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RAMBLING



By DICK O'BRIEN

RAMBLING REMARKS

I have felt not a little depressed the past few days. . . In the first place I always feel like I have let down a friend when I do not get these remarks in to Mr. Dudley. In that case I know he is put to the extra work of finding or writing something worth while to fill this space. In the second place I feel badly about what I said about Charlie Dossey's typewriter. My parents, teachers and Sunday school teachers have always taught me to respect old age, and to think I would so far forget myself to actually go into print after the fashion of two weeks ago. . . I have expected a kick back from Charlie but so far nothing has happened. It may be because Charlie cannot write longhand, and the typewriter has finally refused to respond to its master's touch, and that is no more than I would expect. . . Do you believe in things, "being sent on," people? All my life I have heard people say, "no doubt that was sent on him for the way he did so-and-so." Well, I don't know but I notice my new typewriter, that is it was new a year ago, which has just been cleaned, oiled and adjusted absolutely refuses to backspace. This is about the most aggravating thing a typewriter can do to me and I am wondering if it was "sent on" me for the things I said about Charlie's antique. If so, I am glad things are not "sent on" according to what we think, as well what we do or say. . . Speaking about respect for old age, did you read the one about the boarding house mistress who rebuked one of her boarders for criticizing the coffee, saying, "You should be ashamed of yourself. Remember you'll be old and weak yourself some day." Which brings up the conversation between two boarding house addicts in which one said to the other, "the butter was strong enough to walk over to the coffee and ask it how it felt, and the coffee was too weak to answer."

Here is one that would fit better in Dr. Jeff D. Ray's column. He is always, in class-room and newspaper column, giving practical and needed advice to young preachers, but here's the story: A certain woman ran a boarding house where a group of hungry working men ate. Especially at the evening meal when they came in from a hard day of toil and sat down to hot rolls and fresh butter they were ravenous. They would plunge the knife deep into the butter, coming up with a cargo which taxed the capacity of the carrier and with furious elbowing would spread, smear would be a better description, the

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EVENTS TO COME

June 20-26 — Woodlake Encampment, Sherman.
June 28-July 8 — Texas Baptist Encampment, Palacios.
July 4 — Ruidoso Assembly, Ruidoso, N. M.
July 6-9 — Girls Auxiliary Camp, Lueders.
July 10-17 — Menard Encampment, Menard.
July 12-21 — Alto Frio Encampment, Leakey.
July 17-26 — Sunday School Conference, Ridgecrest.
July 18-29 — West Texas Encampment, Lueders.
July 20-27 — Central Texas Encampment, Hillsboro.
July 24-29 — B. T. U. Conference, Ridgecrest.
July 29-Aug. 5 — Piasano Encampment, Alpine.
July 31-Aug. 5 — Milam County Encampment, Cameron.
July 31-Aug. 5 — Home Mission Conference, Ridgecrest.
Aug. 1-11 — Falls Creek Assembly, Ardmore, Okla.
Aug. 8-11 — Boys' Camp, Lueders.
Aug. 8-14 — Canadian Encampment, Miami.
Aug. 14-21 — Gambrell Memorial Assembly, Prescott, Ariz.

RECOGNITION RALLY FOR PRESIDENT SCARBOROUGH

Recognition of the election of Dr. L. R. Scarborough to the presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention and especially emphasizing the denominational program as led by him, will be observed in a rally, sponsored by Tarrant County Baptists, at Cowden Hall, Seminary Hill, Monday, June 20.

Services will begin at 10 A. M. and continue through the day. Barbecue lunch will be served at noon. Southern leaders as well as prominent Texans will appear on the program.

Program

- 10:00 A. M.
Ramsey Pollard Presiding
10:00 Worship and Song.—I. E. Reynolds.
10:15 Purpose of Program and Introduction of Visitors.—Chairman Pollard.
10:30 Leadership as Seen from the Standpoint of a Citizen.—Hail Lattimore.
10:50 Leadership as Seen by Other Churches and Denominations.—L. D. Anderson.
11:10 Leadership in its Relation to the W.M.U.—Mrs. B. A. Copass.
11:30 Leadership in the Work of the Tarrant County Association.—C. E. Matthews.
12:00 Special Music.
12:05 Leadership in Relation to the Growth of the Southwestern Seminary.—Jeff D. Ray.
Barbecue Dinner.
2:00 P. M.
Bradley Allison Presiding
2:00 Worship and Song.—I. E. Reynolds.
2:10 Leadership Through Christian Literature.—F. M. McConnell.
2:35 Leadership in State Mission Work.—R. C. Campbell.
3:00 Leadership in Christian Education.—W. W. Hamilton.
3:25 Leadership in Preaching the Word.—M. E. Dodd.
4:10 Leadership in Missions.—W. R. White.
7:30 P. M.
W. Douglas Hudgins Presiding
7:30 Worship and Song.—I. E. Reynolds.
7:45 Leadership in Financing Kingdom Work.—Frank Tripp.
8:15 Special Music.
8:20 Leadership in Evangelism.—Roland Q. Leavell.
8:55 Address.—L. R. Scarborough.

CLYDE CHURCH BUILDING ESCAPES DEVASTATION

The house of the Clyde Baptist Church and the home of Pastor J. F. Tierce were out of the path of the storm which devastated a large section of that attractive little city Friday night, killing twelve persons outright and injuring a large number of others, two fatally.

T. W. Briscoe, principal of the public school, who succumbed to injuries Sunday night without regaining consciousness, was associate superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school and assistant choir director. He was the only member of the Baptist church to lose his life. Mrs. J. B. Easterling, who was among the instantly killed, was a member of another faith but Mr. Easterling is teacher of the Men's Bible class. Mrs. J. H. Baxter, mother of Mrs. Easterling, was the other death from injuries. Mr. Easterling and Mrs. Briscoe, who is intermediate superintendent in the Sunday school, are still in the hospital but are expected to recover.

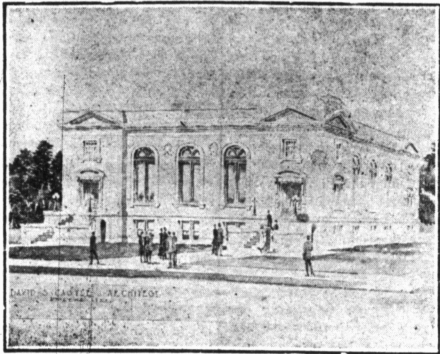
Among the homes utterly destroyed, beside those of the Briscoes and the Easterlings, was that of J. E. Bagwell. Mrs. Bagwell was principal of the splendid vacation Bible school which was in progress in the Clyde Church. The Bagwell family escaped injuries.

Another Baptist family that lost all their home but the soil, yet escaped unhurt, were the Otto Rogers, who leaped into the family car and drove to safety, reversing the experience of another unfortunate family who left a house which remained undamaged and drove to death in the wake of the storm.

Brother Tierce worked with his neighbors practically all the night of the storm and the next day doing all he could to assist the suffering and to relieve the bereaved and distressed.

Pastor Dick Griffin of Oplin will begin a two-weeks revival in Vaughn, New Mexico, on Tuesday, June 21.

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UNIVERSITY CHURCH OBSERVES FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

REV. C. A. POWELL STAYS THROUGH FRUITFUL YEARS

An all-day service, celebrating the culmination of fifteen years of work together as church and pastor, was planned for Sunday, June 12 by Rev. C. A. Powell and University Church, Abilene. Evangelistic services were held at both morning and evening hours of worship but the plans for dinner on the ground and an appreciation service in the afternoon were postponed in deference to the bereaved in the Clyde calamity. Pastor and Mrs. Powell spent Friday night in rescue work at Clyde.

Prominent in the anniversary observance is a revival meeting for the church, continuing through this week with the pastor doing the preaching. There is deep interest manifested with special emphasis on prayer preceding the evening sermon.

The program which the church had planned for Sunday afternoon, in which members were to have the opportunity to express publicly their appreciation of their beloved pastor, has been postponed till a later date. The theme of this session was to be "Clearing the Way for the Future" with 10 minute talks by representatives of the different departments of church work. J. M. Cook was to speak for the Sunday school, Ed. Francis for the B. T. U., Mrs. J. H. McLaughlin for the W. M. U., and Roy Skaggs for the Brotherhood.

Music for the Sunday program was in charge of Mrs. Lola Gibson Deaton, head of the Voice department of Hardin-Simmons University. Commissioner Luther Webb is directing song services for the revival during the week, with Curtis D. Owen bringing solo numbers.

In the course of the past fifteen years University Church has built a commodious, three-story educational building and has remodeled the main structure, making room for a total of 80 Sunday school classes, equipment and furnishings are complete for Sunday school and B. T. U. work, including pianos in all departments.

Since 1925 the Church has maintained a Standard Sunday school, with a high degree of efficiency.

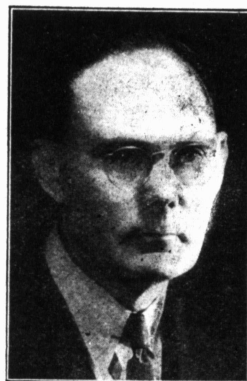
Among other forward movements of these years, a comfortable and attractive home for the pastor, across the street from the church has been bought and paid for.

Pastor Powell is much in demand for revival meetings and as a speaker in associational and state gatherings. Recently he declined an urgent call from the church at Rotan to remain at the scene of his labors in the shadow of Hardin-Simmons.

Charles A. Powell was born in Johnson county, Ark., and came to Texas with his family when he was 14 years old. He lived first at Mart, in Central Texas, and then moved to a farm north of Vernon.

It was while living at Vernon that

PASTOR



Rev. C. A. Powell

Powell began preaching. He was licensed and ordained in the Vernon Baptist church. Talmadge, in the Vernon area, was his first pastorate.

After preaching for several years, Powell went to Fort Worth to enter the Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary. After completing his work there he accepted the pastorate at Knox City, then spent two years as pastor of the church at Monday, then served four years with the Rule Baptist church before accepting a call to the University church. Actual date of his move to Abilene was June 1, 1923.

EDUCATIONAL DIRECTORS TO MEET AT SEMINARY

The matter of establishing a standard for Baptist churches similar to methods of grading the auxiliary bodies will come up for discussion at the Southwestern Baptist Religious Educational association, which meets August 30 to September 1 in annual session at Southwestern Seminary. The purpose of the association is fellowship among Baptist church educational workers and the discussion of problems of organization, enlistment and dealings with individuals.

Officers for the 1938 meeting are: President, Dr. A. E. Tibbs, Carrollton Avenue Church, New Orleans; Vice-president, Lee Stulce, Ada, Oklahoma; Publicity chairman, J. D. Riddle, Abilene; Secretary, Inez Weston, Associate secretary, Mrs. Ellis Pro-A. Attendance of 200 is expected this year.

A plan for church grading was submitted at the 1937 session by a committee composed of R. A. Springer, Amarillo, and Walter Jackson, Houston. It was referred back to the committee for further consideration and report this year.

Suggested points of grading include ten points somewhat on the order—

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LUEDERS ENCAMPMENT EXTENDS WELCOME

Dick O'Brien, Camp President

It is many miles in any direction from the Lueders Encampment Grounds on the banks of the historic Clear Fork of the Brazos to any other assembly where Baptists of central West Texas can find a program of recreation, study and fellowship peculiarly fitted to their needs. Therefore, as president of district 17 convention under whose direction the encampment is held, I want to extend a cordial invitation to neighboring districts, associations and local churches to attend our annual session for 1938. The encampment begins on July 18 and continues to July 29. To those who do not have cabins on the encampment grounds there will be ample room for tents. Cots for rental purposes will be on the grounds, and meals in the camp dining room may be had by the single meal, by the day or by the week. A meal ticket for the entire duration of the camp can be bought for practically what it would cost one to stay at home the same length of time.

One of the most attractive programs ever offered to an encampment congregation has been outlined. This completed program will appear soon in the West Texas Baptist, with the names of some of the outstanding leaders among Southern Baptists on it. Any question concerning the camp should be addressed to The West Texas Baptist, Box 1560, Abilene, or to Rev. Henry Littleton, Hamin, Texas, who is business manager. District missionary Rev. B. N. Shepherd, 2404 Simmons Avenue, Abilene, or Dick O'Brien, Stamford, Texas, are also in position to give most any information you may desire.

Let's get together for a season of fishing, playing, resting, praying, preaching, teaching and fellowship on the banks of the Clear Fork July 18-29, 1938.

HASKELL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

Workers Conference, Haskell Baptist Association, Meeting With Cottonwood Baptist Church, Tuesday, June 28, 1938.

Theme: "The Soul Winner."

- 10:00 Song and Praise.
10:15 Some Prerequisites for The Soul Winner.—S. L. Tidwell.
10:40 The Winner's Faith and Convictions.—E. S. Freeland.
11:05 Song.
11:10 The Winner's Spiritual Passion.—C. E. Wainwright.
11:35 Sermon.—G. W. Thomas.
Lunch.
1:30 Board Meeting.
2:00 Song and Business.
2:10 Sermon.—Houston Scott.

GIRLS CAMP AT LUEDERS

Mrs. Dick O'Brien

First of all I want to fix in your minds the exact date of the Girls' Camp at Lueders, July 6-9. The program beginning with registration will open at 2:00 p. m., Wednesday, July 6, and will close at noon on Saturday, July 9.

The program will be recreational, devotional and inspirational in its nature. Evangelism will be stressed by our camp pastor, Rev. B. N. Shepherd, who will speak twice daily. Last year not an unsaved person left our grounds.

The recreational program will be under able supervision and will consist of swimming, fishing, horse-shoe pitching, soft-ball and other games. You are bound to make many new friends and have a grand time at this camp.

There will be study courses designed to meet the needs of all ages of Juniors, Intermediates and Young People.

To the surrounding districts, associations and churches who do not have a camp within their own territory we extend a hearty welcome to come and camp with us, and enjoy this program. Some of the very best leadership in our district and state is to direct the work.

Registration fee will be fifty cents per person, and all eight meals may be had for \$1.50 per person, making the entire expense for one person only \$2.00. Supper will not be served on Wednesday evening, please think to bring a picnic lunch along for that evening.

Address inquiries to Mrs. Dick O'Brien, Young People's Leader, district 17, Stamford, Texas. The printed program will be in the West Texas Baptist next week.

MISSIONARY



By B. N. SHEPHERD
Missionary, District 17

WEST TEXAS ENCAMPMENT AT LUEDERS

Mr. Dudley, our efficient editor, seems to have accidentally put the right name on our Encampment. It is not just a local affair, but is for ALL WEST TEXAS, as well as for all who can come. We are very anxious for all WEST TEXAS to feel that it is THEIR CAMP. All the camps are theirs. The Girls Camp will be JULY 6-7-8-9. All girls, Sunbeam, G. A., and young women Y. W. A. ages are urged to come. Come and camp and do your own cooking, eating and tent camping if you want to. You are just as much a part of the camp that way as any. The Missionary did that last year a good part of the time, and will likely do the same this year.

Boys camp will be AUGUST 8-9-10-11. All boys R. A. age are wanted. Well, we want you so badly that we would come and get you if we possibly could. A great time awaits you.

The WEST TEXAS ENCAMPMENT date is JULY 18-29. The first week the courses and conferences for the B. T. U. work will be offered. Along with that we are to have courses in the W. M. U. offered. That is B. T. U. and W. M. U. week.

During the second week we will have Sunday School courses and conferences offered. That week we are endeavoring to cover all phases of Sunday School work.

On Saturday night we hope to have all laymen for a Barbecue, with Ollie Webb as speaker. Every wise person wants to hear Ollie Webb.

We want every body who can do so to be in the camps. YOU are wanted.

The Worker's meeting of the Sweetwater Association was well attended and the program was surely fine. We met with the Mt. Olive Church. That is a heroic little church. Not so many in number, but above par in quality. The people planned, prepared and served a sumptuous lunch. It was served in the Road Side Highway Park a mile south of the church.

Pastor Powell is doing the preaching in the University Church, Abilene, this week. Good crowds and great interest is reported. A number have been received into the church. A full report will be given next week.

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The Worker's Meeting of the Callahan Association was well attended and we enjoyed a good program. It

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PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES

Friday, June 17—

Blanche Ham Rice (Mrs. John L.), evangelistic worker, Maceio, Brazil; Bettie S. Lide (Mrs. F. P.) evangelistic worker, Hwanghsien, China.

Saturday, June 18—

Miss Catherine Bryan, educational worker, Shanghai, Ku, China.

Sunday, June 19—

A. C. Donath, evangelistic worker, Shaki, via Lagos, Nigeria, Africa.

Monday, June 20—

W. Maxfield Garrett, educational worker, Seinan Gakuin, Fukuoka, Japan; Alice Bagby Smith (Mrs. Harley), evangelistic worker, Caixa 118 E, de R. G. do Sul, Porto Alegre, South Brazil; Miss Harriett Law King, evangelistic worker, Pochow, An, China.

Tuesday, June 21—

Arthur S. Gillespie, evangelistic worker, Kaifeng, Honan, China, now home on furlough at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

Wednesday, June 22—

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Averitt, missionaries to Indians, Calvert, Ala.

Thursday, June 23—

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Heard, missionaries to the Indians, Box 721, Chandler, Arizona.

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Page 4 of this issue of the West Texas Baptist is a poster advertising the West Texas Encampment at Lueders. The program committee and the publicity committee request pastors, educational directors, Sunday School superintendents, departmental superintendents, B. T. U. directors and Union presidents, W. M. U. officers—all who have an opportunity, to place this poster in a conspicuous place as possible to give publicity to the Encampment.

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Editor

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CLYDE

She stood, clasping a muddy Bible to her breast, clinging to a few torn garments which she had salvaged out of the wet sand. She was the mother of a growing brood without a shelter of their own. Only the churned sand was left where the home had stood. Of the shading trees there remained only a few stark, barkless sticks. But she clung to the remnant of her Bible and looked forward, bewildered, yet trusting.

That courageous mother typified Clyde. Stricken she was, but clinging to faith where she could not understand, she went ahead, making the best of things.

Over the radio Sunday, Dr. Atwood quoted, "Suppose ye that these were sinners above all others because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay: but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Aid was instant and generous. Gradually new houses will take form. Eventually, other trees will hide the nakedness of the earth. At last the only scars remaining will be those left in the hearts of men and women and our Father will heal those in that day when he will wipe away every tear.

TURNING OUT OLD HORSES

It is to be hoped that Texas churches respond as freely as did those of South Carolina to the plan for retirement of aged pastors. It is a challenging program to take care of a worthy work in an adequate way.

From time immemorial, offerings have been taken occasionally among Baptists for Old Ministers Relief. They had about the same stress and a similar response as the collection for associational minutes.

No self-respecting farmer keeps a faithful horse until he is too old to work and then turns him out in the lane to shift for himself until death ends suffering. "How much then is a man better than a sheep?"

The hire, of which the Master said the laborer is worthy, is not for the day only, but also for the evening-time of a life of service. The promoting of this retirement plan is a task for the laymen to perform. Pastors will respond whenever churches place themselves in cooperation. But they hesitate on taking the initiative.

Nobody ever likes to buy an old horse, though he may be a bargain, because they dislike dealing with him when he wears out. Churches hesitate to call pastors who have reached middle age and the prime of usefulness because they fear a breakdown will leave them burdened with a helpless man, whom in common decency they can not cast aside.

The new plan for retirement of pastors, if freely adopted, will dispel these fears. The pastor, who through age or illness, finds himself disabled will have an assured income and will become a burden to no one.

A preacher worth his salt was a man before he was a preacher. Being a man he feels responsibility for his family and for the old man whom he may be some day. We now have the privilege to help him make that provision in an easy way and so free his mind from worry that he may give the best of himself to his Divine calling.

We have here an opportunity which we can not afford to neglect. Southern Baptists are said to be the only large denomination which does not adequately provide for its ministers. We must not allow such a condition to exist.

THE DRIVE ON INDECENT LITERATURE

Abilene Reporter-News

Chicago is a pretty hard-boiled town, used to the odor of rotten politics, the smell of the stockyards and the bloodshed of frequent gangland rides. But there are some things that not even Chicago will stand for.

Obscene literature, for example.

Police completed their second month's drive against purveyors of printed filth last week with the arrest of three clerks. In all, one hundred persons have been arrested in the drive, 50,000 copies of spic and "art" magazines seized. The police, so the story goes, intend to keep up the good work until Chicago dealers quit handling such trash.

This follows similar campaigns in New York, Boston and elsewhere. It has been reported that Catholic organizations plan to take the same measures that compelled the movie moguls to clean up motion pictures a few years ago—refuse to buy anything from dealers who handle obscene magazines. Sometimes economic pressure gets results when appeals on moral grounds fall flat.

Certainly it is a worthy movement, one that deserves widespread support. Presses work overtime turning out indecent magazines and books that appeal to the lowest in human character. And many so-called respectable publications have not been above stooping to the gutter in pursuit of the profit motive.

Our own town is not entirely free from risque or obscene magazines. Maybe the police have been overlooking something, or are just naturally more tolerant of filth than New York, Boston and Chicago?

Quickest way to get results is to boycott dealers who carry such trash as sidelines. That is even more effective than periodic police raids and public burnings of offending publications.

GROWING CHURCH AT DEXTER

By W. C. Garrett, Roswell, N. M.

Ten days ago there was a Baptist church organized at Dexter, New Mexico. (Not the old church reorganized, but an entirely new church, not a person in it that ever was a member of the Baptist Church that once existed in Dexter. We hope that some of those who once were members of the Baptist church which was there, but went entirely out of existence several years ago, may come into this new church some time soon.) With a charter membership of eleven. Three days later three more members were received (one for Baptism) then on the following Sunday, June 12th, at the morning preaching service (Lee Vaughn preaching) seven people were saved and all united with the Church and were baptized that same afternoon. Soon after the baptismal scene the people again gathered for worship in the church and after a very brief sermon by the Missionary, W. C. Garrett, six more united with the church by letter, bringing the membership of the church within ten days after organization to twenty-seven.

The Church also has a fully organized Sunday School and Baptist Training Union, each with full set of officers, teachers and leaders, and both functioning now with a few borrowed supplies, but are eagerly waiting for the new supply of literature and expect to start working toward the Standard with the First Sunday in the new quarter. These people have the grace of God and courage, and are determined to make their new church one of the best in the state. Pray for them, for they will need lots of encouragement from others. Just knowing that others are interested in them and praying for them will help much.

The Mexican Baptist church at Dexter, under the leadership of our Home Missionary, Sanches, is prospering in a wonderful way. Earlier in the day last Sunday (the 12th) they had their services in the Baptist Church building there and had three conversions, all of them uniting with the church, and Brother Sanches baptized them in the afternoon.

ELMDALE PARSONAGE BURNS

Pastor Finis Williams and the Elmdale Church recently had the great misfortune to lose the pastor's home and all contents. The building was partially insured but all household effects were a total loss. The West Texas Baptist deeply sympathizes with Brother Williams and his splendid wife and the great-hearted church in this severe loss.

LUEDERS

The Lueders church is having fine services. On June 5, five persons were baptized. Three others united with the church, two by letter and one for baptism.

On June 12, Mrs. Minnie Webb presented to our church, for the baptism, a beautiful painting four by eight feet. The church is very grateful for this sacred gift.

Our meeting will begin July the 23rd, with Rev. Chas. T. Tally of Ranger, Texas, doing the preaching, and Avery Lee of Hardin-Simmons leading the singing. Pray for us that we may have a great revival.

L. F. MORELAND, Pastor.

42 REVIVALS PLANNED IN SWEETWATER ASSOCIATION

Plans are being worked out by seven zone leaders in Sweetwater association under the chairmanship of Rev. E. D. Dunlap to reach every community in the association with a revival meeting this year. Already plans have been made for 37 meetings in churches and five in mission points. Others are expected to be arranged later. This association-wide campaign is part of the evangelistic program which is under way throughout all Texas and the entire South.

ROCHESTER PLANS CENSUS

Sixty workers from the Rochester Church will engage in a religious census on Sunday, June 19. More than 100 square miles will be covered in securing information preparatory to a revival in August. This far in advance of the meeting, Pastor J. Lowell Ponder and the members are daily praying and planning toward reaching many lost.

Fruit of this spiritual attitude is showing in increasing attendance at Sunday School which now averages around 200. More than 120 enrolled in their first Vacation Bible school which closes this week with around 100 in average attendance.

Pastor Dean Elkins of Divide will begin a revival at Sunset Church, Abilene, June 22.

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News Notes

Rev. Sam Malone, who publishes the Seminole Sentinel for a living and preaches for the love of souls, is maintaining a mission at Wasson, new oil center in Gaines county. He had the pleasure of preaching the first Baptist sermon in the town and keeps regular appointments twice a month. He is also pastor of Klondike Church, a half-time field in Lamesa association. Sam Jr., who is visiting friends in Abilene this week, states that his father is very happy in his work.

The Hitson Church, Rev. Alexander pastor, is already making plans for their summer revival which will begin on Friday before the third Sunday in August. This fine half-time rural church has a Standard Sunday school, an enthusiastic Brotherhood and a well-attended mid-week prayer meeting.

Pastor J. D. Vaughan and the Boyd's Chapel Church in Jones county had a good day Sunday, there were good crowds, fine fellowship and five additions to the church. Most of the members of this fine, growing church read the West Texas Baptist.

Dr. N. A. Moore, professor of Bible at Hardin-Simmons, was guest preacher at First Church, Sweetwater, Sunday, June 12.

The Baptist Church of Dexter, New Mexico, was reorganized recently during a revival meeting under the direction of Missionary W. C. Garrett, assisted by pastors of the Pecos Valley Association.

Arkansas Baptists are announcing that they are now free of debt.

The Church at Olney, Rev. W. H. Townsend pastor, celebrated its fortieth anniversary on Sunday, June 12. A revival meeting led by Evangelist Sid F. Martin of Fort Worth commenced on the same date.

Rev. L. A. Blair, aggressive new pastor at Sheffield, recently had Rev. H. F. Aulick of San Angelo to conduct an eight-day Stewardship revival. Evangelistic results may be expected to follow.

Dr. A. D. Foreman, Jr., of San Angelo, was with Pastor Ellis and the First Baptist Church, Sherman, in a revival of power and deep spirituality.

Rev. Roy Shahan, who recently resigned the pastorate at Rule to accept a call of the Littlefield Church is now on his new field. Brother Shahan is one of our fine young leaders and the prayers of the West Texas Baptist and a host of friends in District 17 follow him to this splendid little city.

A man 69 years old was among the converts at a service at Valley View, Texas, conducted by Miss Emily Beck of Gainesville, a returned missionary from Brazil.

Pastor W. D. Green has resigned at Knox City effective July 1.

Rev. Phillip Brown of Crane recently assisted in a revival at Imperial. There were 18 conversions in a church with only 30 members.

Miss Olive C. Pound, a consecrated Christian teacher and frequent visitor in Abilene, is recovering from an accident in her home in Long Beach, California.

Another glorious revival was held by Evangelist Hyman Appelmann at Nashville, Arkansas, where there were 98 additions to the church.

In a young people's revival conducted by Rev. Luther Holcomb and Jack Gardner at Bonham, there were 66 conversions, with 55 for baptism. This splendid team is at work at Greenville this week, following which they go to Terrell and to Liberty.

Miss Nannie Lou Williams will spend the summer in B. T. U. work in the West Plains Association. Mrs. Earl Hobbs of Littlefield is associational B. T. U. director. Rev. Roy Shahan, new pastor at Littlefield, is a wheel-horse in B. T. U. work.

An enrollment of 81 with 60 taking the examinations was recorded in the B. T. U. training school at Spur. Rev. C. R. Joyner, formerly of Merkel, is pastor and Mrs. W. P. Shugart is Training Union director.

Mrs. J. D. Riddle of Abilene is in Fort Worth at the bedside of a brother who is desperately ill.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

June 19, 1938

By Hight C. Moore

THE SUFFERING SERVANT

Mark 15:22-39

GOLDEN TEXT: For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. Mark 10:45.

The midnight agony and betrayal of Jesus occurred in the Garden of Gethsemane. Arrested and shackled, Jesus was carried back to the city for the mock trials. Three of them were ecclesiastical—the first before Annas, the second before Caiaphas, and the third before the Sanhedrin in legal session after daybreak. Three of the trials were civil—the first before Pilate the Roman governor, the second before Herod Antipas who was visiting in Jerusalem at the time, and the third before Pilate again who now signed the death warrant. At nine o'clock on that Friday morning Jesus was crucified between two thieves at Golgotha. After six dreadful hours on the cross he bowed his head and gave up the ghost.

1. Submission of the Suffering Servant

Jesus was crucified with robbers. That was the bravest and the kindest thing that Jesus ever did. Angels would have been glad to rescue him. He could have saved himself from the agony and the ignominy. Yet he went winningly to the altar of supreme sacrifice. When the executioners and the victims and the rabble reached Skull-Hill outside the city limits northward he was offered drugged wine which was designated to deaden the pain. He refused to drink it. With faculties unclouded he would endure the cross. So they nailed him hands and feet to the rugged tree. The executioners took his clothes as their perquisite under the Roman law, parting his outer garment among them and casting lots for the seamless undergarment to ascertain which of the four soldiers should have it. The title dictated by Pilate declaring Jesus the King of the Jews was affixed to the cross over his head. Two thieves were crucified with him, one on the left, thus fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah that he was to be numbered with transgressors.

2. Spite Against the Suffering Servant

Jesus was challenged by passerby and chief priests. The passersby in bitter railing and haughty mockery challenged his word about the Temple when he referred early in his ministry to the temple of his body which should rise from the ruins of death and not to the Temple cresting Mount Moriah. The chief priests and Scribes challenged his work as Saviour, failing to recognize the fact that by giving his life he was to save the lives of others. They challenged his title as king of the Jews daring him in blasphemous terms to come down from the cross in order to convince them of his Messiahship. Even the crucified thieves joined in the general reviling, though one of them later offered his prayer of penitence to the dying Lord and so rose from the Place of the Skull to the paradise of God.

3. Sacrifice of the Suffering Servant

Jesus completed his sacrifice in outcry to the Father. At noon the supernatural darkness fell like a dense pall over the whole land and lasted for three full hours. During this awful period there was the outcry of infinite, spiritual, Father-forsaken loneliness as expressed in the burning words of the great Psalmist. The people misunderstood the quotation as a call to Elijah, but it was the cry of a spiritual experience infinitely deep in its bearing on human salvation. So Elijah did not step out of the unseen world to his relief as bystanders thought he might as they lifted the vinegar sponge on a rod to his lips. It was at three o'clock in the afternoon that Jesus cried with a loud voice declaring, "It is finished!" In quieter tones must have come the last words, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." Then the breath left his body which hung limp and lifeless on the cross. Instantly the great Temple curtain concealing the Holy Place was torn from top to bottom, thus symbolizing universal access to the Mercy-Seat through him who died at Calvary as the friend of sinners.

4. Salvation by the Suffering Servant

Jesus was characterized by the centurion. Salvation through the cross was certainly conceded if not candidly confessed by the centurion who as superintendent of the execution, stood facing Jesus in his last moments, saw him die, and declared him to be the Son of God. Can we read the sacred record without reaching the same conclusion?

Christ Suffered and Died for Us

(1) The Willing Christ. "They bring him unto the place Golgotha." Voluntarily, with deliberate purpose, and after long anticipation, Jesus "endured the cross." He was not overpowered, but "gave himself."

(2) The Atoning Christ. "They—crucified him." The cross on which Jesus was hung was much more than an instrument of torture and machine of death; it was an altar of sacrifice.

(3) The Kingly Christ. "THE KING OF THE JEWS." The title Pilate gave him, whatever its design, was not inapt. He was not only the kingliest of the Jews, but their rightful King and King of all the earth.

(4) The Rejected Christ. "They—railed on him—reviled him." To the depths he went when they stripped him, nailed him to the rough wood, uplifted him before the morbid crowd, taunted him, saw him die.

(5) The Challenged Christ. "They—that passed by—railed on him—the chief priests mocking they that were crucified with him reviled him." The vinegar dripped from bitter tongues into his dying ears. How cruel were their challenges! Silently he heard it all.

(6) The Shielded Christ. "There was darkness over the whole land." Nature folded a canopy of black across the face of the sun and darkness prevailed for the three fiercest hours of the day. He suffered in the glare; he died in the dark.

(7) The Forsaken Christ. "My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" When he looked up into the black heaven his cup of agony overflowed in that heart-breaking utterance of utter loneliness.

(8) The Dying Christ. "Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost." At last treachery and trial, scourge and thorn, nail and challenge did their worst. The paroxysm of dissolution, and—Jesus was dead!

(9) The Effectual Christ. "The veil of the temple was rent." Why did the great Temple curtain tear in two when Jesus died? Because through him all men can have access to the Mercy-Seat and the Holy of holies.

(10) The Recognized Christ. "Truly this man was the Son of God." Not the living Jesus, but the dying Christ was acknowledged by the centurion as the Son of God. In his death he accomplished more than in all his life.

Daily Bible Readings

June 12—A Cry of Distress. Psalm 42:6-11.

June 13—The Suffering Servant. Foretold. Isa. 53:4-9.

June 14—The Crucifixion. Mark 15:22-23.

June 15—The Great Sacrifice. Mark 15:33-41.

June 16—The Sealed Tomb. Mark 15:42-47.

June 17—Christ's Priesthood. Heb. 6:13-20.

June 18—Suffering and Serving. I Peter 3:13-22.

SENTENCE SERMONS

By O. D. Henley

A sermon in a nut-shell may be all right, but a nut-shell in a sermon is a different matter.

The devil is a deceitful despot. Better sensible than sensitive. You cannot hoard or borrow time. God's great love makes possible his great forgiveness.

EVENTS IN OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY

C. C. Andrews, Baird, Texas

Who was the man that sold his birthright for a mess of pottage, and what was the occasion?

Read: Genesis 25-34.

JONES COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

Sunday School work in Jones county is going forward nicely. The Sunday School work is divided into four zones. Only three zones, however, are functioning at present. Zone 1, Rev. W. L. Daniel Group Supt., led all zones in report last month, with eight churches represented, seven pastors and five S. S. Superintendents present; and a total of 152 persons attended the program. The average grade for entire zone was 65 percent. Rev. Daniel is certainly leading his group in a fine program.

L. F. MORELAND, Associational Superintendent.

Rev. C. D. Owen, assisted by his son, Curtis D. Owen, song leader, will conduct a revival meeting at the Community Center mission at South Sixth and China, Abilene.

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THE TEACHING AND WORK OF JESUS

By W. H. Albertson, Pastor,
First Baptist Church, Munday.

Synopsis of sermon preached Sunday evening June the 5th, 1938:

"The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach," Acts 1:1.

Theophilus was a Gentile Christian of High intellectual, social, and political rank. Luke addresses him in his Gospel as "most excellent Theophilus."

In the text Luke states, "of all that Jesus began both to do and teach." Let us reverse the order and discuss for a few minutes what Jesus taught and did.

He taught that we should love God with all the heart, with all the soul, with all the strength, and with all the mind; and that we should love our neighbor as our self. He illustrates the love we should have for our neighbor by the story of "A certain man" who went down from Jerusalem to Jericho (Lk. 10). The priest and the Levite as result of their own selfishness forever fade out of the picture. The Samaritan proves to be neighbor to the unfortunate one. He imagines himself in the wounded man's place and does as he would wish to be done by. Love is translated into life-service. By the way, this is a good illustration of Mark 10:31 which we had in our S. S. lesson of a few Sundays ago. Those whom you would most expect to help the wounded man failed, and the one from whom you least expected help rendered the greatest possible service.

Love demands that we should leave all, take up our cross, crucify self, and follow Jesus. Love is far afield until self is crucified and the feet follow a surrendered will in the path where Jesus leads.

Love would do good to those who would despitely use us, and would forgive indefinitely—even to seventy times seven. It would lead us to love our enemies, to turn the other cheek, to go the second mile, and to give our coat also. Jesus taught if God comes into our lives His love will lead us down into the valley of compassionate service and lift humanity to transformation in Christ, and to the mountain of transfiguration with Christ.

Jesus Backed Up His Teachings With What He Did.

He was baptized. The voice of God and the Holy Spirit both witnessed to this public setting apart to the task ahead. Jesus forever dignified and glorified the baptismal ordinance.

He overcame the Devil in the mastery of life. Bread is not all of life. Living is worth more than life. The kind of life we live is worth more than making a living. "Say, brother, how are you living?" You do not have to worship at the Devil's shrine to achieve what this world has to offer.

Jesus preached repentance. He, like John the Baptist, laid the axe to the root of the tree. If the life is ever right sin must be gotten rid of in God's way. No white-wash will do here, the life spring must be cleansed.

Jesus lived according to the Law. He fulfilled its every demand. God let down a plumbline from heaven on Mt. Sinai, in it man saw his sin, and to it he could not measure. Jesus

measured up, and we are straightened in Him.

Jesus died that God might be just and at the same time justify the ungodly. He satisfied the justice of God, met the demand of the broken law, and reconciled God and a lost world.

He was buried.

"Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me;

Buried, He carried my sins far away;

Rising, He justified freely forever;

One day He's coming—O glorious day!"

He explored the confines of the unseen world and came back with the keys of victory (Rev. 1:18). Death lost its terrors in Jesus' return from His conquest of the grave.

Jesus arose from the dead to justify the lost sinner, and to become the first fruits of them that slept. He arose to guarantee to us that the cemeteries, where there are so many sad parting, will be places of glorious, nappy reunions.

"O glorious day!"

COLEMAN WORKERS DISCUSS PROBLEM OF LIQUOR ADS

"Our Attitude Toward Beer Advertising," discussed by a group of laymen, was the unusual feature of the workers conference of the Coleman association which met at Harmony Church, Tuesday, June 14. Pastor O. D. Carpenter of Talpa discussed, "Prevention Rather Than Cure with Reference to Beer." Rev. E. Elmer Dunham of Santa Anna brought the sermon of the day and Rev. Jasper Massagoe, Coleman, made an evangelistic address. Devotionals were led by Rev. S. K. Shepherd of South Coleman Church and Rev. W. H. Coalson, pastor at Burkett and Eureka. A special season of prayer for revival was led by Rev. F. R. Dill.

McCAULEY PARSONAGE DEDICATION NEXT WEEK

The dedication of the new parsonage of the McCauley Church, already occupied by Pastor John P. Hardesty and family, will feature the Fisher Workers conference next Tuesday, June 20. Rev. C. E. Dick of Ovalo, former pastor at McCauley, will deliver the dedicatory sermon. Visitors are expected, not only from Fisher county, but from several adjoining associations.

WORLD EVANGELISM THEME OF FOARD-WILBARGER MEET

How to make soul-winning agencies of world evangelism of the Sunday school, the B. T. U. and the W. M. U. was the thought of all discussions in the associational workers conference which met at Rock Crossing Church, June 14. Rev. W. B. Fitzgerald, Rev. Ward C. Morrison, and Mrs. W. N. Martin were topical speakers and Rev. B. F. Lawrence brought the sermon of the day. Devotional services were led by Rev. W. B. Teal.

Indications are that the goal of 400 for the Vacation Bible School at the First Church, Vernon, will be exceeded before the session closes with a commencement program Sunday evening, June 19. Influence of the Spring revival is shown in the continued growth of the Sunday school of this fine church.

KELLY BARNETT DIRECTS YOUNG PEOPLES REVIVALS

Haskell Church had a week of spiritual rededication, June 5 to 12, in services for young people led by Rev. Kelly Barnett, H-SU graduate and formerly pastor at Talpa. He is spending his vacation from Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, in a series of young peoples revivals. Monday, June 13, he commenced two weeks of study course and revival at Paint Rock. Following that he has an engagement with Pastor Dick Griffin and the Oplin Church.

In a quick-basket collection Sunday morning First Church, Abilene, contributed \$327.50 for the victims of the Clyde tornado. Other gifts by members of the congregation before and after the services swelled the amount well over \$500.00.

Miss Viola Humphrey, missionary China, whose furlough was recently marred by major surgery, was advised last week by her physicians that she will probably be able to return to China about the first of the year. She is happily making plans to return to her war-torn people.

The Baptist parsonage at Stanton was wrecked in the storm which struck there Saturday night. Provisionally, no one was injured. We sympathize with this church and pastor.

HAMLIN SUBSCRIBES

A club of 126 families of First Church, Hamlin, will now receive the West Texas Baptist. Thank you, Pastor Littleton, and your splendid church.

USING OUR MIGHT

Sunday night I heard a young minister tell the story of a little girl who had been trying to do a task but had failed. Finally she turns to her Daddy and said, "I have tried with all my might and I just can't do it."

Her father replied, "No you haven't tried with all your might. You haven't asked me to help you and I am a part of your might."

What a fine thought. The preacher applied it to help from the Almighty. I would like to apply it to our community.

Quite often individuals or groups in a community try to accomplish certain results but fail because of insufficient help.

This is a good time for all of us to ask each other to help our community to try with all its might—try to have better schools and better churches and to be a more prosperous and happier community. — Amos Harper in Seagraves Reporter.

Editor Harper has made a fine application of the above to community building. In unity there is strength. It is easy to build a town or community if "the might" of that community can be enlisted. It is often the case that a small group have to carry the load. Some of the citizens of a community are only indifferent to matters pertaining to public welfare, while others, unfortunately, are openly opposed to almost every movement of progress.—Seminole Sentinel.

MISSIONARY MESSAGES

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met with the Atwell Church. Bro. Rube Ivie and the people of that community had everything ready, lunch and all. Further plans were made for the Summer's Evangelistic campaign. They expect to have a meeting in every available place. Bro. H. D. Blair, Missionary of the Cisco Association, was there and brought a splendid message.

Bro. Ross Respass reports splendid progress being made at Dressy. They are having conversions right along in the regular services. The church has adopted a well balanced budget, covering all phases of the Lord's work. You can always count on Ross Respass and his gifted, consecrated wife leading in the right direction.

The Cottonwood Church will begin putting the rock on the church building within the next few weeks. It will be one of the beauties when it is finished. With little extra cost they have doubled their space by making a basement the same size as the upper building. DeWitt Van Pelt is doing a monumental work there.

Joe Mayes says S. L. Tidwell is a splendid preacher. Tidwell is preaching in a two weeks revival at Baird. There have been several additions both by letter and baptism. We will hear further from them next week.

Brother Byron Fletcher of H-SU is singing in a revival meeting at Carls-

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bad, N. M. We hope to have a report from them.

Mr. Curtis Owen, a splendid soloist and gospel singer is ready for revival meetings this summer. Contact him, Abilene, 13th and Orange. He is one of the most consecrated young men I know. He has several years experience back of him. Keep him busy.

CLUB PLANS

Readers will note some changes in our published subscription rates. Any church which can secure ten subscriptions may have the West Texas Baptist at 60 cents per year for each subscriber.

Churches which wish to include this paper in the budget will furnish us with addresses of families who are to be subscribers and the church treasurer's check for the monthly rate of five cents each. But for our second-class mailing privilege, this would barely pay the cost of mailing.

EDUCATIONAL DIRECTORS TO MEET

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der of the six-point system used in Sunday School grades and the eight points in B. T. U. The plan contemplates calling a church "Standard" when it has an average grade of 75 percent on all ten points and does not fall below 50 percent on any one point.

The ten tests for grading are: 1. Spiritual, which includes an average. Please Use the Poster on Page 4 of half the resident membership attending preaching, one-fourth attending prayer meeting and maintaining a family altar, continual soul-winning, immediate enlistment of new members in befitting service and stewardship, and a definite, supervised musical program.

The next three tests and the last pertain to the organizations within the Church. They provide for a standard Sunday school, B. T. U., and W. M. U. with regular study courses, and a Brotherhood meeting monthly with 25 percent of the resident men in attendance.

Other tests provide for cooperation with the denomination in gifts, use of publications, and denominational causes; for business-like administration of church organization and finances; the teaching and practice of stewardship and tithing; and the observance and teaching of recognized Baptist doctrines.

It is expected that much discussion will center about this question at the coming meeting.

RAMBLING REMARKS

(Continued from page 1)
butter on the hot bread. This grated on the cultured nerves of the landlady until one day she ventured to speak to the men about it. Offended they pushed back from the table and said, "Well, if you don't want us to eat bread and butter, we won't." In a gentle voice she replied, "it's not that boys. I like to see you eat, but the way you spread it on, that worries me." . . . I know folks like that. What they say and do is not offensive, but the way they say or do it often is. . . . Remember the wise man who said, "A soft answer turneth away wrath." . . . I have often known of sermons being ruined by the way the preacher "spread it on." But I am getting personal now, and I try not to talk about myself in this column. . . . Speaking, as we did earlier in the column, about going into print about a matter reminds me of some advice I read somewhere to the effect, "In dealing with a man, do right; in dealing with a woman, don't write." I believe that's a good rule to follow. For once the column is very near all right. . . . In closing this week I want to record my thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Kimbrough host and hostess of Fort Worth Hall, Seminary Hill, for their thoughtful treatment while I was there for the Evangelistic conference, and was half sick the whole time.

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Dr. E. S. James of Vernon is in a revival meeting with Pastor W. M. Joslin and the Albany church. Euell Porter of Brownwood is song leader. This is Dr. James second meeting at Albany.

DR. SANDEFER RECOVERING

President J. D. Sandefer of Hardin-Simmons, who has been ill since commencement, recently submitted to minor surgery at Hendrick Hospital and is slowly recovering. The health of Dr. Sandefer has given his family and friends concern for some time and the board of trustees wisely relieved him of much of the detail of administration. However he has been active in the interests of the University this spring and made a number of trips which have resulted in increased funds for his beloved institution.

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I believe that the Lord has blessed our hospital in a greater way than any hospital in the State of Texas, probably because we have been going through a time when we were not able to help ourselves. If we expect to receive those blessings in the future, we must do all that is within our power, otherwise, we will be forgotten.

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