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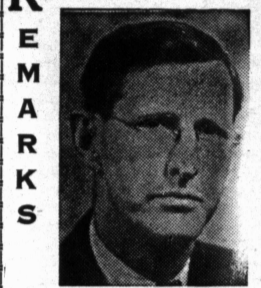
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CISCO WILL ENTERTAIN DISTRICT 17 CONVENTION

RAMBLING



Dick O'Brien

I had set aside the month of March to read "Gone With the Wind." But Mother Nature crossed me up by substituting gentle rain and a dash of winter weather for the usual high winds and sandstorms. So, finding myself without the proper atmosphere, I have decided to wait another year to read the book, and maybe by that time I will be out of the notion altogether. . . . I asked Uncle Fred Whipkey, the famous columnist on the Colorado Record staff, if he had finished reading Anthony Adverse, which he began last June, and he said he lacked only 600 pages. . . . I am seriously thinking of announcing for the legislature. There is one law that I should like to see passed and enforced. I believe it should be a federal offense, or something, for a woman to leave home. It is all right for a man to go when and where and why he pleases, but when a wife leaves home that's different. My wife has been attending the State W. M. U. Board meeting for the past two or three days, and I have had the family on my hands. I have a rather prolific vocabulary, but I run out of adjectives when I try to describe how things got mixed up here while she was away. . . . I have learned how to get my friends to write to me. I simply mention one in this column and make a slight mistake in what I say, and here comes a protest immediately. You would be surprised to know whom I heard from this time. I dare not use names for fear of court action, but he stoutly denies that his Oliver typewriter is a 1903 model. He says he can prove that it is model T 1901. He further states that he only uses his thumbs to strike the keys when he is writing to me. He says it makes the letters plainer so as to simplify the ordeal of reading. . . . My wife spent three days and two dollars in Fort Worth last week. We may be able, ultimately, to balance the family financial budget, but the house will never be the same again. We have two girls in high school and twin boys in grade school, and you can only imagine how things looked when she returned. You know we have a lot more dishes than I realized until they overflowed the sink, and covered tables, stoves, and shelves all over the kitchen. And what she said to us makes Rambling Remarks sound as logical as Plato, and as gentle as a Spring poem written by a love struck co-ed. . . . I picked up quite a few new words. It's an ill wind that blows nobody good. . . . I was nearly struck speechless when I saw my picture at the head of this column last week. And it takes a terrific shock to affect my speech. My mouth is the kind that you can start to talking and go off and leave it and it will talk right on. But that picture! I'm sorry Sam used it. Folks who have never seen me can never feel toward this column as they did before. I have just been thinking that a vast majority of the compliments I have had come from people who have never seen my face in the flesh. In fact, my recollection is that three out of the four came from this class. Now that is all spoiled. Well, it was too good to last anyway. . . . I leave in the morning for Hardin-Simmons for the annual revival. My inferiority complex has suffered a severe relapse. If I endure the test I will try to give you my reactions after I come out from under the anesthetic, if I do. . . . After all, the program of personal soul-winning can be summed up in two simple statements, that is, talking to God about the sinner, and talking to the sinner about God, then let the Holy Spirit do the rest.

CONVENTION SPEAKERS



DR. J. D. SANDEFER,
President Hardin-Simmons



J. D. RIDDLE,
Abilene First Church

DISTRICT MISSIONARY MAKES REPORT FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Feb. 1 to 28 Inclusive, 1937
Days labored, 28.
Sermons and addresses delivered, 29.
Tracts and books given away, 200.
Book and Bibles sold, No. 30, cost \$32.35; Bible, 9; Books, 8; New Testaments, 13.
Cards and letters sent out in interest of district and denominational work, 508.
Associations visited, 7.
Workers meetings attended, 5.
Contacted pastorless churches and contacted prospective pastors, 2.
Conducted Sunday School Study Course, 1.
Planned and carried out district committee conference on evangelism. July is the month suggested by that committee to have the simultaneous evangelistic campaign.
Spoke several times on the Co-operative Program and Hundred Thousand Club.
Helped one church plan for new building.
Traveled 2,525 miles.
Personally visited 10 rural churches.
B. N. SHEPHERD,
District Missionary.

EVANGELISTIC LEADERS FOR DISTRICT SEVENTEEN

Dr. W. Y. Pond, general leader.
B. N. Shepherd, organizer.
E. D. Dunlap, program chairman, Sweetwater.
Cisco Association—H. D. Blair, organizer, Cisco; Avery Rogers, program chairman, Gorman.
Callahan Association—Joe R. Mayes, organizer, Baird; F. A. Hollis, program chairman, Putnam.
Fisher Co. Ass'n.—J. C. Parks, organizer, Rotan; John T. Taylor, program chairman, Rotan.
Haskell Co. Ass'n.—S. E. Stevenson, organizer, Munday; W. D. Green, program chairman, Knox City.
Jones Co. Ass'n.—J. H. Skiles, organizer, Stamford; L. A. Doyle, program chairman, Anson.
Stonewall Ass'n.—Harvey T. Dennis, organizer, Swenson; J. B. Rowan, program chairman, Aspermont.
Sweetwater Ass'n.—Roy Young, organizer, Abilene, 2522 Olsen Blvd.; L. L. Trott, program chairman, Sweetwater.
Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary-treasurer, Home Mission Board, will attend the annual meeting of the Western Cuban Baptist convention in March and will speak each night for a week on "The Holy Spirit in Missions."

How We Hold Our Young People in Church Work

By T. C. Gardner

I have received several letters from pastors and church leaders telling me how they keep their young people interested in the services of their churches. I have also had a number of conversations with pastors and workers who are working at the tasks of utilizing and developing the young people. In the conversations and letters, these leaders have indicated that they hold their young people in the church in the following four ways:

- (1) By love and devotion, (2) By social activities and contacts, (3) By utilization and visitation, (4) By organization and evangelization.

1. By Love and Devotion

"Our young people are in love with the Lord Jesus Christ. They have been born again. They have experienced the new birth. They attend the church services because of their love and devotion to our Lord."

Christian young people desire to know more about Jesus and his work. It is my observation that our Baptist young people are genuine Christians. They recognize that there are two sides to Christianity—getting and giving, receiving and reflecting. They attend the church services that they may get in order to give, that they may worship their Father God, that they may have communion with Him and that they may have fellowship with other young Christians.

This week I was in a church where the young people between 17 and 30 years of age had asked the pastor for an upper room where they could go for prayer. This room is open to all ages at all times of the day. The young people go there in large numbers Sunday evening immediately before the B. T. U. They go there for one purpose—to talk with God in earnest prayer. The pastor of this church said, "We hold our young people in our church services because

WORKERS CONFERENCE MET WITH TUSCOLA CHURCH LAST WEEK

Workers Conference of the Sweetwater Association met with the Tuscola Church on March 11, 1937.

The program was in keeping with the annual theme, "Building the Church," and was built on the training service. After a short song service led by J. D. Riddle, with Mrs. James Alexander at the piano, the following subjects were ably discussed:

The need for Christian training, Rev. George McBeth.

The B. T. U. a worth-while organization, Everett Milan.

The B. T. U. and future Kingdom Leaders, B. N. Shepherd.

The morning program was climaxed with the sermon by Rev. L. E. Brown, pastor of the Tye church. The speaker is new among us, but his message won our hearts. We congratulate the Tye church in having this able pastor to lead them.

At noon a bountiful lunch was served by the ladies of the church. In the center of the table was a beautiful white cake with "Workers Conference, Tuscola, March 11" lettered in orchid.

Promptly at 1:15 the board meetings were called, after which Mr. J. D. Riddle discussed the associational B. T. U. organization. The inspirational address was given by W. I. Taylor.

The Lawn Church graciously invited the next meeting to be held with them, which was accepted.

Two-Day Session To Be Held With First Baptist Church March 30-31

The program has been completed for the annual Baptist Convention of District 17, which is to be held with Pastor E. S. James and the First Baptist Church, Cisco, March 30-31. The convention will be open Tuesday morning, March 30, at 9:30 o'clock, with a song service led by J. Frank Walker. This will be followed by the welcome address by Pastor E. S. James and the response by Rev. J. Henry Littleton, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Hamlin. Beginning at 9:50 Dr. J. D. Sandefer, president of Hardin-Simmons University, will deliver an address.

HOST PASTOR



DR. E. S. JAMES,
Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Cisco.

Dr. E. S. James, host pastor for the Baptist Convention of District 17, has been pastor of this fine church for the past seven years. He is loved and respected by every member of his church and the citizenship of his community. The First Baptist Church has had a steady growth under his leadership. It is one of the best organized churches in the Central West in the support of the denominational program.

Dr. James is not only one of our best pastors, but he is a noted evangelist. At the present time he is in a meeting with Pastor Ware and the Demmitt Church, and in a few days will go to San Angelo for a meeting with Pastor W. E. McGuire and his church.

Pastor James, in behalf of his church and the City of Cisco, extends a hearty welcome to all convention visitors.

Sunday School Conferences

Following the address of Dr. Sandefer, Sunday School Conferences will be held, as outlined in the program published below. Following this conference Dr. R. C. Campbell, secretary of missions, will speak on "God's Plan." He will also speak at the night session.

B. T. U. Conferences

B. T. U. conferences will be held during the Tuesday afternoon session. Two addresses will follow these conferences, one by J. W. Lites and the other by District Missionary B. N. Shepherd.

W. M. U.-Brotherhood

At the evening hour the program will be featured by a Brotherhood banquet in charge of Judge L. E. Welch of Breckenridge, president of the district organization.

The other feature of the program is the W. M. U. program, with District President Mrs. R. M. White in charge.

Tuesday Morning Session

The Tuesday morning session will be the closing session of the convention. Rev. C. A. Powell, pastor of University Church, Abilene, will speak at the morning session. This will be followed by a Sunday School conference, district elimination contest, election of officers, B. T. U. conference. (Continued on page four)

URGES SUPPORT ON CURRENT LEGISLATION

When the Legislature convened in January, I introduced House Bill No. 53 which had for its purpose the repeal of race track gambling in Texas. The committee gave the bill a favorable report and the House passed it by an overwhelming majority. The bill is now in the Senate for consideration.

In the meantime this bill has been offered as an amendment to another bill pending in the Senate, which if passed, will carry out our desired purpose.

There is no need to repeat the abundance of argument in favor of the repeal of race track gambling since every one is acquainted with its evil effects. It was conceived in sin and brought forth in iniquity. By taking a backward glance over the history of the world we find that every government that has depended upon revenue from vice and crime always comes to a disastrous end. Unless Texas puts an end to this policy, we too will find our government at the brink of destruction and decay.

I take this method of urging that the people of Texas contact their Senators and members of the House of Representatives to do everything in their power to repeal race track gambling in this session. The shackles of the gamblers must be struck from the backs of our people and when that is done we will be in a better position to move forward toward a greater and more glorious day in our commonwealth.—J. Bryan Bradbury, Representative 116th District, Taylor County, Abilene, Texas.

TEXAS LEADS THE SOUTH IN B T U TRAINING

There were more Baptist Training Union diplomas and seals issued to Texas Baptists during the month of February than to twelve other Southern states combined. There were 2,420 diplomas and seals issued to Texas Baptists and only 2,368 issued to the twelve states listed below:

Virginia	400
Alabama	208
Arizona	0
Arkansas	182
Georgia	269
Illinois	139
Kentucky	231
Maryland	45
District of Columbia	0
New Mexico	169
Florida	389
Louisiana	309

Total issued 2,368
Total issued to Texas Baptists 2,420.

ALCOHOL ADMINISTRATOR WARNS OF LIQUOR EVILS

"The liquor evils of which the public complain," declared Wilford S. Alexander in an address before delegates of the National Retail Liquor Package Stores Association in Chicago recently, "have largely grown up around the taproom and tavern."

"There we find a scene that is entirely new in American life—women and young girls drinking at the bar, women and young girls soliciting trade and women and young girls serving customers. This is abhorrent to the moral sense of the public, and I fear if it is not corrected will be visited with a terrible punishment."

Rev. Noble Y. Beall, field secretary of Negro missions of the Home Mission Board, recently made a good will tour through several western states, including Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California.

FINGERPRINTING LIQUOR SELLERS GAINING SUPPORT

Liquor control boards in a number of states responded quickly this week to a nation-wide campaign for compulsory fingerprinting of all persons engaged in the sale of intoxicants, motivated by the fact that more than 1,200 men and women with police records have just been discovered among liquor license applicants in Southern California as a result of this method of identification.

In New Jersey, all state licensees and their employes have been fingerprinted for the last two years.

A similar proposal is being considered at the current meetings of state beverage commissions in Illinois, Colorado, Nebraska, Vermont and several other states.

A man who spent forty years in the Orient as a missionary of another denomination states that he has found greater mission needs in the South than in India or China.

PASTOR! PLEASE!

1. If you have not already done so, please let me know at once the number of New memberships, and the total number of memberships your church, or churches have in the Baptist Hundred Thousand club. (\$1.00 a month counts as one membership).

2. Please plan with your superintendent to observe Missionary Day, March 28. (Suggested program is in The Teacher and The Sunday School Builder for March). Thanks!

J. E. DILLARD,
Director of Promotion,
Nashville, Tenn.

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TAKE UP THY CROSS AND FOLLOW ME

W. O. Lewis

Take up thy cross and follow me, wh'er'er the Spirit leads;
Behold, according to my grace I will supply thy needs.
Remember how I bore the cross to set a lost world free,
And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men to me.

Take up thy cross and follow me what ever may betide;
And though it's burden bear thee down, I'm always by thy side
To guide thy faltering steps along the path I've set for thee;
And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men to me.

"Take up thy cross and follow me." O! wondrous words divine!
Lord, may I follow close to thee, and let thy will be mine;
O! may my daily life exalt the Christ of Calvary,
Who said, "If I be lifted up, I'll draw all men to me."
Goree, Texas.

CONVENTION DISTRICT 8

We are in receipt of a program for the annual convention of District 8, which is to be held with the First Baptist Church, Lamesa, on Thursday and Friday of this week. The program was received too late to appear in last week's issue of the West Texas Baptist. Some of the speakers outside the district who are appearing on the program are R. A. Springer, Amarillo; Rev. C. E. Hereford, Lubbock; W. J. Lites, Dallas; E. M. Collier and the editor from Abilene. The convention sermon is to be preached by Pastor Borum of Midland, and the missionary sermon by Dr. R. E. Day of the First Church, Big Spring. J. J. Strickland is missionary of District 8, W. S. Garnett, Big Spring, is president, and P. D. O'Brien of Colorado, secretary. We regret that this splendid program was not received in time to give it more publicity.

ALL ABOARD FOR CISCO

There should be a large attendance at the annual convention of District 17 at Cisco March 30-31. Pastor E. S. James and the First Baptist Church, joined by the fine citizenship of Cisco are prepared to give all visitors a hearty welcome. All phases of our Baptist work—Sunday School, B. T. U., W. M. U. and Men's Brotherhood—will have places on the two days program. Remember the date and make your plans to be there.

RADIO BROADCAST

We are anxious that all our readers who are interested in the Old Testament Bible study outlined in each issue of the West Texas Baptist take advantage of our radio broadcast each Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock on these lessons. The outline in this issue will be broadcast next Wednesday afternoon over KRBC, 1420 kilocycles, Abilene. If our pastors will announce this broadcast to their congregations, it will help greatly in this Bible study.

MRS. IRA L. PARRACK

Our readers will remember to pray for Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Chillicothe, whose wife died last week. She had been ill for a long time. Brother Parrack, before going to Chillicothe, was pastor at Merkel, and many friends from Merkel attended the funeral which was held at Chillicothe.

HARDIN-SIMMONS REVIVAL

Pastor P. D. O'Brien of Colorado is preaching some fine sermons in the Hardin-Simmons revival meeting which is in progress this week. Much interest is being manifested in the meeting. Sunday morning the evangelist will preach at the First Baptist Church, and the meeting will close Sunday evening with services at University Church. The morning services are held at 9:50 o'clock and the evening services at 7:00.

Rev. C. R. Shirer, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Temple, is to be with Pastor E. D. Dunlap and the First Church, Sweetwater, in a revival meeting beginning April 19.

Rev. W. C. Ashford is to do the preaching in a meeting with Pastor Dean and Calvary Church, Abilene, beginning the first Sunday in April.

Rev. Lawrence Trott, for the past few years pastor of Lamar Street Baptist Church, Sweetwater, has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church, Levelland, and will move on the new field by April 1. Brother Trott is one of our most promising young preachers, and Levelland is fortunate in securing his services.

Practically every section of West Texas and the Panhandle has been visited by splendid rains during the past two weeks. Prospects never looked brighter in this section for a good crop year. Good seasons and constantly rising prices of farm products should spur our people on to greater endeavors both in a temporal and spiritual matters.

Think On These Things

C. C. Andrews, Baird, Texas

"No man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

God has fixed the plan of salvation, that in order to obtain it, with its continued possession, it must come through His Son.

We cannot go around Christ and get to God.

Eternal life with all other gifts, come through Jesus Christ.

Paul said in Romans: "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

And again to Timothy, "There is one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus."

Only in the name of Jesus can we have salvation; "For there is none other name under heaven given

among men, whereby we must be saved."

God hears our prayers only in the name of His Son.

We cannot honor the Father apart from the Son, for, says Jesus, "He that honoreth not the Son, honoreth not the Father which hath sent him."

Jesus "Purchased our redemption" from His Father with the price of His blood, and the Father in turn gave the Son the franchise on salvation with the exclusive right to give this salvation to all who would believe and trust Him.

Surely, nothing more could have been done to make salvation more attractive to the unsaved or comforting to the saved.

Devotional Thoughts

"THE PART THAT HANGS OVER"

A large city store was featuring a display of blankets. The window was most attractive, for the artistic touch of deft hands had given full effect to texture, color and size of the blankets. But not less arresting than the beautiful blankets was the legend in their midst—"It's the part that hangs over that keeps you warm."

Well, everywhere in life "it's the part that hangs over that keeps you warm." Satisfaction, security, comfort, progress are all dependent upon the presence of the margin.

Our financiers know this. Bankers proverbially are not advertisers. Yet bankers have been careful to maintain and to advertise their margin. In gold letters on the front windows of every bank in the country you will see something like this: Capital, \$30,000,000, Reserve Fund, \$20,000,000.

Every engineer, too, knows the necessity and value of a margin. Whether it be a skyscraper or a dam, a boiler or a bridge, there must be foresight of the unforeseen, a margin for emergencies.

But the supreme exemplification of the value of reserve is found in the moral life, in the realm of spiritual

values. Weakness rather than wickedness has been the operating cause in the downfall of multitudes. They could not stand the pace. The strain of seeing life speedily drained their resistance. Under the tension of temptation they reached the breaking point and collapsed. If life is to be more than a grim procession of defeats we must be able to command reserves which will give us not only courage and confidence but power to live victoriously. And where shall we find such reinforcements of the moral life?

Personally I know of no source but Jesus Christ. Certainly one of the outstanding marks of Jesus was his tremendous margin of reserve. He was never taken unawares. He never lost his poise. He was never in the least degree unequal to the circumstances of the hour. Everywhere and always he bore all the marks of un-labored strength. In Him was life—creative, sacrificial, redemptive—the very life of God, and in fellowship with Him we become partakers of His inexhaustible reserves.—W. N. Hutchins in Maritime Baptist.

ON THE FIELD WITH HARDIN-SIMMONS PREACHERS

At the request of the Colony Hill Baptist Church, the Immanuel Baptist Church, Abilene, ordained Brother Clebert Jones to the Gospel ministry last Wednesday night. Pastor Roy O. Young was moderator and J. William Arnett secretary of the presbytery. Brother N. W. Pitts, a former pastor of Brother Jones, preached the ordination sermon. Brother D. D. Johnson gave the charge and Brother R. G. McLeod led in the ordination prayer. Other members of the presbytery were: Brethren W. I. Taylor, Jim Noles, James Alexander, and S. W. Jones, Gene Moore, W. H. Gulley, H. L. Rice and W. J. Whitaker.

We had a good service at Truby Sunday although we had to face the wintery rain to get to church.—N. W. Pitts, pastor.

They had good rains at Sparanberg and had fine services Sunday. This church is facing the future with faith to follow the leadership of the Lord. The pastor, Brother W. I. Taylor, is a senior this year, and this fine church has furnished him with the money to buy a class ring. (Other churches might make it possible for their pastors to wear a ring of his school and graduating class).

Through rain and sleet, people came to fill the house at Parks Sunday morning. The Rev. J. B. Dwigins preached in this morning service, and his sermon was fine. Brother Dwigins was licensed to preach by this church two weeks ago; he will preach, both morning and evening, again next Sunday. Brother A. B. Moseley is the pastor.

Dr. E. B. Atwood supplied for Pastor Pond at Breckenridge last Sunday and will fill the pulpit there again Sunday. Dr. Pond is in a revival meeting at San Antonio.

The Baptist Church at Tye is having its building electrically lighted this week, and raised the necessary money for the improvements last Sunday. Brother Loyal E. Brown is the pastor at Tye.

Brother Joe P. Self, Jr., was at the new Live Oak Church Sunday in the interest of the Sunday School. Brother Self is a group captain of the Associational Sunday School. The church called Brother Self to pastor the church, last Wednesday evening.

The past two programs of the Ministerial Council have been given to a discussion on "What Baptists Believe," and one other program is to be given to the discussion. Drs. N.

A. Moore and E. B. Atwood, professors in the Bible department, are leading in the discussions.

Brother Elsie Latta has been in the Hendrick Memorial Hospital for the past two weeks suffering with the "flu."

There were seven additions to the Forsan Church Sunday. Brother Short did not tell me this, but we join in saying amen for the good work being done by this church and Brother Short.

Brother Dick O'Brien, a former student and member of the council, is doing the preaching in the campus meeting this week.

The male quartet of H.-S. U. will be with the Opjlin Church Sunday night for a program. Rev. Dick Griffin is pastor of the church.

Summer Bulletin Comes Off Press

Announcement bulletin of the summer session at Hardin-Simmons was released from the university business office last week.

Principal change in this year's calendar of activities is the division of the period into two six weeks sessions with separate registration dates. The change will better accommodate teachers who are unable to attend the first time.

Registration for the opening term is set for June 3, date for the second is July 13. Summer school will close Aug. 21.

When I first came back from China it worried me considerably the way we send missionaries to China and work our heads off to save their souls over there, but do nothing for the Chinese over here. It's as if we are only interested in their religion as long as we can keep them at arm's length.—I. D. Eavenson, former missionary to China, now pastor of First Baptist Church, Cleveland, Miss.

The use in heathen worship of the peyote bean, a narcotic cactus plant, is increasing among the Indians, according to Missionary Thomas J. Wamego.

A missionary of the Home Mission Board assisted recently in the ordination of the pastor of a Baptist church in Mexico. Baptists in Mexico are active in their church work, he reports.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By HIGHT C. MOORE

March 21, 1937

JOHN'S PICTURE OF THE TRIAL AND CRUCIFIXION

Read John 18:1 to 19:42. Study John 19:4-9, 14-18, 25-30

The agony of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane about midnight culminated in his betrayal by Judas and his arrest by the soldiers who fettered him and carried him into the city.

The arraignment before the authorities began in the court of the high priest, first before Annas and then before Caiaphas, the while Peter denied his Lord. Later Jesus was accused before Pilate who after an interview with him sought a compromise for him and ordered him scourged, but upon popular demand pronounced upon him the death sentence.

The atonement on the cross was made by the Divine Sufferer: His fellow victims, two thieves; his title, the King of the Jews; his raiment, the perquisite of the executioners; his mother, entrusted to a friend; his anguish, voiced in burning thirst; his spirit, at last released; and his side pierced, to prove his death.

1. Christ Before Pilate

Jesus was condemned by Pilate. Note (1) He was arraigned without fault. The murderous Jews were too sanctimonious to contaminate themselves by entering the Roman judgment hall, and so Pilate went out to them to hear their accusations. In the storm of invectives that followed, he discovered three charges against Jesus: They declared he had perverted the nation, forbidden tribute, and called himself a king. The first two of these were utterly false and the third was basely misconstrued. A conference with Jesus inside the hall convinced Pilate of the groundlessness of the charges and so he went out, declaring, "I find no fault in him."

A tumultuous charge ensued during which Jesus was called a Galilean. Seeing, as he thought, a good opportunity to evade an unpleasant duty, Pilate ordered Jesus to appear before Herod Antipas, tetrarch of Galilee, at this time a visitor in Jerusalem. Note (2) He was mocked without cause. The murdered of the Baptist was delighted to see Jesus and expected him to work a miracle to gratify curiosity. But to his multiplied questions Jesus did and answered absolutely nothing. The ecclesiastics meantime were vehement in their accusations. Finding no valid grounds for legal procedure, yet disappointed and perhaps indignant at the prisoner, Herod subjected him to rude mockery and sent him back to Pilate. The conduct of Antipas was a virtual acquittal of Jesus.

Note (3) He was condemned without sin. When they brought him back to the praetorium the responsibility was thrown once more and finally upon the Roman governor. Unwilling to pass sentence of death upon one whom he knew to be innocent, yet afraid to anger the Jews now greatly excited, Pilate unwisely decided upon a compromise; namely, chastisement and release. It was his hope that by the proposed scourging, unjust as it would be, he would conciliate the Jews and quell the excitement. But the mob cried, "Away with him!" Moreover, as their paschal boon, they wildly chose, not the innocent Nazarene, but Barabbas, the famous insurrectionist and murderer now lying in prison. More and more unwilling seemed Pilate to sanction flagrant injustice, yet weaker and weaker in the attempt to do right. So more in scorn than in earnest he queried, "What shall I do then with Jesus?" (AV). Madly the crowd responded, "Crucify him!" It was the first time the awful demand had been made. Pilate remonstrated, wavering reed-like before a storm. But when the rabble asserted that failure to execute Jesus would be disloyalty to Caesar, and the chief priests intimated that this matter would be carried to Rome if not settled according to popular clamor, then Pilate gave way to their will. The death sentence was passed, the executioners were appointed and preparations were made for immediate crucifixion.

2. Christ on the Cross

Jesus was crucified at Calvary. Note (1) The Submission to the Cross. The three victims of the day bore their crosses to the place of execution. The centurion was accompanied by four soldiers detailed to carry out each death sentence. The crowd that followed included Temple servants, a number of the ecclesiastics, and a miscellaneous throng. Though exhausted by days of agitation, a night of agony, and the six trials, three ecclesiastical and three civil,

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TAKE UP THY CROSS AND FOLLOW ME

W. O. Lewis

Take up thy cross and follow me, wh'er the Spirit leads;
Behold, according to my grace I will supply thy needs,
Remember how I bore the cross to set a lost world free,
And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men to me.

Take up thy cross and follow me what ever may betide;
And though it's burden bear thee down, I'm always by thy side
To guide thy faltering steps along the path I've set for thee;
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Lord, may I follow close to thee, and let thy will be mine;
O! may my daily life exalt the Christ of Calvary,
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Goree, Texas.

CONVENTION DISTRICT 8

We are in receipt of a program for the annual convention of District 8, which is to be held with the First Baptist Church, Lamesa, on Thursday and Friday of this week. The program was received too late to appear in last week's issue of the West Texas Baptist. Some of the speakers outside the district who are appearing on the program are R. A. Springer, Amarillo; Rev. C. E. Hereford, Lubbock; W. J. Lites, Dallas; E. M. Collier and the editor from Abilene. The convention sermon is to be preached by Pastor Borum of Midland, and the missionary sermon by Dr. R. E. Day of the First Church, Big Spring. J. J. Strickland is missionary of District 8, W. S. Garnett, Big Spring, is president, and P. D. O'Brien of Colorado, secretary. We regret that this splendid program was not received in time to give it more publicity.

ALL ABOARD FOR CISCO

There should be a large attendance at the annual convention of District 17 at Cisco March 30-31. Pastor E. S. James and the First Baptist Church, joined by the fine citizenship of Cisco are prepared to give all visitors a hearty welcome. All phases of our Baptist work—Sunday School, B. T. U., W. M. U. and Men's Brotherhood—will have places on the two days program. Remember the date and make your plans to be there.

RADIO BROADCAST

We are anxious that all our readers who are interested in the Old Testament Bible study outlined in each issue of the West Texas Baptist take advantage of our radio broadcast each Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock on these lessons. The outline in this issue will be broadcast next Wednesday afternoon over KRBC, 1420 kilocycles, Abilene. If our pastors will announce this broadcast to their congregations, it will help greatly in this Bible study.

MRS. IRA L. PARRACK

Our readers will remember to pray for Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Chillicothe, whose wife died last week. She had been ill for a long time. Brother Parrack, before going to Chillicothe, was pastor at Merkel, and many friends from Merkel attended the funeral which was held at Chillicothe.

HARDIN-SIMMONS REVIVAL

Pastor P. D. O'Brien of Colorado is preaching some fine sermons in the Hardin-Simmons revival meeting which is in progress this week. Much interest is being manifested in the meeting. Sunday morning the evangelist will preach at the First Baptist Church, and the meeting will close Sunday evening with services at University Church. The morning services are held at 9:50 o'clock and the evening services at 7:00.

Rev. C. R. Shirer, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Temple, is to be with Pastor E. D. Dunlap and the First Church, Sweetwater, in a revival meeting beginning April 19.

Rev. W. C. Ashford is to do the preaching in a meeting with Pastor Dean and Calvary Church, Abilene, beginning the first Sunday in April.

Rev. Lawrence Trott, for the past few years pastor of Lamar Street Baptist Church, Sweetwater, has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church, Levelland, and will move on the new field by April 1. Brother Trott is one of our most promising young preachers, and Levelland is fortunate in securing his services.

Practically every section of West Texas and the Panhandle has been visited by splendid rains during the past two weeks. Prospects never looked brighter in this section for a good crop year. Good seasons and constantly rising prices of farm products should spur our people on to greater endeavors both in a temporal and spiritual matters.

Think On These Things

C. C. Andrews, Baird, Texas

"No man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

God has fixed the plan of salvation, that in order to obtain it, with its continued possession, it must come through His Son.

We cannot go around Christ and get to God. Eternal life with all other gifts, come through Jesus Christ.

Paul said in Romans: "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

And again to Timothy, "There is one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus."

Only in the name of Jesus can we have salvation; "For there is none other name under heaven given

among men, whereby we must be saved."

God hears our prayers only in the name of His Son.

We cannot honor the Father apart from the Son, for, says Jesus, "He that honoreth not the Son, honoreth not the Father which hath sent him."

Jesus "Purchased our redemption" from his Father with the price of his blood, and the Father in turn gave the Son the franchise on salvation with the exclusive right to give this salvation to all who would believe and trust him.

Surely, nothing more could have been done to make salvation more attractive to the unsaved or comforting to the saved.

Devotional Thoughts

"THE PART THAT HANGS OVER"

A large city store was featuring a display of blankets. The window was most attractive, for the artistic touch of deft hands had given full effect to texture, color and size of the blankets. But not less arresting than the beautiful blankets was the legend in their midst—"It's the part that hangs over that keeps you warm."

Well, everywhere in life "it's the part that hangs over that keeps us warm." Satisfaction, security, comfort, progress are all dependent upon the presence of the margin.

Our financiers know this. Bankers proverbially are not advertisers. Yet bankers have been careful to maintain and to advertise their margin. In gold letters on the front windows of every bank in the country you will see something like this: Capital, \$30,000,000, Reserve Fund, \$20,000,000.

Every engineer, too, knows the necessity and value of a margin. Whether it be a skyscraper or a dam, a boiler or a bridge, there must be foresight of the unforeseen, a margin for emergencies.

But the supreme exemplification of the value of reserve is found in the moral life, in the realm of spiritual

values. Weakness rather than wickedness has been the operating cause in the downfall of multitudes. They could not stand the pace. The strain of seeing life speedily drained their resistance. Under the tension of temptation they reached the breaking point and collapsed. If life is to be more than a grim procession of defeats we must be able to command reserves which will give us not only courage and confidence but power to live victoriously. And where shall we find such reinforcements of the moral life?

Personally I know of no source but Jesus Christ. Certainly one of the outstanding marks of Jesus was his tremendous margin of reserve. He never lost his poise. He was never in the least degree unequal to the circumstances of the hour. Everywhere and always he bore all the marks of un-labored strength. In Him was life—creative, sacrificial, redemptive—the very life of God, and in fellowship with Him we become partakers of His inexhaustible reserves.—W. N. Hutchins in Maritime Baptist.

ON THE FIELD WITH HARDIN-SIMMONS PREACHERS

At the request of the Colony Hill Baptist Church, the Immanuel Baptist Church, Abilene, ordained Brother Clebert Jones to the Gospel ministry last Wednesday night. Pastor Roy O. Young was moderator and J. William Arnett secretary of the presbytery. Brother N. W. Pitts, a former pastor of Brother Jones, preached the ordination sermon. Brother D. D. Johnson gave the charge and Brother R. G. McLeod led in the ordination prayer. Other members of the presbytery were: Brethren W. I. Taylor, Jim Noles, James Alexander, and S. W. Jones, Gene Moore, W. H. Guley, H. L. Rice and W. J. Whitaker.

We had a good service at Truby Sunday although we had to face the wintery rain to get to church.—N. W. Pitts, pastor.

They had good rains at Sparanberg and had fine services Sunday. This church is facing the future with faith to follow the leadership of the Lord. The pastor, Brother W. I. Taylor, is a senior this year, and this fine church has furnished him with the money to buy a class ring. (Other churches might make it possible for their pastors to wear a ring of his school and graduating class).

Through rain and sleet, people came to fill the house at Parks Sunday morning. The Rev. J. B. Dwiggs preached in this morning service, and his sermon was fine. Brother Dwiggs was licensed to preach by this church two weeks ago; he will preach, both morning and evening, again next Sunday. Brother A. B. Moseley is the pastor.

Dr. E. B. Atwood supplied for Pastor Pond at Breckenridge last Sunday and will fill the pulpit there again Sunday. Dr. Pond is in a revival meeting at San Antonio.

The Baptist Church at Tye is having its building electrically lighted this week, and raised the necessary money for the improvements last Sunday. Brother Loyal E. Brown is the pastor at Tye.

Brother Joe P. Self, Jr., was at the new Live Oak Church Sunday in the interest of the Sunday School. Brother Self is a group captain of the Associational Sunday School. The church called Brother Self to pastor the church, last Wednesday evening.

The past two programs of the Ministerial Council have been given to a discussion on "What Baptists Believe," and one other program is to be given to the discussion. Drs. N.

A. Moore and E. B. Atwood, professors in the Bible department, are leading in the discussions.

Brother Elsie Latta has been in the Hendrick Memorial Hospital for the past two weeks suffering with the "flu."

There were seven additions to the Forsan Church Sunday. Brother Short did not tell me this, but we join in saying amen for the good work being done by this church and Brother Short.

Brother Dick O'Brien, a former student and member of the council, is doing the preaching in the campus meeting this week.

The male quartet of H.-S. U. will be with the Oplin Church Sunday night for a program. Rev. Dick Griffin is pastor of the church.

Summer Bulletin Comes Off Press

Announcement bulletin of the summer session at Hardin-Simmons was released from the university business office last week.

Principal change in this year's calendar of activities is the division of the period into two six weeks sessions with separate registration dates. The change will better accommodate teachers who are unable to attend the first time.

Registration for the opening term is set for June 3, date for the second is July 13. Summer school will close Aug. 21.

When I first came back from China it worried me considerably the way we send missionaries to China and work our heads off to save their souls over there, but do nothing for the Chinese over here. It's as if we are only interested in their religion as long as we can keep them at arm's length.—I. D. Eavenson, former missionary to China, now pastor of First Baptist Church, Cleveland, Miss.

The use in heathen worship of the peyote bean, a narcotic cactus plant, is increasing among the Indians, according to Missionary Thomas J. Wamego.

A missionary of the Home Mission Board assisted recently in the ordination of the pastor of a Baptist church in Mexico. Baptists in Mexico are active in their church work, he reports.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By HIGHT C. MOORE

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JOHN'S PICTURE OF THE TRIAL AND CRUCIFIXION

Read John 18:1 to 19:42. Study John 19:4-9, 14-18, 25-30

The agony of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane about midnight culminated in his betrayal by Judas and his arrest by the soldiers who fettered him and carried him into the city.

The arraignment before the authorities began in the court of the high priest, first before Annas and then before Caiaphas, the while Peter denied his Lord. Later Jesus was accused before Pilate who after an interview with him sought a compromise for him and ordered him scourged, but upon popular demand pronounced upon him the death sentence.

The atonement on the cross was made by the Divine Sufferer: His fellow victims, two thieves; his title, the King of the Jews; his raiment, the perquisite of the executioners; his mother, entrusted to a friend; his anguish, voiced in burning thirst; his spirit, at last released; and his side pierced, to prove his death.

1. Christ Before Pilate

Jesus was condemned by Pilate. Note (1) He was arraigned without fault. The murderous Jews were too sanctimonious to contaminate themselves by entering the Roman judgment hall, and so Pilate went out to them to hear their accusations. In the storm of invectives that followed, he discovered three charges against Jesus: They declared he had perverted the nation, forbidden tribute, and called himself a king. The first two of these were utterly false and the third was basely misconstrued. A conference with Jesus inside the hall convinced Pilate of the groundlessness of the charges and so he went out, declaring, "I find no fault in him." A tumultuous charge ensued during which Jesus was called a Galilean. Seeing, as he thought, a good opportunity to evade an unpleasant duty, Pilate ordered Jesus to appear before Herod Antipas, tetrarch of Galilee, at this time a visitor in Jerusalem. Note (2) He was mocked without cause. The murdered of the Baptist was delighted to see Jesus and expected him to work a miracle to gratify curiosity. But to his multiplied questions Jesus did and answered absolutely nothing. The ecclesiastics meantime were vehement in their accusations. Finding no valid grounds for legal procedure, yet disappointed and perhaps indignant at the prisoner, Herod subjected him to rude mockery and sent him back to Pilate. The conduct of Antipas was a virtual acquittal of Jesus. Note (3) He was condemned without sin. When they brought him back to the praetorium the responsibility was thrown once more and finally upon the Roman governor. Unwilling to pass sentence of death upon one whom he knew to be innocent, yet afraid to anger the Jews now greatly excited, Pilate unwisely decided upon a compromise; namely, chastisement and release. It was his hope that by the proposed scourging, unjust as it would be, he would conciliate the Jews and quell the excitement. But the mob cried, "Away with him!" Moreover, as their paschal boon, they wildly chose, not the innocent Nazarene, but Barabbas, the famous insurrectionist and murderer now lying in prison. More and more unwilling seemed Pilate to sanction flagrant injustice, yet weaker and weaker in the attempt to do right. So more in scorn than in earnest he queried, "What shall I do then with Jesus?" (AV). Madly the crowd responded, "Crucify him!" It was the first time the awful demand had been made. Pilate remonstrated, wavering reed-like before a storm. But when the rabble asserted that failure to execute Jesus would be disloyalty to Caesar, and the chief priests intimated that this matter would be carried to Rome if not settled according to popular clamor, then Pilate gave way to their will. The death sentence was passed, the executioners were appointed and preparations were made for immediate crucifixion.

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OUR WEEKLY SERMON

"SANCTIFICATION"

Galatians 5:24
P. C. Williams, Stamford, Texas
 Baptists have neglected to study and teach some of the great doctrines of the Bible, perhaps because some fanatical groups have abused, or gone off at a tangent from them. One of these neglected doctrines is Sanctification.

It is not the purpose of this discourse to enter into the meaning of or possibility of attaining to sanctification in the Christian life. The only word to be said here about the meaning is to say that in the Scripture the word never meant "sinless perfection." It means "to be set apart" to God. It is a goal toward which to strive and in the direction of which our every effort will be directed.

Suffer another introductory word. We need people today—lots of them—who will make their best effort to be just as nearly free from every sin as they possibly can. Why should any sensible man deliberately and knowingly commit any sin, of whatever nature or magnitude? The verse chosen as a text for this sermon shows the steps in the process of reaching sanctification. They are three: Divine Ownership, Divine Operation, and Divine Possession: "They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its affections and lusts."

Divine Ownership. "They that are Christ's," speaks to us of the One Whose we are. "Know ye not that ye are not your own? Ye are bought with a price."

I. We belong to Christ, Himself. He owns us by right of creation, by right of re-creation and by right of sustaining grace. Who is Jesus? He is the composite of all the personalities of this and the other world, sublimated to the perfect degree, and set apart to the doing of the Father's will. Thus to belong to Him is the first step in our upward climb to sanctification.

2. We belong to Christ's Church. If we are regenerated, this is true, if we never publicly profess Him and follow Him in baptism. The church told us the story of Jesus, and provides us an atmosphere in which we may grow toward Sanctification, if we will. No man will ever be sanctified until he is willing to acknowledge this claim which the church has on him and yield to it. As for me, I'm happy to yield my little life to the church of my Savior, acknowledge my fealty to it, even if many today are deriding it and magnifying its faults and failures. I'm glad to claim it as mine, if it is willing to claim me as one of its members.

A former pastor of mine told this story. He was standing on the street one afternoon talking to a man, when the man said, "Who is that boy behind you?" He looked around and saw a little red-headed, freckled face, disheveled haired boy, whose clothes were far from clean or tidy. He said, in spite of all his lack of attractiveness, "That is my boy." A good father he was. We'll be acting the part of good Christians if we will acknowledge the claim of the church upon us.

3. We belong to the Cause of Christ. His cause is my cause. The cause of Christ has been through many places that looked dismal and desperate. But it has always emerged triumphant, because men and women were willing to give their all, even life itself. And this they were willing to do because they felt that the cause owned them, and thus they climbed the ladder of sanctification. Our nation has climbed and stayed on a high pinnacle among nations because men have followed the Stars and Stripes as a symbol of the cause that means freedom, liberty and pursuit of the rights of life. Thus came into being the National Anthem, as a group of men fought for a cause. And they live today in our minds because of it.

II. Divine Operation. "Crucified the flesh." Crucifixion was a common manner of killing criminals in Jesus' day. But never did any operation become so sublime as did the cross when it bore up the body of Jesus as He made His offering for the sins of men. As men relate themselves to this as God would have them to do, there is performed within them a major spiritual surgery that is marvelous indeed.

1. It is that man is to be borne by the Cross. To let the cross lift man up is to be crucified—to die to sin and have a hope of new life. No man will be sanctified until he faces the cross with the Christ dying on it as he looks to it as his only hope. Jesus, in His humanity, shrank from the cross. But the spirit prevailed, and His humanity died. Man pulls back from the cross but until he comes to it and bows there in obedience to its dictum, he will not be saved, let alone be sanctified. Our little girl went to the hospital for tonsil and adenoid operation. She stoutly resisted the nurses and the anaesthetic, but it was the only way. So may we say about the Cross as that which must bear man.

2. It is that Man is to Bear the Cross. "Take up thy cross" is the admonition of Jesus. It is more than an admonition. It is an ultimatum. Men of all ages have had to bear their crosses, but their sanctification has come thereby. Jonah's cross was a commission to Nineveh. Isaiah's cross was to preach to a gainsaying nation of kinsmen. Paul's cross was a thorn in the flesh. But the most sanctifying thing to us individually is to bow our backs, accept our cross and bear it.

I visited the hospital not long ago on Saturday afternoon. There was a business man who had never been sick before, until some two or three weeks prior to that. But this sickness had been serious. He was leav-

ing the hospital, but with the doctor's instructions to remain in bed for three months. A heavy cloud of gloom and despondency enshrouded him. His wife looked across the bed at me and said, "Bro. Williams, he can do it, can't he?" I assured him that even though he had never done it before, by God's grace he could do it this time. I expect him to grow in grace as he bears this cross.

3. The Cross and Man Together Bear the World Godward. What a picture! A man saved from sin, standing with his hand on the cross, and with the help of the cross, leaving the world Godward. The cross is the steam, man the engine; the cross is the star, man the reflector of its light, the cross is the current, man is the bulb. But when they are united, mighty is their work, and sanctifying to man is the consequence. Someone has said that if a rock weighing tons were suspended from a beam, and a man made a hammer of an ordinary bottle cork, that that huge rock could be swung into action by continually striking it with the cork hammer. True or not, it speaks a parable to us of the weight of the cross and man to swing the world Godward.

III. Divine Possession. A new affection and desire. When God removes the desires of the flesh within us, He infills us with one of a different nature.

1. An Affection that is Normal. The most abnormal thing at all is a man who doesn't love God. When we are born of God, and are thereby restored to normalcy, then our affections and desires become normal.

There was in my church in my early pastoral experience a woman whose home life was, according to all appearances, ideal. She and her husband were congenial, and happiness seemed to dwell in the home. But she was afflicted in such a way that she might go insane instantly, without notice. The peculiar thing about it was that when she went insane, she turned completely against her husband, and he could not approach her. This says a lot to us about people who do not love God, and about the normalcy of people who do love Him.

2. An Affection that is Positive. It not only refrains from evil, but promotes the good. It expresses itself in sacrifice, in service, in soul-culture. John Bunyan's love expressed itself in giving the world "Pilgrim's Progress" while he was in jail. Jeremiah's love expressed itself by preaching to people of his day. Horace Greeley wrote to his friend, Joshua Speed: "Die when I may, I want it said of me by those who know me best, that I always plucked up a thistle and planted a flower when I thought a flower would grow." An admirer of him spoke of his work thus: "He plucked the thistle of drunkenness and planted the flower of sobriety. He plucked the thistle of greed, and planted the flower of honesty. He plucked the thistle of sorrow and planted the flower of gladness. He plucked the thistle of despair and planted the flower of hope. He plucked the thistle of jealousy and planted the flower of nobleness. He plucked the thistle of disgrace and planted the flower of heroism. He plucked the thistle of enmity and planted the flower of friendship. He plucked the thistle of irreverence and planted the flower of faith." May our love so express itself as we strive toward sanctification of life.

3. An Affection that is Enduring. Wars may come, afflictions may befall, floods may rage, fires may burn, disease may devastate, death may disband, but the love of the sanctified man abides, the days and seasons long.

A story says that there was a small family in New York City. The father and husband was a poor laboring man. He lay dying. He asked his wife to keep the home together for the sake of the two children. After his going, the devoted wife went to her task. But her needle didn't bring in much, and she was constantly moving into cheaper quarters, finally landing in the attic of a tenement dwelling. She became ill, and the doctor said she must go to the hospital. She felt that the end was near for her. She looked out for a home for her children. When they were consigned there, she took them. Upon entering the door of the home, at night, she asked the superintendent for a mother's last privilege—that of tucking her children in bed for the last time. Her request

CROSS WORD PUZZLE

- DOWN**
 1—A New Testament Epistle.
 6—A name for Deity.
 8—A prefix emphasized in puzzle ad.
 10—An exclamation of surprise.
 11—Father of Bezateel, one of the architects of the tabernacle.
 12—For.
 13—A language abbreviation.
 15—Pronoun.
 16—A tribe of Israel.
 18—Israel's lawgiver.

- DOWN**
 2—Second city captured by Israel in the conquest of Palestine.
 3—Made, in the image of God.
 4—A printer's unit of measure.
 5—Advertised in puzzle ad.
 7—Advertised in puzzle ad.
 9—To go astray; to sin.
 10—Part of human body.
 14—Advertised in puzzle ad.
 16—Command given by Jesus in the great commission.
 17—Prefix emphasized in puzzle ad.
 Answer to puzzle on page 4.

Constitution For District Seventeen

Article I. Name and Nature
 1. The name of this convention shall be, the Baptist Convention of District 17.

2. This body is and shall ever remain only and solely a body through which Baptist Churches may work harmoniously in co-operation with each other, promoting the objects set forth in this constitution. It has not, to any degree and shall never have any ecclesiastical authority.

Article II. Object
 The object of this convention shall be to bring about a closer fellowship among Baptists of District 17, and to enlist their interest in things fostered by churches, associations and the General Convention of Texas.

Article III. Membership
 1. This body in all of its meetings shall be composed of messengers who are co-operating with their respective associations and the General Convention of Texas, and who shall be elected by the churches and associations in the bounds of District 17.

2. Each church co-operating with this body shall be entitled to ten messengers for the first one hundred members or fractional part thereof, and two additional messengers for each additional one hundred members or fractional part thereof, providing that no church shall have more than 20 messengers. Each association co-operating with this body shall be entitled to five messengers.

Article IV. Officers
 1. The officers of this convention shall be a president, four vice-presidents, a secretary and treasurer.
 2. The four vice-presidents shall be recommended, one from each of the four auxiliaries of the Convention, viz: Sunday School, B. T. U., W. M. U., and Brotherhood.
 3. The four recommendations of the auxiliaries for the office of vice-pres-

idents shall, if elected by the convention, serve as presidents of their respective auxiliaries.
Article V. Boards
 1. The Executive Board of this body shall be composed of three members from each association, suggested by the Association and shall include the District Mission Treasurer of the Association. All officers of this convention shall be ex-officio members of the executive board.
 2. The Executive Board shall foster the work of District Missions, and all work of the Convention, adinterim.
Article VI. Committees
 1. The program committee shall be composed of the president, four vice-presidents, and the district missionary.
 2. There shall be a committee on time and place.
 3. There shall be a committee on resolutions.
 4. Any other needed committees shall be appointed by the body.
Article VII. Meetings
 This body shall meet annually, at such time and place as it may appoint, and the Executive Board shall have power to call a meeting of the body when it deems necessary.
Article VIII. Amendments
 This constitution shall not be changed or amended unless the change or amendment be offered on the first day of the annual session and voted on the second day, and then only by a two-thirds majority.

was granted. They went into the room and closed the door. When her coming out was delayed a long time, the man investigated. He found her kneeling with one hand on the head of each child, where the end had come. "Having loved His own, He loved them unto the end." When men shall have come into possession of a love like that, they shall then be approaching sanctification.

DRYS TRIUMPHANT IN GEORGIA REPEAL MOVE

By a vote of 109 to 84, Georgia's house of representatives, now in session in Atlanta, has defeated a repeal measure, which would have legalized the sale of hard liquors. Encouraged by the victory, dry forces and church leaders in Georgia are renewing their campaign to outlaw the sale of beer and light wines, legalized about two years ago. More than two-thirds of the counties of Georgia voted against the sale of beer and wine in a local option election in 1935.

OUTLINE OF OLD TESTAMENT STUDY

By The Editor

A Brief Survey

In the lesson study last week we 4:11). gave a brief outline of the law given at Mt. Sinai, and made a brief study of the tabernacle built by Israel at Sinai.

The latter part of the book of Exodus tells of the giving of the law and describes in detail the building of the tabernacle.

The book of Leviticus deals primarily with the ceremonial law, giving in detail God's instructions to his people in regard to offerings, consecration, relationship of God's people, the various feast days, etc.

The Book of Numbers
 The book gets its name from the numbering of the children of Israel. The first ten chapters describe this numbering in detail. The numbering was for military purposes, and all males 20 years and older able to go to war were included in the registration. The total number (Num. 1:45-46) was 603,500. The events recorded in the book cover a period of 39 years.

Outline of Numbers
 The Book may be studied in the following divisions:

- I—Numbering of the people. 1:1-10:10.
- II—Journey from Sinai to Kadesh-barnea. 10:11-12:16.
- III—Israel at Kadesh-barnea. 13:1-19:20.
- IV—The Wilderness Wandering. 20:1-33:49.
- V—Closing instructions and preparation for entering the land.

For the next lesson we will study the first three divisions of the book, noting especially the second and third divisions.

Questions for Study

- 1. How many men were numbered for military purposes? (Ch. 1).
- 2. What duties were given the tribe of Levi in the services of worship? (Ch. 3).
- 3. How did the pillow of fire and cloud direct the journeyings of Israel? (Ch. 9:15-23).
- 4. (1) Who was invited to go with Israel to Kadesh-barnea? (2) Why was he invited to go? (3) What evidence that he did go? (Judges 1:16;

5. (1) Tell of the murmuring at Taberah; (2) what lessons may we learn from this? (Ch. 11).

6. Tell of the incidents at Kibroth-hattaavah, or "the grave of lust." (11:26-35).

7. Tell something of the trouble between Moses, Miriam and Aaron. (Ch. 12).

8. How many men were sent out to spy out the land? How were they selected?

9. What was the majority report brought back? The minority report? (Chs. 13-14).

10. What were some of the results in refusing to enter the land?

W. M. U. MEETING

The W. M. U.s of Aspermont, Jayton, and Swenson churches met in regular meeting Monday, March 8, with the Peacock Baptist Church. The theme of the program was "Spanish and Portuguese."

As a climax of the meeting Mrs. F. T. Whitaker, associational president, was surprised with a handkerchief shower, a memo of her birthday.

Refreshments were served to the following:

Jayton: Mrs. F. T. Whitaker, Grover Little, J. W. Armes, Lula Rice, Fred McPherson, W. T. Holley, W. H. Porter and Mrs. Whately. Aspermont: Mrs. J. L. Chennault, Pierson Couch, C. E. Brannen, Prutt Rash, Alonzo Mayfield, Y. E. Aycock, Irving Pierson, Mrs. Jobe and Mrs. Forgas. Swenson: Mrs. Edd Hahn, Guy Southern and Mrs. G. C. Tarrance. Peacock, Mrs. C. S. Cox, Jewel Fleming, Ellis Scogin, G. C. Kenady, Mrs. Jones, Hazel Owen, W. O. Ross, Wade Smith, M. F. Childress, J. D. Patterson, Sr., V. A. Galloway, W. H. McKinzie, Miss Mary Alice Reese and Mrs. Sam Morgan.—Mrs. Sam Morgan, publicity chairman, Stonewall Associational W. M. U.

ELEVENTH AMENDMENT

If there had been drunken driving in the days of the Ten Commandments, there would have been Eleven.—Portland (Me.) Evening Express.

SAM MALONE'S

ADVERTISERS CROSS WORD PUZZLE

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YOUR VOTE SOLICITED If you will elect me your next Chief of Police I will be faithful in the enforcement of law. If you read Ex. 31:2-5 it will help solve this puzzle. ROBERT S. DUNN (Political Adv.)	1	2	3	4	GOOD USED CARS If you are in the market for a good used car we would be glad to figure with you. We have better cars at better prices with better terms. Latest models in standard cars at prices you cannot afford to overlook. F. W. COUCH 1346 N. First Street
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MISSIONARY



H. D. BLAIR,
Missionary of Cisco Baptist Ass'n.

When an associational missionary is re-elected every year for ten years without one single vote being cast against him—that's news.

This is the record made by Missionary H. D. Blair of the Cisco Association. This association is composed of Eastland, Stephens and Shackelford Counties. It is in the midst of a great oil, stock and farming section of the Central West.

Brother Blair is a consecrated, hard working missionary. He has the love and confidence of his entire association. Right now this missionary is getting his association ready for the summer evangelistic campaign. The plans are to have 60 revival meetings held in the association during the summer.

The Cisco Association is the only association in District 17 that maintains its own missionary. This is done in addition to the support given the district mission work.

CISCO WILL ENTERTAIN DISTRICT CONVENTION

(Continued from page 1)
ference, and recognition of B. T. U. contest winners.

Convention Program

The convention program follows:

Morning Session, March 30

9:30—Song Service, J. Frank Walker.

9:40—Welcome, E. S. James.

9:45—Response, J. Henry Littleton.

9:50—Address, J. D. Sandefer.

10:15—Sunday School Conferences:

1. Cradle Roll and Beginner, Mrs. M. D. Fagg; 2. Primary, Mrs. Hubert Alexander; 3. Junior, Mrs. Ed Fouts;

4. Intermediate, Mrs. H. W. McIntyre; 5. Young People, J. D. Riddle;

6. Adult, J. W. Lites; 7. Records, H. H. Stephens.

11:15—Re-assemble for reports.

11:20—Appointment of committees.

11:25—Special music, H.-S. U. Male Quartet.

11:30—Address, God's Plan, R. C. Campbell.

12:00—Lunch.

Afternoon Session, March 30

1:30—Song Service, Finis Williams.

1:40—Address, Evangelism, W. Y. Pond.

2:20—B. T. U. Conferences: 1. Beginner-Primary, Mrs. B. N. Shepherd;

2. Junior, Mrs. J. A. Smith; 3. Intermediate, D. C. Ham; 4. Senior, Mrs. J. D. Riddle; 5. Adult, Mrs. W. C. Russell; 6. Associational, Roy Shahan.

3:20—Re-assemble for reports.

3:30—Address, J. W. Lites.

4:00—Address, B. N. Shepherd.

Night Session, March 30

7:00—1. Brotherhood Banquet, L. H. Welch in charge; 2. W. M. U. program, Mrs. R. M. White in charge;

Devotional, Mrs. Rogers; Local Society Standard, Mrs. H. P. Schrimsher; Special Music, Cisco; Associational Standard, Mrs. Elton Rhodes; District Standard, Mrs. J. B. Buckley; Introduction, B. N. Shepherd; Young Peoples' Council, Mrs. Allan Crownover.

8:30—Address, R. C. Campbell.

Morning Session, March 31

9:00—Song Service, Henry Morgan.

9:15—Address, C. A. Powell.

9:40—Sunday School Conference, J. W. Lites.

10:10—Special Music, Cisco.

10:15—District Elimination Contest.

10:45—Election of Officers.

11:00—B. T. U. Conference, E. D. Dunlap.

11:30—Recognition of B. T. U. Contest Winner.

12:00—Adjourn.

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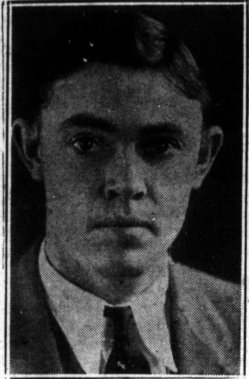
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PASTOR T. J. SPARKMAN,
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MISSION STUDY INSTITUTE TO BE HELD AT MERKEL

10—Song Service. Words of welcome, Mrs. T. E. Collins. Response, Mrs. C. C. Compere

10:05—Devotional, Mrs. J. L. Anthony.

10:15—Departmental classes: "Taking Christ Seriously," Mrs. O. H. Cooper; "Rebirth of a Nation," Mrs. N. W. Pitts; "God's World Plan," Mrs. F. E. Rhodes; "Traveling Story Hour," Mrs. Haynes.

11:15—General assembly and reports.

11:05—"Why and How of Mission Study," Mrs. D. W. Arnette.

12—Covered dish luncheon.

1:00—Song service.

1:05—Devotional, Mrs. S. J. T. Williams.

1:15—Departmental classes.

2:00—General assembly and reports.

2:10—Report of the executive board. Mrs. C. C. Compere, Mrs. Geo. L. Paxton.

2:25—Special music.

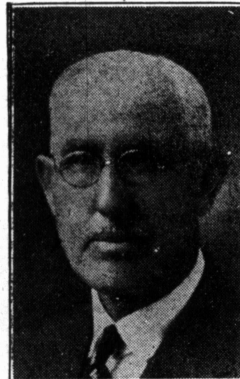
2:30—Inspirational address, to be supplied.

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Answer to Puzzle

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HOW WE HOLD OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACTIVE CHURCH WORK

(Continued from page 1)
assign to our young people tasks that interest and challenge them."

Many young people in our churches are being inspired by pastors, educational directors of the church, to visit in the name of the church. They visit prospective members for the Bible school and training union. They visit the lost and they visit unattached Baptists. In some churches great groups of young people are now being utilized to spend from one to two hours Sunday afternoon in definite visitation. The young people are also utilized as ushers at the morning and evening preaching services, to sing in the choir and to assist in all phases of church work.

4. By Organization and Evangelization

"We hold our young people through and by the organizations of the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union. Young people like organization, provided they are given a part in it."

The organization of the church should be utilized to reach, train and develop all young people. Young people who are a part of any organiza-

tion within the church should keep in mind that the effort of the organizations of a church is a means to an end, that the organization is not sufficient within itself. Every organization within the church as well as every activity of the church should "pitch toward the center." Jesus should be at the center of every church organization. The church with Jesus as its head should be the center for all organizations and activities.

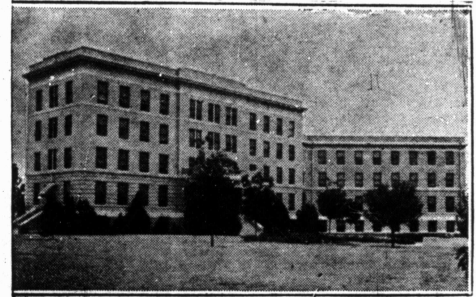
The young people of today need Christ. They also need the church to inspire, to challenge, to inform and to indoctrinate them. The church that seeks to make all services evangelistic; that utilizes young people in its organizations; that inspires its young people to live and work for Christ; that adequately provides for social activities; that teaches the Word and trains for service; that holds up lofty ideals and high standards; that has as its program "The Whole Church Supporting the Whole Program of Jesus Christ" will continue to hold its young people in the church.

An architect's drawing has been made of a new chapel to be built at Caibarien, Cuba. This is the sixth and last structure in a building program made possible for the Home Mission Board by the Bottoms Trust Fund.

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