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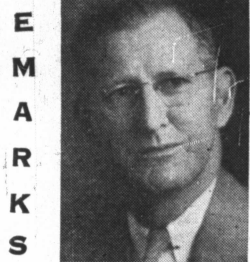
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RAMBLING



By DICK O'BRIEN

I would put the Baptist ministry up against any profession or trade in the world for variety. I suppose it is much the same with all preachers, but especially so with Baptist preachers. Take today as an example. This is Monday, 9 p.m. Monday is supposed to be the preacher's rest day. I got up before breakfast this morning very definitely against my will and feelings, because I had gotten up too early the morning before and had spoken five different times during the day. But I had to be at the city pastor's meeting at 9, and there was breakfast, shaving, a shower and the usual family conversation to take care of. And of course a glance at the morning paper, and one ear for a radio newscast while I shaved with the other. . . . Made the meeting on time, talked an hour and a half about things I don't now recall, and then came to the church to read and meditate. But did I? Oh! no, there was a telephone call waiting which when made lead to two or three other things not included in the plans for my day of "rest." Then Elmer Dunham, that's my co-pastor across the way, and I decided to "get away from it all," so we took our golf clubs in hand, told our wives we were going to call on some rural members (that's no lie, the keeper and his wife belong to our church), and betook ourselves to the great open spaces. Had to cut the short game shorter in order to get home for a very late dinner, and I might say a short dinner and a long domestic lecture. Then we hurried away to see the army day parade because the twins were marching along with several hundred of other school children and of course we wanted to see how out of step all the others were. This was followed by a patriotic address to which we listened as we stood in the hot sun on a hard sidewalk, every corn and bunion we have vigorously protesting. (You know, Nature crossed me up on this foot business. My feet are not mates, and if I buy shoes to fit the left foot the right is squeezed awfully, and if I try to favor the right foot when I buy shoes, I can step out of the left one without unlacing it). (But I am not complaining. They made children faster in my day than they do now, and in any program of mass production, there are bound to be some mistakes. As far as I can tell I fit very well everywhere else, except my feet, and since Nature has no plan for exchanges I suppose I'll have to make the best of it). . . . After the speaking I told my wife that I felt

EVENTS TO COME

April 14-15—District 17 W. M. U. Convention, Stamford.
April 15-16—District 11 W. M. U. Convention, First Church, Vernon.
May 14-15—W. M. U. Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, San Antonio.
May 16-20—Southern Baptist Convention, San Antonio.
June 1-4—State Evangelistic Conference, Seminary Hill.
June 10-18—B. S. U. week, Ridgecrest.
June 22-28—General Encampment, Lueders.
July 1-10—Texas Baptist Encampment, Palacios.
July 6-7—Girls Camp, Lueders.
July 8-10—Boys Camp, Lueders.
July 13-21—Alto Frio Encampment, near Leakey.
July 14-22—Central Texas Encampment, Latham Springs.
July 13-19—Lampassas Encampment.
July 27-August 8—Paisano Encampment, between Alpine and Marfa.
August 3-9—Ceta Glenn Encampment, near Happy.

REMODELING IS POSSIBLE NOW FOR MANY CHURCHES

By W. A. Harrell
The Baptist Sunday School Board, through the Department of Church Architecture, would like to offer full assistance at this time to all churches everywhere and, especially, the churches with one-room buildings, in their remodeling and church building programs. It does not take defense material to add the needed additional room space to these buildings. We invite pastors, superintendents, and any other to write the Baptist Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee, for literature, information, and any assistance we can offer you.

Many churches are going forward with their remodeling and enlargement program. Frame structures, and even brick and stone veneer on frame walls, are as possible now as at any other time. Many of the congregations will have more money during this year than they have had for some time. Some of the money should be used to permanently improve our church buildings. Dr. C. P. Gilbert, editor of The Christian Index, says, "Baptists should turn their church property over to their children in better condition than it was when they inherited it at the hands of their fathers." Improved and enlarged church property will create a line of defense, not only for the immediate future, but for many years to come. Our spiritual forces and influences must be strengthened looking forward to the return of the thousands of young men who are now having war experiences.

Each individual building has its own peculiar problem and must be definitely planned for. Therefore, the Sunday School Board invites your correspondence and conferences regarding your particular church. It will be a pleasure to help you make plans for this enlargement.

All churches everywhere should take advantage of these months to make progress with their needed church buildings. Many of them can do one or all of three things:

1. Press forward in the building program already started or needed, if at all possible. Many situations can and should continue with their building program.
2. Enter into very careful planning and preparation for a new or enlarged building. The planning period is the most important period in a building program.
3. Raise as much money as possible now for the new building. A sinking fund for building purposes is possible in every church. Many churches are taking advantage of this opportunity to raise money. Some are investing in Defense Bonds. We are preparing a portfolio of information regarding pastors' homes. We have a feeling that it is wise for churches to include pastors' homes in their church property. Many churches can raise money and build a pastor's home during the time just ahead.

Write us if we can help you and be assured that your situation will receive individual attention.

DEAN ELKINS FINDS BUSY FIELD OF POSSIBILITIES

"I have never seen such a challenging field," writes Rev. Dean Elkins, former moderator of Sweetwater Association, who is now serving the Turnertown Church in the East Texas oil field. "Lost people are on every hand by hundreds, together with many, many unenlisted Baptists."

The church has 700 resident members and the strongest Training Union in the Rusk-Panola Association. The well-organized W. M. U. gave \$543 this year to the Lottie Moon offering.

Although attendance decreased during the period that the church was without a pastor, there were 813 in Sunday School and 162 in Training Union on March 29.

STRANDED IN EUROPE

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Starmer are still in Lisbon waiting for a boat to bring them to the United States. They arrived in Portugal a short time after the departure of the boat on which Rev. and Mrs. John Allen Moore and Miss Ruby Daniel sailed.—F.M.B.

The world is being ruled by propaganda. Propaganda is lies. The world is being ruined by being ruled by lies.—J. M. Lawson.

LAMAR STREET PASTOR COMMENCES SIXTH YEAR



REV. T. J. SPARKMAN

Sunday, April 12, will mark the sixth anniversary of Pastor T. J. Sparkman at Lamar Street Church, Sweetwater. During the five years there have been 381 additions with 156 for baptism. The church has raised \$16,460 in offerings during this time together with contributed work which, if paid in cash, would raise the total to approximately \$20,000.

Five years ago the church was worshipping in a basement which carried a heavy debt. In addition to reducing the debt by \$2,845, an auditorium with some class rooms has been built and paid for. The old debt on the basement will be retired in monthly payments from the budget within three years.

Rev. Sparkman is an evangelistic pastor and besides services at Lamar Street has held 24 revivals outside the church, resulting in 414 decisions and 333 uniting with the church where the meeting was in progress. He has conducted 106 funerals and 100 marriages.

For over two years the church has sponsored a rural mission in the Cottonwood community, most of the time (Continued on page 3)

CRYSTAL FALLS MINISTER BECOMES ARMY CHAPLAIN



LT. JOE P. SELF, JR.

Joe P. Self, Jr., recently received his commission as chaplain, with a rank as first lieutenant, in the army of the United States, from Brig. Gen. William Arnold, chief of army chaplains, Washington, D. C., and has been ordered to leave for active duty April 14 at Fort McClellan, Ala.

Chaplain Self is an ordained minister, now being pastor at Crystal Falls. He is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, class of 1941. He was commissioned after the completion of a thesis on the Church and National Defense, and a written qualifying examination before a military board at Waco.

For the past seven months he has been a member of the faculty of the North Park School, teaching mathematics and government.

Mrs. Self, the former Virginia Powell, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Powell, Rule, former pastor of University Church, Abilene, will be graduated in June from H-SU, and will join her husband then.

Chaplain Self is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Self, 126 Clinton, Abilene. They are one of our more active church workers. All of his friends wish him great success and victory in his new place of service.

SKAGGS URGES FOUNDER'S DAY OBSERVANCE APR. 17

Ex-student Prexy Skaggs '26, urges that all Hardin-Simmons groups and clubs scattered throughout the nation meet and hold observances on or about April 17. This date represents the official founding of Simmons College in 1891, and it is the time designated by the Association for group meetings and programs to be held by former students of the University.

"It makes no difference how small or how large the group is," said Skaggs, "the main thing is that we want Hardin-Simmons ex-students and friends to express their interest and loyalty to Hardin-Simmons in this way. Several groups have indicated that they plan to have banquets and picnics. The Association has no desire to dictate the type of program that is held, but we do want you to build it around Hardin-Simmons, its traditions, and its ideals. It would be highly fitting and proper to remember the late President Sandefer by quoting his favorite Scripture, and Dr. and Mrs. Olsen would be tremendously happy to hear from the various groups which meet."

A limited number of entertaining groups can be obtained from the University if the various clubs will pay for the conveyance expense. Any of our administrative officers or members of our faculty will be happy to meet with you. If you need materials, information or suggestions, by all means write the ex-student offices at once.

If there is no Hardin-Simmons group organized in your vicinity, we urge you to take the initiative in getting several exes to meet with you. A list of the ex-students in your vicinity will be sent upon your request. We urge that you help us celebrate our semi-centennial year.

JOE MAYES RESUMES PASTORAL DUTIES

Rev. Joe E. Mayes, pastor at Cross Roads and Pleasant Valley churches in Fisher Association, preached both hours April 5, his regular appointment at Cross Roads, and expects to continue his work regularly from now on. He has been confined to his home for several weeks following a slight stroke. He will be at Pleasant Valley April 12, at which time the Lord's Supper will be observed.

The churches have carried on their work splendidly during the illness of the pastor. Cross Roads has recently had a Training Union study course with over 50 awards and a Sunday School course with 20 awards besides 15 others in a Training Union class for juniors which was given at the same time. Mrs. Frank Kingsfield is Training Union director and Ira Morrow is Sunday School superintendent.

Summer revivals have been set with Rev. Percy King of Roby to preach at Cross Roads, beginning a ten-day meeting July 24, and Rev. Frank Maddux of Hobbs, N. M., holding his second meeting at Pleasant Valley, beginning August 7.

The Christian Service Band of H-SU will be at these churches April 26, and also at the county Sunday School meeting at Roby in the afternoon.

STATE BROTHERHOOD LEADERS ASSIST DISTRICT PROGRAMS

Judge E. S. Cummings, state Brotherhood president, and R. A. Springer, state secretary, were speakers at the annual convention of District 9 last week. Judge Frank R. Ray of Plainview was elected president for the men.

The same team toured the four associations of District 3 the previous week, speaking at Jasper, Saratoga, Woodville, and First Church, Beaumont. "The reaction to the meetings is most gratifying," writes Missionary O. D. Martin of the district.

GROWTH IN WAHIAWA

The church building at Wahiawa has just been completed and the dedication service was held March 15. Rev. James D. Belote is pastor of this church. Our missionaries report that the building is a beautiful one and that the people have responded in a wonderful way, giving about \$1,500 to date. There is a fine spirit in the church, and a Sunday School with over a hundred pupils is doing a great work.—F.M.B.

This Changing World

"... that those things which cannot be shaken may remain."—Heb. 12:27.

By LOUIE D. NEWTON

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands — one nation, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

Most interesting domestic news last week was the publication of a survey of public opinion by Fortune Magazine on what should be the attitude of the United States after this war. Three-fifths of the people interviewed said definitely that we must take the lead in organizing the world for peace. Eighty-two per cent of the persons interviewed said "the U. S. should be the chief designer of the peace, and 59.7 per cent of them said we will be." Commenting, the editors of Fortune said: "This may spring from a deep realization that this is the American Century, in which our role is a world role in peace as well as in war."

"Who's asleep?" was the common refrain in conversations throughout the country last week, meaning by the question to ask: Is it Washington? Or is it the people? Arthur Krock, New York Times columnist, went out to Chicago for a look-round, and upon his return, wrote: "Neither indifference or complacency could be found, and such criticism as was expressed was that Washington has not yet realized how much it can ask

TEXT FOR THE WEEK
Peace be unto you.

—John 20:19.

and get from the people. . . ." To which Dr. George Gallup added a fervent "Amen."

Dr. Gallup went further to say, basing his statements on recent polls, that: "Two-thirds of all full-time employed Americans would be willing to have ten per cent deducted each payday from their wages to buy defense bonds and stamps; that six months before Pearl Harbor a substantial majority was willing to pay two weeks' salary to the Government in addition to taxes; that 64 per cent of all U. S. workers were willing to accept the Government's right to dictate to them the kind of work, number of hours worked, and amount of pay."

"The people are not asleep," declared spokesmen from every section of the country. They are not only awake, not only aware, but angry at Washington sleepers who sadly wag their heads over the "sleep of the people," commented the editors, radio commentators, et al.

Meanwhile Washington seethed with quarrels among the New Dealers. For example: Wallace versus Dies; Thurman Arnold versus the President; the President versus the press (sixth columnists); the Senate Investigating Committee versus the War Production Board. It is my candid judgment that we would be much better off in the matter of morale if all this quarrelling among the New Dealers were confined to themselves. (Continued on page 3)

MRS. MATHIS SPEAKS FOR CISCO YOUNG PEOPLE

Mrs. R. L. Mathis was honor guest and speaker for the coronation service at the quarterly meeting of the Cisco Association young people, held last month at First Church, Cisco. Mrs. Judson Prince, young people's leader for the association, was in charge. The auditorium was beautifully decorated and lighted with cathedral tapers. A star, emblem of the Girl's Auxiliary, illuminated the background. The star ideals were presented by Intermediate G. A. girls of the host church, costumed for the occasions.

Mrs. D. T. Gilliam, G. A. leader for the association, presented 25 girls for recognition as having attained the various ranks in the organization. Rev. A. A. Palmer, R. A. leader for the association, presented three boys for advanced recognition. There were 168 present representing seven churches.

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A MINISTRY FOR PASTORS

When the casualty lists begin to come in, as come they will and coming they are, a new and somewhat different duty will devolve upon the pastors of our country. As to what ministry of comfort they shall bring on such occasions, they must find for themselves upon their knees before the open Bible. It is of a more material service to which we refer at this time.

The family of each fallen hero has a just and legal claim against the government of the United States for certain compensation defined by law. Not all of these potential claimants know that there are federal employees whose duty it is to assist the bereaved in obtaining what is rightfully and legally theirs. Neither do they all know that it is a criminal offense for any one, whether a representative of the government or a representative of the claimant, to charge any fee in presenting such claims. Yet there have always been human vultures who will risk the federal penitentiary to capitalize upon the lack of information of stricken relatives.

The pastor, as one of the first to know of the loss and to visit the sorrowing, should know the facts in such matters and be in a position to offer a wise word of caution.

Information may be had in regard to such matters from the ex-service organizations and the local draft boards, who will be glad to equip the pastors to meet such situations when they arise. The true shepherd is always prepared to guard his flock from predatory enemies.

WE WILL REMEMBER

Dispatches from Washington gleefully report that there is little probability of shortages of alcoholic beverages in these days of wartime rationing, but they say the breweries "may have to substitute corn sugar for regular sugar in their vats."

The bottlers of soft drinks, you know, have already had their sugar rationed to about half of what they formerly used. So far we have heard no complaint. The American people are not complaining about sacrifices which are necessary to win the war. But they are aroused at the suggestion that some interests may profit by their sacrifice. The soft drink bottler has a right to be resentful that he is compelled to turn away much of his business for lack of sugar, if the brewer is getting it without stint. The milkman who has built up a modest business on the basis of fair dealing and an excellent product cannot be blamed if he shows bitterness in having to give up his customers and market his product wholesale for the lack of rubber that beer and whiskey trucks are using freely.

We will remember these things when we see the liquor trucks and the liquor signs. We will remember them when we get our sugar ration cards for our homes, and when we have to go for our milk that formerly was delivered. We will remember when we see the great display of liquor advertising in the publications that we read. We will remember when the radio program in which we are interested is interrupted by the blab about beer. And above all, we will remember when we go to vote.

We are willing to give up all our sugar, all our rubber, our automobiles and our blood to win this war. But we are not willing to sacrifice just to favor an industry whose product has the record of wrecking powerful armies from the dawn of history down to the fall of France.

THE GRACE OF REVERENCE

A great many Baptists visited Catholic churches last Sunday to witness the pageantry of their Easter ritual. It is to be hoped that they learned one lesson which Baptists need to take from the Catholics. That is the lesson of reverence. Catholics have been accused of much intolerance, but their intolerance of irreverence is something worthy of some emulation.

In an effort to avoid cold formalism at services, too many Baptist churches have departed from dignity and become guilty, not only of bad manners, but of a sinful lack of appreciation of the holiness of the house and hour of worship. Efforts to develop an atmosphere of spontaneity and friendliness sometimes beget that familiarity which is the breeder of contempt.

The theme of the Training Union study for April is "Growing in Reverence." This seems to be a proper approach to the problem. Sudden restraint usually results in a stiffness, which is almost as far from the desired atmosphere as is confusion. But it is possible to grow in reverence by cultivating a spirit of worship.

It is true that temperaments vary and that which is worshipful to one, becomes boring to another; or what may be the expression of emotions of religion to some, appears crude to his neighbor. Yet, there can be a medium where good taste, sincerity and a sense of the Hallowed Presence can unite, bringing an hour of worship in which all who truly seek after God may find nourishment for hungry hearts and healing for buffeted spirits.

In a service of true reverence, there is no place for showmanship, shallowness or self-promotion. They who come to worship must be led to see the Lord, high and lifted up; and to recognize that the same Lord can also be the Great Physician, the Good Shepherd, and even the Lamb, slain for the sins of the world.

Have we become so enmeshed in this rushing age that we must do our visiting during the hour of holiness? Or, have we become so involved that the hour has lost a sacred significance? At times some appear to have become so intent upon doing things in the name of religion that they overlook the all-important duty to worship, starving their spiritual life within reach of plenty. May we, as we grow in other graces, pray earnestly that we may also grow beautifully in the grace of reverence.

NEWS NOTES

Rev. S. L. Tidwell, now pastor at Oil Center, N. M., is writing the Sunday School lesson discussions this quarter for the Baptist New Mexican.

Rev. W. K. Horn of Avoca has resigned the Lakeview Church on the Plains and accepted the call of Paint Creek for half time.

A special offering for home and foreign missions was taken at a fifth Sunday service at Hylton.

There were 92 additions to First Church, Lubbock, in the revival led by Dr. James Kramer of Denver, which closed March 29.

Tommie Godfrey, music director at First Church, Mineral Wells, and State Secretary Harry P. Staggs of New Mexico assisted Pastor B. N. Shepherd in an eight day revival at First Church, Hobbs, N. M.

Rev. Dean Elkins, former pastor at Nolan, now at Turnertown Church, has a tent for revival meetings stored at Nolan. It may be rented at the rate of \$25 for a two-weeks meeting. Any wishing to arrange for the use of this tent may get in touch with Lem Ray at Nolan, or Rev. Elkins at Box 157, Selman City, Texas.

An impressive program on tithing was presented at Rotan, March 29, at the evening service by W. M. U. auxiliaries under the direction of Mrs. D. O. Gray, stewardship chairman of the local society and of District 17. Each organization of the fully graded W. M. U. had a part in the service, which was presented to a filled auditorium.

Rev. D. K. Griffith, whose record as a church builder probably exceeded that of any man in Houston, died at his home last week. He was pastor of the Lindale Church in Houston.

Truett Stovall of Abilene, son of Pastor C. B. Stovall of Sterling City, is assisting Rev. L. L. Trott in a revival at Immanuel Church, San Angelo.

The thirtieth anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. M. E. Dodd at First Church, Shreveport, was observed April 5.

Rev. A. C. Hardin of Post is in a revival with Pastor O. C. Curtis and the Seminole Church.

Dr. C. Y. Murff, choir director at Seminole, has been accepted as a dental officer in the navy.

More than 1,400 conversions were reported in a two-weeks revival in Meridian, Mississippi, with Evangelist Hymon Appelman leading a city-wide campaign.

Rev. Finis A. Williams of Park Heights Church, San Angelo, was the principal speaker at the Training Union meeting for the Concho Valley Association, which met at Carlsbad, April 5. His subject was "How the Training Union can prepare a church for a revival."

The trustees of Wake Forest College, Baptist senior college for men in North Carolina, have voted to accept women in the senior and junior classes for the first time in history.

Rev. A. A. Palmer, who recently resigned at Olden to accept the work at Moran, is assisting Pastor J. O. Folkes in a revival at Lakeview.

Burk Burnett Church, which for years has had a drop in attendance on Easter Sunday, had 59 more present at Sunday School than on the previous Sunday and 81 more than the week before that.

Calvary Church, Vernon, Rev. Weaver E. Lovelace, pastor, is moving into their beautiful and adequate new brick building.

Baptismal services were included in the Easter program at Clyde. A couple who were moving wanted Pastor Sidney Cox to baptize them before they left.

Rev. Roland Whitley has accepted the call of the Byers Church.

Dr. Jeff D. Ray of Southwestern Seminary supplied at Lamar Street Church, Wichita Falls, April 5. He was greeted by a large attendance.

Superintendent J. A. McGehee discussed the book, "Building a Standard Sunday School," which Pastor Gene Hall will teach in the View Church. A new beginners class is being organized in the school. The

church has set the date of the summer revival for the first week in August.

Rev. Sam E. Brian, pastor at Wilmett and Humphrey, has accepted the call of the Nolan Church. The two churches in Rannels Association have made great progress under the leadership of Pastor Brian.

A large crowd attended the Easter program at New Live Oak Church. The church has been strengthened and will resume a mid-week prayer service.

Rev. Jack W. Manning of Burk Burnett will assist Pastor J. Henry Cox in a revival at North Side, Wichita Falls, April 26 to May 10. The church is making real progress under the leadership of Pastor Cox and has just moved into a new stone building.

The Sunday School and Training Union convention of District 11, held last week at Vernon, was well attended.

On March 29 there were 26 professions of faith in a regular service at Dalhart with Pastor L. A. Brown preaching. The junior department were special guests at the service. The church has had a Standard Sunday School for 23 years.

There were 700 enrolled in a Central Training School for Tarrant County recently. Dr. W. W. Melton, Dr. W. Douglas Huggins, Rev. Jimmy Morgan and Missionary J. D. Brannon were inspirational speakers.

Missionary E. O. Mills was prayer meeting speaker at University Church Abilene, April 8. Mr. Mills served as Baptist missionary in Japan for over 30 years.

Fourteen new extension departments were reported organized in Texas during February, reports Secretary G. S. Hopkins of the Sunday School department.

Mrs. W. C. Henderson, a Southwide W. M. U. leader in Arizona, is confined to her home, convalescing from an operation.

Arizona Baptists are raising a fund to launch mission work among the Mexicans in that state.

Chaplain L. W. Raley conducted a five-day meeting with Lamar Street Church, Sweetwater, resulting in 11 additions, five for baptism. The meeting had been planned for eight days but Lieutenant Raley was called back to the camp.

PROGRAM

Workers Conference, Sweetwater Association, with Nolan Church, Rev. Sam E. Brian, Pastor, April 16

3:00—Song service, W. H. Pillion.
3:10—Devotional, "In Quietness and Confidence Is Thy Strength," Rev. J. H. Dean.

3:25—"The Native Instinct for Worship," Rev. Fred Porter.
3:45—"Elements Conducive to Worship," Rev. Boyd Robertson.

4:05—Song.
4:10—"The Outcomes of Worship," (Isa. 5:1-12), Rev. T. J. Sparkman.

4:30—Announcements.

4:35—Special music, Mrs. P. L. Ullum.

4:40—"Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness," Rev. Ira Harrison.

5:15—Board meetings, Association and W. M. U.

6:00—Intermission.

6:30—Supper.

Evening Session

J. D. Riddle, Associational Sunday School Superintendent, presiding.

7:30—Song service, W. H. Pillion.
7:45—Scripture reading and prayer

7:50—Department conferences:

Theme: "Victory Through Jesus Christ."

General Officers and V. B. S. workers, Rev. Clyde Jackson.

Adult Dept., Mrs. W. F. Joiner.

Young People, Mrs. Cooper Waters.

Intermediate Dept., Mrs. D. F. Mayfield.

Junior Dept., Miss Anna Evans.

Elementary Dept., Mrs. C. E. Lambert.

Extension Dept., R. E. Kuykendall.

8:30—General assembly and reports.

8:40—Echoes from State Sunday School Convention.

8:50—Address and demonstration of V. B. S., T. R. Harrison.

9:15—Adjourn.

Sunday School Lesson

April 12, 1942

THE MISSION OF THE SEVENTY

Read Luke 10:1-24

Study Luke 10:1-7, 17, 21-24

The mission of the 70 in time and in conception is intermediate between the trial tour of evangelism by the 12 in southern Galilee, and the post-resurrection program of worldwide missions beginning at Jerusalem and extending to the uttermost parts of the earth. Jesus had concluded his ministry in Galilee and made his final departure for Jerusalem. It was about October of the year 29, five or six months before the crucifixion.

1. Personnel

THE APPOINTMENT BY JESUS widened the circle of the 12. The cross was but a few months ahead and what further remained to be done by Jesus must be done quickly. Whether there was special significance in the number 70 we do not know—the 70 elders of Israel, the 70 nations of the world, or the 70 members of the Sanhedrin. He sent them forth in pairs, for two together are more than twice one. None of their names is recorded and nothing further is known of them. But they did their work well in the cities of Perea east of the Jordan before they stepped back out of sight.

2. Program

THE COMMISSION FROM JESUS was almost the same as that which Jesus gave earlier to the 12, though the present mission was not limited to the Jews. Notice (vv. 1-11) the dozen imperatives:

Pray. The prime essential then as now in missionary success was prayer for laborers to reap the great harvest.

Go. They must not stop at praying for others, but go themselves. And as undefended lambs among persecuting wolves they were to work in peace and love.

Carry not. No extra equipment for the journey was necessary. They must carry neither purse with extra change nor wallet for extra luggage nor even an extra pair of sandals.

Salute not. Loitering and gossip along the journey must be prevented. The Oriental salutations were profuse and occupied much time.

Say, Peace. At their temporary destination they were to seek a suitable residence during their stay and to offer a prayer that the household might be blessed.

Remain. Instead of seeking promiscuous entertainment, the missionaries were to stay at one home and identify themselves with the family, realizing that they were leaving more than they received so that their lodging was a matter of support and not of charity.

Go not. The hospitality of other homes must not be accepted on this special mission because it would obscure their work and invite criticism.

Eat. The missionaries must not be too fond of good living, requiring or expecting special fare, but be content with the usual simple food of the family.

Heal. Sick members of the household were to be cured in their ministry of healing.

Say . . . kingdom. This second "say" comes at the psychological moment and announced the approaching reign of the Messiah.

Go out. In case the missionaries find a city utterly inhospitable, they must not show bad spirit, either in anger or disappointment, but in regretful though perfect good humor, go their way.

Say, even, the dust. The rejected

heralds must not only leave unrepentant households, but renounce all responsibility for their rejection. Yet the rejectors must be assured of the nearness of the kingdom to them.

3. Progress

THE RETURN TO JESUS was triumphant. The 70 came back to the Master with joy and reported that even the demons were subject unto them through his name. This was the severest of all tests of their power and success.

4. Prayer

THE PRAYER OF JESUS, now offered, involved the triune God, the Son praying by the Holy Spirit to the Father. It was the prayer of joy not only expressing gratitude for the success of the 70 but also praising the Father for the exercise of his sovereign will. In accordance with that will there is revealed to the teachable babe what is hidden from the unteachable wise man. Spiritual simplicity is more receptive than intellectual capacity. Moreover, by that same will Jesus occupies his mediatorial throne. Since all things are delivered into his hand he has all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore he and the Father each alone and reciprocally fully knows the other because God can comprehend God. Yet by revealing grace the receptive can know both the Son and the Father and spread that knowledge until it fills the earth as the waters cover the sea.

Gold in the Golden Text

The harvest is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest. —Luke 10:2.

Daily Bible Readings

April 13—Woes upon the Pharisees, Luke 11:37-44.

April 14—The Growing Opposition, Luke 11:45-54.

April 15—Jesus Faces Criticism, Mark 2:23-28.

April 16—False Leaders Condemned, 3 John.

April 17—The Courage to Oppose Wrong, Matthew 21:12-17.

April 18—Walking in Integrity, Psalm 26:1-7.

April 19—Christ's Last Warning, Matthew 23:23-36.

Rambling Remarks

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It was my duty to take the twins to see the Philadelphia Athletics and the Pittsburgh Pirates play baseball. The boys had never seen big league baseball, and might never have another chance and I didn't feel that it was safe to send them alone, so I just forced myself to go along with them to explain the game to them. After the ball game I had nearly a full hour with the family during which time we ate supper, read the evening paper, listened to Lum and Abner, and a local religious trio and then hurried off to deacon's meeting. Stayed there one and one-half hours (profitably and pleasantly), then had a special session with a few of the brethren, and came up to the study to write five or six letters, and the Remarks. I hope to get through in time to hear Blondie, mail the letters and get to bed early, because I have a full day tomorrow besides the extra things which are bound to come up. . . . Please do not think I am complaining. I wouldn't trade places with anybody I know or know of in this world. . . . So ends a preacher's "day of rest."

PARABLES OF THE LORD

Discussed By
COOPER WATERS

PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS

Matt. 21:28-32

It was during the last week of the ministry of Jesus and Jesus was in the Temple answering questions when a question was asked by the chief priests as to where he got his authority. Jesus answered by asking a question about the baptism of John. They were put in a dilemma by his question and by their silence admitted the authority of Jesus. Now, in the light of his admitted authority, Jesus spoke the parable of the Two Sons. The first son proposed to do the will of his father but did not do it. The second son refused at first to do his father's bidding but later on repented and went and did what his father had asked him to do. The second son, of course, was the more pleasing to the father.

The two sons represent two classes of people. The first is that class of people who are verbally committed to the will and authority of God, but

who do not do in deed his bidding. In this class belonged the chief priests, to whom he was talking, and the well-meaning Pharisees, etc. The other class are those who are evil and disobedient to the will of God but finally come to repentance. In this class, of course, come all the reformed children of God. Some in this class might have been publicans and harlots. Jesus said that if they repented and came to do the will of God that they would go into heaven ahead of those who knew all the while what they ought to do, but never got around to doing it.

Three valuable lessons seem to stand out in this parable. (1) No amount of moral righteousness without repentance can save a person. (2) No amount of sin if repented of can condemn a person. (3) True repentance entails work as proof. Though a person says he has repented and recognizes God's authority, his evil works will disprove him.

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Importance Of The Border

CATHOLIC PICTURE OF TEXAS

(Compiled from the Catholic Directory)

	Corpus	Dallas	El Paso	San Antonio	Galveston	Totals
Diocese	Amarillo	Christi				
Churches	65	54	63	45	208	651
Missions	36	105	62	108		358
Priests	46	114	107	115	256	822
Cath. Pop.	21,305	140,791	43,750	119,215	195,326	694,240
Mex. Pop.		127,798		75%	150,007	
Schools	16	48	47	28	89	302
Enrollment	1,818	3,352	6,653	4,417	28,600	61,624

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for it is not an uncommon thing in some election in Texas for the Mexicans to cast the deciding ballot.

The Christian Mexican of today is a great asset to the community, while the non-Christian Mexican may be a hindrance, especially in questions of politics. One million Mexicans in the state of Texas would indicate that the entire state is greatly influenced by them. Everywhere you go you can see the influence of the Spanish race.

Greater Recognition Needed

The Mexican of tomorrow must receive greater recognition. He has in many instances been overlooked. The transient Mexican population has created an economic problem which entirely overlooks his needs. They are slaves of circumstances. These conditions should and must be improved.

Properly dealt with, the Mexican can and will become a great blessing, but maltreated he may become a menace. Among this group of underprivileged people within our grasp, we have an opportunity to render a wonderful service to our fellowman, to our country and to the kingdom of God.

For many years the Home Mission Board has worked with the Mexicans. As a result of that work the Mexican State Convention of Texas was organized 30 years ago. From the day of its organization the convention has grown until we have more than 100 churches and 120 missions, with a membership of more than 10,000. We now have 109 missionaries among the Mexicans in Texas.

Visible results of the Mexican work in Texas last year include 1,553 additions to the churches, 1,256 coming by baptism. There were 84 vacation Bible schools with an enrollment of 5,400. Our mission churches gave a total of \$20,000 for all purposes, \$3,000 of this amount being for missions. To me, nothing expresses the progress being made like the aggressive spirit of the Mexican people.

We are going onward with Christ in training our people and winning the lost. The institutes and conferences as well as local training classes are doing much good.

Nothing will so help our work as the Ida Pearl Bell scholarships for ministerial students and missionary volunteers. This year we have 10 women and 15 men in colleges and seminaries. We expect to have an increase in this enrollment in September.

Striving Toward a Worthy Goal

We are going onward in erecting adequate houses of worship. All over this area the Board has many good places of worship. One of our nearest and most usable mission properties is the recently rebuilt Zarzamora building here in San Antonio. There are two other churches in San Antonio which represent Home Mission work, First Mexican and Calvary.

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This Changing World

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It can scarcely be regarded as inspiring to a nation that is trying its best to find the way to win a stubborn war.

The 40-hour-a-week law appears to be quite secure. Presidents Green and Murray finally consented to relax their demand for double-time pay for holidays and Sundays, unless they were the sixth and seventh day of a work week. Get that? President Green added: "I publicly disavow any strikes of any kind by any A. F. of L. union for the duration."

Colonel Lindbergh accepts a position with Henry Ford in the big Willow Run plant, "in a supervisory capacity." Two very interesting Americans, working together.

Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard continues to ask for more eggs, more corn, more hogs, more soybeans, more cattle, more peanuts—more everything from the farm, with which to win the war. He seems to forget that the farmers are doing their dead level best with a shortage of labor that is appalling. The sooner Washington wakes up to the fact that we can't win this war without sufficient labor on the farms, the quicker we will win this war.

Catholics See Border's Importance

The Catholic Church fully appreciates the importance of the border. The Catholic picture in Texas is both informing and at the same time distressing. Let us look with a prophetic eye at the southwest, trying to see what the future offers or can offer. The information in the table on this page is copied from the Catholic Directory.

The birth rate of the Catholic population is an eloquent proclamation of the fact that we Baptists are not very conscious of the real happenings all over this great mission field. We give figures from the city of San Antonio for the first five months of 1939.

	Births	American	Mexican
Jan.	516	217	274
Feb.	515	201	293
Mar.	538	199	318
Apr.	465	168	279
May	478	198	256

It is only fair to state that the death rate of Mexicans far exceeds that of Americans, but bear in mind that they are learning the laws of sanitation, and the death rate of the Latin race will decline while the birth rate far exceeds that of the Americans. In Medina County in May, 1939, there were 30 births, 24 of which were Latins.

Government Recognizes Problem

The United States government also has ever before it the border problem. Did you realize that the coast line from Port Arthur to Brownsville is 508 miles long? Up the Rio Grande from Brownsville to El Paso is more than 1,000 miles.

San Antonio alone, according to a statement by the Chamber of Commerce, had 10,000 soldiers in the air service before the war. The four flying fields comprise the largest capital investment in aviation of any place in the world.

The United States government, prior to the war, had invested in the city of San Antonio alone \$40,000,000, and \$2,300,000 was appropriated before war was declared to enlarge the work there. Keep in mind that we are speaking now of only one city in Texas.

The activity of the government in San Antonio is only typical of what is happening from Port Arthur to Brownsville and from Brownsville to El Paso.

The only salvation of the Border is the Gospel. Not with soldiers, not with airplanes, not with the sword, but with the Gospel of love, can we conquer the Border.

If the kingdom is to come among the Mexicans they must be evangelistic and missionary. Our Mexican preachers are evangelistic. They baptize on an average 25 people each in a year.

As we think of the Mexican and tomorrow we feel that real progress is being made. On every hand we have noted triumphs of the Gospel.

Lamar Street Pastor--

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Pastor Sparkman has held afternoon services there once or twice a month. The work has grown until now Rev. Ernest Hollis is serving as mission pastor, preaching twice monthly. The mission is now on a self-sustaining basis. Since the Lamar Street Church opened this work, there have been 25 additions.

1942 GOALS FOR DISTRICT 17

President—Rev. L. L. Trott, Rotan

Assn. and Director	New New	Ind. Tr. New Study	C. Study	Std	U's	U's	U's	U's	U's
Callahan—A. Brown, Clyde	U's	U's	U's	U's	U's	U's	U's	U's	U's
Cisco—Ewell Bone, First, Breckenridge	25	2	3	1,550	25	2	20		
Fisher—Mrs. Frank Kingsfield, R. 2 Rotan	4	3	4	500	10	3	10		
Haskell, Walter Copeland, Weinert	21	3	4	175	10	4	14		
Jones—Mrs. Ted Russell, Hamlin	14	1	3	200	15	2	12		
Stonewall, C. N. Gilbert, Jayton	5	1	3	175	6	2	5		
Sweetwater—Miss Jaxie Short, Abilene	32	5	3	1,500	20	3	32		
Total or District Goal	118	19	24	4,250	90	19	116		

WORKERS IN CHINA ARE GRATEFUL FOR AID

(Foreign Mission Board)

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Hayes of South China (in their personal reports) are praising the Lord for enabling them, new in their seventies, to share in ministering to the suffering. Though the past year has been a serious time of testing of their faith, yet by God's grace they have triumphed. In the midst of scenes of suffering, sorrow and hunger, they have had the joy of seeing many of the unfortunate come under the power of the Holy Spirit and be born again. Though Mrs. Hayes has served in many ways, yet her work with sick children impresses us most. The majority of these suffer from diseases which follow slow starvation and are caused by eating refuse from the street. She and Miss Lydia Green have worked together in the care of these little ones, using money sent from home by friends of the friendless for the purchase of milk, medicine and other necessities. Helping to meet such dire need has brought real joy to them as well as to those helped.

When the outlook of the hospital was gloomy and the staff scattered, Dr. and Mrs. Hayes, instead of evacuating, "stayed by the stuff" and wrought so effectively as to care for the greatest number of clinic patients in the history of the hospital. Eight hundred registered as inpatients, and from 4,500 to 5,000 per month in the clinic.

OUT-OF-STATE AID COMES FOR HOSPITAL CHARITY

The following donations have been credited to the charity fund at Hendrick Memorial Hospital, reports Superintendent E. M. Collier:

New Mexico Baptist Convention, \$3.10.
W. M. U., Peacock Church, 24 qts. peas, 12 qts. fruit; Mrs. W. P. Wright, Abilene, canned goods, magazines; W. M. U., West Side Church, Wichita Falls, canned goods; Y. W. A., Olden Church, 6 dresser scarfs.

The following is a corrected list of the donations from the W. M. U. of the Southside Baptist Church, Abilene. The list was incorrect in the March 5 issue of the West Texas Baptist: 9 towels, 3 sheets, 1 pr. pillow cases, 6 wash cloths, 6 pts. jelly.

MISSIONARIES IN HAWAII MINISTER TO SOLDIERS

From Honolulu came reports of varied kinds of mission work carried on by Baptist missionaries there. A new center for work among soldiers has been opened in the business section of town. Here Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Stewart and Miss Helen McCullough keep "open house" for the thousands of American men who need just such a place in which they can read, rest and enjoy their hours of leisure.

In another section of Honolulu, Miss Alice Huey is working with the women and children. A reading room and a play room are kept open, and various missionaries hold meetings, Bible classes and music classes. Miss Clarabel Isdell tells of working in six junior organizations and in a Sunday School primary department.—F. M.B.

EVANGELISM AND MORE EVANGELISM—A GRAND WORK

By William H. Joyner,
State Evangelist

In these days of change and upheaval, of hate and darkness, we need to do everything within our power to evangelize effectively and broadly. Far more than we have done should we do along this glorious line. Lyman Beecher said: "The greatest thing in life is to save souls." Dr. A. T. Pierson, far famed pulpiteer asserted: "To save others is a grand work, and so magnificent a result that for its sake one might well consent not to be saved himself." David Brainerd uttered these words: "I cared not where or how I lived, or what hardships I went through, so that I could gain souls for Christ." A great professor in Edinburgh once exhorted his students, "Gentlemen, reckon your message a failure unless souls are converted to Christ." Moody wrote: "There should be a tear in the eye when one speaks of the lost." (Prov. 11:30). The revised version slightly changes the wording, and says, "He that is wise winneth souls." Certainly both are true.

PAID IN FULL

At the Southern Baptist Convention in Baltimore in 1940, Southern Baptists pledged two hundred thousand dollars to help British Baptists in their Foreign Mission program. The final six thousand of this sum has been sent to England.—F.M.B.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR BIBLE?



By Orval A. Hendon

Can a man fellowship and commune with God? I John 1:3.

Can a church member walk in sin or darkness? I John 1:5.

Can a Baptist say he or she has not sinned? I John 1:10.

When a church member sins who is our advocate? I John 2:1.

If a man hates another is he a Christian? I John 2:9.

Should a Baptist love the world or things in the world? I John 2:15.

What are the three sins of the world? I John 2:16.

Is there only one antichrist in the world? I John 2:18.

If a person denies the Son, Jesus, does he have the Father? I John 2:23.

What is God's love toward us? I John 3:1-3.

A person who hates his brother is a murderer, says the word of God. Can a murderer be saved? I John 3:15.

LOST OPPORTUNITY

By Edward B. Jenkins

In a distant foreign city we stood on the deck of a round-the-world liner and watched two officers of the ship help a man up the gang plank. We inquired as to what was the matter with him and was told he had a serious attack of asthma. After the evening meal we sat on the deck of the steamer and watched the stars come out like diamonds in the tropical sky. Then a voice said to us: "Go up into the hospital room and see the man who had the attack of asthma." We thought, O, he has the doctors and nurses, and off to bed we went. That night the sick man sent for a passenger on the boat to give a farewell message to his loved ones back home; but the steward missed the number of the stateroom, and no one was with him save the nurse when he passed away.

Next morning at the breakfast table we inquired as to how he was and was told that he had passed away during the night. Our conscience smote as we had not obeyed the Holy Spirit, and the man went out without a kind word or prayer, and there were six ministers on the ship. We bowed our head and asked forgiveness and promised the Lord not to fail him again.

"As we have opportunity let us do good to all men, especially those of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:10).

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On Making The Way Plain

By JOE R. MAYES

Just a Few of My Own Observations
I have been right here and have had but little to do but listen to the different programs coming over the radio, and being minded as I am, the religious programs are most interesting to me. I have heard so many sermons, and some of them have been very interesting, some others have been astonishing, but a criticism on all of them, I think, is due. I have heard a lot about the second coming of Christ; all sorts of interpretations have been made on the Scriptures that do, or seem to, bear on that subject. I have heard a lot of good preaching about obedience, and the word of the Lord has been on this subject, used rather carelessly. I have not time to go into all the different kinds of preaching I have heard, but I must stop and offer my observations.

I have not heard any one come out boldly on the great old doctrines of "Sin, Repentance, Faith, Regeneration (the new birth), and the good old doctrine of Predestination, or Election. To be sure all of these doctrines, unless it be Election, have been mentioned, that is some of those preaching would say you must repent, you must have faith, or you must be born again, but I mean they have not given any idea what it is to repent, have faith, be regenerated. They have not told us what sin, with all of its terrible results and consequences, is.

Now I know Jesus is coming again, and I know we must be obedient to him, or we will want some mountain to hide us from him when he does come, but my word is that it is more important to preach to the people to do the things that are absolutely necessary to be ready to meet him when he comes and those things are plainly set forth in the Word.

They are: Repentance, and a preaching of that is something more than just a mention of it, it's so important. There is so much more in it than just turning around and starting out on a different road. It is an absolute break with Satan and a giving up of sin, and one can't repent without help from God. It is by his free grace that we are granted repentance, and it is by that same grace that we have power to repent.

Then there is Faith, and just to mention that is not to give it the important place that it deserves. It should be preached so that sinners will understand that it means more than to just believe that there was a Jesus, and preached so that a lost soul will know that to get freed from sin he can find refuge in Jesus, and that is found by repenting of sin and believing on the Lord Jesus Christ. Putting it simply, it is turning from sin and Satan and turning to Jesus, accepting him and his free offer of care and salvation.

And this brings the New Birth. When he surrenders to Christ, accepts him, the Holy Spirit then by his power recreates the sinner and makes the soul a child of God. This is the thing and the only thing that gets one ready for Christ's second coming. Now, what if one knows ever so much about prophecy, if he is ever so well versed in the different theories concerning the Lord's return, and yet he is not ready for his return, what will it profit him? I am of the opinion that the way to get this world ready for the return of our Lord is to preach to them the real truth of sin, its awful consequences and its remedy, and how they are to prepare themselves for it, and that will require the preaching of Repentance, for Jesus said, "Except ye repent ye shall perish," so it is either repent or die. He also said, "He that believeth not on the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him." So, it is be-

lieve or die, and then one must be regenerated, for Jesus said, "Except ye be born again ye cannot see the kingdom of heaven." So it is the new birth or no heaven. Now I believe in baptism as strongly as any one, not in the same way that some, to be sure, but I am for it as the Lord has taught us to have it. I believe in holding out faithful as strongly as anybody. Yes, I believe in all of it, of course not as some teach. But with all my heart and soul I believe that the great doctrines of Repentance, Faith, Regeneration, Election, the Inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, are just as important as the doctrine of Baptism, Faithfulness, or the Second Coming of Jesus, and I can't see but that they are more important, if one of the great truths are more important than another.

I am making this plea: You, my brother preacher, whoever you may be, when you have an opportunity to preach, give out the word of the Lord. Don't fail to denounce sin, not sinners so much as sin. Lay emphasis on the way out of and from sin and its condemnation. Don't forget the Cross, but be sure and magnify the Christ of the cross. Let all who stand in the pulpits ring the bell when they have a chance about the importance of the new birth. Make it sure that if you have a lost soul in your congregation, he will understand what he is to do in order to be saved. What would you think if after you had preached the last sermon to some one, and that one while dying should say, "I just never could understand how to be saved. I went to hear the preacher but I did not understand what he meant. I did not get it and now it is too late?"

I close with this story that was told me by a woman. She said a young man was invited to a meeting, and went. His friends were interested and talked to him, and he became interested. As the services went on he became more and more interested. The preacher preached to them about Jesus, made a nice sermon of it, and then made the call for people to come accepting the Christ he had preached to them. He told them all they needed to do was to just accept Jesus, and for them to come give him the hand as a sign that they did accept. Our young man wanted to do just what he needed to do, and here was a preacher telling him to come shake hands with him and by that say he was accepting Christ, so he did it. Then he was told he needed to join the church, which he did, and was baptized. Well, after a while, he was hurt in a car wreck and died, but before he died he awoke to the fact that he was not ready to go and in terror he begged somebody to do something for him. But it was too late, for when they told him to just trust the Lord, he would say, "No, I tried that and it didn't work." And he died crying for somebody to help him.

This woman said that the preacher was a good man, a splendid preacher, and was trying hard to help lost people to get right, but in this case he was too over-zealous, did not use the caution he should, misled a poor soul, and in place of helping, hindered. Now, perhaps, I have done just such a thing, making the same mistake. If I have, I pray the Lord to forgive me and I promise that I will always try to be more careful, and see to it, if possible, that the way is made so plain that no one will make any mistake and fail to get to the Lord.

I have made this as long as a sermon and maybe it will not be interesting to any one. I hope no one takes it in the spirit of criticism. I don't mean it that way at all. I am desperately anxious about the matter of guiding the destinies of eternal souls, and I am just as sure as I live that when the Lord calls one to preach he wants him to guide poor lost souls to the refuge, JESUS CHRIST.

MEGARGEL STUDY COURSE

With a Sunday School enrollment of 84, Megargel Church enlisted 92 in a study course with three classes taught by Pastor and Mrs. Guy Lewis and Rev. Alvin Hattón of H-SU. Three young men were converted and one young woman offered herself for special service.

John J. Toombs of Abilene assisted Rev. Hattón in forming a Royal Ambassador organization into which 21 boys were initiated. They adopted the name Edward Jenkins chapter and meet at the church twice weekly, playing ball before the meeting.

The Brotherhood is the service organization of the church.—E. S. Cummings.

Thirty-Fourth Annual Meeting District Seventeen Texas WMU, First Baptist Church, Stamford, April 14-15 1942

"Laborers together with God."—1 Cor. 3:9.

"Oh, send out Thy light and Thy truth."—Psalm 43:3.

Send Out Thy Light

PROGRAM

TUESDAY MORNING

9:45 O'CLOCK

Mrs. J. B. Buckley President, Presiding
Mrs. L. Q. Campbell Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer
Mrs. J. S. Pierce Recording Secretary
Jean Brownfield President's Pages

Mary Jean Yates Timekeeper
Mrs. Tate May Pianist
Mrs. L. H. Hendale Organist
Mrs. W. B. Teyman Chorister
Mrs. W. C. Russell Chorister

9:45-9:55—Song Service:
Woman's Hymn: "Come Women, Wide Proclaim."
Hymn For 1942: "The Light of the World is Jesus."
9:55-10:05—Devotional Mrs. W. F. Taylor, Rotan
10:05-10:15—Solo Mrs. T. R. Harrison, Stamford
10:15-10:25—Greetings Mrs. Miles B. Hayes, Stamford
10:25-10:35—Response Mrs. Sidney Cox, Clyde
10:35-10:50—Presentation of Local W. M. U. Committee, Mrs. George Flournoy, Stamford.
Report on Order of Business.
Appointment of Committees.
Nominating Mrs. C. R. Sims, Stamford
Resolutions Mrs. Perry King, Roby
Recognition of New Members, Visitors, Pastors and Missionaries.
10:50-11:05—President's Message Mrs. J. B. Buckley, Abilene
11:05-11:55—"Send Out Thy Light" through our Associations.
Callahan Mrs. Norman Coffey, Cottonwood
Cisco Mrs. L. L. Trotter, Rotan
Fisher Mrs. Bob Speck, Rochester
Haskell Mrs. C. R. Sims, Stamford
Jones Mrs. F. T. Whitaker, Jayton
Stonewall Mrs. J. R. Spaulding, Abilene
Sweetwater Mrs. Olivia Davis, Dallas
11:55-12:25—Address
12:25-12:30—Announcements.
Adjournment.
12:30-1:30—Lunch.

"Oh Send Out Thy Light"

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 O'CLOCK

1:30-1:40—Song Service.
1:40-1:50—Devotional Miss Ramey, Hendrick Memorial Hospital
1:50-2:05—Plans of District Missionary Rev. J. H. Littleton, Abilene
2:05-2:20—West Texas Baptist Mr. E. E. Dudley, Abilene
2:20-2:30—Duet Mrs. H. C. Michael, Mrs. T. R. Harrison, Stamford
2:30-4:40—Send Out Thy Light Through:
Stewardship Mrs. D. O. Gray, Rotan
Missions Mrs. Ed. Hahn, Swenson
Personal Service Mrs. C. V. Stephens, Baird
Periodicals Mrs. W. E. Clark, Potosi
Bible Study Mrs. C. M. Caldwell, Abilene
Young People Mrs. O. B. Woodrum, Abilene
Mission Study Mrs. A. A. Palmer, Moran
Benevolence Mrs. Geo. L. Paxton, Abilene
Ministerial Relief Mrs. A. E. Batson, Clyde
Hendrick Memorial Hospital Mr. E. M. Collier, Abilene
Buckner Orphans Home Mrs. Hal F. Buckner, Dallas
Adjournment.

Meeting of Executive Board.

TUESDAY EVENING

7:30 O'CLOCK

Mrs. O. B. Woodrum, District Young People's Sec'y., Presiding
Song Service.
Devotional Roby Y. W. A.
Special Music Int. G. A., Y. W. A. Ensemble, Stamford
Dramatization of G. A. Hymn Hamlin G. A.
Skit: "The Value of a Boy" Anson R. A. Chapter
Message Mrs. Olivia Davis, Dallas
Ushers: Royal Ambassador Boys, Stamford.

"Oh Send Out Thy Light"

WEDNESDAY MORNING

9:30 O'CLOCK

9:30-9:40—Song Service.
9:40-10:00—Devotional Mrs. J. P. McBeth, Anson
10:00-10:45—Conferences.
10:45-11:00—Our Gifts and Services Mrs. L. Q. Campbell, Abilene
11:00-12:30—Send Out Thy Light Through:
Christian Education Mrs. N. A. Moore, Abilene
Margaret Fund Mrs. J. H. Littleton, Abilene
"My Future" Miss Carmen Arroyo, Abilene
"Experience" Rev. Melville Chatfield, Abilene
"Hardin-Simmons Plus My Future"
"Southwestern Training School" Frances Osborne, Abilene
Quartet Male Quartet of Hardin-Simmons University
"Christian Education" Dr. Truett W. Walton, Abilene
Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 O'CLOCK

1:30-1:40—Song Service.
1:40-1:50—Devotional.
1:50-2:05—In Memoriam Mrs. H. H. Ramsey, Abilene
2:05-2:20—The Boys' Dormitory at Howard Payne College Mrs. J. H. McClain, Brownwood
2:20-2:30—History Mrs. B. M. Whitaker, Haskell
2:30-2:40—Girls' Ensemble Stamford
2:40-3:00—Report of Methods and Finance Committee
3:00-3:15—Report of Committees:
Election of Officers.
Selection of Place for 1943 Meeting.
Reading of Minutes.
Adjournment.

COMMITTEES

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ATTENDANCE REPORTS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 29

The following reports have been received for attendance on Sunday, March 29. Send attendance figures to Box 1560, Abilene, Texas.

Church	Att.
Amarillo, First	1865
Abilene, First	1201
San Angelo, First	965
Wichita Falls, First	948
Albuquerque, First	945
Breckenridge, First	794
Vernon, First	779
Wichita Falls, Lamar Ave.	755
Pampa, First	651
Borger, First	602
Brownwood, Coggin Ave.	602
Plainview, First	578
Sweetwater, First	490
Coleman, First	365
Burkburnett, First	352
San Angelo, Immanuel	317
Wichita Falls, South Side	283
Wichita Falls, Highland Heights	268
San Angelo, Park Heights	256
Wichita Falls, North Side	186
Johnson Chapel	47

SENTENCE SERMONS

By O. D. Henley
Leave it to the Devil to promote evil.
The Devil makes the worthy unworthy; the Lord makes the unworthy worthy.
Love longs to be returned.
The abnormal are apt to be sub-normal.
Faults advertise themselves.
Impatience is never an asset.
Ignorance is often one's chief possession.
More are fickle than faithful.
Prayer-makers are not law-breakers.
Faith is a foundation upon which you can build many worthwhile things; doubt is a foundation upon which you can only build more doubt.

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Book Review

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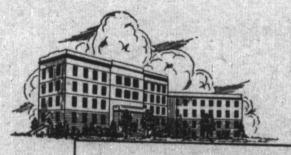
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