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## MISSIONARY

### ESSAYS



We supplied the pulpit at the First Baptist Church, Breckenridge, Sunday morning. Had a good crowd and one united with the church at the close of the service.

Brother McGahey was in Post where he had been in a meeting for several days. He reports a good meeting. The Breckenridge Church are remodeling their parsonage and when it is finished they will have one of the best homes in this section. They are just finishing a new building for their East Side mission and are having good services out there.

Brother S. E. Kidd, who has been with the church as educational director for several months, has tendered his resignation to take effect the 12th of May. Brother and Mrs. Kidd are going with the First Baptist Church of Newport News, Virginia. The people of Breckenridge do not like to lose the Kidds but are happy that they are going to a larger field of service. May God bless them in their new field of service.

We attended the Training Union Service of the Cisco Association Sunday afternoon. I wish every one could have been there. They had 339 present from over the Association. The First Church, Ranger, had 75 present. The program was given by the First Church, Albany. It was a good program. Brother Joe Self is leading this association in a great way. Other associations would do well to have him come and tell how he does it.

Brother Lawrence Trott and Charles McLaughlin were with Brother Weldon and the First Church, Albany, in a revival which closed the second Sunday. Brother Weldon reports, the best meeting in the history of the church. Fifty-one additions, with 39 for baptism.

Brother Russel Dennis reports a good service with the East Side Church, Cisco, Sunday morning. Five additions, one conversion.

The fires of Evangelism are burning. Many are being saved throughout the district in the regular church services. Every one reporting tells of a good meeting. We are reaching out after four thousand this year. We will reach our goal.

One more Sunday for our offering for missions this month. Do not let your church fail.

We began a meeting with Calvary Church Sunday night. Brother Bristow is their good pastor. Pray for us during these days.

Some one has said, "There is no revival where Mr. Amen and Mr. Wet-Eyes cannot be found in the congregation."—Wm. H. Joyner, State Evangelist.

## EVENTS TO COME

- May 2-3—Meeting for associational officers in Training Union, Waco
- May 13-16—Evangelistic Conferences, Seminary Hill.
- June 3-48th Commencement, Hardin-Simmons U.
- June 4—Summer session registration, H-SU.
- June 12-16—Southern Baptist Convention, Baltimore.
- June 24-30—West Texas Assembly, Camp Lueders.
- July 2-12—Texas Baptist Encampment, Palacios.
- July 8-10—Girls Camp, Lueders.
- July 9-19—Ruidosa Encampment.
- July 9-17—Menard Baptist Encampment, Menard.
- July 10-12—Boys Camp, Lueders.
- July 21-26—Southwide Training Union Assembly, Ridgecrest.
- August 24—Close of Hardin-Simmons summer school.

## A PROGRAM FOR AIDING CRIPPLED CHILDREN TO BE LAUNCHED IN ABILENE

E. M. Collier, superintendent of Hendrick Memorial Hospital, has announced that a group of interested people will meet at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, April 28th, at First Baptist Church, to discuss ways and means of perfecting an organization to work in behalf of crippled children. Mr. Collier has invited J. R. Olds, executive secretary of the Texas Society for Crippled Children, to meet with the West Texas group and point out the work which needs to be done and the manner in which to organize a chapter of the Texas Society to perform this work.

**Approved Orthopedic Hospital**  
Mr. Collier pointed out that Abilene has an approved orthopedic hospital with an approved orthopedic surgeon and it is the natural hospital center for a great section of West Texas. This being the case, he thinks Abilene should take the lead in seeing to it that the many crippled and otherwise physically handicapped youngsters in the Abilene area should find in this city a complete service such as is available in other leading cities of the State.

Mr. Collier urges that all representative groups and individuals interested in any phase of a child welfare program be in attendance at the meeting.

**Find, Treat, and Rehabilitate**  
The Texas Society for Crippled Children is an organization composed of persons from all walks of life, professional and non-professional, lay and governmental, interested in perfecting an intelligent program for crippled children. The program, broadly speaking, begins with the discovery of cripples, follows with hospitalization and medical treatment, and closes with training in a vocation and placement in employment. Transportation, maintenance, supplying of artificial appliances, providing food and clothes, making available recreational facilities, convalescent centers, education and many other factors are a part of the complete service the Texas Society is building throughout the State.

**Abilene Definite Center**  
Many cities of Texas, many counties, or many districts composed of several counties, have organizations working throughout the year to fulfill locally the program of the parent body. Abilene with its location, fine hospital, and doctors should most definitely have a similar organization to carry on the fight against crippling conditions already in existence and an unceasing drive aimed at the prevention of crippling conditions.

The Texas Society seeks to establish chapters to coordinate all existing services in behalf of children who are suffering from a physical handicap and perform those services which are not elsewhere provided.

Texas is one of 38 states with a crippled children's society who merge their power to form the National Society for Crippled Children. In turn, the United States is one of 42 nations composing the International Society for the Welfare of Cripples.

**To Outline Program**  
Mr. Olds will make a brief talk on the history of crippled children's work in the nation and in Texas and inform the audience of the present program and services in the state. He will outline the procedure and organization for crippled children's work in Abilene and point out many things which are so highly necessary and greatly to be desired to aid the hundreds of unfortunate youngsters in this district of Texas. He will be happy to answer questions directly from the floor and will make every effort to help establish a well organized unit of crippled children's workers in Abilene.

## H-SU COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED

Dr. John L. Hill, book editor of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will deliver the commencement address at Hardin-Simmons University on Monday, June 3, announces Dr. Rupert N. Richardson, university executive. Dr. Fred C. Eastman, pastor of First Church, Wichita Falls, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at First Church, Abilene, Sunday morning, June 2, and the annual missionary sermon at University Church, Sunday night.

## PASTOR HOLDS REVIVAL OBSERVING ANNIVERSARY



REV. T. J. SPARKMAN

Observing the beginning of the fourth year of his pastorate at Lamar Street, Sweetwater, Pastor T. J. Sparkman opened a spring revival meeting in which he is doing the preaching. Sunday morning services were transmitted over Station KXOX and will be heard each Sunday through May 5.

In the three years there have been 254 additions to Lamar Street Church, 108 coming for baptism. Total offerings of the church during that time have been \$9,980.80.

The church has built the second story of their structure, which houses the spacious auditorium, paying for construction as they went along.

In addition to services in his home church, Pastor Sparkman has preached in eight meetings, which have resulted in 156 additions, 109 for baptism, making 217 that he has seen baptized since coming to Sweetwater.

Once a month the pastor preaches at a mission point in the country. Last summer he held a meeting there which added 28 to Lamar Street Church, 22 of them by baptism. The church has assumed the responsibility for a meeting in that community again this summer, with Pastor Sparkman doing the preaching.

## DISTRICT EIGHT LOADING A CAR FOR ORPHANS HOME

By W. C. Harrison  
District Missionary  
The Workers Conferences met at the following places: Big Spring, East Fourth, Big Spring, Lamesa, Fairview, Dawson Co., Mitchell-Scurry, Snyder. These were all well attended. We have so much on at this time that no one thing took preeminence but we stressed, first, leading a car for B. O. H.; second, the Training Union officers and directors meeting, Waco, May 1-2, think we will take ten cars from this district; third, the Round-Up campaign for April; fourth and last, but not least, the Evangelistic Conference at Seminary Hill. Steps are being taken in all three associations to see that all of our preachers get to go.

There are several revivals going on with good interest and they will be reported individually.

The new meeting house at Pride, Lamesa Association, is about completed and will have their formal opening May 19. The District Missionary is to speak at the 11 o'clock hour. W. M. Draper is the aggressive pastor.

First Church, Midland, is having a "corner stone" laying April 21. Judge C. M. Caldwell, Abilene, is making the principal address. Dr. H. D. Bruce is the progressive pastor.

Brother A. T. Willis has been with Brother Aubrey McCauley, Pennwell, in a fine meeting.

The Mitchell-Scurry Associational Brotherhood met Tuesday night the 16th with the Wastella Church, with about 125 present and were royally entertained by this exceptionally good church that has maintained a Brotherhood longer than any church in the district. They put on their own programs and do something besides "meet and eat." J. M. Cook, consecrated layman of Abilene, was the main speaker for the associational meeting. (Continued on page 4)

## EVANGELIST H. COFFMAN LEADS COLORADO REVIVAL



The meeting at the Second Baptist Church, Colorado City, conducted by State Evangelist Hulon Coffman resulted in 72 additions and professions the first week. Services will continue through this week with prayer meetings for the different groups, and will close with a baptizing at the First Baptist Church Sunday night.

Dinner will be served at the church Sunday and other services will be held as usual, according to Pastor Scott W. Hickey.

C. A. Burgess is leading the singing and Miss Ruby Gordon Coe is pianist for the meeting.

## DISTRICT 17 WOMEN GO TO BRECKENRIDGE IN '41

Breckenridge was chosen as host city for 1941 and district officers were re-elected for another year at the annual convention of the Woman's Missionary Society of District 17 which met in First Church, Abilene, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 16 and 17.

A total of 547 messengers and guests registered during the two-day meeting.

Among out-of-district speakers were Mrs. E. F. Lyon, state W. M. U. secretary; Mrs. B. L. Lockett, recently returned from mission work in Africa; and Itsuka Saito, Japanese student at Southwestern Seminary.

Recommendations adopted by the convention appear on another page of this paper, and reports of standing committees will appear later.

Officers reelected include Mrs. J. B. Buckley, Abilene, president; Mrs. Floyd Lowe, Abilene, corresponding secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. J. S. Tierce, Knox City, recording secretary.

## RECOMMENDATIONS OF DISTRICT 17 W. M. U.

**Recommendations of Methods and Finance Committee for 1940-41**  
1. A goal for the Cooperative Program has been set for each association; we, therefore, recommend that the methods and finance committee of the association set a goal for each local society. A careful record of the amounts contributed to this cause should be kept and indicated month by month on point three of the Standard of Excellence.

Remember, the aim of each society should be a 10 per cent increase both in membership and in gifts to the Cooperative Program. All societies are urged to use the new enrollment blanks, remembering to enclose postage for same when ordering.

2. Each local and associational treasurer is urged to mark the amount given by the W. M. U. to the Cooperative Program during the quarter in the space for same on the quarterly report blank.

3. (1) We recommend that the standing committee chairmen of the district be allowed \$1.00 per year from the expense fund for stationery and stamps.

(2) The associations are requested to include the Young People's leaders in the distribution of the expense fund.

4. We recommend a maximum goal of \$1,000 and a minimum of \$800 for the Hardin-Simmons student fund, with the suggestion that the societies give special programs on Christian education and take an offering in an effort to raise the maximum amount.

(1) We request that the fund continue to be confined to the aid of (Continued on page 4)

## Richardson Declines Tender of Hardin-Simmons Presidency



DR. R. N. RICHARDSON

## ANNOUNCES PREFERENCE FOR HISTORICAL FIELD

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## FOOD ASKED FOR MEXICAN ASSOCIATION

Members of churches in Sweetwater Association are urged by the leaders in the association to assist in supplying food for the meeting of the Mexican Association at Sweetwater this week-end. Food may be brought to First Church, Sweetwater or in other towns along the railway. There are only a few Mexican Baptists in Sweetwater and they will not be able to feed their guests.

## A. E. TRAVIS ACCEPTS COLORADO CITY CALL

Rev. Arthur E. Travis, pastor of the North Cleburne Baptist Church of Cleburne, has accepted the call of First Church, Colorado City, which has been without a pastor since Rev. T. A. Patterson accepted the call of Tabernacle Church, Fort Worth, in December.

Rev. Travis will receive his Th. D. degree at Southwestern Seminary next month. He is a native Texan and formerly lived at Big Spring. He is a member of the Hardin-Simmons class of 1933. Before going to Cleburne two years ago he taught in the Kansas City Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Travis is also a former student at H-SU and is the daughter of Judge Lee R. York of Abilene.

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## REVIVALS IN CHURCHES THROUGHOUT DISTRICT 7

By Missionary J. A. Kidd  
Brother R. S. Hollomon returned from a successful revival in the Trinity Church, Dallas, resulting in 28 additions and many reclaimed.

**OZONA:** This church has enjoyed a much needed revival in which the attendance was the best in years and nine were added to the church, seven on profession of faith and baptism. Brother Sam Cluck of Waco did the singing in the meeting. He is a student in Baylor University.

**CLINT:** Dr. I. L. Yearby assisted Brother Vernon Yearby in a good revival of one week March 24-31, resulting in seven additions on professions of faith, and 10 were baptized at the close of the meeting. Brother Vernon is being blessed in his ministry in this good field.

**SHEFFIELD:** We are glad to learn of the good meeting in this church where Bro Foy King is pastor full-time. Brother Westmoreland assisted him in a revival preceded by a series of prayer meetings and two days of fasting, and a number were saved and united with the church. People who had not been in church for years attended the meeting and the whole church and community felt the impact of these services.

**IMPERIAL:** Brother M. M. Fulmer (Continued on page 3)

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### FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

West Texans will have the opportunity, Sunday afternoon, April 28, to participate in a most worthy enterprise. Few things have greater appeal to human sympathy than a child, crippled through no fault of his own and unable to help himself.

The State of Texas, in cooperation with the Texas Society for Crippled Children, is using many thousands of dollars in finding these unfortunates and in treating, training and rehabilitating them for places of usefulness in society and for lives of happiness.

A West Texas unit of the state organization is to be set up at the Abilene meeting. Many people of this section do not know that Hendrick Memorial Hospital, our Baptist institution, is fully equipped, both in staff and in mechanical devices, to do anything that can be done for cripples anywhere. A worthy support should be a matter of sectional pride.

### LOYALTY MONTH

The Brotherhood organization of District 17, under the leadership of Judge E. S. Cummings, has set aside the month of May as "Loyalty Month" for Baptist laymen.

The motto is for every member of every church to attend his church at every regular meeting during the month.

This is not asking too much of people who are church members and who have covenanted to support the church in attendance. It is hoped that the movement will be supported, not only by the Brotherhood organizations but by every other arm of the churches and by every member.

Such a movement should not be confined to one district alone, it should be spread abroad and made a paramount interest of Baptists everywhere each May. Most of us will do lip service to the statement that every member should attend every regular service, but very few of us practice it.

A month of emphasis on attendance, if enthusiastically entered upon, can work wonders in the life of a church. We should hail the opportunity to engage in striving for so challenging an objective.

### RURAL CHURCH AID

Much is being thought, said and printed throughout the South on the problems of the country churches. Dr. J. W. Jent of O. B. U., who is in a position to speak with authority on the subject, expects to introduce resolutions at the Southern Baptist convention, urging the appointment of a standing committee from that body to look into this subject.

Texas Baptists have such a committee for this state, with Missionary J. Henry Littleton chairman. They are working toward constructive suggestions to present at the Houston convention this fall.

We do not know what are the answers to all the rural problems nor how to deal with them. We are convinced that there are fully as many variations of the question as there are types of agriculture and rural life in this broad state of ours. There are problems which are vital and pressing in one section which do not exist in others. There is more difference in farm life and thought between some sections, sometimes not so far apart, than there is between town and country elsewhere.

Many wholly rural communities have solved their own church problems. They maintain a church life which can and does put most town churches to shame in their efficiency and spiritual plane. Yet this development has come about gradually and neighboring communities feel that the successful church is "different," when in reality it is largely a matter of leadership and consecration.

The suggestion has been made by Missionary Littleton that great good might be accomplished by having a few demonstration churches in each district to dramatize what can be done by cooperative consecration.

The idea is that the state board might promise to assist a few rural churches to have full-time preaching and an adequate, challenging program provided the members meet the challenge with a positive show of interest.

Some indications of this interest might be such as a pledge from an adequate number, say 15 or more, self-supporting families, to tithe through the church. They would need to call a capable, rural-minded pastor for full time. The pastor would need to move on the field and literally live with his flock.

A preacher who came out of the country, or any other with consecrated adaptability, can take the tithes of feed and produce and make them yield far more in the support of his family, if they live in the community, than would the cash such commodities might bring on the market.

Human nature being what it is, not all such experiments would be a success. But we believe that enough would prosper so far beyond expectations that other part-time churches would be aroused to follow the example with an adequate program of their own.

Furthermore, most churches which would undertake such a plan, honestly endeavoring to follow out their undertaking, would surely be assets instead of liabilities to the state work, carrying their own load and contributing to missions, instead of being nursed along.

After all, it seems the chief problem of the rural churches is a call for the consecration of goods and lives. That is the main problem of town and city churches as well. We live in different environment and follow different occupation, but after all we are the same sort of folks.

## News Notes

Dexter Riddle is leading the song services in a meeting at Iraan.

Rev. Clebert Jones preached at Clyde on April 21.

Rev. F. A. Hollis, Putnam, is conducting an eight-day meeting at North Park Church, Abilene.

Rev. Arlie Harrison, Kerens, is assisting Pastor R. M. McGinnis and the Gustine Church in a meeting from April 19 to 28.

Dr. Wm. H. Joyner, state evangelist, is in his second revival with Pastor M. R. Soileau and First Church, Cuero.

First Church, Rotan, has a building committee at work on plans to take care of that growing church, states Pastor L. L. Trott.

The Plains B. S. U. conference met at Wayland College April 20 and 21. Rev. Bill Marshall was principal speaker.

Volus Norsworthy, director of music and education in First Church, Vernon, is assisting in a revival at Dimmitt.

Rev. Merle Weathers of Groom, who led in a great revival at Potosi two years ago, has consented to lead in another meeting with them July 14 to 28, announces Pastor S. L. Tidwell.

J. D. Riddle, president of the State Training Union convention, is leading the music in a meeting with Dr. W. W. Chancellor and First Church, Mineral Wells.

First Church, Lubbock, is having a series of evangelistic services in the Sunday School. Decision day is observed in one department each Sunday and is preceded by a special visitation campaign.

Dr. J. L. Moyer, San Antonio, in charge of Mexican mission work in Texas, will speak at the West Texas Mexican Association in Sweetwater next week and will preach at First Church, Sweetwater, May 5.

Rev. R. M. McGinnis, pastor at Gustine, supplied on April 14 for Pastor Ira Harrison, Snyder, who was out on account of illness. There was one addition by baptism and one rededication.

There were 86 enrolled in a study course at Rotan last week. Byron Fletcher of H-SU directed the campaign. Other faculty members included Maltha Cagle and Leta Rue Riddle of Abilene and Pastor L. L. Trott.

Dr. McKinley Norman, state evangelist, is in an eight-day revival with Pastor W. F. Hamor and First Church, Winters. Dr. Norman has just been in a great revival with Pastor H. R. Long and First Church, Sulphur Springs, in which there were 89 additions with 47 for baptism. There were 739 in Sunday School the first Sunday of the meeting and 828 last Sunday.

There were 19 additions by baptism and six by letter in the revival at Aspermont led by State Evangelist W. Y. Pond. Pastor J. B. Rowan states that there were others who made professions of faith and are expected to join the church later. There were large crowds and unusual interest.

### PROGRAM

Worker's Conference, Callahan Association, meeting with Cottonwood Church, Tuesday, May 7

Theme: God's Plan for Kingdom Extension.

10:00 Song Service, Don Armstrong.

10:10 Devotional, Milford Howell.

10:20 "Our Responsibility in Winning the Lost," Houston Scott.

10:40 "Our Field Is the World," F. A. Hollis.

11:00 "Our Marching Orders from Christ," Sam Brian.

11:20 Special music.

11:30 Sermon, Pastor D. G. Reid, Immanuel Church, Abilene.

12:10 Noon-lunch.

1:30 Board meeting, F. A. Hollis, presiding.

2:00 Song service, Don Armstrong.

2:10 Devotional, T. J. Dubose.

2:20 "Power for Our Task," Rev. Thompson, Scranton.

2:40 Inspirational address, A. A. Davis.

Pastor E. L. Redden and Cottonwood Church urge your attendance at this meeting.

## H-SU HONORS BENEFACOR ON FOUNDER'S DAY

TRIBUTE TO MR. JOHN G. HARDIN By W. A. STEPHENSON

Mr. Chairman and Friends:

It is indeed fitting and appropriate that we should be assembled here today at the same time other friends are gathered together on the campus of Hardin-Simmons University to pay tribute to the founders of our school and to those who have assured its future security and growth.

Today has been designated "Founders Day" by the board of trustees of Hardin-Simmons University and it will be remembered by thousands of Hardin-Simmons men and women wherever dispersed. It will be observed by groups of exes and friends in a number of cities and towns in the United States and in some 18 foreign countries.

We are assembled here to drop a flower of love and reverence upon the graves, the last resting place of our friends and great benefactors, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Hardin and also to decorate the graves of Mr. Harwell, a former trustee of the University, and Mr. Chatham, a good friend of the institution, in the name of Hardin-Simmons university, an institution they loved very much. I speak for the trustees, the faculty and students and the friends of Hardin-Simmons University in general. Words are inadequate to express our profound sense of gratitude that each of us all feel toward the memory of these benefactors of our school.

Hardin-Simmons University is now closing its first 50 years of service in the field of higher education. In a few days we shall celebrate our 48th commencement. Plans are now being made to celebrate in an appropriate way the first 50 years of service, it is to be known as the Hardin-Simmons University Semi-Centennial celebration.

Hardin-Simmons University was founded by pioneer stockmen, in the main, some 48 years ago. It was the first institution of higher learning between Fort Worth and California. The growth of Hardin-Simmons University has paralleled the growth of Texas and the Southwest. This growth has been marked by sacrificial struggles. The gifts of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Hardin of Burk Burnett came to us at a time of great financial depression, at a time when Christian education was on trial, at a time when it seemed that all previous efforts to build an institution of the first rank would be lost or delayed for many years. Their gift could not have come at a more opportune time. In the words of our late beloved president, J. D. Sandefer, "these generous benefactions from this outstanding pioneer couple of the great West have made it possible for Hardin-Simmons University to take on new life in every concrete field essential toward meeting competition with other institutions serving in a similar realm. No human eye or imagination can compute the religious and cultural consequences of the Hardin gifts to this institution."

We honor Mr. and Mrs. Hardin today because they have assured the future of our university. We honor them because they were pioneers of the great Southwest. We honor them because of their Christian character and influence; because of the simplicity of their lives; because of the humbleness of their hearts; because of the sublimity of their faith in Jesus Christ. We honor them because they chose to follow the teachings of the great teacher who said, "it is more blessed to give than to receive," and, "that he who would be great among you let him be the servant of all." Mr. and Mrs. Hardin chose to serve not only their day and generation but many future generations to come. Let us hope that their munificence to Hardin-Simmons University shall continue to serve humanity until Christ shall come again and that they will inspire others to follow their example in order that the next 50 years of service of Hardin-Simmons University shall be as a lengthening shadow, extending its influence into every phase of our social, economic, and political life.

### PROGRAM

Association Sunday School Meeting, with Baird Baptist Church, Sunday, April 28

3:00 Devotional, Rev. Chas. Tarrence.

3:10 Department conferences.

3:30 Reports and round table discussion of Sunday School work.

3:50 "What Is a Good Sunday School?" C. E. Poe, Cross Plains.

Association Superintendent H. W. Martin requests that every Church in the association have representatives at this meeting. Let us have a revival in Sunday School work within our association.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

April 28, 1940

By Hight C Moore

### ISAIAH COMFORTS AN AFFLICTED PEOPLE

Read Isaiah 40

Study Isaiah 40:1-11

The political situation of Judah was desperate. The dreadful captivity was inevitable and imminent. In full view of the seer were the horrors connected with the siege of Jerusalem, the devastation of the country, and the deportation of the inhabitants to Babylonia. Yet the prophet saw beyond the swift-coming disaster to the happier days which through repentance, reform, and restoration were surely to come. Therefore he was commissioned to convey a message of spiritual and national comfort for the people of God. And so shone the light in a dark and cloudy day.

#### 1. Phases of Comfort

The Giver of Comfort is God. He has precisely what is needed for the aching heart of the world. He feels sympathy and compassion for a lost and wayward race. He proves the consolation needed for Israel and for all the world. He desires it to be proclaimed through every messenger to men. He transmits it in word and tone of solace, for he commands the comforter to speak comfortably to the distressed and even to cry with earnestness to those who suffer unto tears.

He defines the comfort which he gives: The comfort of peace at the close of bitter warfare and at the end of rigorous servitude; the comfort of pardon for sins confessed and regretted and forsaken; and the prosperity that follows the penalty that goes with sinning involving double punishment as in the Babylonian and Roman captivities, or double blessings commensurate with the divine favor upon those who have been guilty of double or ample iniquities which have been forgiven. To God alone can we look for the comfort that saves from the power and penalty of sin and restores completely to divine favor.

#### 2. Path of Comfort

The Bringer of Comfort is Christ. Looking beyond his day, Isaiah foresaw and foretold the coming of the Messiah. He sketches the ministry and message of John the Baptist who was the forerunner and herald of the coming King who should redeem his people from the captivity of sin and set them free. The duty immediately before him and the people of that time, as indeed of all peoples to the end of time, was to prepare the way of Jehovah so that he might visit them in mercy and might. However, the highway for our God will require work in the wilderness of this world and in the desert places of humanity. Valleys must be filled up and the mountains must be leveled down while uneven ground must be made smooth and rough places must be cleared of stones and rubbish. There are many human faults that must be rectified and wrongs that must be reformed and angularities that must be rounded and crookedness that must be made straight before the divine Bringer of comfort reveals his glory attracting men everywhere and confirming the faith of all in the sure promises of God. Clearly the fulfillment of Isaiah's great prophecy was in Jesus of Nazareth.

#### 3. Power of Comfort

The Book of Comfort is the Bible. The command to cry was heard and heeded. But the message of the cry was in its first part disquieting though true. The transiency of the flesh is evident. We are, humanly speaking, like the grass and the flowers in the fields. Let the sirocco of the desert blow upon it and the grass withers and the lovely flower-petals are shattered. How fragile is the flesh! How small a touch of adversity destroys it! But in striking contrast there is the Word of God like a granite boulder standing out upon the mountainside defying the elements and unremoved for ages. We can depend upon what God says for his Word will stand forever.

#### 4. Proclamation of Comfort

The Messengers of Comfort are Christians. They have the good tidings which they are happy to tell to sad hearted Zion. In giving that message they are to scale the highest peak with its wide horizon, and to lift up their voices with volume and vigor that can be heard, and to tell their message without a quail of fear but in assertive courage. Their message centers directly upon God who is the source of all comfort: first, behold him; then, behold him coming as the Mighty One with arm outstretched in power; and finally, behold him with his reward for those who have trusted his word and obeyed his commands. The promise opens a glorious prospect, for he will feed his flock so that they shall never want; he will gather the lambs in his arms so that they shall never suffer; he will gently lead those followed by their young so that without weariness or waywardness they may arrive safely in the fold.

Trust the God of Comfort  
Comfort from God. "Comfort ye my people, saith your God."  
Comfort in Word. "Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem—that bringest good tidings."  
Comfort in Reconciliation. "Her warfare is accomplished."  
Comfort in Forgiveness. "Her iniquity is pardoned."  
Comfort in Restoration. "She hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins."  
Comfort in Service. "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."  
Comfort in Hope. "The glory of the Lord shall be revealed."

#### GOLD IN THE GOLDEN TEXT

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.—Psalm 46:1.

God is our refuge. The storm comes; where else can we flee for safety? The sands shift and sink; on what other Rock can we build securely?

God is our strength. We are weak, but not when linked with Omnipotence. We are helpless except when upheld by the Everlasting Arms.

God is our help. He helps us always. We are more conscious of his help in the time of trouble. And we do not have to wait for his help.

#### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

April 29. The Invitation Given. Isaiah 55:1-6.

April 30. The Invitation Accepted. Isaiah 55:6-11.

May 1. The Invitation Slighted. Luke 14:15-24.

May 2. Come to Christ for Salvation. Romans 10:1-3.

May 3. Come to Christ for Service. Matthew 9:9-13.

May 4. Come to Christ for Eternal Life. John 6:35-40.

May 5. "Come unto me." Matthew 11:27-30.

### REVIVAL FOLLOWS DEEP PREPARATION AT ALBANY

Some three months ago, preparation was started for a revival at Albany. Every service of the church was designed to emphasize the revival in prayer and plans. A religious census was taken and used before and during the meeting. Cottage prayer meetings were in progress a month before the services started. In order to create a consciousness of sin and a need for a revival, the pastor used the five Sundays in March to preach ten sermons on the subject of sin.

The daily services began the last Sunday in March and continued for two weeks. Rev. L. L. Trott, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Rotan, preached twice each day on the great doctrines of the New Testament in such a way as to cause the lost to want to be Christians and the saved to be better Christians. Brother Charles McLaughlin, a junior in Hardin-Simmons and also educational director of the South Side Baptist Church, Abilene, led our music, worked with our boys and girls in the afternoon and our intermediates and Seniors in the evening prayer services. These men did more than the ordinary thing in conducting revival services. They prayed and labored day and night and the victory came.

Some of the results were 51 additions to the church, with 39 of these coming for baptism. Some who were converted have not yet united with the church. There were many definite re-consecrations. The crowds came and the entire town felt the impact of the revival. To Christ be all the glory.

H. M. WELDON, Pastor.

### MISSIONARY TO MEXICANS HOLDS WORKERS MEETINGS

A series of workers' conferences has brought great blessings to the Mexican mission churches in Texas, according to Rev. J. L. Moyer, missionary of the Home Mission Board.

Recently fourteen churches were represented in a conference at McAllen, and 20 in a similar meeting at San Antonio, with four other conferences scheduled at Houston, El Paso, Sweetwater, and Dallas.

Writing of the meeting at San Antonio, Brother Moyer says, "This was by far the highest spiritual hour I have been privileged to witness among our Mexican brethren."

## Christian Education Trains Youth For Time and Eternity

By W. A. STEPHENSON

Professor of Government, H-SU

How can we justify the continued existence of our church related schools? Are they not duplicating the work of our state institutions of higher learning? Is it not unfair to our people to ask them to support our Christian schools since they are taxed to support our state institutions?

Our state is indeed fortunate in its abundant resources. The state can by taxation maintain a great educational system of secondary and higher education. But can they duplicate the work of our Christian schools?

It is the duty and a proper function of the State to promote education. But is it the duty and a proper function of the State to provide religious education and training for its people? We are agreed that church and state should be separated. Are we not also in agreement that it is the function of the home, the church, and the Christian school to provide religious training for our people.

The state can train teachers, doctors, lawyers, engineers, farmers, and other professional men and women. It can do this well from the secular side of life. But our country needs men and women in the various activities of life whose hearts have been trained for their responsibilities the same as have their minds and their hands. It is the function of the church related college to promote training in the Christian virtues.

The need for our Christian schools is just as great today as ever before. The conditions which created the need for Christian schools in the early days of our country are still as serious as ever. There is in fact a greater need today for trained leaders than ever before. Can the state train our ministers, our missionaries, our Sunday School teachers, and our laymen? Are we ready to say that our ministers, our missionaries, our editors, our state secretaries, the president and the professors of our schools and colleges, etc., can receive all of their training in state schools? Surely we are not ready to say this. The state schools are a valuable ally, but their type of



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training is bounded by time. Our denominational schools train for time and eternity. They train the mind, the hand, and the heart. Someone has said that "a trained hand may be a brute," also "a trained head may be a freak." It is necessary to train the heart for a life of usefulness here and for eternal joys in the future. The Christian school offers a type of training that should prepare one for a greater life of usefulness.

The method of Christian education is well illustrated by a description of Dr. Luke (Luke 2:52) of the educational development of Jesus, "and Jesus advanced in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and man."

Jesus grew mentally, he grew physically and he grew socially and spiritually.

It is the function of the church related school to provide the environment for this kind of development. They should have well-equipped buildings, libraries, and laboratories. They should provide for the physical and social development of their students along with their mental development. But the greatest function of our denominational schools is to provide for the spiritual development of their students. The great religious revival on the campus of Hardin-Simmons University just recently is evidence that this spiritual development is being greatly emphasized.

Our Christian schools need your loyal support if they are to continue to serve you as they should. Our Baptist schools are for our Baptist boys and girls. These schools belong to you. They are supported by you. They serve the entire world.

### THE MASTER FIRST LED THE TRAINING UNION

By T. C. Gardner

When and where did the Baptist Training Union originate? When and where did the Baptists begin to emphasize training, Christian growth and Christian development?

It is not difficult to learn when the Church of England was founded. It began with Henry VIII in 1534. It is, likewise, easy to determine when and by whom the Presbyterian Church was founded, also the Methodist, the Lutheran, and others.

Dr. L. L. Gwaltney says, "The baptism of Jesus by John was the initial

impulse that brought the Baptists into being." John was baptizing his converts in the River Jordan and when he looked up and saw Jesus coming toward him, he said, "I have need to be baptized of Thee and comest Thou to me?" And Jesus answered and said unto him, "Suffer it to be so now; for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." After Jesus was baptized by John, He called the twelve, then the seventy, and later the one hundred and twenty.

It appears from the Scriptures that the first Baptist Training Union was established by our Savior and Lord. Jesus believed in training—in preparedness. He spent thirty years in training for three years of service on earth. The New Testament churches trained and sent workers out to witness for Him.

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men," said Jesus. "Follow me and I will train, inform, inspire, indoctrinate—make you ready—prepare you for Christian service." It is easy to see here that Jesus believed in training and recognized the necessity of it.

There was a long period of time when the people called Baptists in America did not place much emphasis upon the training of all Baptists for real heroic Christian service. It was not until 1888 that a Baptist Training Union organization was established. This organization had as its aim—"Training in church membership." It only appealed to young people from 15 to 20 years of age. It was not until 1919 that the fully graded Training Union was set up.

It has been established that the Training Union movement began in 1888 as the Christian Co-Labor Society. In its early days it was composed of young men only. It functioned for a time as a young men's prayer meeting and finally disbanded. In 1890, the young men's prayer meeting was re-established. The young pastor, Dr. A. E. Baten of the Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, led in the movement. Under Dr. Baten's wise leadership, the organization was enlarged so that it included the young women. After the young women were admitted as members, the organization enlarged its scope and became a training organization.

It was during the Christmas holidays in 1890 that Dr. A. E. Baten and a group of young Broadway Baptists conceived the idea of beginning a State Baptist Young People's convention. This group believed that a state organization would encourage the organization of new societies and at the same time inspire the existing societies to be more efficient. It seems from the very beginning that the missionary spirit was breathed into the Training Union organization.

On January 7, 1891, a group of interested Baptists met in the Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, and set up an organization, appointed some committees and decided on the time and place for the first State Baptist Young People's Convention.

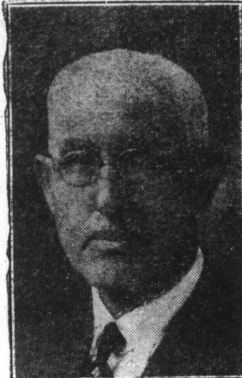
PRESENT CHRIST PASSIONATELY  
By William H. Joyner, State Evangelist

An infidel lawyer is said to have remarked to a preacher, "If I believed what you claim to believe, I could not take it as lightly as you do. I would not rest day nor night. I would warn people to be saved. If I pled my cases like you present Christ I would lose them all."

## The Duties of a Deacon

By JOHN R. SPAULDING, Senior Deacon and Charter Member, First Baptist Church, Abilene

A long time friend has requested me to write a short article on the Duties of a Deacon. Just why I have been asked to do this I do not know, as it will be my first attempt at writing for publication. So I give this for what it may be worth.



JOHN R. SPAULDING

In the 6th chapter of Acts we find the first mention of Deacons; at this time the number of Disciples must have numbered several thousand, as we have recorded that three thousand were baptized in one day.

These disciples had put all their resources in one common fund, and distribution was made as they had need, so it became necessary to have one or more to see to the daily distribution of supplies. Seven men were selected, and ordained for this purpose, whose duty it was to administer all the financial matters of the Church, so that the Apostles might be free to give all their time to preaching and teaching.

The qualifications required of these seven men was first, "Good Report," second, "Full of the Holy Spirit," third, "Wisdom." Surely men who possessed these three qualities and possessed by them would not be very apt to go wrong.

We find further mention of Deacons, and the kind of men they should be, in the third chapter of First Timothy. Here Paul says, "They should be grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for filthy lucre; holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience," and let these first be proved, then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless. Paul here also has something to say about deacons' wives and families.

Now to come down to our modern times and our "rapid fire" way of living. I would say that a deacon should be everything mentioned in the Scriptures referred to, and more.

A deacon should be a man of sterling integrity; honest and upright in all his dealings with his fellow men in business affairs.

His character should be above reproach in the community in which he lives, and his daily life and conversation, such that all with whom he comes in contact may know that he is what he professes to be.

He should be loyal to his pastor, and to his church, and be actively interested in all affairs of the church; not only in financial matters, but more particularly in spiritual matters.

He should be punctual and regular in his attendance at all church services, not only the two Sunday services, but especially the mid-week prayer service. If I should make any criticism of our present day deacons, it would be on the neglect of the prayer service, which to my way of thinking, is of vital importance to the very life and spiritual growth of the church.

While I am on this subject, may I be permitted to say, that in my opinion, there is great need for an awakening, and a revival of the old time prayer meeting, where the church came together and told their experiences, and spent an hour or more in fervent prayer to God, for the ongoing of His kingdom, and for the salvation of lost souls. Brother deacons, let me appeal to you that we may arouse ourselves and do something about this.

Further, I think a deacon should be a leader in the fight for the right in all moral issues both in religious matters and in politics. When such issues as the liquor question and gambling, and many other evils that beset

are requested to pray for this meeting in a community of great opportunity. The Wink Church is going forward under the leadership of Brother Aly. Their finances are in fine condition despite the quietness in oil fields; 63 tithers were found among 100 pledge cards signed up in the church.

CARLSBAD, Dr. I. L. Yearby is assisting this church in a revival which is the second meeting of this kind he has conducted there.

WICKETT: Pastor George Rickles began a revival April 7, in which Brother A. L. Leake is to do the preaching and Brother George Brooks the singing with Mrs. Leake playing the piano. This is also a very needy field and all are asked to pray for this meeting.

Brother Leake had 14 conversions in his Sunday night service March 31, all of them uniting with the church. We rejoice to hear of these good services in our churches.

Brother Philip Brown and the Crane Church plan a study course in April followed by a week of revival services.

### THE KEY TO THE PUZZLE

A child had torn up a map of the United States and was trying to put it together. She tried and tried to put every state in its place, but failed. Then she remembered that on the reverse side of the map was a picture of George Washington. She did know what he looked like, so when she assembled that side, she had the other also.

Life without Christ is indeed a jigsaw puzzle. When we know Him and see His face, all else fits together. "By him all things consist."—William H. Joyner, State Evangelist.

### Revivals in Churches—

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of Alpine assisted Pastor D. H. Joiner in a week's revival in Imperial ending April 7. There were four added to the church by baptism and four by letter. The converts were baptized in the Pecos river on Sunday afternoon during the eclipse of the sun, but the Sun of Righteousness had begun to reign in the hearts of those who were buried with their Lord in beautiful baptism.

MENTONE: The Missionary conducted a brief revival in Mentone in which Brother Hardcastle helped a few days with the singing. There were several conversions and additions by baptism to this small church located in the county seat of Loving County.

MEXICAN CONVERTS BAPTIZED IN RIO GRANDE: Brother John Abbott spent a week in Presidio recently preaching to the Mexican people there at the close of which services he baptized five converts in the Rio Grande. The Mexican work is growing there and they have a good Sunday School. Brother Abbott is conducting a revival in Ozona now.

SANDERSON: The Sanderson Church enjoyed a very good revival in which a number of fine young people were converted and baptized into the church. Brother Clarence Morton did the preaching and the pastor, Brother Holloway, led the singing. Brother Holloway also assisted Brother Turner in his revival in Pecos recently, and the church there was greatly blessed by the ministry of Brother H. J. Matthews.

WINK: Brother C. T. Aly will be assisted in a two week's revival by Brother W. M. Turner of Pecos. You

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REPORTS AND NEWS NOTES FROM DISTRICT ELEVEN

By John M. Riddell
Baptist Convention, District No. 11.

Dear Brethren:
Below you will find my report for the month of March, 1940:

Revival conducted, 1; sermons and addresses, 36; conversions, 3; additions to the churches, by baptism 2, by letter, 2.

I have spoken in the following churches: Cashion, Lory Memorial, Thrift, South Bend, Vera, Lamar Avenue, Dumont, Bethel, total 8.

I have conducted a revival meeting in the Lazare community. I also spoke at the Tennessee Valley school house.

Number of churches pastorless at the time visited, 3. I have conducted one Sunday School training school with the Bethel Church. Enrolled in class, 60; average attendance, 40; examination given, 20.

I have attended the following meetings: Workers meetings, 2; Sunday School 1; district; Convention, Olney; Educational Rally, Decatur; State Sunday School convention, Harlingen.

Helped to ordain one preacher. Money raised: Cooperative Program, \$3.08; District Missions, \$9.17.

Your Missionary, JOHN M. RIDDELL.

News Items
Rev. A. L. Gregg has been called as pastor of the Midway Church. This church is one of our fine full-time country churches and we predict a good work for them and pastor.

Rev. Chas. T. Talley has just closed a good meeting with the First Church of Seymour. We do not have the results as yet.

Other churches that are now in revivals are Chillicothe, with Rev. Dallas Lee of Quannah doing the preaching. It is starting fine. Iowa Park, with Rev. Hope Owen of New Mexico, doing the preaching. The missionary has just begun a meeting with the Lonnie Church and Brother Horton Murphy as pastor.

Woodson Church has called Rev. K. E. Wooley as their pastor. Brother Wooley has been in school at Howard Payne but is at present in Graham.

Vashti has called Rev. A. J. Turner as their pastor. Brother Turner is in school in the Seminary at present.

South Side Baptist Church of Wichita Falls has just begun a meeting with Pastor R. G. Tennison doing the preaching and Mr. Roy Camp leading the music.

First Baptist Church at Throckmorton has just closed a wonderful meeting with Rev. Short of Rochester doing the preaching and Mr. George Reynolds leading the music. There were 54 for baptism and other additions to the church. We rejoice with them in this great meeting.

Our Evangelistic Conference will be May 13-16. I am hoping that all of our pastors will attend this wonderful meeting. We hope also that the churches will make it possible for the pastors to attend.

The Wichita-Archer Association closed Sunday one of the best Sunday School revivals they have had in some time. Fifteen churches cooperated. They had six out of the association workers and taught 29 books; enrolled about 800 in the classes.

Wilbarger-Foard has just closed Sunday a great Training Union revival. Seven churches cooperated, taught 24 books and enrolled some 600 in classes.

First Church, Vernon, has just closed a fine revival with 102 additions to the church. Dr. E. S. James did the preaching and Volus Norsworthy led the music. We rejoice with them. Calvary Church, Vernon, is now in a revival.

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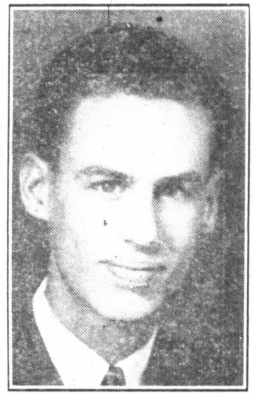
Attends Chapel



DR. JULIUS OLSEN

A striking climax of the Founders' Day program was reached when our own Dr. Julius Olsen attended the chapel services. After a brief review of his life and services with Hardin-Simmons, James Dyke, representing the student body, presented the dean with a lovely floral offering. The glad applause that swept the student body on his arrival was proof enough, however, that they were happy to have the great scholar with them.

IN ALBANY AND ABILENE MEETINGS



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At the Top O' Life

By Orval A. Hendon
Life cannot be at its best without God. God is the creator of life. Every life should be changed by the power of God, the Holy Spirit, which Christ sent into the world after He went away to dwell in our hearts.

Religion is not a church, nor denomination. Religion is a changed life, a soul that has been regenerated by the blood of Christ, a new creature, new hopes, new ideas, and new needs. Religion changes the heart, mind and soul. The Spirit of God speaks to hearts of sinners and dwells in the hearts of Christians. Give God a chance in your life; let Him in; He will lead you aright.

God can only work through you as you will let Him. Many forget God until in need or in trouble. Don't wait till then to give Him a place in your daily life. God seeks you, not your possessions, not at all. God owns the world, friend, He wants you.

Be at the top of life by letting God in daily. Go to Sunday School and church Sunday, enjoy living. "The Lord is good unto them that wait for Him, to the soul that seeketh Him."—Lamentations 3:25.

SENTENCE SERMONS

By O. D. Henley
The person is more important than the personality. A good conscience is a good companion. Life should be deeper and broader than it's long. God is everywhere. To make a life requires more time than money. Love suffers the purest loneliness. Thoughts travel faster and farther than anything. He is rich who has one friend. He is unfortunate who has one enemy. Every life touches many lives. God loves us for what we are and not for what we have.

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF DISTRICT 17 W. M. U.

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students in the district, and that it be administered by the committee elected by the district two years ago. (This committee is composed of the district education chairman, district treasurer, and the district chairman of methods and finance committee).

(2) It is deemed wise that the number of students to be aided by this fund in each association be determined somewhat by the amount paid by that association the previous year. Preference in the selection of students to be aided should be given to those who are called to special religious work.

(3) Students aided by the fund shall be known as District Hardin-Simmons Scholarship Sons and Daughters.

5. We recommend that the \$100 given by the district to the education of foreign students be awarded again this year to Carmen Arroyo, Mexican student in Hardin-Simmons.

6. We ask that the district continue to give \$300 a year to meet the urgent need of Mary Hardin-Baylor College Maintenance Fund. The apportionments to this fund should be sent to the State W. M. U. Treasurer by August 15, in order that the money may reach the college before the close of the fiscal year.

7. Each association is reminded to contribute \$2.00 to the Louisville Training School Scholarship and the New Orleans Bible Institute Scholarship, and \$1.00 to the Magazine Fund for Missionaries.

8. Since the Foreign Mission Board will be unable to send Mildred Smith to Africa this fall as planned, we recommend that the district continue to give her a full scholarship to the Southwestern Training School for another year, and in addition award Frances Osborne a full scholarship and Martha Jane Moore a half scholarship.

(1) Each association is requested to remember with gifts, letters and other courtesies the six Training School daughters assigned to the district. The following months are suggested: October, Callahan; November, Fisher; December, Cisco; January, Haskell; February, Jones; March, Stonewall; April, Sweetwater.

9. We recommend that the district adopt Miriam Moore as Margaret Fund student for the year. Her address is Bursleson Hall, Baylor University.

10. The Day of Prayer for Ministerial Relief has been set by the State W. M. U. for April 23. We urge all societies to observe this date or some other as early as possible and strive to make a worthy offering for this cause. The goal is \$8,000 this year. (Benevolence chairman will have charge).

11. All societies are urged by the State W. M. U. to continue to glean for the Annie Armstrong offering in order that we may not only reach the goal but have "sufficient over and above" to provide \$1200 for the Mexican Seminary in El Paso; salaries for Miss Wilkins, missionary to Negroes; Mrs. Robinson, missionary to Chinese in El Paso; Miss Cohen, missionary to Jews; and \$3,000 to Louisville Training School building pledge.

12. In addition to special apportionments of garments in the spring and fall, local societies are urged to continue to send boxes of used clothing and crates of eggs to Buckner Orphans Home.

13. We wish to remind all societies to take a free-will offering on Mother's Day, May 12, for Hendrick Memorial Hospital. The offering should be sent through the associational and district treasurers.

Remember to send boxes of canned goods, jellies, preserves, etc., and linens to the hospital twice a year in the months designated on the apportionment sheet.

14. The societies are urged to give their whole-hearted support to the Young People's Camps at Lueders. The dates are July 8-10 for girls; July 10-12 for boys.

15. We recommend that the district continue to contribute \$100 a year to the support of Lueders Encampment.

16. We wish to call attention to the importance of organizing and fostering Business Women's Circles in the churches.

17. A goal of \$13,000 has been set for the Mary Hill Davis Week of Prayer, September 30-October 4. \$2,000 of this amount will be used to finish Texas W. M. U.'s pledge to Louisville Training School building fund.

18. The Southwide slogan is "A Debtless Denomination by 1945." Therefore we urge renewed efforts to increase the memberships to the Hundred Thousand Club. This work will be under the direction of the Stewardship chairman.

19. We ask the societies to co-

DISTRICT 11 GIFTS TO COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

The following churches have given to the Cooperative Program for the past month of March, 1940:

Table with 2 columns: Association Name, Amount. Includes Baylor-Knox Association, Gilliland, Seymour, Truscott, Vera, Total \$102.50.

Table with 2 columns: Association Name, Amount. Includes Clay Co. Association, Bellevue, Blue Grove, Byers, Deer Creek, Henrietta, Jolly, Petrolia, Shannon, Total \$20551.

Table with 2 columns: Association Name, Amount. Includes Red Fork Association, Broadmore, Cee Vee, Childress, First, Chillicothe, Goodlett, Guthrie, Hooleyanne, North Greasbeck, Paducah, Quannah, Tell, Valley View, Total \$869.18.

Table with 2 columns: Association Name, Amount. Includes Trockmorton-Young Association, Elbert, Eliasville, Graham, First, Graham, Oak St., Jean, Loving, Markley, New Castle, Olney, Profit, South Bend, Throckmorton, Woodson, Total \$254.20.

Table with 2 columns: Association Name, Amount. Includes Wichita-Archer Association, Burk Burnett, Cashion, City View, Dundee, Electra, Holliday, Kamay, Megargel, Midway, Pleasant Valley, Thrift, Total \$193.52.

Table with 2 columns: Association Name, Amount. Includes Wichita Falls Churches: First, Highland Heights, Lamar Avenue, Lory Memorial, North Side, South Side, West Side, Total \$727.92.

Table with 2 columns: Association Name, Amount. Includes Wilbarger-Foard Association, Bethel, Crowell, Harrold, Lockett, Mt. Zion, Rock Crossing, Thalia, Tolbert, Vernon, First, Total \$611.62.

We have 65 churches to give this month to the Cooperative Program, and they gave the total of \$2,770.93.

District Eight--

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ing. The Brotherhood interest is growing and we wish that all organizations would realize if they are to live, they will have to do something.

The missionary has recently been with Brother Roy Clayton, Andrews, in a successful Sunday School Training School. A large percent of his teachers took the course. Brother Clayton is laying a good foundation for a trained church as he goes along. He is to assist Brother B. A. Rogers, Immanuel Church, Odessa, in a meeting beginning April 21.

Smith Chapel begins a meeting May 5, with the Missionary assisting. Brother L. A. Blair is the beloved pastor.

operate with whatever effort is made to promote schools of missions in their churches.

20. The associational presidents are requested to remind all treasurers to send their special seasons of prayer offerings to the state W. M. U. treasurer, Mrs. Olivia Davis.

21. We call attention to the fact that the woman's page in the West Texas Baptist should be used more freely in giving publicity to the W. M. U. work of the district.

Mrs. D. W. Arnette, Mrs. W. C. Ashford, Mrs. Floyd Lowe.

Rev. Jeff Davis, secretary for Texas United Drys, preached at First Church, Abilene, in the evening service April 21.

HUMPHREY ANNOUNCES FOR STATE LEGISLATURE



JOE HUMPHREY

Joe Humphrey, Abilene teacher, makes the following statement in announcing as a candidate for the state legislature:

Fellow Citizens: For a long time I have seriously and carefully considered announcing for the office of state representative of Taylor County. I realize the responsibilities and duties of a legislator. He must be able to interpret public opinion, and formulate the wishes of his constituents into sound public policy. He should not be the representative of any one organization or group, but a representative of all the people of his district. He should constantly promote the interests of those he represents.

A state legislator has one of the most important responsibilities in our American democratic system. He should have sound and competent judgment. He must not be biased or prejudiced but must have a judicial temperament. He should be well informed and a careful student of economic, government, and parliamentary law.

I am asking you, fellow citizens of Taylor County, to elect me your representative because I am well qualified to serve you.

I am thirty-two years of age. I have reached the age at which I might give the best years of my life to law-making.

For the past nine years I have been teaching government in the Abilene schools. Seven years I have taught in Abilene high school, two years and three summers in McMurry College and one summer in Hardin-Simmons University.

During this time I have become acquainted with the finest young men and women in America today. Over two thousand of these splendid young friends of mine have learned the fundamentals of our great American democracy in my classes.

The greatest investment I have in Taylor County is to be found in the lives of thousands of young men and women. And, today, I would not trade their admiration and respect for any political office in Taylor County.

They know—as do most of you in Taylor County—the principles for which I stand in both my personal and public life. All of you know that our great country was built upon honesty and hard work. Our people will continue to develop upon those same principles. It isn't new laws that we need so much as continued respect for the laws we have.

Every generation must fight the battles of fair play, justice and growth. This race is not my individual race,

Church Bulletin

JOHNSON CHAPEL

Regular service Saturday evening at 7:45. Sunday School at 10 with preaching service following. Training Union, 7:45; preaching service to follow. Cecil McBeth, Pastor.

HATCHEL

Regular Saturday night and Sunday services. There will be a new preacher this Sunday, since I am going to the meeting at Winters. We desire your prayers and shall remember you in your services. Harold Russ, Pastor.

DRASCO

There have been favorable reports from the group at Drasco Sunday. We are glad because of such reports, and very anxious to be with you again. We will be praying for you and desire your prayers very much. Harold Russ, Pastor.

but it is OUR race. Those of us who believe in clean, efficient, economical governmental services must support men whom we know we can trust.

It isn't promising that we need so badly as it is action. I shall have very few promises to make during this campaign even though I realize that the political demagogue buys his office with promises never to be fulfilled. I had rather do more than I promise than to promise more than I can do. I had rather be a one termer than a two timer.

I favor the payment of the social security obligations which have been written into our constitution. These include old age pensions, aid to the blind, aid to children and teacher's retirement.

I believe in revising our state budgetary system upon a sound and responsible basis with an honest-to-goodness sensible audit made outside of the executive branch. I believe enough money could be saved which is wasted and squandered each year to pay every obligation the state has assumed. I favor a program of reorganization and economy.

It shall be my purpose to discuss these and other issues during the campaign.

Through this modern method of communication, the printed word, I have been able to write these words to each of you who has taken the time to read these statements.

Will those of you who know me ask your kinsmen, friends and neighbors to support me in this campaign? Will those of you who do not know me, give me a chance to become acquainted with you and discuss the issues facing our state before you promise any candidate your vote and influence?

BOOK ON EVANGELISM TRANSLATED INTO SPANISH A Spanish translation of "Helping Others to Become Christians" by Roland Q. Leavell, Home Mission Board's superintendent of evangelism, has been made by Rev. A. B. Howell, professor of Bible and homiletics in the Spanish-American Baptist Seminary in Los Angeles.

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IN VARIED ACTIVITIES—

The variety of campus student activities is so great that any Hardin-Simmons University student may find a field of activity according to his or her interests and available time. Publications, with a college annual, the Bronco, and campus weekly, the Brand, attract many. Dramatics are popular, with radio speech courses. The Cowboy Band, internationally known, and the Cowgirl Band is growing in popularity, too. The Y. W. A., B. S. U., glee clubs, choruses, orchestra, ensemble and club groups provide added variety of opportunities for the profitable directing of student energies, under competent faculty direction or supervision.

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