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Former Abilene Missionary Tells of Conversion of Daniel Boone's Great Grandson

Rev. W. H. Hatchell, Missionary in Mexico, tells the following story of the conversion of Rupert Boone, great grandson of the famous Daniel Boone Brother Hatchell at one time lived in Abilene and other sections of West Texas. He is a brother-in-law of John Spaulding of Abilene.—Editor's Note.

In the early days of this month (August, 1935), I had the rare privilege of visiting Rupert (Rupert) Boone, great grandson of the famous American pioneer, Daniel Boone, in the town of San Buenaventura, state of Coahuila, Mexico. San Buenaventura is some twenty miles from Monclova, and in Monclova we have had a little church for several years that has been visited regularly by the missionary on his regular mission tours. Those who are acquainted with early Texas history will recall that Monclova was the capital of Coahuila and Texas, when Texas was a part of Mexico. More than a year ago I learned of the Boone family in San Buenaventura, but not until this month did I have an opportunity to visit them, though I had written to them.

It was a most interesting visit and interview that I had with Rupert Boone one afternoon as he related to me something of the history of the Boone family in Mexico. He said that his grandfather, Peter Boone, son of Daniel Boone, emigrated to Mexico married and settled in San Buenaventura, probably before Mexico gained her independence from Spain. This is still the home of Rupert Boone and other members of this famous family. Peter Boone was killed by the Indians, but he left a son, Augustine, who died nineteen years ago at the age of eighty-three. Augustine Boone had a family of fourteen children, Rupert being one of the younger children. He is now fifty years of age.

Rupert Boone and his wife were converted and joined the Baptist church at Muzquiz some two years ago. The Muzquiz church is one of the oldest evangelical churches in Mexico and was organized by John Westrup, who was a missionary of the Texas Baptists before either of our two Baptist Foreign Boards entered Mexico. History records that one day when this early missionary was on his way from Monterrey to Muzquiz (This was before the day of railroads in the country) to hold services in the latter place, he was killed by a roving band of Indians. The tragic death of this good man and faithful pioneer missionary did more, perhaps, than anything else to call to the attention of our Baptist people in both the north and in the south, as well as other denominations, the needs of Mexico as a missionary field.

There is no church or mission at San Buenaventura, but while I was there, a service was held in the home of Rupert Boone. He invited his sister over, the oldest member of the family, now a very old woman. When asked about her religion, she said that she was a Catholic, that she had never known any other religion. As I talked to her about Christ as our only and sufficient Saviour, she showed that she was very much interested, and we are hoping and praying that she will accept Jesus as her personal Saviour and follow the example of her brother and his family. The oldest daughter of Rupert Boone has also made a profession of faith and is awaiting baptism. We hope soon to be able to establish a mission in San Buenaventura through the influence and help of the Boone family.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL IS ORGANIZED AT STAMFORD, TEXAS

The Co-operative Missionary Baptists of Stamford met Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at the City Auditorium to perfect the organization of a Sunday-school. After the song service, and following a prayer by J. K. Brady, Rev. J. D. Brannon of Abilene, acted as presiding officer for the business meeting. The following general officers were elected: Superintendent, J. K. Brady; Assistant Supt., T. A. Upshaw; Secretary, Olive McDougle; Treasurer, C. F. Upshaw; Chorister, Felton Underwood; Pianist, Mrs. Warren B. Teyman. These officers, together with a committee appointed by Mr. Brady, met in the afternoon and selected the departmental officers and teachers. They were: Adult Department—Superintendent, J. A. Middleton; teacher for Men's Bible Class, C. M. Lester; teacher for Ladies' Bible Class, Mrs. G. G. Flournoy. Young People's Department—Superintendent, F. B. Ramey; teacher for Young Men's Class, Lee Walker; teacher for Young Ladies' Class, Mrs. C. M. Lester. Intermediate Department—Superintendent, Miss Sarah Upshaw; teacher for Boys' Class, Felton Underwood; teacher for Girls' Class, Mrs. G. J. Smith. Junior Department Superintendent, C. F. Upshaw; teacher for Boys' Class, James Crawford; teacher for Girls' Class, Mrs. Leo Richards. Primary Department—Superintendent, Mrs. Maurine Jackson; teacher for Boys' Class—Mrs. Sam Crawford; teacher for Girls' Class, Mrs. McKinney Gamblin. Beginners Department—Superintendent, Mrs. Sam Salem; helper, Mrs. Aubrey L. Foster. Cradle Roll Department—Mrs. E. E. Yates and Mrs. Coy Upshaw. Home Department—Mrs. T. A. Upshaw and Mrs. F. B. Ramey.

All of these officers were unanimously elected at the night service. Rev. Brannon preached at both the morning and evening services and good crowds were present at both services.

The members of the Sunday-school voted to send one-third of all collections to the Baptist headquarters in Dallas for the Cooperative Program. The offering Sunday amounted to \$73.88.

Regular services will be held at the City Auditorium each Sunday, Sunday school at 9:45, Morning Worship at 11:00 and the Evening Service at 7:45. All Baptists who wish to co-operate with the Baptist Denomination are urged to attend, and all persons having no other church affiliation are cordially invited to attend both the Sunday school and church services.

REPORTS FINE MEETING WITH LEVELLAND CHURCH

We closed our two weeks' revival recently with our people at Level-land, great blessings from God attending. The Pastor doing the preaching and Brother and Mrs. A. G. Pritchett of Kilgore leading in the song services. There were forty-five additions to the church, 20 by baptism, 7 by restoration, and 18 coming by letter. Large numbers rededicated their lives to the Master's service, 9 reclamations; two fine young men sur- (Continued on page four)

DR. JEFFERSON DAVIS SANDEFER (AN APPRECIATION) By Charles A. Alexander

O Brotherhood who claims the "kingdom's" first!
Who hold the Truth of thine Incarnate Lord!
Who've seized with death-like grip that blessed Word,
The living Fount for famished souls who thirst!

How blest are ye with stalwart men who hear
The call to lead thy young and growing life
Amidst earth's doubts and unbelieving strife,
And hold their grip on God without one fear!

Ye Western Land of buoyancy of soul,
Lift up thy praise to earth and sea and skies
That one still leads who knows no compromise,
And boldly stands to keep God's kingdom whole.

When Ages roll beyond earth's shadows dim,
You'll hear the Glory's shout of praise for him.

The Need of Christian Education

Last week I read a book, "Crucifying Christ in our Colleges," the first choice for September of the Southwestern Book Club. The author, Dan Gilbert, made an inspection of the teachings, and textbooks in state universities. Four university students, representing as many state universities, collaborated with him in assembling material for this volume. It is really a case book, every chapter being based on the experience of some young man or young woman whose faith was wrecked by teachers who threw overboard the ideals of righteousness and made light of God and religion. Exact quotations are given from textbooks, which seek to justify criminals who are in the grip of a mechanistic universe, commend promiscuous sexual relations, demand liberty in college for the atheistic teachers but deny liberty to students who still believe in the God of their fathers. Here is a case in point: "One of my friends tells me that in a course he took in psychology he was asked, in a final examination, to 'explain, psychologically, what happens to a person who undergoes conversion at a revival meeting.' Being a devoted Christian, he replied that in his opinion what happens to a person who sincerely undergoes conversion at a revival meeting cannot be explained without taking into account the workings of the Holy Spirit. Consequently the answer was counted wholly in error." Order the book from the Baptist Book store and read it. It will open the eyes of many people concerning the perils and the disastrous results of godless education. Dr. J. W. Jent has an article in this week's Baptist Messenger in which he points out the trend of modern psychology. Do not fail to read his warning.

All of this suggests that Baptist parents should send their children to Baptist schools where the Truth is taught, and where the Bible is cherished as the Word of God.—Baptist Messenger.

Is Living the Christian Life a Condition of Salvation

By C. C. Carr

My attention was recently called to a "church bulletin" containing in substance the following statement of religious belief or creed:

To be saved you must believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, repent of your sins, confess His name before men, be baptized in order to the remission of your sins, and live the Christian life faithfully to the end.

It is not my purpose to discuss this entire creed, but simply to call attention briefly to the last part of it, namely, that one must live the Christian life in order to be saved.

I would not underrate the importance of Christian living. It is essential in its place. But it can only serve the purpose for which it was designed. The question therefore arises: Does salvation occur at the beginning

of the Christian life, or at the close of it? Does salvation come as a gift from God, serving as a preparation for and an inspiration to Christian living, or does it follow the Christian life as its legitimate fruit and reward?

According to the foregoing statement salvation is not experienced at all in this life. It awaits the future. The Christian is only a probationer. He must live the Christian life before he can be saved. He is on trial. His trial continues to the close of his earthly tenure. If at the end of the trial he is found faithful, his acquittal is assured. If found unfaithful, his condemnation will be eternal.

I demur and say that one must be saved in order to live the Christian (Continued on page four)

President Asks Counsel of Preachers

President Roosevelt has sent out a letter to a large number of ministers of religion throughout the United States, requesting that they write him of conditions in their various communities and tell him where and how they think the Government can better serve the people. On another page we publish the copy of the letter received by this writer.

We are gratified that the time has come when the Chief Executive of the nation desires to receive and check up on a representative cross-section of the opinions of the responsible spiritual leaders of the people of the United States. Such times have come before now, as when the Government turned to the preachers of the country to build morale for the World War. That they were also forward to do.

However, following the World War, when the "clergy" of America insisted that "righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov. 14:32), and that righteousness and Government sanction of and profit from the legalized sale of liquor are hopelessly antagonistic, those same preachers were told "to keep out of politics." They were told to go to their pulpits and preach the Gospel—with the blind and presumptuous implication that the Gospel is a thing entirely apart from business honor and public morality.

President Roosevelt now approaches the ministers under different conditions. It may be that he desires to know whether the vastly expensive social and economic palliatives which have been put into operation under his administration are by the preachers considered good Americanism, good ethics, and good government. And the President must be aware that he is also opening the door to receive from these ministers their views on the religious and ethical results of the breaking down of national prohibition and the general failure of government throughout the nation to put into effect those restrictions on the sale of liquor which were promised during the national political campaign.

In any case, it is gratifying that President Roosevelt now expresses the desire to have put before him the opinion of the spiritual leaders of the American people. Especially within the last generation, there has been too much evidence that government has attempted to function in America with only a formal consideration of God and the spiritual attitude of the people.

Increasingly government, even though it has properly resented the presumptuous meddling of such organizations as the Federal Council of Churches, has yet tended in its attitude toward public morals and religion to take largely the kind of religious views which those organizations have fomented—a concern that appeals for social

Miss Blanche Rose Walker Writes of Flood Condition On Her Field In China

On Our Honan Mountain.
August 5, 1935.

Dear W. M. U. Sisters and
Others Who Pray.

Your dear letters have finally found me on this blessed mountain, after coming the floods of water that lie between us and Kaifeng. One Chinese pastor has sent word asking for much prayer, his city standing 16 feet in water, with only two mission homes above the water (second floor), where people may refuge while the missionaries are out of the city. Truly, "the whole creation travaileth together in pain."

The Prince of this world, the Devil, is having a hilarious time because of all this suffering, with numbers of God's people in it, but he knows he must keep it up while he is in power for, HIS TIME IS SHORT! It may be soon that Christ, Our Lord, with one outreach of His Wonderful hand will consign this wicked one to the bottomless pit and Peace will come to earth. I cannot think into why I am given Peace and Rest on this So Grand mountain while hosts of His excellent ones, both in China and Russia, are suffering unspeakable torture, night and day, yet, "Our times are in His hands," so I leave this matter there and pray.

"Jimmy" Graham, that excellent young man whom the Lord has sent to teach the Bible and preach to us, has come and gone and we thank God for him, and for his wife. His parents, senior missionaries to China, are still working here. Mr. Graham knows his Bible in an unusual way and he loves to peel it forth to both Chinese and missionaries! The Lord uses him wonderfully in leading government people. His meetings, and our Baptist Week of Prayer have given us deeply refreshing times together these days.

We now look forward to the coming of Dr. Truett next year. This Honan mountain is only one day's travel from Kaifeng. How kind of Our Father to let us have mountains all up and down China when we missionaries may take turns each summer and get ready for better work on the plains thereafter. The heat of the plains is hard to bear in July and August.

Yesterday our twin "Treasures," the Gillespie twins, took themselves down the hill to the crab pond. Having never played such a stunt before, their parents and many others were frantic for two hours, lest the twins had been

seized by bandits. There are many soldiers up here and we had two hours of agony indeed. They came smiling back though and declared they liked Crabs. They are three years old now.

Even tho' it is lovely up here, I actually am hungry to see my Chinese folks in Kaifeng! Mrs. Sallee and I plan to return August 15th if the water is down again. She and Miss Barratt are at one end of our settlement, and the Bosticks, my cousins, and I at the other end in their charming new rock house. Dr. and Mrs. Harris of Indiana and their little girl Ceta, will be coming soon to live with me, that is if they can find some one to provide their salary, and my heart is full of plans to divide the work with them. Dr. Harris is fine at Bible teaching.

The Lord has given me some nourishing Bible lessons and poster illustrations up here this time, that I want much to give out to the Chinese in the days ahead. "O the Exceeding riches of His Grace and His Kindness toward us," makes me love everybody!

Signed: Blanche Rose Walker.
P. S.—Today, August 12th, am home from the mountain. Mrs. Sallee and I got a freight train and hastened home because of the serious illness of Mr. and Mrs. Lawton. They must be taken to Peking hospital when able to travel.

This P. S. is written because I deeply wish you to know that I am deeply conscious that your prayers for me go to God and His answer come right down upon me, day and night.

Seven women and girls and two men from our Drum Tower church are now in training at the Bible Institute in Kaifeng (Baptist Institute). It was difficult to decide who should be chosen to take this training, but you prayed and the way was made plain.

He gave us 23 for baptism this last quarter, and You Prayed! A large number were asked to wait and give more evidence of being born again.

A bad man, renting rooms in our Compound, built himself a nice little house on our land while I was away from home. This projected me into a serious situation. (I had only given him permission to repair the room he rented.) But You were PRAYING and he yielded to giving a written statement that he would pull down the new house any time the mission told him to. (A characteristic way of settling problems.)
Your Missionary.

equity and economic betterment for all, but fails to go back to God with repentance and reverence and with the desire to know and efface His will. Such was not the spirit of the great founders of the nation. George Washington, for instance, said: "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible."

An opportunity is now afforded the ministers of this country, who as no other group have realized the downward spiritual drift of America during the past decade, in a mighty witness of letters sent by them to the President to impress upon him and the government the necessity of turning back to God, and seeking to establish righteousness among men, if we are to expect His favor.

Now for years the Christian ministers of this country have with aching hearts seen the forces of evil becoming more and more influential with the ruling powers of the nation. They have looked on and seen moral restraints displaced by license. They have beheld their government giving heed to the wishes of selfish and subversive interests to the end that it might profit by the taxes to be had from the profits of corrupt business. They have with deep concern watched the results of the various experiments of the government looking to recovery from the depression.

From their pulpits they have tried to stem the tide of moral decline and selfish materialism that have been undermining the consciences and resistance of the people to the seductive desire to get something for nothing. They have borne their witness that America cannot restore government to normal conditions by the adoption of methods that are themselves subversive of Christianity. They have warned that America cannot drink itself into prosperity or spirituality. And that the government took a tragic step backward in moral and spiritual tone when it espoused the cause of the legalized sale of liquor.

We urge each minister who reads these lines that he now has an opportunity to express directly to the President his convictions in regard to these great questions. We think it probable that the great mass of ministers who actually bear the burdens of the people, and live near to them, are the ones who are most seldom heard in response to such an opportunity as the President's open letter. It matters not if one has not himself received the letter.

There is hardly a group of preachers in the nation more unaccustomed to writing such letters to Caesar than are Baptist ministers. We would therefore press upon our ministers even more urgently that they write to the President their convictions as to what Government may now do better to serve the American people.—Western Recorder.

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THE FALL ROUND-UP

Our missionaries in districts Eight and Seventeen are doing some fine work in the matter of enlisting the churches for the Fall Round-up for missions. Week of prayer programs are being held in many of our churches. The program as outlined by the Dallas headquarters office will put new emphasis into our state mission work, if our pastors and churches will only present the matter to the people. God's Book says, "without a vision my people perish." Our Baptist people will become interested in the cause of missions if the matter is properly presented to them. There is not a feature in the West Texas Baptist that creates more interest than the missionary letters we publish from time to time. We feel that these letters do a lot toward keeping the mission fires kindled in the hearts of our people. Our pastors should take advantage of the opportunity they have through the week of prayer program to rekindle the interest of their people in the work fostered by Texas Baptists. In our own church the regular week of prayer is not being held, but the program as outlined will be carried out at the Wednesday evening prayer services and the Sunday morning services during the next two weeks. At the close of the series of talks by various members of the church, an effort will be made to secure a mission offering from every member of the Sunday School and church.

NEW MEXICO BAPTISTS

The Baptist General Convention of New Mexico meets with the First Baptist Church, Farmington, October 16-17. On October 15 the W. M. U. and Laymen's Brotherhood will hold pre-convention sessions. Dr. J. D. Sandefer of Hardin-Simmons University will deliver addresses at the brotherhood meeting and at the convention proper. According to the Baptist New Mexican, this has been a good year with New Mexico Baptists. For the past few years the work in that important field has been carried on without an active state secretary. H. C. Reavis, one of the outstanding laymen of the State, is editor of the State paper, manager of the book store, keeps the books for the convention and is acting secretary. He has the love and respect of all New Mexico Baptists, and in his quiet, modest way, is doing a very fine work in that state. New Mexico is one of the challenging mission fields of Southern Baptists. It is a pity that we do not have more money to put into the work in this state and in Arizona. The Baptists there are heroically struggling to carry on, and they should have the prayers and support of our people everywhere.

DR. FRY'S NEW BOOK

Some time ago the editor received a copy of a new book, Notes and Outlines of the Books of the Bible, written by Dr. W. F. Fry, A. M., D. D., professor of Biblical Literature, Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Texas. For about twenty years Dr. Fry was head of the Bible department of Hardin-Simmons university. For the past four years he has held his present position. The book was planned by John S. Swift Co., New York, and sells for \$1.50. In writing the book the author has had two things in mind: First, a text-book for survey courses in Bible in our schools other than seminaries; and second, to give the plain people everywhere a little better chance to know his Bible. We believe the author has succeeded in carrying out his purpose very admirably. Dr. Fry states that in the first six weeks the sales for the book have reached over 500 copies. The book should be in the hands of every person who seeks to have a better knowledge of the Book of Books.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S LETTER TO PREACHERS

The White House, Washington
September 24, 1935

Reverend and dear Sir:

Your high calling brings you into intimate daily contact not only with your own parishioners, but with people generally in your community. I am sure you see the problems of your people with wise and sympathetic understanding.

Because of the grave responsibilities of my office, I am turning to representative Clergymen for counsel and advice,—feeling confident that no group can give more accurate or unbiased views.

I am particularly anxious that the new Social Security Legislation just enacted, for which we have worked so long, providing for old age pensions, aid for crippled children and unemployment insurance, shall be carried out in keeping with the high purposes with which this law was enacted. It is also vitally important that the Works Program shall be administered to provide employment at useful work, and that our unemployed as well as the nation as a whole may derive the greatest possible benefits.

I shall deem it a favor if you will write me about conditions in your community. Tell me where you feel our government can better serve our people.

We can solve our many problems, but no one man or single group can do it,—we shall have to work together for the common end of better spiritual material conditions for the American people.

May I have your counsel and your help? I am leaving on a short vacation but will be back in Washington in a few weeks, and I will deeply appreciate your writing to me.

Very sincerely yours,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

Reverend Sam Malone,
Abilene, Texas.

Hardin-Simmons University News

Band Returns From Weeks Trip to East Texas Celebration

Tyler Band Director Praises Musicianship of Local Organization

Thirty-five members of the Hardin-Simmons university Cowboy band returned this week from an engagement in Tyler, Texas, playing for the East Texas Fair and Texas Championship Round-up, September 23-28.

This trip was the first of the year for the musicians. G. B. Sandefer, manager, states that he has planned one of the most extensive band programs in the history of the school, and will not wait until the end of the football season for the tour.

The band played each day for the rodeo, which consisted sometimes of two shows a day, and was heard daily in a broadcast from station KGKB in Tyler, Texas. The Cowboys were also heard at the various football games in Tyler during the fair week.

Faculty Holds Reception In Mary Frances Hall

Thursday evening of September 19, the complete faculty were at home to all students, holding a reception of all students, holding a reception at Mary Frances hall.

Miss Head, Miss Andrews, and Elton Murphy presented the students to President and Mrs. Sandefer and in turn to the other faculty members. After meeting the faculty the guests went to the parlor to be served by Maxine Simmons Junell, Ann Taylor, Jo Vineyard, and Mildred Burnett. Misses Mildred Dutton and Rachal McDonald favored with piano numbers. Post card pictures of Hardin-Simmons were given as souvenirs.

Mary Frances Girls Are Entertained By Church

Girls of Mary Frances hall were the guests of the First Baptist church, Sunday, September 22, on a sight-seeing tour of Abilene and nearby points of interest.

The tour included a visit to the campuses of A. C. C. and McMurry college, State Hospital, residential and business sections, and Abilene State Park.

W. H. Haney was in charge of the transportation committee, which furnished twenty-five cars for the tour.

Program in Broadcast Form Welcomes Students To City; Invites Church Attendance

Approximately 200 young people and students of Hardin-Simmons university attended the initial young people's program at the University Baptist church Tuesday evening of this week.

The program which was presented as a broadcast was a form of welcome to the new students of Hardin-Simmons, and an invitation to attend the church services.

The social was under the direction of Prof. Arrant and Faye Barfoot with the auspices of the young people's department of the Sunday School.

The station was UBYP (University Baptist Young People) and master of ceremonies, Prof. Arrant, designated it as "the friendly church for young people."

While the audience gathered piano numbers were played and the group joined in a sing song led by "Dinty" Moore, before the program began.

The officers and teachers of the Sunday school were first introduced and each said a few words into the "mike" in behalf of his class.

The first part of the program was a mock oratorical contest with the old vs. the young. The old won the loving cup under the leadership of Prof. Stevenson, Mrs. Mosley, Mr. Pass and Mr. Cook. The young people were represented by Garland Foster, Katherine King, Douglas Kelly and Truett Beatty.

Maurine Boyd followed with several accordion selections, dedicating "When You and I Were Young Maggie" to Mr. and Mrs. Arrant.

Donna Wuldrige sang several numbers, accompanied by Jimmie Kate Tartt. Mr. A. Webb rendered some special numbers on an harmonica. Murray Fuquay, accompanied by Zelda Batty at the piano, whistled "The Old Spinning Wheel."

Rev. C. A. Powell gave a welcome to all comers in his talk and especially to Hardin-Simmons university students.

A novelty number was presented with J. Greenberry Morrow drawing a caricature while Daisy Mae Cagle sang "There Is a Tavern in the Town," with accompaniment by Maurine Dickerson.

With the signing off of station UBYP the guests were served punch and cake.

Wedding vows of Mrs. Frank Junell, the former Maxine Simmons, and Frank Junell, instructor in journalism, were solemnized Sunday afternoon in Arlington with Rev. L. H. Rouse, pastor of the First Baptist church of Arlington officiating.

Voice Department Selects Quartets

Both the boys and girls quartets have been organized and practice begun, according to Mrs. Lola Gibson-Deaton, head of the voice department.

The boys quartet is composed of Aaron Grant, Breckenridge, first tenor; Tom Gassaway, San Angelo, second tenor; Burneal Scott, Anson, baritone; P. B. Orr, Ashville, N. C., bass.

The girls organization is made up of Etta Wanda Riddle, Abilene, first soprano; Ruth King, Abilene, second soprano; Daisy Mae Cagle, Abilene, second alto; the first alto position is still open. Anyone interested should see Mrs. Deaton at once.

The organizations will not be ready for concerts for about six weeks, Mrs. Deaton announced.

Local Student Painfully Injured in Car Accident

Vollie Logan, Hardin-Simmons student from Sweetwater, was seriously injured in an automobile accident Monday while enroute from town to the university.

The car in which Logan was riding collided with another vehicle at the intersection of Hickory and North Fourth streets. Logan was the only person injured, and he was rushed to the West Texas Baptist hospital.

B. S. U. Holds Meeting

The Baptist Student Union Thursday evening and President Clark Jarnigan appointed a nominating committee. Other officers present include: Garland Foster, vice-president; Maxine Simmons, second vice-president; Murry Fuquay, third vice-president; Mildred Burnett, secretary; Fred James, extension secretary; Christine Dennis, corresponding secretary; Joy Pender, first church rep.; Don Gayer, B. T. U. rep.; and Douglas Kelly, Associate Student Secretary.

Deaton Presents Program Monday

Voice Instructor Is Heard In Second of Series Of Concerts

Mrs. Lola Gibson-Deaton, head of the Hardin-Simmons voice department, appeared in the second of a series of recitals to be given by faculty members Monday night in the university auditorium.

Three arias, distinctly different in type, were offered, each in its original language. They included "Pace, Pace, Mio Dio" from "The Force of Destiny" and "Charmant Ciseau" from the Dami opera. Those less familiar with opera were delighted with a group of folksongs from four different countries and a number of modern songs included in the program, some of which were sung by request. "Love Planted a Rose," by a former teacher, and "The Twilight Lullabye," the singer's own composition, were received with enthusiasm, as were the popular "Song of India," "When Celia Sings" and "The Last Hour." She graciously responded to five encores.

Ruth Schelebe, recently installed as assistant voice instructor, gave intelligent accompaniments throughout. The first encore, "Fairy Bells," an English composition, featured the pianist, as did two other numbers. Other encores were "I Aint Got Nothin'," "The Rosary," "The Lightning Bug" and "Mammy's Lullabye." Tabitha Adkisson, Dorothy Sue Collins, Mildred Jenkins, Naomi Davis, and Edith Curry acted as ushers.

B.S.U. Holds First Regular Session

Fifty-five students were present at the first regular meeting of the Hardin-Simmons B. S. U. held Thursday night. Clark Jarnigan, president for this year, presided at the session. The brief program consisted of reports from the heads of the various departments, short addresses by Dr. N. A. Moore and Miss A. M. Carpenter, and a devotional led by Murray Fuquay.

Plans for sending a representative group from the local student body to the State Baptist Convention, to be held at Huntsville, Texas, October 25 to 28, were announced to the council members. "The quota for Hardin-Simmons university is 25 and should that number decide to attend the meeting a special bus will be chartered," said Jarnigan.

WHICH OF THE THREE?

A Fundamentalist: A man emphasizing the Bible rather than God; hung up on the inside of a theological frame-work; small enough and dry enough to rattle around in it; out of touch with Twentieth Century conditions; living in an intellectual monastery that he carries over his head down the most crowded street of a busy city.

A Modernist: A man professing to believe in God rather than the Bible, and more concerned about our modern world than about God; his views too shadowy to be confined in any well defined system of thought; out of touch with the First Century Experience of Christ; no cutting edge on any of his convictions; aware of Twentieth Century chaos, but not sure of any remedy.

A Vital Christian: More fundamental than the Fundamentalist, more modern than the Modernist; living in present consciousness of Jesus' living presence; facing conditions as they are today; sure in his soul that he has the immediate remedy for all the ills of our age; ready to do what Jesus would have him do in our modern civilization; insisting that we can really know the truth only in experience, and that experience cannot be divorced from action.

Lord, give us more Vital Christians and fewer Fundamentalists and Modernists! Even so, Lord!—Walter N. Johnson.

Devotional Thoughts

CLOUDED BUT NOT LOST!

"Clouds and darkness are round about Him."—Psalm 97.

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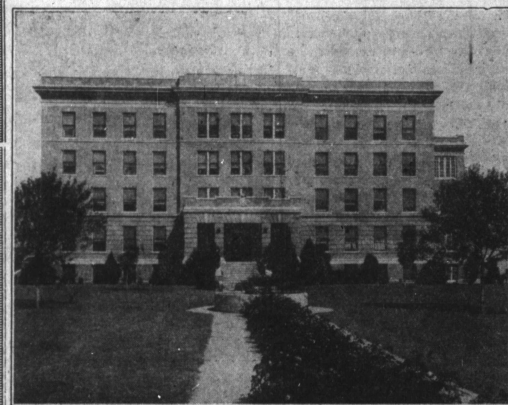
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The following took part in the ceremony: Mrs. G. L. Christian, Aspermont, violin solo, "Traumerel"; Mr. Curtis Owen, Abilene, vocal solo, "I Love You Truly"; Miss Bess Brownlee, Aspermont, played the wedding marches, by Lohengrin and Mendelssohn.

Mr. Fred Jones, of Goodnight, was best man, Miss Lila Marie Brannen, Aspermont, bridesmaid, Miss Iva Ellen Brannen, Aspermont, junior bridesmaid, Miss Ernestine Brannen, Abilene, maid of honor, Mr. Herman Mosley, Childress, and Mr. N. Q. Brannen, Abilene, were ushers.

Immediately after the wedding a reception for the immediate family and the bridal party was held at the Brannen home, after which the bride and groom started back to Kenton, Oklahoma.

DISTRICT 17 WELL REPRESENTED AT STATE W. M. U. MEETING ON MARY HARDIN BAYLOR CAMPUS

Words are inadequate to express the welcome we received at Mary-Hardin-Baylor when we arrived in Belton for our Fall board meeting. Dr. Hardy in his usual friendly manner, made us feel that we were one of them. The faculty and entire student body treated us royally.

The meeting opened Monday morning, September 30, at 10 o'clock, in Presser Hall, with Mrs. B. A. Copass, president, presiding. Many items of interest were brought before the body and one of the most important was the plans given for the State Convention to be held in Houston beginning November 4. A most unusual program was announced with the theme for the year to be used, "Lead On, O Eternal King." We anticipate a most inspirational and interesting meeting.

District officers attending were: Mrs. R. M. White, president; Mrs. J. B. Buckley, Young People's Leader; Mrs. H. J. Hanks, Cor. Sec.-Treas.

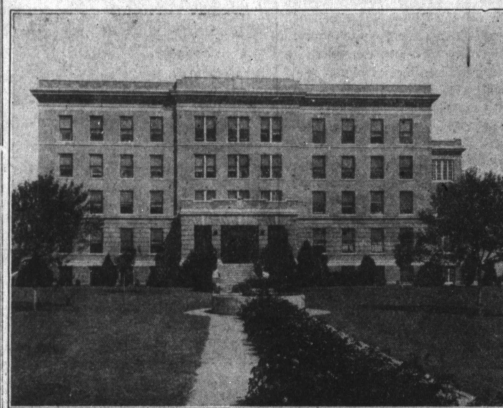
Associational officers attending were Mrs. C. C. Compere and Mrs. Boyd King, president and corresponding secretary-treasurer respectively of Sweetwater association, Mrs. D. G. Reid, president of Fisher association, Mrs. Geo. Thomas and Mrs. W. L. Jackson, president and corresponding secretary-treasurer, respectively of Cisco association; Mrs. F. T. Whitaker, president of Stonewall association; Mesdames Porter and Hembree, also of Stonewall association.

V. E. Boyd, formerly of Sunset Baptist church, Abilene, has moved to Plains, Texas, and will pastor the churches at Plains and Tatum, New Mexico. These are two large half-time churches about thirty miles apart. A new pastor's home is to be built at Plains.

The Sunset Baptist church observed the Week of Prayer program September 29 to October 5. The full program of discussions were carried out and some special numbers were arranged.

Dan Tarpley, last year's editor of the Brand, has accepted a position on the Yanceyville Messenger, newspaper publication of Yanceyville, North Carolina.

West Texas Baptist Sanitarium



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E. M. COLLIER, Supt.

Have You Organized a West Texas Baptist Subscription Club in Your Church

During the past months many churches in Districts 8 and 17 have organized West Texas Baptist Subscription Clubs. Others are working to that end. We expect within the next month or two to add around 1,500 new names to our subscription list. We are inviting every pastor and W. M. U. worker, interested in promoting the Kingdom work in this section to help us increase the circulation of The West Texas Baptist. Below we are giving some suggestions as to how to do this:

THE SUBSCRIPTION PRICE

The subscription price of the West Texas Baptist will remain at \$1.00 per year for individual subscriptions, payable in advance. In clubs of five, where paid in advance, will be 75 cents, and in clubs of ten or more, payable in advance, at 60 cents each per year. The club subscription rate when paid monthly or quarterly will be at the rate of 5 cents per month or 15 cents per quarter for each member receiving the paper.

SUBSCRIPTION CLUB PLANS

We are submitting three club subscription plans for the consideration of churches or church groups interested in promoting the circulation of the West Texas Baptist:

(1) **The Individual Club Plan.** The church, or some organization within the church selects a secretary who will get the names and addresses of those who are to receive the paper, and collect form each 15 cents for three months subscription. The secretary will send the subscription money, together with name and address of each club member to the West Texas Baptist, P. O. Box 918, Abilene, Texas. The paper will be sent to each individual club member each week. The club secretary will receive the paper as an expression of appreciation of the service rendered.

(2) **The Church Club Plan.** This plan calls for the sending of the paper to each family in the church. The church votes to place the paper in each home with a collection to be taken each month to pay for the subscription. If this collection does not amount to enough to pay the monthly subscription bill, the balance is to be made up from the church treasury. A number of churches are using this plan, and in nearly every instance the monthly collection takes care of the subscriptions.

(3) **For the larger churches that will place the paper in every home, the West Texas Baptist will submit, on application, a plan whereby at least one-half the monthly subscription bill may be earned at only a little effort. We will be glad to give the details of this plan to any church interested.**

PROVE ME CAMPAIGN

The Men's Brotherhood of Texas is launching a campaign in which an effort will be made to test the promises of God by agreeing to tithe for the months of July, August and September. During these same three months we are asking our workers in Districts 8 and 17 to "tryout" the West Texas Baptist as a medium to inform, inspire our people and to help enlist them in the great work that is being fostered by Texas and Southern Baptists. It will cost only 15 cents to try the paper for three months. Recently the Baptist Standard, which has the largest circulation of any denominationally owned paper in America, stated that there were 170,000 Baptist Homes in Texas that were not receiving the Standard. Surely this is a tragedy that so small a number of our Baptist people are receiving a denominational paper.

The management of the West Texas Baptist is anxious to help promote our causes in this great section of Texas. Brother Pastor, won't you see that a West Texas Baptist Club is formed in your church. Won't you cooperate with us in helping to make the paper better by seeing that some one in your church sends in the news from your section. Won't you get a club started in your Church by July 1, and remember, that 15 cents will pay for a subscription to October 1.

THE WEST TEXAS BAPTIST
SAM MALONE, Editor.

GLEANINGS FROM DISTRICT EIGHT

WILLIS J. RAY, MISSIONARY, BOX 1291, BIG SPRING, TEXAS

ON THE FIELD

As we write these notes on Monday afternoon we are enjoying the fellowship of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Smith in Lamesa, Texas. Leroy and Robert Lee Smith surrendered to the ministry during my pastorate at Lockney and God is using them in a marvelous way in His vineyard. If our ministry at Lockney accomplished nothing more than to help these two consecrated, talented young men find their places in God's kingdom work then we feel that our ministry was worth while. Robert has just been called to Petty, a newly organized church in the Brownfield Association. He is also pastoring the good half-time church at Fairview. Robert Lee is pastoring the New Hope and Midway churches in the Lamesa Association. God never called two more zealous and worthy young men than the Smith brothers. They married cousins, the Thornton girls, and each is blessed with a splendid preacher's wives that means much to the success of their ministry.

It was the joy of the missionary to spend Sunday at Florey with Rev. J. J. Gentry and his faithful church. This church is one of the smaller in number of any church in the district but is far from the smallest in spirit. The Week of Prayer was launched after the fifteen phases of our work was discussed and every member anxiously took an envelope in which to bring in their mission offering. This membership is 100% active in service and we had the privilege of speaking to 95% of the people in the community according to the school professor, Mr. Van. This church has as their goal \$1 per member for missions this month and with the spirit they possess we feel confident they will reach their goal. Brother Gentry's people love him; to prove it every lady in the church tithes her canned goods and gives them to the pastor. Brother Gentry brought home about 100 cans last Sunday.

We made a hurried trip to Andrews, Seminole and New Home Monday and found each of these churches preparing to observe the All Church Week of Prayer and take a worthy mission offering. Good reports come from each of these fields. The New Home church has just extended Brother Gentry a call to become their pastor.

We understand the church at Munger has called Rev. W. M. Whately and that he has accepted the work. This now gives him full time work at Klondike, Wilson and Munger. The Lamesa Worker's Conference met with Brother Whately and his church at Klondike this week.

The Smith Brothers and wives were called to Lockney last week by the serious illness of their mother. She is reported improved.

Rev. C. F. Bryant, pastor at Bethel in B. S. Assn., preached at Ackerly the fifth Sunday. This church is pastorless and are looking for a shepherd to live on the field and also hope to go to half-time work in the near future.

The Prairie View church north of Big Spring extended a unanimous call to Rev. W. C. Williamson of Stanton a week ago to become their pastor. Brother Williamson preached for them the fourth Sunday and a young lady was converted in the services. We have not learned whether or not Brother Williamson has accepted the work.

Rev. Lawrence Hays leaves this month for a meeting in Dallas.

We hope the pastors will make their plans to attend the State Convention in Houston, Nov. 5-8th, and that the churches will help with the expenses and make it possible for every pastor to attend. The full time church puts this item in their budget which makes it possible for their pastor to attend and since the pastor from the rural church cannot afford the entire expense of the trip the church should help defray the expenses. Ten cents from each member in the church would make it possible for every pastor to attend and every church needs to be represented at the convention.

The Volunteer Band of Wayland College is to be with the Fairview church in Lamesa Association this coming Sunday. Any church will be blessed by inviting this band of consecrated young people to come render a service. They see conversions and additions at practically every church they visit and their services prove a special inspiration to the young people.

REPORT OF COOPERATIVE WORK FOR 10 MONTHS

November 1934 to August 1935

Association	No. of Churches	Approximate Membership	No. Churches Giving to C. P. During 10 Mos.	Amount Given During 10 Mos.	Gifts Per Capita	Goals to C. P. For this Year
Big Spring	25	4,172	24	\$2,235.66	.53½c	\$3,750.00
Mitchell-Scurry	34	4,510	28	1,793.23	.40c	3,750.00
Lamesa	22	2,895	19	1,644.64	.60c	2,500.00
Totals for Dist. 81	11,576	71		\$5,673.53	.52c	\$10,000.00

This report shows that ten of our 81 churches have sent nothing through our Cooperative Program for the support of our denominational work. They are Garden City in B. S. Assn. Patricia, O. K. and Three League in Lamesa Assn. China Grove, Mesquite, Big Sulphur, Sunset, Spade, Buford and Dermott.

This report shows that our 11,576 members have given an average of 52c each for world missions the first ten months. We are \$4,326.47 short of our goal for the year so if we raise the small sum of 37 cents per member this month we will reach our goal. However, this sum is so small and we feel that if our people give thoughtfully they will give at least an average of \$1 per member. Quoting a paragraph from the bulletin of District 6 reads as follows: "I am happy to report that District Six ranks first again for the month of August in percent of churches giving to the Cooperative program. 51.9% of our churches gave. This is a gain of 1% over last month. District Eight made a gain of 10%. If they make such gain this month they will jump ahead—UNLESS we make more gain than last month. Surely we do not want to lose our leadership."

Personally I feel that district Eight is the best district in the state and I firmly believe that our pastors are as loyal to our denomination, as missionary, and as good as pastoral leaders as we can find in the state. Let us pour out our hearts for the cause of missions this month, the cause needs it, and we need to give.

Lovingly, Willis J. Ray, Missionary.

REPORT OF DISTRICT MISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 1935

DISTRICT EIGHT

Addresses—42.

Communities visited—15: East 4th, First B. S., West Side, Knott, Prairie View, Lees, Salem, Center Hill, Lenora, Wastella, Lamesa, New Hope, Ackerly, Patricia, Dallas.

Conferences attended—7:

Annual Lamesa Association at New Hope, 300 in attendance.

Annual Mitchell-Scurry Association at Wastella, 300 in attendance.

Annual W. M. U. meeting of B. S. Association at East 4th, 100 in attendance.

Quarterly Pastors Retreat at Lamesa, 50 in attendance.

District Rally at Lamesa, 30 churches represented; J. F. Murrell, W. Marshall Craig, John L. Whorton, speakers.

State Promotion Committee conference at Dallas.

State Executive Board meeting at Dallas.

Revivals held—1: Church revival

at Knott, worked on new building.

Sunday School organized—1: at

Prairie View with 6 classes.

B. T. U.'s organized—1: at Prairie

View with 5 unions.

Deacons ordained—2: at Patricia,

Whately, Gentry, Hightower, West,

Thomas, Wooten, Jamar, Ray, ordain-

ing council.

Appointments assisted in—9.

Baptist Standard Club—1: 11 mem-

bers at Knott.

Letters written—188.

Pastorless churches contacted—4.

Two offerings went from district to

Buckner's Orphans Home—Lamesa

Lamesa Assn., \$15.10; Mitchell-Scurry

Assn. about \$60.00.

Money received during month:

East 4th pulpit supply, District

Mission \$5.00.

Knott, Cooperative Program \$1.37;

Dist. Mission \$4.20; Pastor for church

\$1.00.

Garden City, Cooperative Program

\$1.38.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIS J. RAY.

COMMITAL

Saviour, while my heart is tender,
I would yield that heart to Thee,
All my powers to Thee surrender,
Thine, and only Thine, to be.

Take me, now, Lord Jesus, take me;
Let my youthful heart be Thine;
Thy devoted servant make me;
Fill my soul with love divine.

Send me, Lord, where Thou wilt send me,
Only do Thou guide my way;
May Thy grace through-life attend me,
Gladly then shall I obey.

Let me do Thy will or bear it;
I would know no will but Thine;
Shouldst Thou take my life or spare it,
I that life to Thee resign.

Thine I am, O Lord, forever,
To Thy service set apart;
Suffer me to leave Thee never;
Seal Thine image on my heart.
—John Burton, in Keswick Convention
Notes of Addresses for 1935.

JUSTIFIED BY FAITH

We conclude that a man is justified by faith, without the deeds of the law—Rom. 3:28.

Salvation does not depend upon the degree of intelligence with which we apprehend the various and infinite results of the sacrifice of Christ, but upon faith or trust in that sacrifice; a touch of the hem of His garment is sufficient to stay the disease of sin and to heal of its disease of sin and to heal of its plague. A perception of the value and the consequences of that death, of its relation to the law and glory of God, of its bearing upon the standing and walk of the believer, is however, deeply necessary if we are to attain this rest and joy and peace and power, without which the service of God is often but bondage.—S. A. Blackwood.

RESOLUTIONS BY BUFFALO GAP CHURCH

Whereas, it hath pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst by death, our esteemed friend, Mr. C. A. Robeson.

While we bow in humble submission to an all-wise providence we deeply mourn our loss of this truly beloved citizen.

Be it resolved: We express to his loved ones our deepest sympathy in this hour of their bereavement; to his dear companion we feel he is so greatly missed and such a cloud of sorrow envelopes her. Flashing across its shadow comes light. We hear God say, "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted."

Resolved, second: That a copy of these be furnished the family, a copy sent to the West Texas Baptist, and a copy be spread on our church minutes.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. General Jones, Chmn.
Miss Maud Conklin.
Mrs. E. M. Cox.

PROGRAM

Mitchell-Scurry Workers' Conference
Champion Baptist Church,
Tuesday, October 15

Morning

10:00-10:10—Song and Prayer Service.

10:10-10:30—Devotional.—Olin Welsh.

10:30-10:50—Making Disciples.—

Rev. James Easterwood.

10:50-11:10—Scriptural Baptism.—

Rev. L. Trot.

11:10-11:30—Teaching them to ob-

serve ALL things . . .—Rev. A. C.

Hardin.

11:30-12:15—Sermon.—Rev. P. D.

O'Brien.

12:15 Noon—Hot Barbecue Lunch,

served "cowboy style."

Afternoon

1:15-1:45—Business Session.

1:45-2:15—The Organization and

Work of "Brotherhood"—Brother T.

D. Wiman Sr.

2:15-2:25—When Does a Minister

Really Preach?—Rev. R. R. Cumbe.

2:25-2:35—When Does a S. S.

Teacher Really Teach?—Rev. R. E.

Bratton.

2:35-2:45—When Does a Deacon

Really "Deac"?—Rev. Cone Merritt.

2:45—Closing Message.—Rev. Law-

rence Hayes.

The W. M. S. will have separate

session throughout the day. State

President will be there.

Don't miss this Workers' Confer-

ence. Come Rain or Shine!

Rev. W. S. Garnett was called to

Utopia last Friday by the critical ill-

ness of his father.

IS LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

A CONDITION OF SALVATION?

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life. The Christian is a new creature,

a new creation. "We are His work-

manship, created in Christ Jesus unto

good works (this is salvation), which

He hath before ordained that we

(Christians) should walk in them"

(Eph. 2:10). "Walking in them" is

Christian living. Baptism is a good

work. It was from heaven; there-

fore it was "before ordained." It is

a "work of righteousness" (Mat. 3:15)

for us as well as for our Lord, for we

are to "walk in His steps." "I am

crucified with Christ: nevertheless I

live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in

me (this is salvation): and the life

that I now live in the flesh, I live

by the faith of the Son of God who

loved me and gave himself for me"

(this is Christian living; Gal. 2:20).

And so Paul exhorts: "Put on the new

man which after God is created in

righteousness and true holiness"

(Eph. 4:24). This is salvation. In

the verses which immediately follow

he gives certain directions for living

the Christian life. The "new man" is

"Christ in you the hope of glory"

(Col. 1:27). The "new man" is ex-

pected to "walk in newness of life."

But Christian character is not moral

correctness alone; it is first of all an

inward state, as love, joy, peace, etc.,

inwrought by the Holy Spirit. It then

manifests itself through longuffer-

ing, gentleness and goodness toward

men; and through faith, meekness

and temperance toward God (Gal.

5:22-23).

What is a Christian? Is the Chris-

tian not a saved person? What does

it mean to be saved? Salvation of the

soul includes the forgiveness of sins

of Jesus: "What good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" When he had heard the Lord's reply and had gone away sorrowful, Jesus said to the disciples, "That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this, they were amazed and said, "Who then can be saved?" Hence to enter into the kingdom is to have eternal life, and to have eternal life is to be saved.

In New Testament days a Christian was one who had been saved, regenerated, born again. Current usage has departed more or less from that original meaning. Today the word Christian is used, not only to designate those who are saved, but as a qualifying title to describe a state, a nation, a government, a document, a newspaper, a school, a college, a university, a church, and other institutions and enterprises galore; oftentimes more for the sake of prestige than as an expression of real character. The New Testament does not sanction the secular use of any sacred term, much less the sacred name of Christ. Therefore, before one employs the word to qualify a noun he should be sure that the thing thus qualified is Christian in character. In the New Testament the word is used only as a noun, never as an adjective; and is applied only to saved individuals. It is never used in a collective sense. The word occurs only three times in the Bible. These, of course, are in the New Testament.

The first instance is in Acts 11:26: "The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch." It matters not whether they were so called in derision by their enemies, or in brotherly kindness by their friends. The term is used in the New Testament by the divine approval; it is therefore a sacred term. The disciples were called Christians. They were disciples of Christ. A disciple is a learner; one who has been taught. A disciple of Christ, then, is a learner of Christ, having been taught of Him; that is, disciplined. To be thus taught of Christ is to know Christ. To know Him is also to know the Father: "If ye had known me ye would have known the Father also" (Jn. XIV:7). To know the Father and the Son whom He hath sent is to have eternal life (Jn. xvii:3). To have eternal life is to be saved. Therefore a Christian is a disciple of Christ, a learner of Christ, knows the Father and the Son, has eternal life, is saved.

Notice this invitation to the unsaved: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." To be given rest from the burden of sin is to be saved from sin. Then follows an invitation to the newly saved: "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, etc." Having been saved from sin, and being now a babe in Christ, he is invited to enter the school of Christ and continue to learn of Him: learn to follow and obey Him; learn His meekness and lowliness; learn His doctrines and commandments; learn the fellowship of service; learn to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Pet. iii:8).

Second use of the word is in Acts xxvi:28 where Agrippa said to Paul,

"Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." Paul had just told Agrippa of his conversion, and had preached Christ to him as set forth in the prophets, explaining that he (Paul) had been chosen of Christ and sent forth to preach that through his ministry others might hear the gospel, "repent and turn to God, receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among them that are sanctified by faith in Christ." These are wonderful words of gospel truth. Agrippa had all this in mind when he said to Paul, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." He was almost ready to repent and turn to God by faith in Christ, as preached by Paul, receive the forgiveness of sins, and the assurance of an inheritance among the sanctified can be vouchsafed only to those who are saved. Hence to be a Christian is to be saved.

(Concluded next week)

REVIVAL AT LEVELLAND

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rendered to the Ministry and will enter Wayland College this year. We bless God for Brother and Mrs. Pritchett. Their consecration and spiritual devotion render them unusually effective in their field of labor. Preceding our meeting at Levelland, the writ closed a splendid ten days' meeting with Pastor C. G. Coffman and the Enoch Baptist church. God saved several outstanding sinners of the community, several were reclaimed, many others rededicated their lives and some 25 were added to the church. That made the second consecutive revival with Brother Coffman and his people at Enoch—Alfred a Brian, pastor, Levelland.

Coach Frank Kimbrough's Cowboys rode herd on eleven striving St. Edwards Tigers here last night, roped, tied and branded the whole pack and sent them back to Austin on the rough end of a 21 to 0 drubbing.

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