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Editorial

TEXAS BAPTISTS AT MINERAL WELLS

Next Tuesday Texas Baptists from all over this great state will meet at Mineral Wells in what will be, perhaps, the most meaningful convention in our history. The problems to be solved at this meeting are momentous and perplexing. Many of the difficulties seem almost unsurmountable. The attitude of the brethren in general is critical. As we view the situation at this time it seems there are some imperative needs that we should earnestly consider.

In the first place we need to remember that a thing is never settled until it is settled right. It is comparatively easy to formulate a program and railroad it through the convention, but it can never be successfully carried out unless it has the hearty endorsement of the brotherhood in general.

We need to realize the gravity of our situation and go to Mineral Wells in the spirit of prayer. If Texas Baptists are to win now and carry on a great constructive, forward movement, they must go the prayer route. "Lord teach us to pray."

Along with the realization of our grave situation and the supreme need of prayer we should have the courage of our conviction. "The fear of man bringeth a snare." Moral cowardice is one of the greatest curses of any age. In view of our present situation it is a tragedy for any Baptist to go through the year in a critical and uncooperative manner and then when the testing time comes not have the moral courage to face the issue.

We need to exercise a modicum of charity toward our leadership. We should remember that the men we have placed in responsible positions have been carrying tremendous burdens and responsibilities. Their success will depend on the manner in which we stand by them and follow them in the worthy tasks we have laid out. On the other hand our leaders need to exercise some charity toward our brethren in general. It is bad policy for a brother to be branded as disloyal to the cause of Jesus Christ if he dares offer an objection to policies he thinks are wrong. Baptists will follow a long way if properly led but you cannot drive them very far.

We need to face every obstacle and difficulty in the frankest sort of manner. We believe our brethren will meet any difficulty and surmount every obstacle if they are frankly informed about the real situation.

We need to face the question of modernism in a way that will restore the confidence of the humblest Baptist in the remotest section of our great state. To straddle this issue now will surely throw Texas Baptists on the rocks.

Lastly and above all we need to realize that we are ambassadors for our Lord and Master, and that it is His work we are striving to carry forward. If we can realize this great fact, then we will prayerfully strive to work together in brotherly fellowship and carry out the great commission to evangelize the whole world.

The editor had the pleasure of supplying the pulpit on the third Sunday at Munday for Pastor P. D. O'Brien who had been called to Cross Plains to conduct a funeral. The Munday church is happy over the coming of their midst of Brother O'Brien and his family. He is getting the work well in hand and the pastor and the people seem anxious to go forward. One of the latest organizations in the church is an adult union. The B. Y. P. U. organizations are now federated and are proving to be a mighty agency in the building of the church life. We heard while at Munday many complimentary things said about the former pastor, Brother J. O. Heath, who led that church for about five years. He and his good wife are universally loved in that community.

There seem to be rumors of war between the brethren of the First churches of Sweetwater and Memphis, Texas. The Sweetwater church called Brother Whaley of Memphis. After considering the matter he indicated his intentions of accepting the call. However, the entire city of Memphis is up in arms about the matter and refuse to give Brother Whaley up. Of course the editor of this paper is going to be neutral if actual hostilities begin, but we are just "sorter" hoping that the preacher in question comes to Sweetwater.

Pastor Edger Eskridge of Floydada is doing the preaching in a gracious revival at Wayland College, Plainview.

West Texas Sanitarium Makes Rapid Progress During First Year's Work

Report To Be Read Before Baptist Convention at Mineral Wells by Dr. Millard A. Jenkins

Located at Abilene. A five story fireproof building with seventy-five beds; hot and cold running water in each room; three operating rooms with best equipment to be had. Since our last report we have added a clinical laboratory in charge of a skilled chemist of long and successful experience, and an X-Ray department unsurpassed in all the Southwest. This department occupies twelve hundred square feet of floor space, and consists of a 200,000 volt deep therapy apparatus for treatment of cancer and other tumors, a 165,000 volt apparatus for complete fluoroscopic examinations, and a stereoscopic apparatus. The apparatus for treatment of cancer alone occupies two separate rooms, and to prevent leakage of its powerful rays, the treatment room is lined with nearly two tons of lead. In putting in our X-Ray we got the best that money could buy.

We have also just completed a modern Nurses' Home, the gift of the Trustees of the institution.

During the year we have had 987 patients: 303 Baptists, 108 Methodists, 70 Christian Church, 23 Church of Christ, 13 Presbyterians, 9 Episcopalians, 6 Roman Catholics, 3 Lutherans, 2 Primitive Baptists, Nazareans, 1 Friends, no church affiliation 448. Charity work amounted to \$4,500.00. We are encouraging communities

TAHOKA CHURCH IS MAKING GREAT PROGRESS IN WORK

A review of the fact regarding the work of Tahoka Baptist will show that the work has gone over in a big way. One year ago the people were meeting in a church building that was indeed very inadequate. At present they meet in a modern basement brick building that provides for all the room necessary for a graded Sunday School and several B. Y. P. U. organizations.

One year ago in the old building the Sunday School was divided into eight classes meeting in the same room and consisted of from 40 to 60 pupils with possibly two teachers who held normal course diploma certificates. At present there are 18 classes, each meeting in separate room and with a competent teacher. Nearly fifty per cent of the teachers now have their diplomas as a result of two training schools that have been held during the last year. The enrollment now is over three hundred with an average attendance of from one hundred fifty to over two hundred.

One year ago there existed one weakly and struggling B. Y. P. U. with a membership of something like 18, and an attendance of from eight to ten. At present there are three B. Y. P. U.'s with an average attendance of eighty. There has been one very successful B. Y. P. U. institute held with the young people of the church. As yet we have no adult B. Y. P. U. in the church and all the effort is placed in trying to reach the younger ones who have had no training at all. The senior union is striving to become A-1 as soon as possible.

Twelve months ago there was one

Merkel Baptist Business Men Have Built Fine Class

The Business Mens Bible Class of the Merkel Baptist Church is going along nicely in spite of bad weather and the busy season when men find so many excuses for staying away from Sunday School. Did you ever stop to consider the difference between an excuse for doing the same thing. Think it over and apply it to yourself. This class needs you and you need what is given there each Sunday morning. We invite and urge all men, young or old, to visit us once, no matter if you are not a member of the Baptist Church. We aim to do good and we know you will be benefitted by coming into our class with us. Old members are urged to return and new members cordially invited to attend.

The following officers were recently elected and much is expected of them: J. A. Summerhill, Teacher; E. Y.

sending charity patients to at least provide for part, if not the whole, of the sanitarium expenses.

We are maintaining an accredited Training School for Nurses, meeting all requirements of the Texas State Board. The medical staff ranks with the best. All told the employed force numbers 40. Property value is \$234,000.00, with an indebtedness of \$80,000.00.

Abilene Baptists have stood nobly under the burden, counting it all joy to be thus privileged to serve, and feeling that, the healing that has already come to the sick, and the numbers who have found the Saviour, (some of them remarkable instances indeed), they have already been doubly repaid.

In the furnishing of the building we express grateful thanks to all the friends, individuals, churches, Sunday Schools, and societies that furnished memorial rooms. In this way practically all the rooms were furnished.

Mr. H. V. Campbell is proving himself a worthy superintendent indeed, since under his management, and the faithful cooperation of the Trustees the institution from the first has met all running expenses, and been able to contribute a neat sum to its further equipment. It is our hope that as the great west continues its rapid growth, our growth may be equal to the need, and to this end we have consecrated ourselves, believing that such is the will of Him who said, "as you go heal the sick."

Millard A. Jenkins.

circle of the W. M. S. in Tahoka. We are now proud of the fact that there are three circles and each have as many in attendance as can work successfully.

The budget of the church has been raised from \$3,000 to \$4,500 and \$5,000. This part of the work has been coming up nicely. The people seem to realize that it is possible to worship the Lord in giving.

When we read of such progress we at once ready to ask the question "How are they doing it?" The people of Tahoka are ready to tell you that they are doing it. They are working in the vineyard of the Lord as He directs. Therefore He deserves all the credit for the progress in the work. However the Lord works through human agencies. These agencies must be filled with the spirit of the Master and ready to do all in their power to glorify Him. We have just such people in the church at Tahoka as is expressed in the fact that the people never say "I am too busy or I can't" they always respond readily when our able pastor calls.

Brother B. N. Shepherd has been with us now about thirteen months and has labored unceasingly with the people here. The people of the church have recently shown their appreciation of him by the purchase of a new and commodious parsonage.

These efforts of the pastor and the good people of the church have resulted in a wholesome growth that shows the Sunday School to be tripling, the B. Y. P. U. to be multiplied by four and the whole personnel of the church at least doubled.

A. B. Sander.

JUST ONE CHANCE LEFT.

R. A. Scranton

My dear fellow workers, as you read this word you will have just one more Sunday during which to take a cash collection for the Fall Round-up and 1925 Program. If for any reason, you have postponed this important matter, will you not do your best with your good church for this worthy and needy cause, NOW?

Texas Baptists are "well able" to put this matter over in a good way. Certainly we ought to do our best. God is counting on each of us to do our whole duty. The cause of Christ is dependent on it. The lost world must have our best efforts. God help us to come into our second strength this last Sunday.

SOUTHERN CONVENTION TO MEET AT HOUSTON

HOUSTON.—The Southern Baptist Convention, said to be the largest convention body in the world will meet in Houston next May, according to Dr. H. C. Moore, Southern Secretary, who was here today enroute to the state convention of Baptists in New Mexico. The announcement was made after receipt of advices from the Houston Baptist Pastors' conference saying that the conference had rescinded all former action in refusing to invite the body and offered full co-operation if the convention should come here next spring. Several matters were involved in the former split between the pastors. Among other things was a sharp difference over the attitude toward J. Frank Norris, stormy petrel of Fort Worth and fundamentalist follower of the late William Jennings Bryan.

Rev. R. T. Hanks has resigned as pastor of the Jewett church, but the church has declined to accept his resignation.

Getting Under the Kingdom Burdens

By L. R. Scarborough

FIRST CHURCH, STAMFORD HAS BANNER DAY SUNDAY

Last Sunday was a banner day for the First Baptist Church of Stamford. The Sunday School increased nearly a hundred over the last Sunday's attendance. The day was designated as church membership day and all church members were urged to attend the Sunday School. At the morning service we had a men's choir which started the service off in a fine way. Pastor Moffett preached a fine sermon using the subject "Are Things Worth Dying For Worth Living For?" The house was crowded and at the call, two offered themselves for church membership.

The evening service was attractive to the young people, the sermon being one of the series to young men. Pastor Moffett spoke on "The Young Man and His Amusements." Another large congregation heard this helpful message.

The B. Y. P. U.'s set a record attendance by reaching the 150 mark, a high attendance mark for the church. All unions are growing very rapidly, some of them have doubled and tripled their attendance during the past two months. The Intermediate Union won the Efficiency Banner two weeks straight for having the highest grade.

Yesterday was another good day. All services were well attended. The evening service brought a record crowd to hear pastor Moffett speak on the subject "The Young Man and Matrimony." A large portion of the congregation were young people. Four joined the church.

Friday night the men of the church are going to be given a Turkey Banquet. Dr. Sandefer, President of Simmons University will speak and music will be furnished by an orchestra and quartet. A good fellowship gathering and a live time is assured. Plates will be set for 200 men. Educational Director L. E. Waite is chairman of the committee for arrangements and assures a oily good time for all who attend.

L. E. Waite, Educational Director. Come over into Macedonia, and help us.—Acts 16:9.

HISTORIC BELL, BOUGHT BY SALE OF OLD BONES TO BE IN PLAINVIEW CHURCH

Construction work on the basement of the new \$85,000.00 building of the Baptist Church of Plainview has been completed and the first services to be conducted in the new building will be held Sunday. During the past year, following the razing of the old building, the Baptists of Plainview have used the City Auditorium for their church services. The basements has been fitted up and will be used while the remainder of the building is being completed.

One of the church's most interesting pieces of property will receive a very prominent place in the new edifice, the old church bell, which was bought in 1895 by the Sunday School. This bell has an interesting history inscribed on it, giving the date of the organization of the church at Plainview, together with the name of the first pastor. According to this inscription, the Plainview Baptist Church was organized in 1890 with eleven charter members and J. B. Kimbrough, now deceased, was the first pastor. R. B. C. Howell and wife who live six miles east of Plainview, are the only charter members who are still members of the church and residents of this community. The old bell has been mounted on a pedestal made from the lumber of the old original house and will remain in the new building when completed.

Dr. J. H. Wayland of Plainview tells an interesting story of how the first chairs were bought for the church. Dr. Wayland, by the way, was the superintendent of the Sunday school which purchased the old bell, and was among the church's first members, though not a charter member. Dr. Wayland with a few other members of the congregation gathered bones from the prairie and open cattle-ranges between Plainview and Amarillo and took them to Amarillo

where they were sold to junk and bone dealers and the proceeds used to purchase the first chairs for the Plainview church house. At that time freighting to Amarillo was the order of the day and Amarillo was the supply point for this entire section of the country.

The money with which to build the first Baptist church house in Plainview was raised in Fort Worth in 1894 at the Baptist State Convention which met in that city that year according to records of the church, and J. B. Kimbrough was the pastor, who, as a delegate from the Plainview organization, proposed that every man present give one dollar toward a fund for the construction of a church house in Plainview, then a very small cow town on the western borders of Texas, where less than two dozen Baptists had a church organization without a building to call their own. The collection was taken up and the church house was built. The building which was erected at that time was not torn down until last year, although it was added to several times and increased in size with the increase in membership of the church through the past thirty years.

From eleven members in 1890, the Plainview Baptist Church has now grown to a membership of over a thousand with 860 active members in the city of Plainview, non-residents running the total up to 1,170. J. Pat Horton is the pastor at present and Henry Smith, assistant pastor and financial secretary. Among the pastors who have served the Plainview church in the past are: Rev. I. E. Gates now pastor of the First Baptist Church of San Antonio, and Harlan J. Matthews, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Mineral Wells.—Plainview Herald.

BUFFALO GAP CHURCH HAS BEGUN WORK ON NEW BUILDING

Monday of last week was an eventful day for the members of the little Baptist Church at Buffalo Gap. The occasion was the breaking of dirt for the new church building. At ten o'clock in the morning practically all the members of the church, together with a number of visitors from near by communities met in an all-day service. At the morning services messages were brought by brethren Scott W. Hickey, C. A. Powell and J. C. Burkett, all of Abilene. At eleven-thirty the congregation left the Presbyterian church where the services were being held and went to the grounds where the new church building is to be located, and there with an impressive ceremony construction of the building was officially started. Dinner was served on the grounds.

In the afternoon messages were brought by Dr. W. F. Fry, Editor Malone of the West Texas Baptist and Missionary Jno. W. Newsom. At the evening service a stereopticon lecture was delivered by the editor of the West Texas Baptist.

Pastor L. B. Wilkinson and his plucky little church located in the beautiful valley between the mountains are happy in the big task they are undertaking. They are few in number but heroic in spirit, and we are sure the brethren over the association will remember to pray for them and render financial aid as well.

NEW BAPTIST MISSIONARY ARRIVED TO SUCCEED McCORKLE

Rev. James L. Smart, recently elected Missionary of the Coleman County Baptist Association to succeed J. R. McCorkle who resigned to accept a like position in Rannels County, arrived in Coleman the first of the week and with his family will make that city his future home, provided he can find a house in which to live. Rev. Smart goes to the Coleman County work from Rome, Texas.

AMARILLO, TEXAS

Rev. A. Reilly Copeland, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Waco, will do the preaching in a revival meeting with Tabernacle Baptist Church, Amarillo beginning November 15, so announces the pastor, Rev. J. C. Sisemore who is leading the local church in a ten nights' prayer meeting preceding the evangelistic campaign.

News Notes

The Bethel church in Rannels County has called Brother Roy Mitchell pastor.

Rev. R. H. Williams resigned his work as pastor of Walnut Street church, Abilene, May 25.

Rev. Ben Thompson will begin a meeting with the Cottonwood church on Saturday night of this week.

The Tennyson Church, Rannels County, has recently completed a new church building and has ordained some deacons. N. D. Bullock of San Angelo is the pastor.

We are printing in this issue the program of the Fifth Sunday meeting of the Haskell Association which is to be held with the Munday church beginning on Thursday evening.

Rev. C. A. Baskin has resigned his work in the Rannels Association and has moved to Martin Mills, Van Zant County. The churches he resigned were Bethel, Paint Rock and Content.

Brother E. V. Halbert of Ford City was a visitor in our office a few days ago, he having come down from that section with his pastor, Brother G. W. Tankersly. He reports the work making great progress on that field.

The report of the Ministers Council of Simmons University shows 225 sermons preached, two conversions, 12 additions by baptism, 23 by letter, five B. Y. P. U.'s organized and \$2,430 raised on the field.

The Foard City church took its offering for missions on the first Sunday and a good offering was made. The church is now looking forward to its meeting to be held in April.

Miss Lona Scranton, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Scranton of Plainview was married to Mr. Melvin C. Shook of Plainview on Tuesday evening, Nov. 10, at the home of the bride's parents. The pastor, Rev. J. Pat Horton officiated.

Rev. Earl T. Powers had a good day at Nugent Sunday. There were seven additions to the church. The B. Y. P. U. organizations in this church are making fine progress, as are all other departments of the church life.

The Oxine church in Rannels County has called Rev. L. B. Smith of Wingate as pastor. He will lead this good church in the erection of a new house of worship. The church is only about one year old and has a membership of about one hundred.

Rev. Neil P. Greer of Rising Star has accepted the call of the Rule Church and will move on the field in the near future. The editor was in the Seminary for some time with this good pastor and we can heartily commend him to the Rule brethren and to this section in general.

Last Sunday was a fine day with the Red Springs church, Haskell Association. Rev. Ben Thompson preached at the Saturday evening service and the pastor, Scott W. Hickey brought two constructive messages on Sunday and a good collection was taken for the work.

Plans are being made for a gracious meeting at the Fifth Sunday meeting of the Rannels County Association, which begins on Friday evening. The meeting is to be held with the Blanton church and this good church is to be dedicated on Sunday. Dr. Fry of Simmons University is to preach the dedication sermon.

An associational B. Y. P. U. rally of the Rannels County Association was held with the First Church, Ballinger on Monday. The object of the meeting was to reorganize the B. Y. P. U. work in the association. In our next issue we hope to be able to publish the names of the officers elected.

On the third Sunday the Merkel celebrated the sixth anniversary since the coming to Merkel of their pastor, Brother Ira L. Parrack. The editor had the pleasure on a recent Sunday of worshipping with the good church and had the pleasure of hearing the pastor preach a fine sermon. Pastor Parrack and the church are preparing to entertain the Fifth Sunday meeting in their characteristic enthusiastic way. The meeting will begin Friday evening and continue through Sunday. The program is published in this issue.

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AIN'T IT FINE TODAY?

Sure this world is full of trouble, I ain't said it ain't;
Lord, I've got enough and double Reason for complaint.
Wind and storm have come to fret me,
Skies are often gray,
Thorns and brambles have beset me,
On the road; but say,
Ain't it fine today?

What's the use of always weepin',
Makin' trouble last?
What's the use of always keepin'
Thinking of the past?
Each must have his tribulation,
Water with his wine,
Life, it ain't no celebration;
Trouble, I've had mine;
But today is fine.

It's today that I'm livin',
Not a month ago;
Havin', losin', givin',
As God wills it so;
Yesterday a cloud of sorrow
Fell across the way;
It may rain again tomorrow,
It may rain—but say,
Ain't it fine today?

—Selected.

OUR FIRST ANNIVERSARY

With this issue the West Texas Baptist begins its second year. We are truly grateful for the manner in which the brethren all over the West have received the paper. During the year, without any sort of organized effort, we have been able to place on the mailing list sixteen hundred paid subscriptions. Since beginning our clubbing effort with the Baptist Standard on the first of April, we have been able to secure over one hundred and fifty new subscriptions for the Standard, and the clubbing subscriptions are coming in every day. While we are encouraged over the large number of subscriptions we have secured, yet we realize that there are thousands of Baptists all over this section who are not reading any sort of denominational paper. We feel it is a tragedy for these good people to go without either the Baptist Standard or the West Texas Baptist. With our present clubbing rates of \$2.00 per year for both the Standard and the West Texas Baptist, these two publications are placed within the reach of every Baptist in West Texas. As we start out on our second year's work we desire the prayer and cooperation of all our brethren. There is no question but that our Baptist people are facing a great crisis. We need to be prayerful; we need to be charitable to ward our brother, and above all we need to be courageous and unafraid to face every issue with the love and fear of God in our hearts.

This paper expects to stand for the whole cause of Jesus Christ. We believe Christ's program extends to the uttermost parts of the world. We are living in a day of world-wide opportunities, and nothing short of a world wide vision will be sufficient to meet the issue.

This paper issues a ringing challenge to God's hosts in West Texas to go forward as one mighty army for Jesus Christ during the next year.

FISHER COUNTY ASSOCIATION

J. C. Parks.

Fisher County has been hit hard by the drouth and hail and yet the people have shown a great spirit in the fall round-up. We started in to win, our pastors stand 100 per cent for the 1925 program. Below are the collections of some of our fourth time churches. The Hitson church where Brother B. P. Harrison is pastor gave \$90.00. The Cross Roads church, Brother I. J. Duff, pastor, gave \$95.00. Plasterco, Brother Phill J. Little, Pastor, gave \$80.00. Bethel church, Brother J. A. Kinser, Pastor, gave \$80.00. Spring Creek church, Brother Duff, Pastor, gave \$125.00. Liberty church, Brother Harrison, Pastor, gave \$80.00. These are some of our best fourth time churches. Our half time churches gave a good collection. Roby and Rotan are on the budget but have had a special collection. Rotan will bring theirs up to \$1250.00.

Our Fifth Sunday meeting will meet at Hitson we have a splendid program, and then we will all go to Mineral Wells to the Convention. We are always glad to see the West Texas Baptist come.

WHERE THE "SEARCHLIGHT" MISSED IT AGAIN

By L. R. Scarborough

In "The Searchlight" of November 13th Dr. Norris misses the Exodus code or morals a long ways. I give two or three samples of how he has missed it.

1. He seeks to make the impression, by certain deeds of record, that the Seminary was located in Fort Worth, on Seminary Hill, about March 9, 1910. The facts are that the bonus of \$100,000.00 was raised and the gifts of land were made in October. The trustees unanimously, after examining a number of locations, without influence either from Dr. Carroll of from me, located the Seminary at its present place in November 1909. A plot and maps of the land were made and architects employed in December. I moved here early in December to take charge and put up the buildings. There were five pieces of land deeded to the Seminary. Two of them were deeded in December, one of them early in January. The other two, because of certain complications and conditions made in the gifts, where trusteeships had to be established and certain conditions worked out, were not finally made until January 24th. The law years and committee had several meetings, took them thirty days to work it out. A contract was let for Fort Worth Hall January 4th and the building was begun early in January, before I purchased the little plot of land that Dr. Norris is turning somersaults over. Dr. Carroll and other members of the faculty selected and contracted for the lots they bought before or about the time I did mine. The records show that the Seminary was located by trustee action months before I purchased the little plot of land. The purchase I made of this land had no more to do with the locating of the Seminary on its present site than buying a piece of green cheese has to do with the time the moon will rise.

2. Dr. Norris says he is going to the Southern Baptist Convention and see to it that the books of the Nashville headquarters, during the 75 Million Campaign, are audited. He need not trouble himself about this. Dr. Van Ness was treasurer of that fund and handled all the money touching the Headquarters expenses and his books have been audited six or seven times and unanimously approved every time by the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Norris tries to make the impression that the Southwestern Seminary got more money out of the 75 Million Campaign than it should have. He is in error there. I never received any of the 75 Million Campaign money except that paid on my salary and that sent to the Seminary by the secretaries of the boards. He intimates that I got two salaries, one from the Campaign and one from the Seminary. The records show that I received money from both of these sources, but never at the same time. Not one day was there any lapping of salaries. All the money the Seminary received out of the Campaign was either sent by the state secretaries or by the Education Board secretary. They had definite percentages on which to divide this money and if we got more than we should they are responsible. All these secretaries are honorable men and their reports have been audited several times; but if there is any blame attached and if the Seminary got more than its share those who divided and sent the money are to blame. I know the Southwestern Seminary got only its percentage part as was agreed on by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention before I was made Director of the Campaign.

3. Dr. Norris would make the people believe that the seminaries had done wrong in borrowing money from the boards and not paying it back. The Southern Baptist Convention unanimously at Washington instructed these boards to loan this money to the seminaries; but it was definitely stated that the boards were to be refunded this money either out of money collected over and above the 75 Million or out of future campaigns. If there is any wrong doing in this matter, the Southern Baptist Convention did it unanimously.

4. Dr. Norris prints a photographic copy of a letter from a pastor in Florida. In this letter I am accused of expelling a son of this pastor on the ground that he refused to quit singing in the choir of the First Baptist Church and attending the preaching of Dr. Norris. The minutes of the faculty of the Seminary show that this young minister was expelled because of charges made against him by his wife and the people they lived with. He confessed his guilt before the faculty. The cause was sufficient for expulsion. He afterwards repented and begged forgiveness and on a certain plea was taken back on probation. His wife, since divorced, could give some interesting testimony in this case. This pastor says that I have hounded his son ever since. This is a mistake. I have only tried to collect the \$200.00 security note endorsed by the father which I had to pay for the boy. In the light of the facts in the case, it is strange that any minister could write the

News Notes

Evangelist W. C. Ashford has just closed a three weeks' meeting with Pastor E. K. Daugherty and the Lamar Street Church, Sweetwater. The church has been greatly revived and strengthened as a result of this meeting.

The last workers conference of the Rummels Association met with the Brookshire church. Good reports were brought from the churches. Field representative R. A. Scranton from Plainview was present and brought a great message on the campaign. The attendance at the meeting was unusually fine.

Over two thousand volumes of books have been added to the Simmons University library since the "book shower" was started some weeks ago. Books are still being added each week and the university authorities are well pleased with the response of the friends of this institution. One hundred library chairs have also been added to the library building.

The Big Spring Associational meeting is to convene with Pastor Brown and the Midland church on Friday evening of this week. The program is published in this issue. In a letter to the editor Brother Brown called special attention to the laymen's program to be held on Sunday afternoon. The Midland church is making fine progress under the leadership of Pastor Brown who came there a few months ago from Oklahoma.

Rev. R. A. Scranton of Plainview was in Abilene on Friday of last week in the interest of the fall round-up for our denominational work. He spoke at the chapel hour in Simmons and brought a wonderfully inspiring and instructive message on our work. Brother Edmonds is a son of the great west and our people are justly proud of the great work he is doing in helping foster our cooperative work in Texas, the southland and the entire world.

Brother Hill Edmonds, who has been pastor of the church at Rule for the past year has moved to Anson and has accepted work near that place. Brother Edmonds has been in the Jones County section for many years and perhaps there is not a man in the west who is more universally loved than this good man. The Rule church gave a reception to Brother Edmonds and his wife before they left for their new home. The good will of the entire community goes with them.

On a recent Sunday the editor visited with Pastor Jeff Davis and the First Church, Snyder. This good pastor and church were gracious enough to let us preach at the morning service and we had a gracious hour together. Traveling all over the country as we do from time to time we find it easy to tell a real live church after visiting one. The Snyder church certainly belongs to the "live" class. Every department of the church life is awake and making progress. The pastor is greatly loved by his people and they do not hesitate to follow his leadership. For the evening service the missionary, Brother George Alexander carried us out to Ira where we tried to preach and present the fall campaign cause. The Ira church is one of the best country churches in the Mitchell County Association. They were at the time without a pastor, but were expecting to call right away. Missionary Alexander has been vigorously pushing the fall campaign in his association and is meeting with success.

Dean Julius Olsen has been confined to his room since early Sunday morning, Nov. 15, on account of an acute attack of stomach trouble, and was dangerously ill for two or three days, according to Dr. J. M. Estes, college physician.

letter printed in "The Searchlight." It is not strange that "The Searchlight" would print the letter. Neither I nor the faculty of the Seminary knew that this boy ever attended the First Baptist Church or sang in the choir until we saw it in the father's letter. There is no truth in that charge.

This is only another case where people have been disciplined by the Seminary for bad conduct or dismissed on other delinquencies who have immediately gone to Dr. Norris for refuge. This will explain some of the affidavits and letters which Dr. Norris publishes.

Dr. Norris also tries to make people believe that I am an evolutionist. He knows that I am far from being an evolutionist as I am from being a Buddhist or as far as he is from cooperating with Baptists in their great cause; and this is a long ways. These are but samples of "The Searchlight" misrepresentations. It is useless to answer any of the others. The brethren had just as well know once for all that "The Searchlight" is not a factory for the truth.

PUMPHREY CHURCH TAKES FINE MISSION COLLECTION

Pumphrey Baptist Church, with Brother Jim Nicholson as pastor, is holding up its end of the line. They raised \$214 for missions Sundays, November first and eighth. A number of new members have been gladly received into the church, among was Mr. J. J. Grace, Principal of the Pumphrey School.

The Sunday School is also in great progress since its organization, which has been only a short while.

The ladies of Pumphrey church are now on the job, since the "Ladies' Missionary Society" was organized a few weeks ago.

A band of young people who wish to help out in the Lord's work organized a choir Sunday night, Nov. 15. They intend to praise God through song.

Last, but not least, the B. Y. P. U. is one of the best. Because it is a little over a month old does not mean that it does not have the enthusiasm and spirit that a B. Y. P. U. should have.

Considering all these things, we, the Pumphrey Baptist Church, feel we have a great part in carrying on the Lord's work and we hope and pray that we will never be found "loafing on the job."

—Reporter.

MIDLAND CHURCH

Dear Brother Malone:

The Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Big Spring Association meets with us on Friday evening before the fifth Sunday. One important feature of it is that the entire afternoon program on Sunday is given over to the laymen. We are hoping and praying this will be a history making event among our men.

On last Sunday our church here elected three new deacons—namely, Percy Mimms, Ray Hyatt and Elliott Barron. They are to be ordained on the morning of the fifth Sunday in this month. We are also in a campaign this week to lift our entire indebtedness. Our aim is to make this our Thanksgiving program. We did not take this matter up until after our round-up for missions and benevolence. Though money is still coming in for our general work we are now giving our attention to local matters. Our offering was good.

On last evening at the mid-week service administered the ordinance of baptism to two young men and one young married woman, wife of one of our newly elected deacons. God is graciously blessing us in every way for which we are indeed thankful.

George F. Brown, Pastor.

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NEW \$15,000 DRASCO CHURCH DEDICATED SUNDAY; BIG CROWD

WINTERS, Tex., Nov. 17.—Saturday and Sunday were red letter days with the community of Drasco. The occasion was the dedication of the new Baptist church house at that place and a banquet to the membership, and to the former members and officers of the church. The banquet was served in the basement of the church, Mrs. James Alexander and Richard Puckett serving as leaders. Two hundred plates were spread. Probably another hundred would have been served had the norther delayed coming a couple of hours.

Pastor Jno. Riddle served as toast master. E. W. Patterson reviewed the history of the church. J. C. Watts spoke of the present conditions and Richard Puckett pictured the future. Mrs. J. A. Horn, Misses Eura Bibb and Hallie Patterson and W. C. Lewis of Fort Worth furnished the music consisting of piano solos, and a duet. Impromptu speeches were made by many visiting former members. A most enjoyable and profitable evening was spent.

Sunday morning after Sunday School, the usual preaching time was devoted to the dedication service, Dr. W. F. Fry of Simmons University preached the dedication sermon after which the last notes of approximately three thousand dollars were burned by the pastor. Mrs. Riddle applying the match, and after the dedicational prayer by the pastor, Dr. Fry declared the dedication.

At three o'clock in the afternoon, Dr. O. E. Baker also of Simmons University spoke to a large audience on the subject of "The Place of the Country Church in the Community Life." In the afternoon preceding this event, the new home of Luther Mitchell was formerly dedicated also.

The church building is an imposing and commodious concrete structure on an elevation that commands the region for miles. It is equipped with Delco lights and a hot air heating plant. The building was started in March 1924 and was completed in the following September, costing approximately \$15,000. Owen Ingram of Abilene was the contractor.

The Drasco church was organized in 1908, with only a few members. A small building, 32 by 48 feet was erected and this building was used until it was replaced by the new building. The church has grown until at present its membership is 225. The church maintains a fine Sunday school and several B. Y. P. U. groups.

The church has had only three or four pastors. The present pastor, Brother John M. Riddle, who led in the building of the new house of worship has been pastor of the church for three years, and during that time the membership has increased 150.

The Fisher Fifth Sunday meeting is to be held with the Hitson church, beginning Friday evening, Nov. 27. A fine program has been arranged.

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The linen for the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium Nurses' Home which is being completed this week, will be furnished by the women of the First Baptist Church of Abilene.

There are fourteen circles of the W. M. U. and each circle will furnish one room. They will give sheets, pillow cases, blankets, and counterpanes for the two beds in each room. Also, towels, dresser scarfs, bath-cloths, etc. will be given.

Miss Mary Head, Benevolent Chairman of Taylor County, states that this work is progressing rapidly and will probably be finished some time this week. The Home is expected to be ready for occupancy in a few days. Miss Head states further that all donations to the furnishing will be greatly appreciated.

SALT BRANCH CHURCH

Salt Branch Missionary Baptist Church held its regular services Saturday and Sunday, November 7 and 8. Brother Sibley, pastor at Tye, preached a fine sermon Saturday night which we all enjoyed very much. Sunday morning we had a fine attendance at Sunday School and church. A collection was taken and \$139.00 was given. This put our church over the top. In the afternoon we enjoyed a fine singing. We welcome visitors at any and times. We meet every Sunday. Our B. Y. P. U. which met at 8:30 was well attended, and a good program was rendered. We are striving for the standard of excellence and hope to reach our goal by the new year.

—Mrs. Wilma Robertson.

NEWCASTLE

Our work at Newcastle starts off nicely. We have lately adopted the Budget System of financing the cause and are planning to make the every member canvass soon.

The church recently gave a reception. A nice program was rendered and lunch served. A real social hour was enjoyed by all. On arriving home we found a nice surprise consisting of most all kinds of good things to eat, which was much appreciated.

W. L. Masseur, Pastor.

Rev. R. H. Scranton visited the Ministerial Council Friday evening of last week and presented, in his usual pleasing way, a very practical message of interest to the preachers. The basis for his remarks was Paul's advice to Timothy, and in addition to the fact that the preacher must endure affliction, do the work of an evangelist, and make full proof of his ministry. Reverend Scranton emphasized that the man must watch himself, especially his physical, social, intellectual, and spiritual life; and that he must watch his flock. The hour was very helpful to all.

An unusual example of city evangelization is now in progress in Chicago, being a systematic home-to-home distribution of a gospel tract—

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W. M. U. QUARTERLY CONFERENCE OF SWEETWATER AUXILIARY

The first quarterly conference of the new associational year for the women of Sweetwater Associational Auxiliary, was held with the Lamar Street Church, Sweetwater, November sixth, 1925.

Many who had planned to attend were kept away on account of the heavy rain. The roll call of societies showed attendance as follows: ten from First Church, Sweetwater; five from Lamar Street, Sweetwater; one from Walnut Street, Abilene; ten from First Church, Abilene. Others were added to the attendance in the afternoon. The associational missionary, Brother Newsom, and the local pastor, Brother Daugherty, were very welcome visitors.

The cordial hospitality of the hostess ladies was in evidence throughout the day, outstanding features being the inviting room with its warm fire and lovely flowers, and the bountiful lunch served at the noon hour.

Mrs. E. K. Daugherty read from the opening devotional from third chapter of Mark, emphasizing the thought "She hath done what she could."

In the round table discussion on "What are the most essential things in our associational work," Mrs. Harry Bondies called attention to the expense fund, and to mission study institutes in connection with the week of prayer programs.

Each church in the association was urged to have at least one mission study during the year. The plan of selecting one book and devoting one day or two days to its study was suggested.

Another interesting part of the round table discussion was "Why I believe in the county plan of organization" by Mrs. L. D. Terry. She expressed the belief that the objection to the plan, viz: women for offices were not available, would vanish when the opportunity for service was extended.

The county presidents of Nolan and Taylor told of their respective work for the quarter just closed. Mrs. Cole reported five organizations in Nolan County with one new society. Mrs. Burnam also reported one new society at Lawn, in Taylor County.

A comprehensive outline of plans for the year had been discussed by the officers and committee chairmen, composing Mrs. Burnam's cabinet, which included many helpful ideas.

Afternoon Session.
After song and prayer Mrs. J. P. Stinson, the president, conducted an efficiency drill, in the form of an old fashioned spelling match. Instead of spelling she called for the names of all W. M. U. officers and chairmen in the various units of organization, state, district, association, and county.

By special request Mrs. C. M. Caldwell brought items of interest from the recent state executive board meeting. Five associational presidents in Abilene District were in attendance at this meeting. All were in accord with the recommendation from the methods and finance committee, whereby Mrs. J. E. Leigh, State Corresponding Secretary, will spend three fourths of her time on the field, strengthening the weaker places.

Mrs. Geo. Paxton, the corresponding secretary, read an incomplete report from six societies in Taylor County which totaled \$4,574.65. Of this amount three societies had contributed \$343.89 to the 1925 program. In absence of the treasurer her report was read by Mrs. Carl Rister.

Substituting for Mrs. A. R. Booth on Mission Study, Mrs. W. S. Daniel presented charts and gave valuable information of the new courses in mission study.

Mrs. J. D. Sandefer, librarian, announced that the demand for library books was greater than the supply, and made a plea for all to donate books when they have been completed.

Personal Service report was given by the chairman, Mrs. W. T. Farris.

The resignations of Mrs. W. H. Jobe as Association Chairman of Mission, and Mrs. O. O. Sprinkle as Taylor County Chairman of Education, were read and accepted. Mrs. W. W. Gibson, of Sweetwater, was elected Association Mission Chairman. The vacancy in Taylor County will be filled at their next meeting.

Mrs. L. D. Terry, of Sweetwater, was elected publicity chairman.

The 1925 Program and its success in our association was the theme of an address by Rev. Newsom. Six of the forty-four churches are using the budget plan.

An invitation from the First Church, Sweetwater, for the next

quarterly meeting was accepted. The date is Feb. 5, 1926.

Mrs. J. O. Shelton, Asting Publicity Chairman.

THE LYDIA CLUB, ABILENE

Five years ago a group of student ministers wives, who realized the necessity of associating together for the promoting of better fellowship with each other, met at the home of Mrs. J. C. White and organized the "Lydia Club." The name "Lydia" was suggested because we had banded ourselves together to be builders in God's Kingdom, and to help in our feeble way to carry on religious work as did "Lydia" of old.

Mrs. B. N. Shepherd, now of Tahoka, has the honor of being the first president of the organization. Only a few of the charter members remain, as one by one, they have gone out to take their places along with their husbands, in the various sections of the state, while one or two have been called from labor to eternal rest.

We would like to mention personally all those who have in any way contributed to the success of this club, however, space forbids, yet we feel compelled to mention the names of a few, who have by their cooperation, sound judgment and sincere loyalty made the club an ultimate success.

Among these are the following: Mesdames B. N. Shepherd, E. T. Miller, John Riddle, Joe Wilson, C. E. Ball, W. F. Markham, Langham, D. C. Lindley, H. E. Davis, W. C. Harrison, W. M. Lawrence and others, who by working faithfully and earnestly placed their names indelibly on the records of this organization.

As has already been stated some have passed the great divide. We refer to Mrs. J. E. Black, a lady loved by all who knew her, and whose splendid christian character has left a lasting impression on every member of the club. May we all be as faithful and as ready for the Master's call as she was.

We rejoice in what has been accomplished. We esteem it a great privilege to have worked with these women in the building up of this order, to know something of the lives of those who have gone out, and to be associated with those who make up the club at present.

Through the individual and collective efforts of the wise heads who have come to us from year to year, the work has gone steadily forward, and we believe the seed which is being sown in this fertile soil, will bring forth a glorious fruitage that will elevate mankind and build up God's kingdom in every part of the world.

Yet, we are conscious of the fact that we have not reached our goal. For a new day has dawned. Simmons is no longer a college but a university, and in the ages to come will send forth a much greater influence than in her years as a senior college, and the organizations fostered by the students of this great school must lay out for themselves program commensurate with this fast growing institution. We believe, and hope that the years to come will be far better and more glorious than the infant years of our club. We trust that the generations of students who are advancing to take our places may be as loyal to our great institution as we have tried to be, the institution of whose history we are proud and whose advancement in many respects is unparalleled. Victory has succeeded victory, triumph has followed triumph.

Mrs. W. A. Foster, President.

A THANKSGIVING EXPERIENCE

In accordance with the custom of several years the Fidelis and Berean classes of College Heights Sunday School held their Thanksgiving fruit shower on Nov. 22. Each of the nine Fidelis clubs, assisted by Bereans, contributed to the room decoration on Sunday morning an artistically decorated basket overflowing with delicious fruit. At 2:30 nine cars of young people distributed the beautiful thank offering to homes especially in need of this bit of loving thoughtfulness and thanksgiving cheer.

As an unflinching receipt for homesickness, self-pity, discouragement and general depression, a Sunday afternoon thus spent is unequalled. No stimulus to the tender emotions of sympathy and thankfulness and the noble desire to relieve suffering could be stronger.

We may hear abstract appeals for charity unmovable, but an undeveloped little body, distorted by disease, a wistful child-face, aged by pain, make an appeal that brings quick and en-

thusiastic response. Such a picture lingers with one group of girls who pledged to adopt this little nine year old girl for this school year as the object of their special interest and personal service. The real joy in the hearts of those beautiful young girls was hardly equalled by the child who clasped the lovely basket and chattered freely to her new friends.

Many such experiences came to the groups of workers which made real to them the true blessedness of giving and aroused in their own hearts a deeper Thanksgiving spirit.

The work of the Young People's department of College Heights Sunday School is proving to be both a development and an outlet for service for this large group of Simmons students.

A WOMAN'S SOCIETY ORGANIZED AT LIVE OAK

On Nov. 15, the women of the church at Live Oak, south of Merkel, organized a society of ten members. The officers and chairmen were as follows: President, Mrs. J. C. Lattimore; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. W. C. Matthews; Personal Service, Mrs. D. T. Johnson; Missions, Mrs. J. M. Likens; Benevolence, Mrs. Lee Satterwhite; Enlistment, Mrs. J. M. Davis; Education, Mrs. Lula Casey.

Plans for mission study and for a box to Buckner Orphans' Home were at once set in motion.

Mrs. J. E. Burnam, president for Taylor County, and Mrs. J. P. Stinson, president of Sweetwater Auxiliary, were present and addressed the meeting.

Brother R. M. McGinnis is pastor of this thriving church.

FISHER COUNTY W. M. U.

The W. M. U. of the Fisher County Association met with the Sylvester church on the 30th of October.

Meeting opened by Mrs. Campbell, chairman.

Song, Stepping in the Light. Devotional led by Mrs. H. C. Smith. Welcome Address—Miss Amerson. Response—Mrs. Fred Clark.

A good report from all the different societies and great plans for the future were discussed.

Prayer—Mrs. Hope Swann.

Song, "Whisper a Prayer"—Little Margaret Williams and Frances Eddy Beck.

Dismissed for lunch by Mrs. Jones. The afternoon session opened with song No. 199.

Prayer—Mrs. Williams.

Devotional—Mrs. Stinson, Abilene, Texas.

Missionary Enlistment given by sixteen Rotan ladies.

Christian Education—Mrs. J. J. Duff.

Enlisting and holding attention—Mrs. Nath Terry, Roby, Texas. Reading—Mrs. Otta Smith, Roby. Young People's Report—Mrs. Williams, Sylvester.

Motion made and carried for all societies to send tea cakes to Buckner Orphans' Home, Nov. 24.

Talk on Our Future Plans—Mrs. Caldwell.

Consecration Service—Mrs. Charles Smith, Roby.

Motion carried to have the next quarterly meeting, Feb. 6th, at Rotan, Texas.

Dismissed by Mrs. Ben Smith.

RULE W. M. U. HONORS DEPARTING PASTOR'S WIFE

The following story is taken from the Rule Review and is self explanatory.

On Monday afternoon the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Rogers was a pretty scene when the ladies of the First Baptists Church, Rule honored Mrs. J. H. Edmonds with a miscellaneous shower and the T. E. L. class presented Mrs. Elbert Greer with a lovely bouquet of flowers.

Mrs. Edmonds was ushered into the living room the assembled guests were singing "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings" and as they sang, many pretty and useful gifts were showered upon her by a group of ladies from an adjoining room. As the last strains of the song were sung, Mrs. Edmonds in her own well chosen words expressed her thanks for the gifts and at the same time expressed the desire that each one present should receive blessings spiritual as well as temporal.

Following Mrs. Edmond's talk a short program was rendered. Mrs. Winiford Cole sang a song, "Perfect Day." Little Doris Jobe gave a reading on Thanksgiving and Miss Frances Rogers interpreted James

Whitcomb Riley's "Our Hired Girl."

At the close of the program. Mrs. Elmer Turner, president of the T. E. L. class, entered the reception carrying a beautiful bouquet of white and yellow roses, which she presented to Mrs. Elbert Greer in behalf of the T. E. L. class as an expression of love and appreciation for her service rendered the class while teacher and member. Mrs. Beer then thanked Mrs. Turner for her beautiful words and expressed her thanks to the members of the class for its love and thoughtfulness. After which a delightful refreshment plate was served to about fifty guests.

Upon departing each lady thanked Mrs. Rogers for her hospitality and expressed many, many wishes for Mrs. Edmonds, who is moving to Anson and Mrs. Greer, who is leaving for Abilene.

BAPTIST W. M. U. ENJOY SOCIAL MEETING

The Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of the Winters church met at the church Monday, November 2, in Bible study, business and social meeting.

Mrs. Leslie Alexander led the Bible study.

Miss Laura Coupland was present and told of the Chinese girl who is coming from China to finish her education in Baylor University.

The ladies gave \$50 to help bear her expenses.

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MRS. G. CLINT WOOD, WIFE OF SIMMONS TRUSTEE, DIES SUDDENLY

With hardly a moment's warning, the Death Angel claimed Mrs. G. Clint Wood, age 48, beloved wife of Simmons' loyal benefactor and trustee, Mr. G. Clint Wood, of 1000 Brook Street, Wichita Falls, Texas, Saturday afternoon, Nov. 14, when a sudden stroke of apoplexy ended forever the life work of this noble Christian church builder and civic leader among women.

Mrs. Wood had previously returned from town, and upon entering the house, she felt a strange feeling come over her. She was seated in a chair, took down the telephone receiver, and called the family physician, Dr. J. C. A. Guest. When the doctor reached the home she was still sitting in the chair with telephone receiver in hand, but was in a paralyzed condition. Death caused from apoplexy came within a few minutes.

Hundreds of sorrowing friends paid last tribute to the memory of Mrs. Wood Monday afternoon at 3:00 p. m., when they gathered around the flower-laden bier at the family residence to pay farewell tribute to the woman they loved so well, and to bring comfort to the grief stricken relatives.

Factor in Building Church.
Dr. O. L. Powers, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wichita Falls, of which church Mrs. Wood had been active during her residence there, had charge of the ceremonies. "She hath done what she could," was the theme of the talk he made in which he recounted the events of the beautiful life. Her pastor said in substance: "She led in committee organization, put forth the main efforts, furnished zeal and organized genius, which made possible the \$450,000.00 Baptist Church recently erected in Wichita Falls.

Large Floral Offerings
"The floral offerings were the largest and most beautiful I have ever seen," stated President Sandefer, who attended the funeral. After the hearse was loaded with huge chrysanthemums and other beautiful flowers, a float was secured to convey to the cemetery the remaining mass of flowers. Unique designs of wreaths and various cut flower bouquets, together with a huge embankment composed a beautiful scene at the open grave.

The burial was in Riverside Cemetery. Music at the funeral was furnished by members of the church choir. The Pall Bearers were Dr. J. C. Sandefer, W. P. Ferguson, Dr. J. C. A. Guest, Preston Lea, Bert Broday, T. B. Noble, Walter D. Cline, M. D. Rowe, R. O. Harvey, E. P. Bass, W. A. Freear, W. L. Robertson, Lee Wilson, and J. I. Staley.

Mrs. Wood was born, 1877, in Beaumont, Texas. Most of her childhood and young womanhood days were spent in this locality. Her marriage took place in the town of Beaumont, and after her marriage to Mr. Wood, the couple made their home in Wichita Falls.

Surviving her are her husband and four children; one daughter, Mrs. Raymond Myers, and three sons, Frank Wood, an ex-student of Simmons, Clint Bailey Wood, and Preston Wood; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin of Leeville, La.; and sister, Mrs. P. G. Tye, Leeville, La.; and three brothers, J. E. and J. L. Martin of Leeville, La.; and Tom B. Martin of Wichita Falls, Texas.

The husband of the deceased is a successful oil man, capitalist, benefactor, trustee of Simmons University and a boyhood friend of our President Sandefer. He has recently made a donation of \$10,000.00 to this institution. He and President Sandefer grew up as boys on neighboring farms, batched and attended school together as best of friends. Having been ultimately successful as an oil man, in later life, Mr. Wood built for his wife the most beautiful home in Wichita Falls, erected at a cost of \$250,000.00.

SERVICES AT SWEETHOME HASKELL COUNTY

The services at Sweethome on Saturday night and Sunday of Nov. 1st were glorious services and enjoyed by everyone getting a blessing. On Saturday evening at 7:30 we heard a great message from our pastor. He took as his subject "Kindling the fires for someone else, and keep the home fires burning for those on the foreign fields." Then at the morning service we heard another great message from our pastor, "A challenge to youth of today." Then at 3:30 in the afternoon we enjoyed a good program given by our Home Junior Union. At the evening hour, (7:30) came the crowning hour of the day when we enjoyed a wonderful message given through the mission band of the Shep B. Y. P. U. We gladly gave them full evening to use just as the Lord directed and it was truly worth the while. We heard some real good music. Then following the message, they took as a subject "Busy about my Master's business," and discussed it from several angles, all leading to the one message that we should be busy about our Master's business.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING OF SWEETWATER ASSOCIATION MEETS AT MERKEL NOV. 27

Friday Evening
7:00 Devotional led by Lee A. Stulze.
7:30 Address—Dr. J. D. Sandefer.
Saturday Morning:
9:30 Devotional led by R. H. Williams.

10:00 Getting the Local Church Ready for a Revival—Chas. A. Powell.
10:30 Importance of Personal Work in a Revival—J. O. Heath.

10:50 Associational Evangelism—Jno. W. Newson.
11:10 Sermon—Dr. Millard A. Jenkins.

12:00 Noon—Lunch served in basement of church.

Saturday Afternoon.
1:30 Devotional Led by W. G. Tankersley.

2:00 Simmons University as an evangelistic force—Dr. W. F. Fry.
2:30 Supporting our denominational institutions and our mission work is true evangelism—Chas. T. Whaley.

Saturday Evening.
7:00 Devotional led by Wendell Foreman.

7:30 Sermon—Dr. Chas. A. Powell.

Sunday Morning.
10:00 Sunday School with visitors in all departments. You are invited to come see a standard Sunday School at work. We not only have a standard Sunday School but we have the only standard Adult Department in Texas.

11:00 Sermon—L. P. Fitzgerald.
12:00 Noon—Lunch.

Sunday Afternoon.
1:30 Devotional led by A. R. McClure.

2:00 Young People in a Revival—Sam Morris.

2:20 Sunday School officers and teachers in a revival—Sam Malone.

2:40 Women in a revival—Mrs. J. C. Burkett.

3:30 Lamen in a revival—Judge J. P. Stinson.

3:30 The greatest revival I ever held—Dr. R. C. Pender.

Sunday Evening.
7:00 Devotional led by Horace Tatum.

7:30 Sermon—R. M. McGinnis.

Come praying that this meeting may help start that great revival that so many are praying for.

W. M. U. DEPARTMENT
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years, it is also an investment in life for all who give to it. The returns from money invested in lives will be many more fold than money invested in material things. Through these loans we are helping to build a better christian citizenship.

Last year one hundred and twenty-nine students borrowed from this fund without which many of them could not have stayed in school. More than one thousand conversions resulted from meetings held by ministerial students of Simmons, several of whom have been aided by this loan fund. So instead of a memorial in the form of a marble shaft or copper plate, Miss Breedlove has an endless memorial in human lives who will bless humanity through the cycles of time.

While the Breedlove Memorial Loan Fund is a child of the Abilene District and nobly have the women of this district given to this fund, there are no bounds to the giving to it. There are many boys and girls who would be in college today if we had the money to lend them. They are not asking us to give to them but to lend expecting to return with interest so that some other struggling boy or girl may have the same benefit that they had. Your offering while helping some needy one now may be bread cast upon the waters as has been the case in the past.

We plead for your gifts so that those who have been knocking so long for entrance into our beloved institution may be told to enter. We are counting on you—one and all—to do your best for our best is but a reasonable service for our Master.

Mrs. W. F. Fry.

ANOTHER GOOD WOMAN HAS GONE TO HER ABUNDANT REWARD

On September the fourteenth, 1925 Sister M. H. Morrison of Big Spring, Texas, died at Baylor Hospital in Dallas, Texas. Sister Morrison was one of the most worthy, capable and unassuming christian women of whom I have ever been pastor.

Her death is greatly regretted by all who knew her, but none doubted her triumphant entry into a glorious and peaceful rest.

She leaves to mourn her going, a husband, two sons, and one daughter, beside other relatives and a host of friends.

"Mark the perfect man and behold the upright in heart, for the end of that man is peace."

J. T. Nicholson.

Brother Joe Baker and wife have been elected as educational directors of the Winters church. They have been with this church for some time and they will enter their labors with a thorough knowledge of the needs and opportunities of that field.

CHAMPION CHURCH ENTERTAINS BAPTIST WORKERS' CONFERENCE

(This item should have appeared in last issue of this paper.—Ed.)

Did you you had not heard from Champion church in quite a bit? Well the reason may be this,—we have been so busy in our church that we just didn't take time for this phase of the work. However, we know it is very important that we hear, through our papers, from our churches, and we are trying to make amends now for our negligence in the past in this matter. Our present English language does not contain words that would adequately express the appreciation of the Champion church for her pastor. Rev. Tankersley. He brings to the church so many soul-feasting events. Very rarely is she permitted to sojourn in the valley, but remains almost wholly on the mountain top. Recent events have been the bringing to the church on different occasions, Rev. John Reynolds and Dr. Atwood of Abilene.

The sermons of both were greatly enjoyed by the church and they are most cordially invited back again. Then on Nov. 2nd Champion had The Workers' Conference, and the day seemed all too short, so soul-feasting and inspiring was the program rendered. On Sunday preceding the Workers' Conference, Rev. John W. Newson preached at the eleven o'clock hour, and an offering was taken for ministerial education, amounting to \$50.00. Rev. Stevens used the evening hour. Both sermons were fine. Then on Monday the program carried out was as follows:

Scripture reading and prayer by "Our Boy Preacher", Rev. J. N. Tidwell. Rev. Newson, Rev. Tankersley and T. D. Wiman discussed the subject of "The Value of the Denominational Paper to Church Life."

"Ministerial Education," was discussed by Rev. Reynolds.

The eleven o'clock sermon was preached by Rev. McGinnis.

The visitors were then given recognition, after which an intermission was given for lunch which was spread in the old fashioned way and enjoyed by all.

The afternoon service began with song service, Rev. Stevens leading the devotional. A talk by Rev. Sam Malone was then enjoyed. Then came a conference of the Board members.

Mrs. Cole of Sweetwater then discussed the W. M. U. work. A special song followed. A talk was had from Rev. Ashford. The Unified Church Work was also discussed by Rev. Ashford. An offering amounting to \$11.75 was taken for the Mexican preacher who is ill in the Baptist Sanitarium at Abilene. A vocal solo with guitar accompaniment was given by Rev. Joe Costa. The congregation was then dismissed with special song and prayer by Rev. Draper.

—Reporter.

PUMPHREY BAPTISTS WELCOME NEW PASTOR

Rev. J. E. Nicholson, who has been pastor of the Pumphrey Baptist Church since the first of September, returned last Friday with his family and household goods, and the family is located at 428 State St., Winters, Texas, from which place they will pursue their pastoral duties.

Tuesday night, Nov. 3rd, the pastor and family were disturbed by the honk, honk, honk of many auto horns and on going out to call the disturbers down, they discovered that they were being stormed by the members of their church.

Filing in each one bringing something in the grocery line until the dining table was loaded and the floor so covered with good things, that the room looked more like a "Piggly Wiggly" store than a dining room.

After a welcome by the family the successful working of the church and pastor, then songs and a good fellowship meeting in every way. Bro. Will Lloyd led the crowd in prayer, then these jolly Baptists went their way either to see or keep the "Ten Commandments."

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hudson, and two of their grand-babies remained for a while to keep the storm from breaking so suddenly hen left the pastor and family to meditate upon what a splendid set of folks they have in their charge.

Mr. Nicholson says he will try to teach his people to be regular in their habit.—Winters Enterprise.

Rev. T. O. Summers of Gatesville has accepted the call of the churches at Westbrook and Ira. He expects to move on the field about the first of January and will make his home at Westbrook.

GETTING UNDER THE KINGDOM BURDENS

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you, on account of the surpassing grace which God has to you."

There are several significant sentences in the above quotations from

Moffatt's translation. One is, "This service" (that is, the generosity and liberality of your offerings in money) "shows what you are." In other words, Paul says that our gifts are an expression of our character. If our gifts are meagre and stingy, they show that we ourselves are stingy. If they are liberal and generous, they show that they come from a generous and loving heart. Texas Baptists, therefore, in this fall round-up and in their regular weekly and monthly contributions to the cause of Christ are revealing to the world their character. It tells the world what sort we are, what sort of Christians we be, how much we love Christ, how much we love a lost world, how much we care for the institutions which have come to us out of the gospel movements. Texas Baptists, what will be the character we exhibit between this and the convention? God help us to show that we are a liberal people.

Come Under the Gospel.
This is a most significant statement. Paul says this service, that is, our generosity to Christ's causes, not only shows what we are, but it makes men praise God for the way we come under the gospel of Christ. I should like to press home upon my heart and the hearts of my brothers and sisters throughout the land the necessity at this time of getting under the kingdom loads and burdens.

Today more than six million dollars in contracts have been made for Texas Baptists' new meeting houses; and, as far as I know, in every case the buildings are going on up. Why? The pastors, the deacons and the churches have gotten under the load and have set themselves to put it over; and I bless God for every meeting house that is going up for Baptists in all the land. It means good for the Kingdom and I praise God for the heroic pastors and others who have gotten under these loads.

There is another matter. In the main the churches are paying local expenses—pastors' salaries and the salaries of other workers where they have them. The local expense account of Baptist Churches in Texas, in the main, is in fine condition. Why? The pastors and the leaders in the churches have gotten under the load and put it over. Now, my plea is that likewise we, the institutional leaders, the pastors, the deacons, the women, and all, shall get under the denominational program. Six years ago we put over the greatest pledge campaign ever put over by Baptists. Why? We got under the load. Three years ago we slipped out from under the load and our causes are suffering. Now, let's slip back under the load with all our might, and strength and bring the denominational load up with the same generosity that we are bringing the local loads to success.

On Mount Sinai Moses got under the load of Israel. God told Moses, after the tragic failure of Israel, that he would take Moses' family and make of them a greater nation. Moses got under the load and said, "No, if they go down, I will go down, too." He stood in the breach and turned away the wrath of God. Young David in a crucial hour in the history of Israel got under the load and defeated Goliath. Daniel got under the

load and saved his people. Paul got under the load in Ephesus and many another place and saved the cause of Christ. The Syrophenician mother got under the load and Christ healed her daughter. The great example for us all is Christ on Calvary. Why the blood-sweats in Gethsemane? He was getting under the load. Christ's example on the cross is God's method today for us in healing the wounds of the world.

Get under the load! Pastors, deacons, leaders and people everywhere, let's get under the load! What is this load? It is God's most glorious bundle, which comes to us out of the gospel and is handed down by the hearts and hands and sacrifices and tears of our fathers. In this bundle are our Bayers, our Simmons, our Howard Payne, Decatur, Burleson, Rusk, San Marcos, Wayland, Marshall, our hospitals at Dallas, Houston, Abilene, Fort Worth, Waco and Harlingen; and "Baptist Standard" and other Baptist papers; our state mission, home mission and foreign mission causes; the aged ministers; our Buckner Orphans' Home; and all the other causes in Texas and outside. In this bundle are our missionaries, our churches, our Sunday Schools, young people's and women's work, our thousands and thousands of students in our schools—denominational and state. In this bundle is a lost world and the glory of Christ. Jesus got under this load. Burleson, Carroll, Buckner, Gambrell, and many another who has gone on, constantly lived under this load. Let's get under it and put it over. Let's be worthy sons of these noble sires.

I am not asking anybody to do a thing that I, myself, am not doing. God being my witness, I am under it. My returned checks given weekly will show that I am under it. My constant travels, day and night, will show that I am under it. I mean to get under the load more. Texas Baptists can raise, if they will, a million dollars in November; and if they will we will lift the load. Let's all come under the gospel load for Christ's sake and the sake of a ruined world. Let's get under it, stay under it, lead our people to get under it, and keep them under it until we lift it to the glory of God.

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