millions of atoms of amazing rapidity of motion to blast a mighty battleship to splinters. How can you harmonize that with a materialistic philosophy?"

"People will never do the right thing with money until they are inspired to give as an act of worship rather than for the furtherance of any church project," said Dr. R. L. Powell of San Marcos. "The only way a church can be budgeted is to get a budgeted pastor."

Mrs. F. M. Edwards, missionary

to Brazil, made a short appeal for support of foreign missions. "How many men spend more for smokes and how many women pay more for hats than they contribute to their churches," she exclaimed.

A brief review of the accomplishments of Baptists in Texas during the last eighty-five years was given in the closing address by Dr. J. C. Hardy, president of Baylor College for Women at Belton. Following the address of Dr. Hardy, Dr. H. V. Brown, president of San Marcos Baptist Academy at San Marcos, announced that two new buildings have just been completed at the school and another is to be started shortly with yet another next fall. The program calls for the erection of a third building within another year, he said.

The closing prayer was given by Dr. R. G. Bowers, pastor of the Columbia Street Baptist Church, Waco.

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