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REMARKS



By DICK O'BRIEN

Well, here we are back in the old home county court house listening to the talk of prospective jurors, lawyers getting ready to go into important cases, and the suave palaver of those who have announced for office this election year, along with others who are still undecided whether to run or not. If you couldn't get rambling remarks out of a situation like this, then you better close the column. Our family has lived in the county for well over fifty years and it is interesting to walk through a crowd of natives and have them greet you by any one of the eight names or nicknames of the eight boys in our family. We all look very much alike and do not expect the public to keep our names separate, so we answer to any one of the eight names if none of the other boys are around. I have been called John, Edd, Fred and Norman within the past 30 minutes, and not a man who talked with me knew the difference. . . . I picked up another reader last week but he is not the sort we are soliciting. I have a card from Elmer Dunham, of Big Spring, and he calls attention to what he considers a discrepancy in the column last week. He claims that I was inconsistent in saying that we took baked yams from the ashes and pone bread from the skillet and added butter and honey fresh from the hive. He says that you do not take fresh honey from the beehive at the same season of the year that you bake yams in hot ashes in the fireplace. Well, maybe not, but we want it distinctly understood that people who read this column are not supposed to think. If you are going to force us to be logical and consistent, then we quit. Just such things as this may get around to the other readers and they will begin thinking, and that might set the editor to thinking (a remote possibility I confess), then I will lose my job. . . . Speaking of consistency, I had an experience in Arkansas during the other World War that I shall never forget. We had attended the Southern Baptist Convention at Hot Springs, and had stayed over a week to visit kinfolk. A drive was being made that week for Red Cross contributions, and I volunteered to go out and speak each night over the county. A cousin, the local post master and I were sent one night to a very thickly settled Negro community. Since three of us were to speak we had a definite understanding. (Continued on Page 3)

EVENTS TO COME

- February 20-21—District 8 pastor's retreat, Snyder.
- February 27-28—District 16 Convention, Park Heights Church, San Angelo.
- February 29-March 1—District 7 Convention, Alpine.
- March 5-7, annual state Sunday School Convention, Harlingen.
- March 11-12—District 9 convention, Tahoka.
- March 11-17—Religious Emphasis Week, H-SU.
- March 14-15—District 10 Convention, Borger.
- March 15—District 11 Convention, Olney.
- March 26-27—District Eight convention, Midland.
- March 28-29—District 17 convention, Breckenridge.
- April 16-17—Annual W. M. U. convention, District 17, First Church, Abilene.
- May 2-3—Meeting for associational officers in Training Union, Waco.
- May 13-16—Evangelistic Conferences, Seminary Hill.
- June 12-16—Southern Baptist Convention, Baltimore.
- June 24-30—West Texas Assembly, Camp Lueders.
- July 2-12—Texas Baptist Encampment, Palacios.
- July 8-10—Girls Camp, Lueders.
- July 9-17—Menard Baptist Encampment, Menard.
- July 10-12—Boys Camp, Lueders.

H-SU BIBLE CONFERENCE MADE ANNUAL OCCASION

The Hardin-Simmons Bible conference will be an annual affair by the enthusiastic vote of visitors in attendance at the session meeting this week in the university auditorium.

Arrangements for 1941 were placed in the hands of a board of ten directors chosen at the Tuesday evening session following the adoption of resolutions presented by Pastor H. D. Bruce of Midland providing for permanent organization. All sections of West Texas are represented in the board.

The board personnel consists of six pastors, two district missionaries and two laymen as follows: Missionaries J. C. McKenzie, Amarillo, and J. Henry Littleton, Abilene; Pastors W. M. Turner, Pecos; Charles T. Talley, Childress; Phillip C. McGahey, Breckenridge; C. R. Joiner, Spur; W. T. Hamor, Winters; and H. D. Bruce, Midland; Laymen R. E. Dudley and J. M. Cook of Abilene.

Revises Early Tradition Inaugurating the Golden Jubilee pilgrimages to Hardin-Simmons, which will be held from time to time through 1940 and '41, the Bible Conference revises an early tradition of old Simmons College when famous Southern Baptist theologians and pulpiter orators gathered for a week every winter.

Living up to the standard of Bible exposition and inspirational appeal set by the theological giants of the earlier generation, were the profoundly interesting lectures on Genesis by Dr. J. B. Tidwell, head of the Bible department of Baylor University for 30 years, and the dynamic addresses of Dr. John W. Raley, president of Oklahoma Baptist University.

All sections of West Texas, with a sprinkling of visitors from other states, were represented in the large attendance. At most of the sessions the preachers were outnumbered by laymen and women.

Various reasons necessitated some changes in the program as previously published. Missionary John M. Riddell of Wichita Falls was ill with the flu and a round table discussion of pastor's problems occupied the time allotted to him. District Missionary W. C. Harrison of Odessa responded to the address of welcome by Executive Vice-President Rupert N. Richardson instead of Missionary A. C. Huff of Plainview, who spoke later on the Brotherhood movement.

Dr. Fred Eastham of Wichita Falls brought a forceful devotional talk on "The Power of Unconscious Influence." (Continued on page 4)

DISTRICT 16 CONVENTION MEETS AT PARK HEIGHTS

Meeting at Park Heights Church, San Angelo, February 26 and 27, will be the annual joint convention of the Sunday Schools and Training Unions of District 16. Meeting on the same dates will be Negro and Mexican conventions at which several of the speakers of the main convention will appear.

San Angelo Baptists will furnish bed and breakfast to out of town visitors. Rev. Lawrence Hays, host pastor, will welcome visitors.

Among out of district speakers will be Rev. J. M. Sibley of Sweetwater who will deliver the convention sermon and Rev. C. A. Powell of University Church, Abilene, who is to bring an inspirational address.

The Training Union address will be by Dr. T. C. Gardner, Training Union secretary for Texas, and the Sunday School address by G. S. Hopkins, Sunday School missionary for the state.

"What Selecting Officers Has to Do With Success," will be the subject discussed before the Training Union conference by J. D. Riddle, Abilene, president of the Training Union Convention of Texas.

The keynote address on the convention theme, "Forward with Christ," will be delivered by Rev. Clarence Morton, Ballinger pastor. Dr. J. M. Bradford of Brownwood will present Buckner Orphans Home. Other speakers at the general sessions will include Dr. Thos. H. Taylor, president of Howard Payne College; Ray Rosell of San Angelo; and Pastors E. E. Dawson of Goldthwaite and N. E. McGuire, San Angelo.

The first session will begin at seven Monday evening and the last will be Tuesday evening. Following the evening session. (Continued on page 4)

"THE FATHER GLORIFIED" S. S. CONVENTION THEME



DR. T. L. HOLCOMB
Nashville, Tennessee

Southwide Sunday School Secretary



G. S. HOPKINS
Dallas, Texas

State Sunday School Secretary

"The Father Glorified" will be the subject of the keynote address delivered by Dr. T. L. Holcomb at the Texas Sunday School convention at Harlingen, Tuesday morning, March 5.

The dynamic Southwide Sunday School secretary will also speak that evening in First Church, Brownsville, his subject being "Face to Face."

The convention dates this year are March 5 to 7, being a month or more earlier than usual to permit visitors to see the "Magic Valley of the Rio Grande at the height of the orange blossom season. One of the interesting side trips of the convention will be Seminary orchard tour, which will be conducted immediately after the (Continued on page 4)

DISTRICT EIGHT RETREAT TO MEET AT SNYDER

Combining a Pastors' Retreat with a district evangelistic rally, pastors and denominational leaders of District 8 will meet at Snyder February 20 and 21, beginning Tuesday morning and closing Wednesday afternoon.

Out of district speakers include Dr. J. P. McBeth of Dumas, who will deliver a series of four Bible lectures, and Dr. Millard A. Jenkins of Abilene who will discuss "Pastor's Problems."

The evangelistic rally will occupy Tuesday afternoon with Missionary W. C. Harrison presenting district aims and objectives and associational evangelistic leaders conducting conferences. Lamesa association will be led by E. F. Cole, Lamesa; Big Spring, by Fred McPherson, Stanton; and Mitchell-Scurry by Cecil Rhodes, Snyder.

Sermons of the retreat will be brought by Pastors M. H. Godfrey, Lorraine; W. D. Bruce, Midland; E. F. Cole, G. W. Sparks, Roscoe. Devotionals will be given by Cone Merritt, Ernest Phillips and N. W. Pitts. O. C. Curtis of Seminole will lead a testimonial meeting.

Dr. C. E. Lancaster, Big Spring, will discuss "Preparing a Church for a Perennial Revival." R. Elmer Dunham will present the Hundred Thousands and Club, H. L. Wren will speak on Laymen's Opportunities in Evangelism, and Owen Taylor will lead a Round Table discussion.

Presiding officers will be Ira Harrison, J. Wm. Arnett, G. A. Elrod, R. R. Cumble and Fred McPherson. Snyder Baptists will furnish bed and breakfast to visitors.

Will Hold Big Spring Revival Next Week



REV. JESSE YELVINGTON,

Evangelist of the Texas Baptist Convention, who will begin a revival with East Fourth Street Baptist Church, Big Spring, February 19. Rev. Yelvington was the very successful pastor of Baptist Temple in San Antonio, before entering the evangelistic field for full time. He will be in Big Spring two weeks.

DISTRICT 6 CONVENTION IN 1941 GOES TO UVALDE

By Willis J. Ray, Missionary

The district convention of District 6 met with the First Baptist Church of Carrizo Springs, Feb. 1-2. Sixty churches were represented. Though the attendance was small due to illness, the convention was pronounced the best of the six annual meetings. The next convention goes to Del Rio, Feb. 6-7, 1941. Rev. V. M. Hailey of Central Church, Luling, was elected to preach the convention sermon.

Dr. T. W. Gayer of Uvalde, retired as president after two years of effective leadership and Rev. O. M. Thompson of Beacon Hill, San Antonio, elected. Rev. W. L. Rogers, Pleasanton, Sunday School superintendent; Rev. Don O. Covington, Kennedy, Training Union director; Mrs. J. T. Yancy, San Antonio, W. M. U. president; and Grover C. Quillin, San Antonio, Brotherhood leader, were reelected vice-presidents. Mr. Claude O'Neal of Gonzales succeeded R. R. Lloyd as clerk, Mr. C. A. Sлимп of San Antonio was elected for the seventh year as District Treasurer. Willis J. Ray was elected for the third time as missionary.

Dr. R. C. Campbell and Mrs. R. L. Mathis were out of the district speakers and each stirred the hearts of their audience with a challenging (Continued on page 4)

BROTHERHOOD GROUPS ACTIVE IN DISTRICT SIX

By Willis J. Ray

Brethren from all seven associations met in conference at the District 6 convention at Carrizo Springs, February 2. Mr. Grover C. Quillin of San Antonio was heartily reelected district chairman. Rev. W. H. Barsh, Lockhart, reelected Pastor Advisor and Judge A. C. Mogford, Crystal City, vice-chairman of the district.

Three new Associational leaders have been elected to serve this year. They are Ben U. Comalander, Big Wells for Winter Garden; H. C. Richards, Sabinal for Del Rio-Uvalde (both school men); and G. T. Hawkes, Flatonia for Gonzales Association. Mr. Hawkes is a railroad employee.

Reports from the Associational leaders revealed 36 Brotherhood organizations in the local churches. Beacon Hill, San Antonio, recently organized with 33 charter members. The spirit of the conference indicated that the Brotherhood would double its organizations the coming year.

District Chairman Quillin challenged the churches that since the Southern Baptist Convention, the Texas Baptist Convention, the District Convention and the Associations have recognized and given place to the Brotherhood that the church should do likewise. Quillin was quoted by E. E. Pickell of San Antonio as saying, "If you are going to do nothing, I am not going to help." Mr. Pickell, a prominent layman of the First Church, brought the principal address (Continued on page 4)

UNIV. CHURCH LAYMEN SPONSOR LIVE MISSION

Fifty of the 200 people living in the Sears addition of Northwest Abilene are enlisted in the mission Sunday School sponsored by the Brotherhood of University Church.

In the six months since the mission was started with an outdoor revival, there have been around forty conversions, most of whom were people who had no church affiliation or religious interest. Mission leaders state that fully 85 per cent of these young Christians lead in prayer and during the last week 30 of them read the entire Gospel of John.



REV. MILFORD HOWELL
City Missionary

Rev. Milford Howell, H-SU senior, is serving as mission pastor and J. J. Toombs, University Church layman, is superintendent of the Sunday School.

The mission is the outgrowth of a revival meeting held by University Church workers last August. Rev. Howell did the preaching in this revival, assisted the first three days by Rev. J. A. Bristow who is now pastor of Calvary Church, Abilene. Seats were loaned and lights furnished by the University Church.

There were 29 conversions during this revival and at its close a mission Sunday School was organized for the further teaching and guidance of the converts.

Services continued to be held in the open until cold weather when they were transferred to homes of members. To relieve the crowded conditions prevailing in such services, the Brotherhood of University Church (Continued on page 3)

SCARBOROUGH PRESENTED WITH SILVER SERVICE AT SEMINARY JUBILEE

Southwestern Baptist Seminary has just celebrated one of the most significant weeks in all of its 33 years of history. The occasion was the 25th anniversary of the presidency of Dr. L. R. Scarborough, of the founding of the School of Religious Education and the School of Sacred Music. Dr. J. M. Price, and Professor I. E. Reynolds, shared honors alike with Dr. Scarborough in their 25 years of continuous service as directors of the School of Religious Education and the School of Sacred Music.

From the opening address on Monday night by Dr. J. B. Lawrence, secretary of the Home Mission Board, to the closing message Friday afternoon by Dr. H. I. Hester, professor of Bible at William-Jewell College, the series of 19 addresses and sermons was at once informative, challenging, and inspiring.

Dr. George W. Truett brought the four Holland Foundation Lectures on the Master's work and workers. After his message on Thursday evening he presented to Dr. and Mrs. Scarborough a silver service in behalf of a few friends who desired to express the appreciation of all for their unselfish leadership during the 25 years.

Dr. A. J. Barton, Wilmington, N. C., gave the Founder's Day address on Dr. B. H. Carroll as His Pastor Knew Him.

The value and purpose of our seminaries to varied phases of denominational life was the theme of such speakers as Dr. W. W. Barnes, Southwestern Seminary; Dr. C. E. Maddry, Foreign Mission secretary; Dr. A. E. Tibbs, Baptist Bible Institute; Dr. W. R. White, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Dr. John R. Sampey, Southern Seminary; and Dr. T. C. Gardner, Training Union secretary of Texas.

The place of the minister and the gospel he preaches was brought out in addresses by Dr. R. C. Campbell, general secretary of Texas; Dr. Zeno Wall, Shelby, N. C.; Dr. E. D. Head, Houston, Texas; Dr. J. Howard Williams, Amarillo, Texas; and Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive Secretary of the Sunday School Board, Nashville.

The week which marked an increase (Continued on page 3)

MISSIONARY

MESSAGES



By J. Henry Littleton,
1274 N. Second, Abilene

I believe I am going to get over the flu and get back to work at my normal stride in a few days. I hope this does not repeat for several years.

I supplied for the Blackwell Church last Sunday. This is a good church and they are going to call a pastor in the next week or two.

The First Church, Hamlin, gave Brother H. E. East a unanimous call to become their pastor. He still has the matter under prayerful consideration and will give them an answer in the near future.

There are very few churches in our district now without pastors. Not more than a dozen altogether. We hope these are led to call in the very near future. We are going to give some time to visiting these fields in the next few days.

The Missionary will spend this Sunday with Pastor DuBose and his church at Eula in an all-day meeting. We are to teach the book "The Grace of Giving." Many calls are coming for this type of service.

The Stonewall Workers Conference meets with the church at Jayton this Tuesday the 20th.

We have moved to Abilene and are living at 1241 Hickory. Our home telephone number is 5488. Will be glad to see any of you when you come this way. We are officing with Mr. Dudley at the West Texas Baptist office. Come to see us when you are in the city.

The District Board has asked that we continue as business manager of the encampment, until after the camps this year. This we are glad to do. Things look mighty good down there and we are looking forward to the best camps in our history this year.

The Hardin-Simmons Bible Conference is in session now. There was a good crowd present for the opening service. Brothers Tidwell and Raley did their jobs well for the beginning services. We are going to enjoy them very much.

We had many churches that forgot to give to Missions last month. Let's do better in February.

HARTLEY CHURCH TO BUILD EDUCATION BUILDING

The Baptist people of Hartley voted Sunday, February 11, to accept building plans for an education building with eight rooms. The baptistry will also be arranged with dressing rooms on each side. The pastor's study and dining space are also included in the new annex. This enlargement will give ample room for the Sunday School.

The building committee, Clifford Brown, Garty Bryant and Hayden Thompson, are under direction of the church to further plans immediately to execute the blue print and if not hindered by inclement weather, the church hopes to begin to put material on the lot at once.

Pastor E. L. Bowman appointed two other committees on finance and labor.

MISSION BAND TOURS MEXICAN CHURCHES

Programs on the theme "God's Plan in Life" were rendered Sunday in the Mexican missions of Brownwood, Coleman and Abilene by a group sponsored by the Mission Band of University Church, Abilene. Making the trip and participating in the programs were Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Toombs, Rev. and Mrs. Pedro Hernandez, Carmen Arroyo and Alvin Hatton.

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THE RETIREMENT PLAN

According to the latest figures at hand, only about one-third of the Baptist preachers of Texas and less than that proportion of the churches are cooperating in the new retirement plan of the Relief and Annuity Board.

The plan, you recall, provides that the pastor send in three per cent of his salary, the church three per cent and the State Board adds two per cent to provide a retirement income for pastors who are broken down and unable to carry on.

The churches are largely at fault in failing to take advantage of this opportunity. The small amount put in by the church goes to provide for the old age, not only of the present pastor, but former pastors, future pastors, and any other cooperating pastor in the state who comes to the time in life when he may be forced into inactivity.

The money which the pastor pays out of his own pocket will eventually return with interest to himself or to his estate, but the money invested by the church and the denomination is pooled for the benefit of only those soldiers of the Cross who come to the evening of life without strength or income. It is as much a Christian duty as an offering for Old Ministers Relief, and should, in time, supplant the need of such offerings.

CALLING PASTORS

In that significant volume, "Youth Makes a Choice," Dr. Waters stresses the vital seriousness of the choice of a partner for business or for life. Of no less importance to a church and its members is the matter of calling a pastor.

Much too often, the emphasis is upon personal preferences and possibly prejudice, rather than prayer, when we come to this solemn duty. Perhaps that is because most of us who have reached maturity have had much practice in the exercise of our preferences and prejudices and too little in actual prayer.

In the Biblical account of the call of David to become king over Israel, we get a picture of the work of the Spirit in making known his selection of a man. In re-reading the story we notice that before any call was made Samuel was in communion with God and willing to listen to His advice. Then the candidates came up one at a time, while Samuel continued to listen to the verdict of God and each one was considered and definitely declined before another came forward.

It is true, unfortunately, that few churches or church members even remotely approach the close attuning to the voice of God which was the great characteristic of Samuel. We are more akin to the Israelites, who looked upon the outward appearance and acclaimed the majestic Saul.

There are many cross currents of opinion and preference which enter the problem of a church reaching unanimous accord; and only an unselfish attitude and prayer can prevent wounds which are difficult of healing.

A spirit of self-will, of determination to have one's own preference, is the spirit which has destroyed harmony in many a church and wrecked the power of its witness for years to come. A Christ-like spirit will avoid this and will hold the church in readiness to go forward with a new leader under Christ.

In calling pastors, let's pray oftener than we vote.

COMMON HONESTY

Now and again one hears reports of such and such a one, active in church work, perhaps a preacher, sometimes one more or less prominent in the denomination, who has been so careless of the Christ, whose name he bears, that he has heedlessly scattered cold checks or makes no effort to pay just bills for goods or services honestly rendered.

Frequently these credit reports apply to charming personalities who are good neighbors, faithful church-goers, sometimes even active soul-winners or powerful preachers. They would be horrified at the thought of being called immoral, yet a cynical world will often condone gross personal immorality sooner than personal dishonesty.

No reference is herein intended to those victims of economic shipwreck who were caught in the ebb-tide of fortune and have never been able to find secure footing. These deserve Christian sympathy. No doubt the Apostle had such in mind when he said, "Bear ye one another's burdens."

But people who, on large income or small, live consistently beyond their means; those who compel creditors to contribute unwillingly to their well-being; those who in bettered circumstances ignore old debts, which by self-denial could be lifted; these were included when the Master said, "If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee; leave there thy gift at the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, then come and offer thy gift."

The ordained minister should be as jealous of his credit as a pure woman of her good name. In no less degree should that also be true of every one who holds membership in the church. It is bad when there is a reflection on the name of an individual, but it is calamity when it reflects on the church and comes between an unbelieving sinner and his soul's salvation.

Churches are more and more looking into the credit rating of the man whom they call to be pastor. This is as it should be, and the time may yet come when they check up on a member's reputation for honesty before he is admitted to full fellowship.

NEWS NOTES

Pastor and Mrs. Elmer F. Graham of Miles are the proud parents of a new son.

Rev. W. H. Howell, who has been ill, has now recovered and is ready for revival engagements.

Wilmett Church called Rev. E. L. Redden as pastor for half time. He is also pastor at Cottonwood.

Wayland College has established a nursery to care for the children of ministers where both parents wish to attend classes.

Missionary J. Henry Littleton will address the Brotherhood of South Side Church, Abilene, on Friday, February 16.

Dr. Fred Eastham, pastor of First Church, Wichita Falls, was guest speaker for the Brotherhood of Abilene First Church on February 13.

Dr. W. M. Wright is serving during the month of February in the place of Dr. M. E. Dodd, pastor of First Church, Shreveport.

Pastor Clyde Jackson of Caps and Shep would like to get in touch with some church with good used pews for sale.

There have been over two thousand additions to First Church, San Antonio, in three years, 711 of them coming by baptism.

Laymen of Lamesa association had a rally at First Church, Lamesa, on Tuesday evening, February 13, meeting at First Church, Lamesa.

Tabernacle Baptist Church, Fort Worth, where Rev. T. A. Patterson, formerly of Colorado City, is now pastor, has just launched a budget for \$16,000.

Rev. B. N. Shepherd, former missionary of District 47 and now pastor at Hobbs, N. M., with Mrs. Shepherd attended the H-SU Bible conference.

Superintendent and Mrs. E. M. Collier are making marked recovery in Hendrick Memorial Hospital from injuries received in an automobile wreck on February 3.

Dr. E. B. Atwood supplied February 11 at Burk Burnett. They have been pastorless since Rev. M. B. Hays resigned last fall to accept the call of the Dublin Church.

The Lottie Moon offering at First Church, Lubbock, fell only a little short of \$1,000. They will take a special offering for Buckner Orphans Home on February 25.

The Foreign Mission Board has received a cable from Africa reporting the safe arrival of the group of missionaries, including the A. C. Donaths and Miss Lena Lair.

Pastor E. D. Dunlap of Polytechnic Church, Fort Worth, is evangelistic chairman for District 12. The will have their rally at Travis Avenue, Fort Worth, on February 26.

The Southwide W. M. U. committee, meeting this month in Birmingham, voted to double their memberships in the Hundred Thousand Club, in an effort to reach the goal of a debtless denomination by 1945.

Evangelistic Singer Joe Trussell of Brownwood is assisting Pastor A. Hope Owen of Albuquerque in a revival. When the flu prevented the pastor from preaching, the singer supplied in the pulpit.

Workers of Sweetwater Association, meeting at Abilene First on February 8, voted to postpone the March meeting until Thursday the 14th to avoid conflict with the state Sunday School convention which will meet in the Rio Grande Valley March 5 to 7.

The Brotherhood of Necessity Church, where Rev. Guy Lewis is pastor, will have a family night program with supper and good fellowship, beginning at 7 Friday evening, February 16. Rev. Phil McGahey, Breckenridge, and Rev. Dick O'Brien, Stamford, will be speakers.

Rev. and Mrs. Pedro Hernandez, Mexican missionaries in Abilene, take this medium to extend thanks to all the good friends over Sweetwater association who have had a share in brightening their newly founded home.

Hamby Church members surprised Pastor Selby Aswell on Sunday night by bringing him a "pounding" of good things to eat. He and three other

young ministers are doing "light housekeeping" while attending Southwestern Seminary.

Rev. E. L. Redden, pastor at Cottonwood, will be out of college this semester and will be open for engagements in study courses and revivals. He wishes to express through the West Texas Baptist his gratitude for the many courtesies shown his family during the illness of his wife and children.

Evangelist Jesse Yelvington will begin a meeting with Pastor R. Elmer Dunham and East Fourth Street Church, Big Spring, on February 18. During the January blizzard he was with Pastor S. R. McClung and the Perryton Church where there were 20 additions with 12 for baptism and others converted, in spite of sub-zero weather and deep snow drifts.

Rev. H. E. East has resigned at Knox City, after a successful pastorate, to accept the call of the Hamlin Church.

TRAINING SCHOOL ECHOES

By Jessie Belle Vinson
Office Secretary

From West Texas we hear echoes of many fine plans made for training in these various churches. First Church, Lubbock, where Dr. C. E. Hereford is pastor, is planning a series of monthly training schools. The first of this series was held January 29-February 2. The young people's work will be emphasized the week of February 12-16, the adults will be specially trained the week of March 18-23 and the intermediates from April 8-12. This seems a splendid idea to give every phase and department of the Training Union work special emphasis for some one week in each month.

Wichita Falls is planning a great Training Union revival in March from the 17th to 23rd. Some of our finest Training Union workers will assist in this great enlargement campaign.

A great association-wide Training Union revival is to be held in Abilene from February 25 to March 2. Secretary T. C. Gardner, Mrs. T. C. Gardner, Miss Nella Casement are among the workers who will take a part in this great school.

The work among our Negro Baptists-by Brother Chas. T. Alexander, echoes much fine service being rendered by him and those assisting him. All the colored Baptist churches in Austin, will meet at the Ebenezer Baptist Church during the week of February 11-17 for an enlargement campaign to be conducted by Dr. Alexander. He will be assisted in this campaign by Mrs. Edith Spain of Forney Avenue Church, Dallas. There is a great work being done among our colored Baptists and we rejoice with them in the Training Union work that is being promoted so effectively by Dr. Alexander.

SENTENCE SERMONS

By O. D. Henley

It is easier to preach than to pray. You can't rush God. God's due is often overdue. More Christians undo than do. Too often life's lower longings get the upperhand.

Songs lighten labor. The devil cannot enjoy anything. Some talk about their deeds: others with theirs. When you quit praying you begin straying. It is more blessed to believe than to receive. Love perfumes the whole life. Nothing but man uses bad words. It is good to recommend the good. God accepts no alibis. Criticism does not show character. The best things of life are voluntary. Life has many pitfalls, but we don't have to fall into them. Real friends cannot fail you. When you begin doubting, you will quit doing. Dangerous thinking leads to dangerous things. Life's serious problems can never be solved accidentally. Christ craves companionship. Only a human can be inhuman. Heartaches hurt worse than any kind of aches. He who attempts little will do less. What God has I may have. Loving your enemies is better than killing them. War ships do not lead to worship. One sin is too many. Giving till it hurts helps. God makes saints out of sinners. The only way we can live for Christ is to live like Christ. The coldest thing is a cold heart.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

February 18, 1940

By Hight C. Moore

GOOD CITIZENS AND GOOD NEIGHBORS

Matthew 22:15 to 23:39

In the Temple at Jerusalem on Tuesday of crucifixion week occurred the final conflict between Christ and his critics. They united against him and did their utmost to discredit his teaching and to compass his destruction. They challenged his authority to cleanse the Temple, but he transfigured them upon a dilemma from which they could not free themselves. In three parables he gave lightning flashes of warning: The two sons, the householder, and the marriage feast. With instant clarity he answered three captious questions: One about paying taxes to Rome; the second about ties in the resurrected life; and the third about the great commandment in the law. With his unanswered question he put his attackers to complete rout, and with his eight woes against hypocrisy came the final rupture with the religious leaders of his people.

Notes Analytical and Expository

1. Good Citizens are sketched by the Perfect Citizen in his discussion of the poll tax due to Caesar, then Roman ruler of the Hebrew world. Note:

(1) The Good Citizen Among Foes. The questioners of Jesus represented two conflicting parties: The Pharisees who chafed under the Roman yoke, and the Herodians who were truculent partisans of Rome—bad citizens, all of them. They united against Jesus. Their evident purpose was to entangle him so as to get a charge sufficient to place him in the hands of the Roman authorities.

(2) The Good Citizen Under Fire. The question raised by the critics breathed a wrong spirit. It opened with words designed as the baldest of flattery, rang with a condescending tone, and sought triumphantly to place Jesus in a political dilemma. He saw and scored their hypocrisy. But he did more.

(3) The Good Citizen in the Forum. The answer of Jesus was a two-edged sword, one edge cleaving in twain the net that was spread, and the other cleaving open a knotty public problem. First, he made his inquisitors bring a Roman coin and confess that their currency bore the stamp of Caesar. Having thus bared the vulnerable point, he thrust in the blade of truth, Pharisees and Herodians alike wincing under it: Render to Caesar what belongs to him. Render to God what belongs to him. That is, be a good citizen of your government, and be a good citizen of the kingdom of heaven. We ought to be loyal to both the commonwealth, and the kingdom. No bad Christian is a good citizen, and no good Christian is a bad citizen.

(4) The Good Citizen Undefeated. Indeed, the victory of Jesus was complete. His amazed adversaries were so stunned and silenced that they slunk away. And no wonder!

2. Good Neighbors are sketched by the Perfect Neighbor in his discussion of the great commandment in the law of Moses. Note:

(1) The Good Neighbor Loves the Bible. The inquirer on this occasion was well versed in both civil and theological law. He seems personally to have been sincere, for he observed that Jesus had answered former questions wisely and was commended by Jesus in this conversation. But his question was calculated to arouse antagonism against Jesus, particularly if he should set aside the oral law and thus invite rupture with the masses, or if he should magnify certain favorite commands and omit others equally as important. Instead of splitting ethical hairs and differentiating divine commands, Jesus based every duty upon love.

(2) The Good Neighbor Loves the Lord. The first great commandment requires supreme love to God. It is a love from the whole heart, gathering into one all the strands of affection. It is a love dominating the entire soul as the seat of the will. It is a love absorbing the whole mind, bringing the rays of intelligence to a focus in burning love. And it is a love twining together every strand of our strength for the expression of that love in every way possible.

(3) The Good Neighbor Loves His Fellow Man. The second great commandment is built upon the same basis. The love which reaches upward to God is sure to reach outward to man. And as love to God summarizes

the First Table of the Law (four commandments), so love to man summarizes the Second Table of the Law (six commandments). Is there any other commandment greater than these? Jesus says there is not. Indeed, he declares that the whole law is crystallized in these two commandments which thus embody the sum total of human duty.

To Be a Good Citizen and a Good Neighbor

(1) Be True. "We know that thou art true." Jesus was the best citizen earth ever had. He was true. He was dependable. There was not one atom of falsity about him.

(2) Be Taught. "Teachest the way of God in truth." Ignorance in any form is harmful to the body politic. Ignorance of the way of God is disastrous, for it means want of character as well as of intelligence.

(3) Be Just. "Thou regardest not the person of men." A government of favorites means a government also of slaves. All ought to have equal opportunities. The government of God is our model.

(4) Be Co-operant. "Is it lawful to give tribute?" It takes money to run a government maintaining law and order. The tax dodger is a civic parasite if not an actual thief.

(5) Be Steadfast. "Why tempt ye me?" No ideal state has yet appeared. Bad citizens are abroad. They tempt and trouble the good. But the good emerge as gold is tried by fire.

(6) Be Patriotic. "The things which are Caesar's." We ought to be more than taxpayers. To be simply law-abiding is not enough. We ought to seek and work for the good of our country. Sometimes we must die for it.

(7) Be Conscientious. "The things that are God's." Caesar has a place, but it is second place. God comes first. And as we serve God well, we serve Caesar better.

(8) Be Spiritual. "Love the Lord thy God." Christianity is at the heart of good citizenship. We cannot have a Christian nation unless it is composed of Christian individuals.

(9) Be Philanthropic. "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Think of a country without any philanthropic enterprises whatever. Who that could get away would live there? We want to be where neighbor love prevails.

(10) Be Complete. "All the law and the prophets." Here is full-orbed manhood, inspired by the highest civic motives, living by the most correct civic principles, and struggling toward the noblest civic ideals.

GOLD IN THE GOLDEN TEXT

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Matt. 22:39.

Love is commanded. It is not an emotion merely but also a choice. The will is involved as well as the feelings. Love is directed. Love thy neighbor. He deserves it. He needs it. He will repay and God will reward. Love is measured. Self-love is right when the least of our loves. Love must not be exclusive. It takes in a neighbor on the same basis with self and reaches up to God supremely.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Feb. 12—A Good Citizen. Matt. 22:15-22.

Feb. 13—A Good Neighbor. Matt. 22:34-40.

Feb. 14—A Beneficent God. Deut. 8:11-18.

Feb. 15—Mutual Helpfulness. Rom. 12:10-21.

Feb. 16—A True Neighbor. James 2:1-8.

Feb. 17—Heavenly Citizenship. Philippians 3:17-21.

Feb. 18—Love fulfills the Law. Romans 13:8-14.

Feb. 19—Stewardship Approved. Matt. 25:14-23.

Feb. 20—Stewardship Rejected. Matt. 25:24-30.

Feb. 21—Stewardship of Life. I Cor. 6:12-20.

Feb. 22—Stewardship of Prayer. I Sam. 12:19-23.

Feb. 23—Stewardship of Service. John 21:15-23.

Feb. 24—Stewardship of Possessions. Mal. 3:7-12.

Feb. 25—Stewards of Citizenship. Rom. 12:1-10.

Pleasure comes through toil and not through self-indulgence. When one gets to love work, his life is a happy one.—Rankin.

TRAVELOGUE OF TRAINING UNION STATE WORKERS

By Jessie Bell Vinson
Just travel along with the state Training Union approved workers for several weeks and you will cover the state rather thoroughly. All of our state workers are kept busy most every week in various parts of the state so suppose you travel with them for awhile in your imagination and be filled with the spirit of enthusiasm for better trained young people in our churches and for larger enrollment and spirit everywhere.

Miss Nella Casement is conducting a Training Union revival in the First Baptist Church, Corpus Christi, February 11-17. Rev. B. O. Cawker is the pastor of this great church. She will be in the First Baptist Church, Eastland, where Rev. Jones Weathers is pastor, the week of February 18-24. From Eastland, Miss Casement goes to Abilene for an association-wide Training Union revival. There she will assist Secretary T. C. Gardner in conducting this great school the week of February 25 to March 2. J. D. Riddle is in charge of this association-wide campaign. Brother Riddle, as you know, is the president of the Baptist Training Union Convention of Texas for 1940. He is educational director of First Baptist Church, Abilene, also.

Mrs. A. Adamcik will go to another section of the state to conduct a training school in Kerrville, February 11-17. She will be in the First Baptist Church while there. She will then go to Gatesville to the First Baptist Church, where Dr. C. M. Spalding is pastor, for a Training Union revival the week of February 18-24. The following week, February 25-March 2, Mrs. Adamcik will be in Bellmead Baptist Church, Bellmead, to conduct a training school. Rev. Cloyd H. McClung is pastor of this fine church.

Mr. Joe Parks, another of our state approved workers, has been doing some traveling over the state, too. He is working in the south part of the state at University Baptist Church, Austin, in a Training Union revival the week of February 4-11, and will go from Austin to Del Rio, to be the director of a Training Union revival and enlargement campaign in the First Baptist Church, Del Rio, where Rev. H. O. Morris is pastor. He will be there February 11-17.

Miss Elizabeth Simmons, another of our state approved workers, is working in even another part of the state. East Texas is her field for the next week or two. During the month of April, Miss Simmons will conduct training schools in Van Zandt County and much good should result from these four weeks of training and service.

Secretary T. C. Gardner is everywhere throughout the state, either in District Convention meetings or training schools and enlargement campaigns. He is always the main source of inspiration wherever he goes and gives these various churches just the right amount of enthusiasm and zeal to work more earnestly and untiringly to promote the Training Union work throughout the state.

University Church—

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erected a building. Much of the labor was contributed by members of the mission and the Brotherhood employed a foreman and paid for the material. The house being entirely paid for, the men expect to provide improvements for the interior in the near future.

An arm of the church was extended to the community during the revival and has been continued. Since the August meeting there have been seven additions by baptism and ten by report. Ten conversions have been recorded since the close of the meeting.

Milford Howell, an active worker in University Church, surrendered to the ministry in June and promptly opened a revival at New Hope school house, a few miles northwest of the city. He was assisted by Alvin Hatton, another young man in the church who is planning to enter the ministry. After the establishment of the permanent Sunday School at the mission, most of the members received into University Church at the New Hope revival became regular attendants there.

Rev. Howell is giving his services without compensation to the work in this growing mission. After graduation he expects to devote his full time to the gospel ministry.

During the life of this mission there have been five workers who have dedicated their lives to mission work.

"By no possibility, at any time, or under any circumstances shall that institution, the saloon, or its equivalent, be allowed to return to American life."—President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in his repeal proclamation.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST GROWTH

SOME ENCOURAGING FACTS			
	1937	1938	1939
1. Sunday School enrollment gain	38,351	157,144	Record not complete
2. Increase in number of Sunday School officers and teachers	3,835	15,714	Record not complete
3. Number of baptisms reported	204,567	256,814	Record not complete
4. Increase in circulation of Sunday School lesson periodicals in first quarter of 1939 over first quarter of 1937			409,383
5. Cradle Roll departments reported organized	No record	2,120	1,847
6. Extension depts. reported started	152	179	1,004
7. New S. S. reported organized	1,258	1,685	1,687
8. No. Vacation Bible Schools held	2,520	3,548	4,350
9. Number of churches reporting one or more training schools	5,959	6,501	6,500
10. Number of Training awards	129,607	167,403	169,835
11. Number of Standard S. S.	770	921	1,089
12. Number of church libraries reported in use	129	258	516

SOME EXPANSION OPPORTUNITIES
25,000 additional communities need Baptist Sunday Schools.
25,000,000 white people in the South not enrolled in any Sunday School.
2,000,000 or more Southern Baptist Church members not enrolled in any Sunday School.
15,000,000 white people in the South above nine years of age are unsaved.
20,000 Sunday Schools need more classes.
100,000 classes need more groups.
18,000 Baptist Churches did not report a training school for the Sunday School officers and teachers in 1939.
250,000 Baptist Sunday School officers and teachers did not study even one book in the Training Course for Sunday School Workers during 1939.
250,000 Baptist Sunday School class officers did not study the department books for the phase of work they represent during 1939.
14,000 Baptist Sunday Schools do not yet have a Cradle Roll department.
22,000 Baptist Sunday Schools do not have an Extension department.
20,000 Baptist Churches did not have a Vacation Bible school in 1939.
18,000 Baptist Church buildings need to be enlarged.

EDITORIAL OF THE MONTH

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THE GAMBLING MONSTER

In these trying times, every fond father and all faithful mothers need to emphasize in the minds of their offspring that every device that suddenly changes money or property from one person to another without leaving its equivalent, produces individual embarrassment—often extreme misery.

And this democracy should realize more keenly than ever that most pernicious is the plan, if it changes property and money from the hands of the many to the hands of the few. What would have happened had the Democrats not been at the helm during the past seven years?

Complaint is heard that a large debt has been created during the Democratic regime, but many of the billions went to feed the poor and the unemployed, scattering the dollars over the country for life's necessities.

The one major fault with the system is that it has encouraged the gambling principal of getting something for nothing.

Addressing a Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting recently, Hon. Pierce Brooks, made the following statement:

"Those who follow the course of the gambler will live to regret their folly. The men and women who have paved their way to the front have never been the companions of gamblers. And every youth, as well as every adult, women as well as men, at bridge or at the races, will do well to be warned that gambling and its dangers assumes a great variety of forms, from the flipping of a cent for a bottle of beer or a sack of marbles, up to the splendidly equipped establishments of Wall Street, where the markets are played for greater sums. Gaming covers in the darkness and often blots out all the nobler powers of the heart, paralyzes its senses to human woe, severs the sacred ties that bind man to man, to family, to community, to State University, to morals, to religion, to social order and to country. It transforms young and age alike into brutes, desperadoes and strips human nature of all its dignity."

"The spectacle of young girls and women drinking at bars is abhorrent to the moral sense of the public."—W. S. Alexander, Director of the Federal Alcohol Administration.

When a man has a reputation for telling the truth he does not have to prove everything he says.—The First Baptist, Lubbock.

The poorest excuse in the world for doing a thing a certain way is the fact that it has been done that way for forty years.—Bernard Hanks.

The church must define again the position of the Bible in the world.—John Wesley Raley.

The duty of the church is to see the individual.—John Wesley Raley.

L. H. WELCH ORDAINED BY POTOSI CHURCH

Sunday afternoon, February 11, at 3 o'clock, a large group of brethren from neighboring churches met with Potosi Church in response to invitation for the purpose of ordaining Brother L. H. Welch of Potosi to the full work of the gospel ministry.

The presbytery was duly organized with Pastor S. L. Tidwell elected as moderator and Pastor A. A. Davis of Baird elected clerk. The following brethren composed the presbytery: Clyde Campbell, University Church, Abilene; L. A. Doyle, Anson; J. S. Tierce, Clyde; Royce Gilliland, Belle Plain; D. G. Reed, Immanuel, Abilene; Dick Bright, Potosi; W. T. Taylor, Tuscola; S. L. Tidwell, Potosi; A. A. Davis, Baird. A number of deacons in attendance were duly recognized by the moderator, though a council was not used.

Pastor L. A. Doyle preached the ordination sermon from Jude 3. A very forceful and appropriate sermon. Brother Clyde Campbell led in the examination of the candidate. He conducted a very thorough examination, much to the edification of the church and the cause of Christ. Motion that the candidate be passed was made by Pastor W. T. Taylor, seconded by Pastor D. G. Reed. Pastor Reed lead the ordaining prayer after which the members of the presbytery attended to the laying on of hands. Pastor J. S. Tierce gave the charge to the candidate and Pastor A. A. Davis gave the charge to the church.

The music of the entire service was under the able direction of J. D. Riddle, First Church, Abilene.

Brother Dick Bright gave the benediction. Potosi Church commends Brother L. H. Welch to the Baptists of Texas as a fully ordained minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Receive him into your councils, and accord to him your prayers and cooperation in the ministry of the Word. Pastor S. L. Tidwell is doing a very effective work with Potosi Church. May the Lord continue His blessings upon them.

SCARBOROUGH'S PRESENTED—

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in the spiritual atmosphere of the student body is to be perpetuated as an annual series of lectures combining the Holland Foundation Lectures and the Founder's Day Address.

Dr. Scarborough, in evaluating the anniversary celebration, said: "It has revealed (1) a marvelous unity among the Seminary family and friends; (2) a beautiful, unbreakable, understandable fellowship and devotion among the three seminaries; (3) the mighty hand of God in the construction of one of His greatest educational and missionary institutions; (4) how charming Christian fellowship is—the fellowship of a common belief, a common purpose, a common compassion, a common suffering and sacrifice; (5) that Baptists have built an institution on Seminary Hill worthy of love, support, cooperation, and the endowment of money of Southern Baptists."

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Our Fellow Citizens:
"One-half the world does not know how the other half lives." "Three generations from shirt sleeves to shirt sleeves." It is about a very large population of our city and the work of a quiet, unassuming man, what he is doing and has done for three years, that we are saying a word about.

The man has conducted too many funerals, borne testimony publicly and privately, gone to alleviate the distress of people in sin, spiritual confusion, hunger and nakedness, for Rev. E. E. Mason not to be known. It is his work we are testifying about. His labor has been with American people like we are.

Many of these in his community were once prosperous farmers, had good jobs at public work, yet for the most part now few have regular work. Who is to blame is a question not easily answered. Among those with whom he has worked, there is a constant economic distress with its attendant ills, however, from a group of seven the work has grown to 150, courageously accepting the challenge of service to all the community.

In the group are a few of our most substantial citizens, yet there is a sacrificial effort to keep the work going, to help build a house in which they can adequately serve. Few of them own their homes and even though it is largely a transient population, the same number is ever present with all of their problems.

The First Baptist Church has felt through Brother Mason was an open door, a great opportunity, and for years have given hundreds of dollars to the work that enables him to carry on.

One shudders to reflect what would happen in a great group, confronted with uncertain futures, distressed by economic problems, with no message of comfort, no voice to proclaim the demands of a righteous God on rich and poor, saint and sinner, employed and unemployed, alike. A voice to be heard publicly and from house to house, of hope and assurance that ours is a Christian land, the best nation in the world, and that unsaved people can be saved.

The doors of every church in Big Spring stand wide open to welcome all who come, every sincere worker desires to share and be of service, yet the people who live around his church will not come to see how the other half live, they are going to continue to live and raise families, whose children we may help, and make effective the labor of the noble group trying to help them. They are not asking for much money and from none who could not give a dollar.

Sincerely yours,
The Board of Deacons of
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MRS. LYON TOURS THRU ALL CISCO ASSOCIATION

A complete itinerary of Cisco Association was made during the week of February 6 through 9 by Mrs. E. F. Lyon, state W. M. U. executive secretary, accompanied by Mrs. Pat Crawford, associational W. M. U. president.

The regular monthly worker's meeting was held at Breckenridge on Tuesday and the program was in the form of an associational evangelistic rally, Mrs. Lyon's topic being, "Supporting the Work Through Us."

Then we went to Albany for an evening service with the congregation of the entire church as Mrs. Lyon brought an inspiring missionary message. A very enjoyable social meeting followed.

After spending the night in Albany we drove to Anson for the morning session of the district evangelistic rally. Mrs. Lyon spoke on "W. M. U. as an Ally in the Evangelistic Crusade."

After lunch we drove to Moran and Mrs. Lyon conducted an afternoon "School of Instruction." At the conclusion the ladies of Moran served a Valentine tea.

After tea we went to Ranger for a lovely dinner and then Mrs. Lyon conducted the prayer meeting service of the Ranger church, bringing an inspiring message.

Thursday was spent in Rising Star with Mrs. Lyon conducting an all-day school of instruction for the women of several churches and a lovely lunch was also enjoyed.

We drove to Gorman for dinner and Mrs. Lyon conducted an evening service with the congregation of Gorman church, bringing another inspiring missionary message.

Friday, Mrs. Lyon conducted an all-day school of instruction at the Eastland Church with representatives from surrounding churches in attendance. The Eastland ladies also served a lovely lunch.

Friday another enjoyable evening was spent at First Church, Cisco, with Mrs. Lyon bringing a missionary message and at the close of the program a social hour was enjoyed.

All in all, the week was very successful both from a spiritual standpoint and in attendance and we are very grateful to have had this opportunity of having Mrs. Lyon with us. Mrs. Pat Crawford, Cisco Association W. M. U. President.

Book Reviews

Famous Missionaries, by James Gilchrist Lawson. Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan. 64 pages, paper. Price 35c.

The author gives concise, informative, two-page sketches of 30 great missionaries of all races and sects from the Apostle Paul to Grenfell of Labrador and Zwemmer of the Moslems. Pictures are included—photographs of the moderns, portraits of the medieval, imaginary drawings of the ancients.

An impartial, sympathetic attitude is maintained as the reader is carried in swift review of such pioneer evangelists as Patrick of Ireland, Boniface of Germany, Carey of India, Livingstone of Africa and Paton of the South Seas.—E. D.

"WET BLATHER"

By Ethel Hubler

Comes now a 12-page booklet issued by the Distilled Spirits Institute, Washington, D. C., titled "Facts vs. Fancies," in which the liquorites pretend to show that the dries are liars on all counts. As a piece of blather it is up to about the usual standard of the propaganda produced by the liquor interests.

"Fewer Liquor Crimes"—The reports in the daily newspapers prove that there are more liquor crimes every year.

"Fewer Traffic Deaths"—Commissioner Reilly of the California Liquor Control Board says otherwise.

"Fewer Drunkenness Arrests"—Chief of Police Arthur C. Hohmann of Los Angeles says it takes 60 per cent of his force to take care of the drunks in his city, and that doesn't take into account the number of drunks who are taken care of by their friends, and therefore not arrested.

"Fewer Alcohol Deaths"—Again read your dailies for "poison alcohol" deaths under repeal.

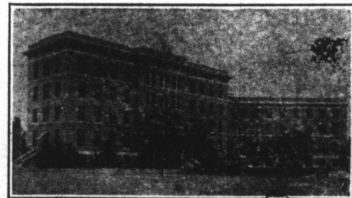
"Revenue"—But they failed to say that it costs in one western city of a million and a half population, \$51.33 for every person arrested on a drunk charge. Whew! "Wet blather."

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FOURTH STREET FACTS FROM BIG SPRING

East Fourth Street Church is the largest church in Big Spring. A recent count of resident church members shows 1,109 resident members, which is larger than First Methodist Church, the second in size in the city.

Sunday School enrollment has increased by more than 200 in the last two or three months. Offerings per Sunday are more than 50 per cent larger than last year, but the enlistment effort is still on for tithers, some new ones signing up each week.

The Brotherhood organized three months ago has had from 92 to 105 in attendance at the four meetings held. These men are now building a 40x20 rock building for the Scout Troop they are sponsoring.

A Woman's Missionary Union organized a few weeks ago has a good attendance, has already organized Sunbeams, and Y. W. A., and Monday will organize an R. A. chapter.

The Training Union is going forward with several new Unions and plans under way for others. Next week the Training Union will sponsor five classes in soul-winning in preparation for the revival meeting, beginning February 18.

A city-wide census was taken last Sunday under the leadership of East Fourth workers, all churches cooperating, and eating together in East Fourth basement, where instructions were given.

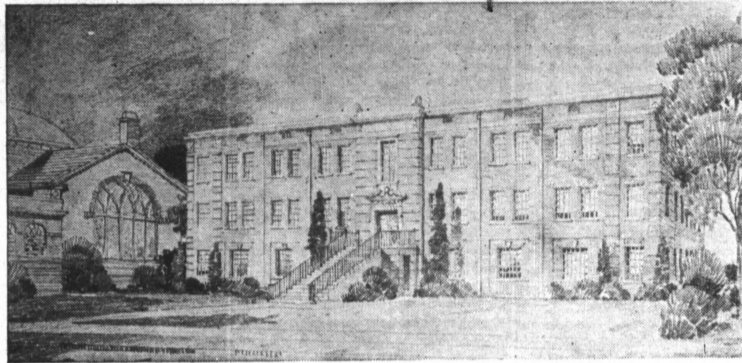
Four members of East Fourth Street are holding positions of leadership in the newly set up Sunday School Associational organization. Fifteen officers of this association met last week at Midland for a planning meeting.

PAGEANT PLANNED FOR DISTRICT 9 CONVENTION

A pageant portraying the 50 years of training service in Texas churches and 25 years of leadership by Dr. T. C. Gardner will be presented Tuesday night, March 12, at the District 9 convention by a group of young people.

Every phase of Baptist work will be presented during the convention which meets March 11 and 12, but on account of the Golden Jubilee, the Training work will have a prominent place.

Midland Erecting Educational Building



The contract was let early in February for the erection of a three-story education building by First Church, Midland, Rev. H. D. Bruce, pastor. The contract calls for mid-summer completion.

A Sunday school of approximately 1,200 will be cared for in the structure, with the exception of the men's department which will occupy the basement of the church auditorium.

The building, finished and equipped, will represent an investment of approximately \$40,000. J. O. Nobles is chairman of the building committee and P. J. Mims is chairman of the finance committee.

Construction will be of tile and brick veneer and the building will occupy space 52 feet wide and 102 feet long. Housed in the structure will be six assembly rooms, 62 class rooms, church parlors, offices and the pastor's study.

Rambling Remarks

(Continued from page 1) ing that no one would consume more than 20 minutes. The p. m. spoke first, and when the last echo of his oratorical foray died away the clock had registered one hour and twenty minutes.

My cousin woke up and approached the speakers table and sleepily told the following story (not new but well applied): A fellow told him he had gone to pick strawberries and was chased by a bear. The race continued on and on. Finally, according to the tale teller, he came to a creek covered with ice.

He ran across on the ice and when the bear attempted to follow him the ice broke and the bear drowned. A listener, like Elmer Dunham a stickler for logic, said, "why there is no ice during the season of strawberries." To which the tale teller in desperation replied, "you don't understand, that bear chased me from June to January."

District 16--

(Continued from page 1) ning sessions, bonfire services will be led by Ray Rozell and by Lattimore Ewing, Brownwood. An hour is allotted Tuesday morning for the Training Union conferences in seven sections and another in the afternoon for eight sections of Sunday School conferences.

Forty capable workers drawn from all sections of the district will lead discussions in the several conferences. Rev. Elmer F. Graham, Miles pastor, and District Sunday School president, will preside at general sessions Monday evening and Tuesday afternoon. Paul Counts, district Training Union president, will be in the chair Tuesday morning and evening.

Rev. Donato Ruiz, Home Board missionary of San Angelo, will share with Duke Shaw of Barnhart in presiding at the Mexican meeting which will be held at the First Mexican Church. Both Drs. Gardner and Hopkins, with Pastor C. B. Stovall of Sterling City and District Missionary J. P. King will be among the speakers at this meeting.

District 6 Convention--

(Continued from page 1) message. Rev. Thompson, the new president, predicts that 1940 will be the greatest year in the history of Baptists of this section. A spirit of evangelism is sweeping the section under the leadership of Dr. J. N. Phillips, district evangelistic chairman.

Plans are under way to use 20 volunteer workers for seven weeks this summer in strengthening the rural churches. The Cooperative Program was presented in a unique way by the Associational Organizers and Missionary that gripped the hearts of the people. Our people are becoming more devoted and loyal to our world mission program.

EX-WEST TEXAN WRITES FROM AUSTIN, TEX.

The Walnut Creek Church, Austin, has just closed one of the most successful years work in all its glorious history. We have had an increase in additions and church attendance, and are happy to say, have made a substantial advance in giving to all phases of Baptist work.

I think your district board made a very wise selection in the election of Rev. Henry Littleton as district missionary. He is a wise and efficient leader.

I like the West Texas Baptist very much. It is doctrinally sound, and both missionary and evangelistic in its appeals.

J. T. King.

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S. S. Convention--

(Continued From Page 1) conference period on Wednesday. Dr. Scarborough will personally greet visitors who will be served grapefruit fresh from the trees. Although the convention will center in Harlingen, where the committees for registration and home assignment will be located, there will be five simultaneous programs each evening in as many cities of the Valley.

In addition to hotels and tourist camps, homes will be opened throughout the entire Valley, offering bed and breakfast for 75c or two for \$1.25. There is no registration fee and badges, pencils, notebooks and programs will be furnished free. The close proximity of Old Mexico, just across the river, will draw many of the visitors, hundreds of whom will have never been so near the border before.

MEXICANS OVERFLOW SAN ANGELO MISSION

The best feature of work on his field the past month is the number of people attending regular services during the cold winter, according to Rev. D. Ruiz, Mexican missionary at San Angelo, Texas. At two night services he had 300 and 400 and at a recent special service 500 people were in attendance, many of whom stood through a long service without any signs of growing tired.

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CHURCH BULLETIN SECTION

COTTONWOOD

We are preparing for a great day at Cottonwood Sunday, and may God bless every church throughout the world. Our Sunday School begins at 10. Brother Varner is our superintendent. Preaching service at 11. Training service at 6:30, Elmer Thomas, director. Come and worship with us. We are planning to organize a Brotherhood Friday night. E. L. Redden, Pastor.

2ND BAPTIST, COLODARO CITY

The Intermediate Union will be on the air at KBST, Big Spring, Sunday afternoon at 3:30. Brother C. A. Rogers will direct the program. Morning sermon, "Jesus in the Jordan," at night, "The Seven Last Plagues of Revelation 16." A mission Sunday School was organized to meet Sunday afternoons in the South Side tabernacle with Lester Tidwell as superintendent. Scott W. Hickey, Pastor.

JOHNSON CHAPEL

W. M. U. will meet Wednesday, February 21, at 3 o'clock in the home of Mrs. E. F. Jones. The women are urged to attend this meeting. You will enjoy an interesting program and social hour together. Mrs. C. M. Watson, president. Sunday School, 10:00. B. T. U., Sunday Evening, 7:30. Cecil McBeth, Pastor.

WILMETH

Plans are now under way for our Inspirational week which is coming soon. Let us be working and praying. Remember next Sunday is Church day. John Henry, Supt. Sam E. Brian, Pastor.

O. K. CHURCH

Interest in our Sunday School is growing. We had a record attendance in the church service Sunday. Let us begin thinking and planning

for our Training Union study course, which we must have soon. Remember Sunday School Sunday. Joe Snellgrove, Supt. Sam E. Brian, Pastor.

HATCHEL

Our services were well attended considering the illness in the community. We hope for those who were ill a speedy recovery. Remember prayer service Saturday night. Harold Russ, Pastor.

DRASCO

Remember our regular preaching service this Sunday and Training Union at regular time. Make your plans to attend all-day study course next week. Harold Russ, Pastor.

H-S. U. Bible--

(Continued From Page 1) ence." He also addressed the monthly Brotherhood meeting at First Church, Abilene, Tuesday evening.

Rev. H. D. Bruce of Midland brought a stirring devotional, urging the preachers in attendance to magnify Christ in their pulpits. Rev. Floyd Chaffin of Coleman who was scheduled to speak Wednesday morning was also confined at home with flu.

Dr. Clinton Adams, chairman of the H-SU Semi-Centennial commission, told the visitors of plans for Golden Jubilee celebrations and pilgrimages. Drs. Raley and Tidwell were heard by the student body at the university chapel hours Tuesday and Wednesday with conference visitors also attending. On Sunday, February 11, they appeared in Abilene pulpits.

Music for the conference was provided by representatives from the H-SU College of Fine Arts. J. D. Riddle of First Church and Clyde Campbell of University Church, led in congregational singing. Dean E. Edwin Young, assisted by Jack Dean and Thurman Morrison, was at the console of the new chapel organ.

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Plan Now To Register For the Spring Semester January 29, 1940

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