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## Workers Conference Program Will Discuss Powers of Printed Page

"The Power of the Printed Page" is the general theme of the program of the Workers' Conference of the Sweetwater Association, to be held with Trinity Baptist Church, Abilene, on Thursday, February 6. The program will begin in the morning at 10 o'clock with a song and devotional service led by Rev. Kelly Barnett, pastor of the church at Tuscola and senior in Hardin-Simmons University. The program will close in the afternoon following an inspirational address by Dr. H. E. Dana of the Southern Seminary. The program in full follows:

General Theme: "Power of the Printed Page."

10:00—Song and Devotional, Kelly Barnett.

10:30—"Its Power for Evil," Rev. Sam Malone.

11:00—"Its Power for Good," Rev. C. D. Owens.

11:30—Sermon: Rev. W. A. Reed.

12:15—Lunch.

1:30—Board Meetings, Associational and W. M. U.

2:15—Song Service, led by J. D. Riddle.

2:30—"Utilizing This Power for Good," George S. Anderson.

3:00—Address by Dr. H. E. Dana, Seminary, Fort Worth.

## BAYLOR U. OPENS AN AGENCY FOR PROMOTION OF RELIGIOUS DRAMA

A thoughtful prophet—a progressive church—seeks new and different ways of presenting his message in such a way that the people will listen and understand and be impressed. The Old Testament prophet gave his children meaningful names. The modern prophets have been casting about for some method of preaching that is not already outworn and over-used. Of recent years the church has come to see in drama a powerful means of worship, religious education and Christian teaching. Thoughtful church leaders have come to realize that through the use of religious drama, ideas are made so concrete, facts become so vivid, that an individual shares the experience of the dramatic presentation, and it becomes a real and significant part of his thinking and feeling.

Movement has grown by leaps and bounds, so that now over a thousand American churches have organized dramatic groups, and nearly all evangelical churches use it in some form. The main difficulty so far has been the selection of vehicles. Innumerable plays have been published, but only a small portion of them are suitable for church production. And the inexperienced director finds it difficult to secure plays suitable to his own local needs and limitations.

After securing the co-operation of the leading authorities and publishers in the United States and England, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, has set up an agency to assist churches and religious groups in selecting suitable vehicles. One of the most complete libraries of religious drama in America is being established at the university, and the plays are being evaluated in such a way that the agency can select from the entire collection the most desirable vehicle for anyone who writes to them explaining his purposes, needs, and limitations. Recommendations and suggestions may also be secured on all phases of production. So far as is known this agency is at present the only one of its kind in America.

A great variety of subjects is listed, and there are plays suitable for both large and small churches and for any religious occasion. In selecting plays to be recommended for worship services, the agency is careful to pick out only those that send the audience away exalted in spirit and with a deepened sense of fellowship with God and man, not a means of entertainment but a means of worship. There is also a great number of plays suited to conventions, B. T. U., Missionary Societies, Sunday School exercises, church entertainments, and even Little Theatre groups who are willing to use plays of a religious or semi-religious nature when they can be found equal in style to secular drama. (Little Theatre audiences will probably appreciate the variety thus gained).

The service is free—being the centennial gift of Baylor University to Texas Baptists, and anyone may secure prompt, courteous, authoritative, and impartial advice by writing to Religious Drama, Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

"The best way to check evil is to check it like we would a bundle and then forget where we put the check."

## B.B.I. MAKES APPEAL FOR LIBRARY BOOKS

In the Baptist Bible Institute Library, New Orleans, are many valuable books. We doubt if some of them can be duplicated in this country. Many of them were gathered by Dr. John T. Christian in England and on the continent of Europe, as well as in various places in the United States. Others have been donated by Baptist ministers or their widows. Since doctrines and history were major themes in the thought of Dr. Christian, naturally he specialized in gathering books on these subjects. Any scholar who wished to delve into the literature of these subjects might spend a life-time in this section of our library. But while this is the strongest feature, there are books on every phase of religious doctrine and life. The student on any line of research can find interesting material here.

Care and Enlargement  
To properly care for such a large and varied collection of books requires much time and labor. Up until now some faculty member has acted as librarian, who could only personally devote but little time to it. It was necessarily left largely to the student assistants, a number of whom were employed for a part of their time each session. But recently Professor J. E. Gwatkin, having been relieved of most of his teaching, is devoting a much larger proportion of time to the library. It is hoped that he may be able, besides further systematizing and organizing the library, to add many needed volumes to its shelves. (Continued on page four)

## 100,000 CLUB IS CHIEF TOPIC FOR BAPTIST WORKERS

With "The 100,000 Club" as their chief topic of discussion, 300 pastors and laymen of the Mitchell-Scurry Association gathered at the First Baptist Church January 21 for what Pastor Lawrence Rays describes as one of the most inspirational Baptist sessions in many months. Remarkable results during the past year were reported for the club that was formed to help clear Southern Baptists of heavy indebtedness. Carrying out the theme, a sermon on "Our Universal Debtorship to a Lost World" was preached at 10 a.m. by Rev. W. S. Garnett of Big Spring. Rev. James Easterwood of Roscoe discussed "The 100,000 Club, Its Origin, Plan, Receipts, Goal, Enrollment."

Rev. P. D. O'Brien of Colorado talked on "The Co-operative Program." Rev. J. F. Fields of Snyder led a song and praise service. The morning session was concluded with the day's key sermon, "The Master's Map of Missions," by Rev. C. A. Powell of the University Baptist Church, Abilene.

After a hearty lunch, headlined by barbecued beef, was served in the church basement by members of the Woman's Missionary Union. Another period of song and praise was led by Rev. Fields. "The Sunday School Enlargement Campaign" was the topic of Rev. J. Willis Ray of Big Spring, district missionary.

Various features of "The Plan of Work for 1936" were discussed by association leaders.

## Dr. McConnell Discusses Social Research Bureau

Dr. J. B. Cranfill, Dallas, Texas

Our readers will appreciate the brief, point-by-point valuation of the proposed Social Service Bureau made by Editor F. M. McConnell of the Baptist Standard, which Dr. Cranfill makes available in this article. We had felt the need of a summing up somewhat of the nature of a lawyer's brief, and we wrote Dr. Cranfill asking him to furnish it. That very week the excellent summary appeared in the Baptist Standard, and Dr. Cranfill now offers it to our readers. Numerous able and instructive articles have been published by us on this matter, but no more comprehensive brief than Dr. McConnell's of the undesirability of setting up such a bureau or board as is proposed for Baptists has been set forth. It is an able and timely service.—Editor's Note in Western Recorder.

I was never predestined to be a lawyer. The thing I really knew when I was a lad was that I would not through life stay on a farm or a ranch. I liked the ranch and was particularly intrigued by broncho-busting and work with the cattle, but I hated farming with an inexpressible aversion and knew my destiny was not to dig in the dirt.

There was no disgrace in it in my concept, but it was a quality of service I abhorred and I so told my Kentucky-born father and mother. My father was a born farmer and stock-raiser, as well as the best country doctor I ever knew. Strictly in confidence, those old country doctors were a whole lot better doctors than a lot of these city swells that know so little of physical diagnosis and old-time therapeutics, and so much of antioxins, manometers and psychiatry.

I was not cut out for a lawyer either. At about the time I began (Continued on page three)

## Minutes Are Off Press For District Eight For 1935

The editor has received minutes of the annual meetings of the Baptist Associations of District 8 for the year 1935. This association is composed of the Big Spring Association, Lamesa Association and the Mitchell-Scurry Association. These minutes are unusual in that the records and proceedings of the three meetings are embodied in one book.

The minutes announce the 1936 meetings of the three associations as follows: Big Spring Association with the church at Coahoma October 12-13; Lamesa Association with the First Baptist Church, Lamesa, September 5-6; Mitchell-Scurry with the Roscoe Church, September 7-8.

The first volume of the district minutes was dedicated to the district missionary, Willis J. Ray. The dedication page carried a picture of the missionary with these words:

"The first volume of minutes of the associations of District 8 is gratefully dedicated to Missionary Willis J. Ray, pioneer in district missions, working sacrificially for the advancement of the Kingdom of our Lord."

District Officers  
The officers of District 8, according to the minutes are as follows: President, W. S. Garnett, Big Spring; Vice-Presidents, J. E. Barron, Lamesa, Sunday School president; Ira M. Powell, Big Spring, B. T. U. president; Mrs. Lee Jones, Colorado, W. M. U. president; H. L. Wren, Snyder, Brotherhood president.

Other officers are P. D. O'Brien, Colorado, secretary; J. C. Douglass, Big Spring, treasurer; Willis J. Ray, Big Spring, missionary.

The executive board is composed of the following: Ex-officio, W. S. Garnett, chairman; J. E. Barron, vice-chairman; Ira M. Powell, vice-chairman; Mrs. Lee Jones, vice-chairman; H. L. Wren, vice-chairman; P. D. O'Brien, secretary; J. C. Douglass, treasurer.

The district board members from the various associations are, Big Spring, W. C. Harrison, W. F. Borum, R. E. Day, R. W. Smith, W. S. Garnett; Lamesa, E. F. Cole, S. C. Shipley, J. J. Gentry, Earl Esmond, Sam

Smith; Mitchell-Scurry, Horace Eiland, P. D. O'Brien, Lawrence Hays, A. C. Hardin, T. D. Wiman.

The 1936 meeting of the district convention will be with Fourth Street Baptist Church, Big Spring, March 17-18.

Missionary's Report for Year  
Missionary Willis J. Ray's report for the year showed sermons and addresses, 469; communities visited 224, conferences attended outside of district 17, organized 10 churches, missions, prayer meetings and laymen organizations, assisted three churches on building fund, helped ordain six preachers, made six-day prohibition tour to 18 towns.

The report shows fine work in district revivals. One district Sunday school revival was held with 45 churches co-operating, 45 workers used, 40 churches took census and 1,000 awards were made. In the district B. T. U. revival there were 40 churches participating, 24 new unions organized, 50 conversions, 50 workers used and 1,200 wards. The report also reported seven revival meetings with 75 conversions with 78 additions to churches, 48 by baptism.

One of the features of the missionary's reports was the fine work done in assisting pastorless churches. At the beginning of the year's work there were four pastorless churches in the district. Thirty-three churches became pastorless during the year, and at the end of the year there were only four churches pastorless. Four churches went from fourth to half time and one church went from half to full time.

Other features of the report include free literature distributed, 7,440; letters mailed 1,215; deacons ordained 7; churches dedicated 1; and state Baptist meetings attended 9.

In the next issue of the West Texas Baptist, reports from the three associations in District 8 will be discussed.

"Your happiness and your church's prosperity will be increased as generously as you could wish when you pay your church first."

## West Of The Pecos

J. C. McKenzie, Iraan

When Zane Gray wrote his "West of the Pecos" there was very little religious work being done in this great section of Texas. When you say West of the Pecos you are speaking of a section of country some six hundred miles long and from 50 to 200 wide. Of course it is mostly, and always will be, a ranch country. But here and there there are irrigated sections of from a few hundred to several thousand acres of as fertile land

as the Nile Valley. When the U. S. government completes its project of damming the Pecos river a few miles above the city of Pecos it will give an abundance of water, and will open a great farming section. They have already appropriated almost two millions of dollars to the work, and a year now there have been a great number of men working on the building of the dam. (Continued on page three)

## District and Associational B. T. U. Officers Meet - Dallas January 17

By T. C. Gardner

District B. T. U. presidents, district missionaries, and association B. T. U. officers from every section of Texas met at the Gaston Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, January 17, for an all-day conference. Although the meeting was open to anyone who desired to attend, it was primarily for state, district, and associational B. T. U. leaders. We observe that the 132 attending the meeting were officially connected with the B. T. U.

A Three-Fold Purpose

The purpose of the meeting was three-fold: (1) To magnify the associational organization as the major means of promoting Baptist Training Union work, (2) To complete the state, district, and associational B. T. U. organizations in order that every church in the state might be reached with the program of the Baptist Training Union, (3) To present challenging goals and worthy programs for every district and every association in the state.

The meeting was the first of its kind to be held in the Southern Baptist Convention. It was called at the suggestion of Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. Similar meetings to the one held in Dallas will be called in all of the Southern states as rapidly as they can be planned. These meetings are being held in order that the program presented by Dr. Holcomb may be carried out in detail. The Sunday School as well as the B. T. U. forces in each state will have similar meetings during the year.

A Practical Program

Mr. W. A. Harrell, Nashville, Tenn., represented the Baptist Sunday School Board. He appeared on the program Friday morning, afternoon, and night. The others appearing on the program were as follows: Raymond Harris, Ira M. Powell, Big Spring; T. R. Morris, Jefferson; J. Earl Mead and J. Howard Williams, Dallas; C. O. Huber, Pampa; J. W. Mason, Pearsall; Horace Eason, Dallas; H. H. Hargrove, Dallas; Hugh Bumpas, Sherman; Ray N. Duckworth, Cameron; N. B. Moon, LaFeria; A. J. Quinn, Eldorado; and T. C. Gardner, Dallas. The program consisted of practical conferences, round table discussions and inspirational addresses on B. T. U. organization, plans and programs.

A Most Significant Meeting

It seemed to be the opinion of 132 leaders attending the officers' conference in Dallas that this was one of the most significant meetings ever held in the Lone Star State. It is our opinion that the movement is magnify the associational organization and to ultimately reach all of our churches through the association is indeed one of the most significant movements ever launched by Southern Baptists. We believe not only in our large town and city churches but we believe whole-heartedly in our country churches. If the plan suggested by Dr. Holcomb is carried out in detail, every church in the South-

ern Baptist Convention will be reached with an educational, missionary, and evangelistic program. At the Dallas meeting plans were made to set up B. T. U. organizations within every church in Texas. Other important matters agreed upon at the Dallas meeting are as follows:

1. To standardize associational B. T. U. organizations by organizing on a departmental basis.

2. To inspire district and association-wide B. T. U. revivals, training schools, and enlargement campaigns.

3. To attain worthy and challenging goals calling on all members to tithe, complete study course books, support missionary causes, and win the lost to Christ.

4. To promote the state contests looking toward the further development of the members of all unions.

5. To encourage extension work among the Negroes, Mexicans, and the Europeans.

6. To plan a state conference where all associational B. T. U. officers may attend.

7. To co-operate with all agencies and departments in an effort to put the Baptist Standard in every Baptist home in Texas.

One Year Goals Adopted

The definite and challenging goals for 1936 are listed by districts below:

District	Uns	Uns	Awds	Tithrs	Goal
1	59	90	2500	3430	160
2	105	58	2975	4775	175
3	53	41	2125	4100	100
4	84	87	4375	7150	165
5	33	41	2150	3900	70
6	96	78	5050	7250	250
7	27	24	1345	1800	75
8	43	33	1325	2625	1000
9	71	69	3270	5675	825
10	65	55	2595	3225	300
11	71	63	3500	3100	280
12	195	119	6975	12025	575
13	220	212	10325	14200	675
14	118	107	5475	7010	450
15	102	90	3850	6750	240
16	106	89	3825	3825	2200
17	94	83	4050	6060	4600

\$360 Raised in Pledges

From the time the meeting began at 10 o'clock Friday morning the 17th until it closed that night, the missionary and evangelistic spirit was prevalent. When plans were being made to secure tithers, set up new organizations, and promote missionary agencies, District 8 B. T. U. President J. W. Mason, Pearsall, made a motion that pledges be taken immediately to care for the cost of Miss Inez Lung's return passage to China. It was stated that it would take approximately \$550, and in a few minutes 36 pledges of ten dollars each were made.

The Adult Union department of Gaston Avenue Baptist Church served two delicious meals at the church. Mrs. A. T. Mueller, the director of the department, with a large number of the adult officers and members, prepared and served the meals. Mr. Harry P. Wooten and Miss Mabel Elrod served as host and hostess for the meeting in the absence of Dr. W. Marshall Craig, the pastor.

## Revival Proclamation Is Made By Governor Allred

A state-wide committee representing the Methodist Presbyterian U. S., Presbyterians U. S. A., Nazarenes, Episcopal, Baptist and Christian Churches of Texas, composed of Rev. Patrick Henry of Fort Worth, Rev. R. N. Huckabee of Haskell and Rev. C. E. Matthews of Fort Worth, have designated the week of March 9-13 as Centennial Revival Rally Week, and will direct the holding of an inter-denominational rally in each of the following cities: Texarkana, Sherman, Tyler, Houston, Harlingen, San Antonio, Austin, Waco, San Angelo, El Paso, Abilene, Lubbock, Amarillo, Wichita Falls, Dallas and Fort Worth. The combined membership of the co-operating churches is one million, two hundred thousand people in Texas.

A proclamation issued by Gov. Allred in the interest of the Texas Centennial Revival follows:

"Whereas, it is fitting that we dedicate ourselves in all lines of endeavor so that we may continue the glorious progress in the coming century, which

has been Texas' during its first one hundred years, and

"Whereas, no more worthy effort could be made than that of rededicating ourselves to the principles of democracy and the standards of conduct, religion and law which were advocated by the founders of our state, and

"Whereas, the churches of Texas are planning to celebrate the Centennial Year with a call for all citizens to co-operate in this great movement,

"Now, therefore, I, James V. Allred, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby urge all patriotic citizens and organizations to back the churches of this state in the Texas Centennial Revival which is designed to preserve our State for another one hundred years of glorious progress toward brotherhood.

"In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be impressed hereon at Austin, Texas, this 27th day of December, A. D. 1935."

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### CENTENNIAL REVIVAL RALLIES

Governor James V. Allred is to be commended for his proclamation in the interest of what is designated as the Texas Centennial Revival. As indicated in a news item in this issue, the week of March 9-13 has been set aside as "Centennial Revival Rally Week," by a state-wide committee composed of the denominations that are to participate in the rallies.

This year Texas is celebrating the hundredth year of its history. In many respects it has been a glorious history, crowned with heroic deeds of achievements. Texas has made mighty strides along all lines. Millions of dollars will be spent this year in an effort to portray to the world some of these achievements, and it is encouraging to note that the religious forces of the state are going to call the world's attention to the religious development.

Of all the agencies that have contributed to the progress of the state, none have played so important a roll as have the religious forces. As the march of civilization has gradually fought its way westward, the pioneer preacher, with his pony, and saddle-bag containing the precious Book and a few bare necessities of life, has been right in the front ranks, ministering to the spiritual needs of the pioneers, encouraging them to greater zeal in the gigantic task of conquering the frontier. No history of Texas progress will be complete without taking into account the ministry of the pioneer evangelists of the Gospel.

Of all the religious forces that have contributed to the progress of Texas, none have left a more indelible imprint on the state than have the religious schools. All along the frontier small denominational schools sprang up. The heroic struggle of these schools contains some of the most thrilling bits of history that we have. Think of the Baylor! Who can measure the influence of these schools on the history and progress of the state? In the West we have Hardin-Simmons, Howard Payne, and in the Panhandle, Wayland College. Their influence for righteousness have permeated every nook and corner of this vast empire.

The religious forces of Texas, and especially our Baptist people, should bestir themselves in the matter of heralding to the world the important part Christianity has played in Texas history. This should be done, not in a spirit of boasting, but in the spirit of the Master whose final command to His followers was to carry the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

### 100,000 CLUB PROGRESS

The onslaught of winter weather has been unusually severe during the month of January and this spell of "bad" weather bids fair to continue on through February. These two months are, or should be, months of intensive activity in behalf of the debt paying movement heading up in the Hundred Thousand Club. The unfavorable weather means that our pastors and leaders will have to double their efforts in behalf of the movement if our South-wide institution are to receive the help they deserve at this time. Encouraging progress has been made thus far by the members of the club, but there is a long way to go yet in order to reach the goal of 100,000 members.

Aside from the discouraging effect of heavy debt on the people, the most damaging thing about our Southern Baptist debts is the awful wastage due to interest. Dr. Lawrence states that the Home Mission Board is paying out \$90,000 a year for interest alone. This ought not to be. Every dollar contributed to the Hundred Thousand Club means a saving of around five or six cents per year on interest. There are two things our pastors and other church leaders will have to fight pretty hard during the next thirty days—bad weather and indifference. If our preachers can overcome the latter in their own lives, they will have a pretty good chance of successfully combatting the influence of weather and indifference on the part of the people.

### HE WAS ONE OF US, YET—

Our Lord lived among men, yet he was entirely separated from sinners. He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin. He cried out, "I thirst," yet the waters that fill river, lake and sea were poured out of the cup in his hand. He hungered, yet the cattle upon a thousand hills, the vintage that purples yonder slope, are his.

The clouds are his chariots, yet he walked through the land of his birth until footsore and weary. He lay himself down to sleep, yet he was the Keeper of Israel who neither slumbers nor sleeps. His body was chained to the earth by the fetters of gravity, yet he could say even then that he was in heaven. Ten thousand times ten thousand serve him night and day, yet he washed the disciples' feet. He was flesh of our flesh, but also "very God of very God."

He alone can enter into the deepest feelings. He alone can speak into the ears of the bruised heart. His arms alone can sustain the drooping spirit. His power only is made perfect in human weakness. Only his grace is sufficient.—Roy T. Brumbaugh in The Presbyterian.

### THANKS.

The editor is grateful for the fine response some of our pastors are making in securing West Texas Baptist Clubs in their churches. About fifty pastors at the retreat expressed their intention of organizing clubs in their churches. Of course the weather will check the drive up a little, but we feel sure there will be many more clubs coming within the next few weeks. To place the West Texas Baptist in the homes of the leaders in all our churches will be a tremendous help to our missionaries in putting on a worthy denominational program this year.

## Church Music

POINTED PARAGRAPHS  
I. E. Reynolds

### No. 10. Congregational Singing.

An evangelical church can get along very nicely without a choir but it cannot get along without congregational singing. Rev. H. R. Haweis is responsible for the statement that "In all times men and women have shown a strong disposition to express their praises and lamentations by what for some better term may be called a kind of howling or wailing. This method may not be thought very musical or hymn-like. Nevertheless, all such vocal expressions are actual attempts to utter deep feelings through appropriate channels of sound. When properly disciplined and elaborated, that mode of utterance becomes devotional and congregational singing." Since music is a means of giving expression to our religious emotions, congregational singing provides the greatest opportunity for this expression. In addition to the matter of giving expression to our religious emotions there are some valuable secondary reasons for congregational singing as: 1. It is the Bible way; 2. That part of divine worship in which everyone can take an active part; 3. It unifies the congregation; 4. It has value in preparing both the preacher and singer for their parts in the service. There can be no set rules suggested for the how of congregational singing. It must be adapted to the needs and circumstances in each particular church, however, there are a few general suggestions that may be made relative to needs, namely: 1. The music used should convey a definite Scriptural message; 2. There should be variety; 3. It should be made interesting; 4. An accompanist and song leader of efficiency are absolutely necessary; 5. It should be given the place and prominence it deserves. There are a few things which will hinder in any song service; 1. A song leader who scolds or talks too much; 2. To enlarge upon hymns without good reasons; 3. An accompanist who persists in changing the harmonies of the congregational song. It goes without saying, in addition to the above, that in helpful congregational song service the music used must be of a character that will be conducive to a worshipful, meditative, and spiritual atmosphere instead of a music of the light, rhythmical variety which produces a physical reaction.

## Devotional Thoughts

### BIBLE OR NO BIBLE

The dispute is not between us and "modern thought," but between God and the wisdom of man.

We will not, even with the idea of saving souls, speak other than the gospel. If I could create great excitement by delivering novel doctrine, I would abhor the thought. To raise a revival by suppressing truth is dealing deceitfully; it is pious fraud, and our Lord wants no gain which might come by such a transaction.

May the Lord save us from the doom of the deceivers of souls.

The idea of a progressive Gospel seems to have fascinated many. To us that notion is a sort of cross-breed between nonsense and blasphemy. After the Gospel has been found effectual in the eternal salvation of untold multitudes, it seems rather late in the day to alter it; and, since it is the revelation of the all-wise and unchanging God, it appears somewhat audacious to attempt its improvement.

Is there no doctrine left which is to be maintained? Is there no revelation? Or is that revelation a nose of wax to be shaped by the finger of fashion? Are the skeptics so much to the fore that no man will open his mouth against them? Are all the orthodox afraid of the ridicule of the "cultured?" We cannot believe it.

There must come with decision for truth a corresponding protest against error. Let those who will keep the narrow way, keep it, and suffer for their choice; but to hope to follow the broad road at the same time is an absurdity. What communion hath Christ with Belial?

To pursue union at the expense of truth is treason to the Lord Jesus. If we are prepared to enter into solemn league and covenant for the defense of the crown rights of King Jesus, we cannot give up the crown jewels of his gospel for the sake of a larger charity. He is our Master and Lord, and we will keep his words: to tamper with his doctrine would be to be traitors to himself.

Fellowship with known and vital error is participation in sin.

The conflict to which the faithful are now summoned is not less arduous than that in which the Reformers were engaged. So much of subtlety is mixed up with the whole business, that the sword seems to fall upon a sack of wool, or to miss its mark.

It is the Bible or no Bible, atonement or no atonement, which we have now to settle. Stripped of beclouding terms and phrases, this lies at the bottom of the discussion; and every lover of the Lord Jesus should feel himself called upon to take his part in an earnest contention for the truth once for all delivered to the saints.

Brethren, we want grace to say, "I can be poor; I can be ridiculed; I can be abused, but I cannot be false to my Lord."—C. H. Spurgeon in *Serving and Waiting*.

### BEWARE OF THE ADVERSARY!

The backwoodsman's aim is to get a number of smaller trees in the line of an old, big tree he is felling, that when it falls it may bring down the lot. And should the Devil be planning the overthrow of some young saints right well he knows the diabolical work is best achieved by bringing down some aged, respected believer, whose fall may stumble the whole. "Therefore, let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."—Franklin Ferguson in *Ex*.

### FOLLOWING AND FISHING

Jesus said unto them, Come ye after Me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.—Mark 1:17.

One who is not Christ's by listening to His call and going after Him is not ready to be a teacher. The disciples were bidden to follow Christ, and then He would make them fishers of men. Following must come before fishing. The twelve were appointed "that they might be with Him," and that, when they were trained, He "might send them forth." We are not ready to be entrusted with the care of souls until our own soul is saved, and we are indeed following Christ.—J. R. Miller.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Hight C. Moore

February 2, 1936

### JESUS ENLISTS HELPERS

Luke 5: 1-11, 27-28

**Golden Text**—They forsook all, and followed him. Luke 5:11.

The fishermen were enlisted by Jesus while he taught by the Sea of Galilee in connection with the miraculous draught of fishes, and he began to train them during a preaching tour of southern Galilee with its miraculous healing of the leper.

The publican was enlisted while on his way out of Capernaum's crowded street to the open beach. Matthew then and later witnessing the Master's answers to three questions from his critics: One about forgiveness in connection with healing the palsied man; another about feasting in connection with the publican's dinner to Jesus; and the third about fasting since he was sharply contrasted with John's disciples.

#### 1. Enlistment of the Fishermen

The call for helpers in industrial life is illustrated in the enlistment of the fishermen by the Sea of Galilee. See the Master in five attitudes: (1) **The Master Teaching.** He was on the beach. He was quoting and explaining the Word of God as revealed in the Bible and now spoken by himself. The eager crowds pressed closely about him and almost pushed him into the lake. But two boats were at hand, and they belonged to his disciples. Knowing he was welcome, he entered Simon's boat and asked him to put offshore a few feet so that he could address the people. From the floating pulpit he finished his discourse. (2) **The Master Commanding.** The fishing hours in the lake were usually at night; now it was perhaps midmorning or later. The fishermen had toiled all night without a single catch. Now Jesus ordered Peter to put out to deep water and drop his nets for a haul. Peter was amazed and naturally remonstrated as if a carpenter could not well advise an expert fisherman. Yet he complied. (3) **The Master Rewarding.** Obedience had its ready and rich reward. No sooner were the nets dropped into the sea than they enclosed a great draught of fish. As the nets began breaking there was need for the other boat with equipment and crew. Of course, the response was immediate and everybody was overjoyed at their success. (4) **The Master Acknowledge.** The secret of success was not in the skill of the fishermen. Peter, who had held back and spoken back to his Master, was overwhelmed with a sense of shame and sin; so unworthy was he of the might and mercy of the Master he declared himself unfit to enjoy the presence of the Lord. (5) **The Master Enlisting.** But Jesus had use for such a man and his mates. So he calmed Peter's agitation and opened before the two pairs of brothers (Andrew being named by Matthew and Mark) the vista of a larger task: "From henceforth thou shalt catch men." Immediately they landed and left boats and business in order to give their entire time and talent to the service of Jesus.

#### 2. Enlistment of the Publican

The call for helpers in professional life, is illustrated in the enlistment of the publican at the custom house in Capernaum. (1) The publican was **active on duty in government service.** Matthew, also called Levi (perhaps in early life), was a son of Alpheus and a native of Galilee. He had the business qualifications and the political influence to get the lucrative appointment as receiver of customs at Capernaum. However, as publican of the district, he was obnoxious to his Hebrew relatives and fellow townsmen. Yet he was on duty when Jesus passed his office on the way out of the city to hold an open air service on the beach. (2) The publican was **assigned to duty in Kingdom service.** "Follow me," said Jesus to the man in the hated office. Jesus saw in him fitness for special service; business training, wide observation, use of the pen, knowledge of Greek and other languages, and influence with government employees. He had also the basis for eminent moral achievement. He was self-denying enough to give up a paying position in order to become a constant attendant of the Lord. And he did it without delay.

#### Christ is Calling Helpers

(1) **Helpers Who Are Able and Active.** The two pairs of brothers were able for service, for they were expert and successful fishermen. They were active at the moment Jesus appeared, for they "were washing their nets." Jesus has nothing to do for those who do nothing and are able to do nothing.

(2) **Helpers Who Will Hear His Word.** "The people pressed upon him to hear the word of God." The fishermen were in easy hearing distance and they listened attentively. The hearing ear is necessary. "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

(3) **Helpers Who Are Hospitable to Him.** There were two boats in the edge of the water. Jesus "entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's." The owner was glad for the Master to step aboard and use the craft at his will. And did he not use it gloriously?

(4) **Helpers Who Will Obey Him.** Speaking of Peter, Jesus "prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land." Peter gladly obeyed in order to give the Lord a better opportunity to address the throng on shore. But when Jesus said, "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught," Peter hesitated a moment and then obeyed heartily. If he had not obeyed, would there have been such a haul of fish?

(5) **Helpers Who Will Co-operate with Each Other.** When their nets were breaking "they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them." Of course, they came and helped and all rejoiced together.

(6) **Helpers Who Will Acknowledge His Power.** Were the fishermen so busy with their haul and so overjoyed that they forgot their benefactor? See Peter, seemingly the senior member of the firm, fall down at Jesus' knees and, in one breath, acknowledge his unworthiness of such a miracle.

(7) **Helpers Who Are Ready for the Larger Task.** Fishing is a most honorable business. These men might have lived useful lives at the Sea of Galilee. But the Master wanted them in a wider world. And they were ready for the larger task. "From henceforth thou shalt catch men."

(8) **Helpers Who Will Forsake All and Follow Him.** When the fishermen brought their nets to land, what did they do? "They forsook all, and followed him." When Matthew heard the call of Jesus, what did he do? "He left all, rose up, and followed him." When the same Master calls you and me, what—?

(9) **Helpers Who Will Do Their Duty Without Delay.** There was

no hesitation when the call came by the lakeside. The fishermen responded just as soon as "they had brought their ships to land." Nor did the publican delay a moment after he knew what Jesus wanted him to do.

Home Daily Bible Readings

- Monday—Jesus Enlists Helpers. Luke 5: 1-11.
Tuesday—Jesus Calls Levi. Luke 5: 27-32.
Wednesday—The Need of Helpers. Matt. 9:35-38.
Thursday—The Twelve Commissioned. Matt. 10:1-15.
Friday—The Seventy Sent Forth. Luke 10:1-12.
Saturday—Helpers in Service. Mark 6: 30-44.
Sunday—God's Care. Isa. 62:6-12.
Devotional Reading—Isaiah 62:6-12.

DR. McCONNELL DISCUSSES SOCIAL RESEARCH BUREAU

(Continued from page one)

the study of medicine, when I reached the ripe age of twelve, I decided I would look into the matter of studying law, so I borrowed from our Justice of the Peace his copy of "The Revised Statutes of Texas." It was a ponderous volume, meticulously bound in leather, and was dry as a lecture on Christian Science. I kept it one night and read all in it that interested me. That wasn't much. Next morning I took it home, knowing full well that I'd never be a lawyer. It was too slow, prosaic, involved and dry for my quality of mind. Next day I committed myself to the study of medicine, and started riding with my father as he went on his wide sweep of territory, covering four counties, in the largest medical practice any man in Southwest Texas ever did.

Because I am not a lawyer I depend upon my legally-minded friends for legal lore. The word "jurisprudence" sounds so ponderous and commanding that it almost scares me to look at it, and yet it's a good dictionary word none of us should belittle or despise. My good friend, Dr. F. M. McConnell, editor of the Baptist Standard, was a lawyer before he was a preacher, just as I was a doctor before I was a preacher. He has a legal cast of mind, combined with a quality of homiletical ability that is beautiful to see.

Recently, Dr. McConnell gave his views in the Baptist Standard on this Social Research matter. He had pondered it well and he points off his arguments very much like a lawyer would do in preparing a well-digested brief.

Having discussed the Poteat Bureau in my own way and having perhaps exhausted the reader, though I myself have not become exhausted with it, I feel that it would be well for our Western Recorder family to read the reactions of Dr. McConnell on this vital issue. Dr. Victor I. Masters has given his views, and as another old-time editor (yes, I was an editor among my other accomplishments or frailties or follies, just as you please) I think it well for Western Recorder readers to ponder what the editor of the Baptist Standard says in his issue of January 9, 1936. Having thus given my good friend, Dr. McConnell and his fine paper a good introduction, I quote now what he himself says, for, as our courts of law say, when any written document is in question, "the document itself is the best evidence." Here it is:

"The proposal of Dr. Poteat is that the Sunday School Board be asked by the Southern Baptist Convention to appropriate \$5,200 a year to finance social research, carried on under the direction of a committee or commission and that the findings and recommendations of such commission be published through the denominational papers or by other means selected for such purpose.

"The proposal should not be adopted and such Social Research Commission not created for the following seven reasons:

"1. The business of the Southern Baptist Convention is primarily and mainly religious rather than social. In the very nature of things social interests and problems claim the attention of Christians and both our observation and Christian history prove that in carrying on religious work there is a constant tendency to relatively over-emphasize the social and neglect to emphasize the spiritual. Such over-emphasis of the social and under-emphasis of the spiritual would be the inevitable result of the creation of such a social research agency if such agency did enough work to attract wide attention among our people.

"2. There are civic organizations such as the Anti-Saloon League and others which are doing this work to a greater degree and more effectively than the Southern Baptist Convention can afford to undertake. Such organizations can appeal to all religious people and also to good citizens who are not church members and get far larger and better results than would be possible by such a Baptist agency if it were created.

"3. The indebtedness on our Southern Baptist institution and the condition of our missionary boards make it utterly unwise to create any other agencies requiring financial support. Even if such research agency were desirable, which it is not, it surely would not be wise to create it at present. Every dollar that can be obtained by the Southern Baptist Convention should be used to pay debts and send missionaries to fields suffering continually from lack of recruits.

"4. The departments of our national and State governments, the literature of civic, social and temperance organizations and the secular papers and magazines of the country furnish far more social information, findings and recommendations than any Southern Baptist preacher or church can use or ought to try to use in carrying on religious work.

"5. The field of social research is too vast for such an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention to explore and cultivate it. Chief Justice Charles E. Hughes in a letter to the Northern Baptist Convention called attention to this fact and advised against the convention entering the limitless field teeming with theories concerning social ills and their remedies. He is a safe counsellor on this subject and the Northern Baptist Convention followed his counsel. Southern Baptists would do well not to launch out on this shoreless sea.

"6. The Sunday School Board has plenty to do for every cent of its money and a great deal more, in promoting the work already undertaken by the Southern Baptist Convention and the various departments of its own activities.

"7. This is a matter for each local church in meeting the social conditions of its own environment. It should make its own surveys, see its own needs and determine its own course after earnest prayer, wise and earnest counsel and carefully testing out the results of its endeavors. The responsibility is on the churches and necessarily must abide there.

"It is believed that any one of these seven reasons is conclusive and that, taken together, they overwhelmingly show that such action should not be taken by the Southern Baptist Convention."

TABLE I.—CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC., SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1935

Table with columns: CHURCHES, PASTORS AND POST OFFICES, CHURCH MEMBERSHIP (Gains, Losses, Total), Days of Meeting, Members Reported Last Year, Baptisms, Letters, Statements, Restorations, Exclusions, Rescues, Deaths, Total Present Members, Weekly Prayer Meeting, Revival Meetings Held During Year, Observance of Lord's Supper During Year, State Baptist Paper.

(Miss) Ina D. Petty, Recording-Corresponding Secretary, Sweetwater Baptist Association, Abilene, State of Texas. Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, Moderator of Sweetwater Baptist Association, Abilene, State of Texas.

TABLE II.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF TEXAS, YEAR ENDING OCTOBER, 1935.

Table with columns: CHURCHES, SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES, SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT (Beginners 4-5 Years, Primaries 6-8 Years, Juniors 9-12 Years, Intermed. 13-16 Years, Y. P. 17-24 Years, Adults 25 Yrs. and Up, Credits Roll Under 3 Yrs, Home Department, Officers and Teachers, Total Enrollment—Teachers and Pupils, What is Your Average Attendance?, Is the School Graded?, Is it Standard A-1?, Teachers Holding Normal Diplomas, Baptisms From School, Have You a Mission Sunday School?, Enrollment of Mission Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Enrollment of Vacation School, Average Attendance at Vacation School).

(Miss) Ina D. Petty, Recording-Corresponding Secretary, of Sweetwater Baptist Association, Abilene, State of Texas. Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, Moderator of Sweetwater Baptist Association, Abilene, State of Texas.

WEST OF THE PECOS—

(Continued from page one)

Many oil camps and small towns have been developed within the last few years in this section. The largest oil well in the world is some two miles from my home—West of the Pecos. They are finding new pools of oil every few months, and the half has not yet been told about the oil in this section of Texas. Almost every little town has a Baptist Church in it; and we have as loyal, well organized association here as is to be found anywhere in Texas, as our reports will show. District 7 is composed of the Pecos Valley Baptist Association and the El Paso Baptist Association. Rev. J. O. Kidd is our missionary, and is one of the best in Texas. We have only some forty churches with a combined membership of some four thousand, yet we never have any trouble paying our missionary's salary. Our annual district Sunday School and B. T. U. convention meets in El Paso February 18. It is only 292 miles from Iraan to El Paso, and of course we would not think of missing the meeting.

I began my work here three years ago with a revival meeting. I did the preaching and Johnnie Cohen led the music. At the close of the meeting I was taking an offering for Brother Cohen, and a man gave me five dollars. I did not know him but called him "Brother." I noticed that he had on boots, and said I guessed he was a deacon hid out here in these hills. After we were dismissed he told me that he was a deacon, and that his membership was in the Ozona church. He also told me that it was 65 miles from his home to his church. It was only 45 to our church, and he occasionally comes to hear me preach. He invited me down to his ranch to hunt and fish. I have been down to see him several times. He and his wife are among God's great witnesses in this section. Some two years ago when we organized the Baptist Church at Sheffield these good people soon joined in with us, and made it possible for the church to call a pastor who lives on the field. They teach in Sunday School and drive 100 miles a day many times coming and going to the two services. They live 25 miles from their church, and are never late at

services. They have to open nine gates each trip, too.

Today Rev. W. Y. Pond and Mr. George J. Mason came by home and ate dinner with us, and this afternoon we drove down to this man's ranch, where he and his good wife made a will to the Baptist General Convention of Texas of their ranch, stock, all their personal property, and of all their insurance. The income from this property is to be used in doing evangelistic work in Texas. Mr. W. C. Dunlap, for that is his name, even asked that it be written in the will that the money is to be used in holding revival meetings. After the will was signed, and witnessed we had a revival in our own hearts as we had a prayer of thanksgiving. Brother Pond secured this gift a few days ago while he was with our church here in a few days of special service. The gift is easily worth \$100,000, and may be worth millions potentially. An oil scout for one of the major companies offered these people \$12,500 for a part of the royalty on less than half of the ranch. He also agreed to drill a well, but these people told him they did not want an oil field on their ranch. They believe that there is a pool under the ranch, and hope after they are through using the land for a

ranch, and are gone to their reward that the Baptists of Texas will realize millions to win the lost with here in Texas.

I have never known a more generous thing done by any man and his wife than Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap have done. I thank God for them, and believe that the movement they have started here in Texas will result in the winning of hundreds of lost souls in the future. Our work goes well here at Iraan, and we have plenty of oil, except it is all in the hands of the big companies.

"A man who watches the clock generally remains one of the hands."

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# Gleanings From District Eight

WILLIS J. RAY, Missionary, Box 1291, Big Spring, Texas.

Two of our pastors are away in meetings starting Monday of this week. Rev. R. E. Day is in a meeting at Trinity and Rev. E. F. Cole is at Portales, New Mexico.

Rev. Wm. B. Waldrop is rejoicing over the good services held at Grandview last Sunday with members from Woody and Grandview meeting in a joint all-day meeting with dinner in abundance provided by the members. The outside speakers were Rev. Loper of O'Donnell, Rev. Leroy Smith of Midway and Willis J. Ray of Big Spring. The male quartet of the First Baptist Church, Lamesa, directed by Brother Owen Taylor, sang two numbers in the afternoon which were greatly appreciated. A mission offering was taken for the Co-operative work which resulted in \$16.86. Each of these churches are entering the Sunday School Enlargement campaign.

Rev. Robert Lee Smith, pastor at Fairview in Lamesa Association, has moved back to Plainview where he entered Wayland College last week. He and his wife will graduate from Wayland at the close of the spring term.

Rev. E. L. Redden of Plainview has moved to Abilene and entered Hardin-Simmons University and has begun his pastorate at Pleasant Valley. His members at Pleasant Valley speak in gracious terms and praise of their new pastor and are expecting to do great things for the Lord under his leadership. Brother Redden still has two Sundays open and is available to pastor another church near Abilene.

The Workers Conference at Courtney last week proved very profitable. Every speaker on the program rendered his part well and especially did Rev. Walter Dever of Forsan do himself honor and magnify his church as he spoke on state missions. The next meeting will meet with the Lees Church, Rev. Ben Ferguson, pastor, on Tuesday, February 4. Dr. Tom Taylor, president of Howard Payne College, will appear on the program.

A letter received from Mr. George J. Mason, Dallas, our state treasurer informs us that the following churches have not yet sent in a mission offering this quarter which ends February 4: Chalk, Garden City, and Vincent in the Big Spring Association; Ackerly, Ballard and New Hope in the Lamesa Association; Big Sulphur, Dermott, Fairview, Gail, Lowe, Midway, Murphy, Pleasant Hill, Spade and Sunset in the Mitchell-Scurry Association. We feel confident that these churches will send in an offering to our denominational mission program before this quarter closes. All of these churches have alert, missionary pastors but two, and these two churches have no pastors, but have missionary members who will want to have a part in our great mission program.

The First Baptist Church of Snyder has a live Brotherhood which meets monthly with a good attendance and worthy programs. They are meeting Thursday evening of this week with Rev. P. D. O'Brien and the missionary at the outside speakers.

Seventy of our 80 churches have enrolled to co-operate with Brother G. S. Hopkins in our district wide Sunday School Enlargement Campaign February 15-23. We certainly appreciate this co-operation on the part of the pastors and churches.

## B. B. I. MAKES APPEAL FOR LIBRARY BOOKS

(Continued from page one) There has never been more than a small amount of money available for new books and since the depression almost none. As a consequence there is a dearth of the most recent books. It is hoped that friends of the Institute will be willing to supply this lack.

If any reader of this has any books suitable to our purpose which he will donate, we would be glad to get in touch with him. Send us the title, publisher and date on such books and if we do not already have them we will gladly pay the carriage on such as we need. Such a contribution will be a very real help to our students of the future. Who will help us make our library as complete and up to date as possible?—J. E. Gwatkin, librarian.

"Don't be a weakie! Meet your church obligations weekly not weakly. Pay your church first."

## PROGRAM

**Big Spring Baptist Associational Workers Conference**  
Meeting with Lees Baptist Church  
(12 miles south of Big Spring)  
Tuesday, February 4, 1936

- 10:00—Devotional ..... H. B. Naylor
- 10:15—Christian Living ..... A. A. Watson
- 10:35—Christian Giving ..... Willis J. Ray
- 11:00—Christian Education ..... Dr. Thomas H. Taylor
- 11:30—Sermon ..... W. S. Garnett
- 12:10—Noon—Lunch served by Lees Church.
- 1:30—W. M. U. and Board Meetings.
- 2:30—Announcements—Special Music ..... I. M. Powell
- 2:40—Inspirational Message ..... N. L. Range

## FOURTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH Big Spring

### January, Our Training Month

January was designated as our training month. We have completed seven study courses, and we are making application this week to the Sunday School department for 97 awards for those who have taken these training courses. Congratulations to those who have thus prepared themselves for better service for the Master.

### February, Our Visitation and Enlistment Month

February is our visitation and enlistment month. Every worker, in all departments of the church work, together with all others who will help, are to visit, enlist, and bring into the Sunday School, B. T. U., and other church services, as many as can be brought. Friday, February 7, is all-church visitation day. Let us organize, plan, pray, and then GO.

### Brotherhood Banquet

The Men's Brotherhood will have their quarterly banquet, served by the W. M. S., on next Monday night. President Thomas Taylor of Brownwood will be the guest speaker. All of the men of the church and Sunday School are invited.

### Things to Remember

1. Our Sunday School Enlargement campaign will begin February 16, with Brother Lites of Dallas leading. The teachers and workers of each department will meet to study the book for their department. A capable teacher will be secured for each department. A census will be taken, and an effort made to enlarge all of our departments.
2. Our men's revival begins February 23. This will be a meeting for men only, with a layman conducting the services, and our own men going out to win other men to Christ. Pray that God will help you to win your man! Begin now to look for a man whom you can bring to the services.

## LAMESA ASSOCIATIONAL WORKERS' CONFERENCE

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH  
THURSDAY, FEB. 13, 1936

### Christian Stewardship

- 1 Cor. 3:9, "We are laborers together with God."
- 10:00—Sermon, Rev. P. D. O'Brien, Colorado.
- 10:30—Jesus' Teaching on Stewardship of Time, Rev. W. B. Waldrop, Lamesa.
- 10:55—Jesus Teaching on Stewardship of Talent, Rev. E. F. Cole, Lamesa.
- 11:20—New Testament Church Budget, Willis J. Ray.
- 11:40—Sermon, Rev. W. S. Garnett, Big Spring.
- 12:30—Lunch.
- 2:00—Five minute messages by department leaders: W. M. U., Mrs. A. B. Hefferman; Laymen, Fred Sanders; 100,000 Club, J. J. Gentry; B. T. U., Robert Lee Smith; Evangelism, John Cundiff; Co-operative Program, E. F. Cole.
- 2:30—Sunday School Enlargement

Campaign, Earl Esmond.

2:50—District Missions, Willis J. Ray.

3:00—W. M. U. and Board Meeting.

"Give an account of thy Stewardship," Luke 16:2.

Our Board Meetings must be revived; so may each board member please be present.

Have you presented the 100,000 Club to your membership? Remember that February closes the Victory Campaign during which time the goal of 100,000 members is hoped to be reached. We hope that every one of our churches will have at least one member. The goal for our district is 400. You can judge from this how many your church should enlist for us to reach our goal.

Our district Brotherhood leader, H. L. Wren, was called into Dallas Wednesday of this week to attend a called meeting of all the district laymen leaders of the state. The Brotherhood plans to elect a state secretary to give full time to this work just as soon as the proper man can be found to lead in the laymen's movement.

## Lost Radium

In the Moe Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, orderlies last week frantically examined garbage can contents. Nurses and internes went through rubbish on hands and knees. Dr. Anton J. Moe, hospital owner, white as a ghost, paced hallways unhappily. He recalled strapping on a cancerous patient a tiny silver cylinder containing \$30,000 worth of radium.

Finally Dr. Moe called the University of Minnesota on the telephone. "Didn't you folks years ago recover lost radium with an electroscope?" They replied "Yes." "Could you come over and help me?" They said they could. So Drs. Buchta and Barber trotted about Moe Hospital with their radium locator. Its two gold leaf flaps depending from a thin metal rod swept the floor. The garbage, the waste baskets, the floor moldings, the bed clothing . . . no luck. Possibly the capsule had gone out with potato peelings and old refuse. The three doctors jumped into an automobile and headed four miles out of Sioux City to F. L. Tibble's hog farm. The stock man fattened his porkers with hospital refuse. For over an hour the doctors waded through pigs. Finally the electroscope's gold petals fell together in a hog pen. The doctors

shook off the squealing pigs but no luck. The gold leaf flaps separated.

Purely by accident, the flaps rested on one of the 500 porkers squealing all around. The gold petals of the electroscope again fell together. The doctors began waving the electroscope all over the pig. The electroscope remained closed, a sign that the radium was inside of the pig.

The uncanny electroscope signed the pig's death warrant. From its stomach the butcher extracted the \$30,000 worth of radium.

## MINISTERIAL COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS

R. L. Shannon has recently been named president of the Ministerial Council of Hardin-Simmons university.

Other officers chosen were: Almond Norris, vice-president; Hobson Howell, secretary; W. I. Taylor, treasurer; G. Lee, chorister; Mrs. N. A. Moore, pianist; Charles Dickson, reporter; Orval Richardson, B. S. U. representative, and Rev. C. A. Powell, parliamentarian.

Dr. N. A. Moore led the devotional after the meeting. The next council gathering will be Feb. 7.

## W. M. U. DEPARTMENT

DISTRICT 17

Report On Missions For Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 1935

Number members on committees on missions, 70.

Nine churches reported having representatives on committees on missions.

Number of letters to missionaries this quarter, 14.

Number of boxes to missionaries this quarter, 7; courtesies to missionaries home on furlough, 20.

Four volunteers for foreign service: Edgar James, Howard Payne, Brownwood, Texas; Emogene Turner, Seminary; Miss Bernice Elliott, Mary Hardin-Baylor; Miss Nina Sanford, Peacock, Texas.

Volunteers for home service: Geraldine Calicoate, Jayton, Texas, and five, whose names were not given, in training at Hardin-Simmons.

Regular monthly missionary programs this quarter, 115. Number special programs, addresses, lectures, pageants, plays, 142.

Some got material for programs from personal letters, other than Southern Baptist periodicals.

Some of the churches observed the special seasons of prayer, which 963 women attended. This is not a complete report. I did not get a report this quarter from Haskell and Jones associations.

MRS. ED HAHN,  
Dist. Mis. Chairman.

## BAND CONTEST TO BE HELD APRIL 10-11

Dates for the Cowboy band's annual high school band contest have been set for April 10-11, Marion B. McClure, conductor, announced. Invitations to high school bands throughout the state will be mailed in a few days.

Returning to act as supreme judge for the contests will be H. A. Vandercook of Chicago, president of the Vandercook School of Music. In last year's contests Vandercook scored a big hit with visiting bands and directors.

Orchestras will also compete in events this year. Band officials state that a large number of loving cups will be awarded winner of all divisions. Last year's cups were the largest and most expensive ever given in a West Texas band event.

Several high school units have already signified their intentions to attend the meet. Abilene high school and Wink high school bands tied for the sweepstakes loving cup valued at \$350 last year. This award, donated by the Abilene chamber of commerce annually, goes to the best all-round band in the contest. It must be won three years in succession for permanent possession.

## RICHARDSON SPEAKS ON 'MEXICO'

Dr. Rupert N. Richardson, vice-president of Hardin-Simmons university, was guest speaker for the annual good government program of the Abilene City Federation of Women's clubs in their meeting Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Wooten hotel. "Our Neighbor, Mexico," was the title of the topic discussed by Dr. Richardson. In his talk, he stressed international relations, referring to the notes, which he made while on a visit to Mexico last summer.

## ANNOUNCING THE FIRST NEW TEACHER'S TRAINING COURSE FOR ABILENE FIRST CHURCH

It was decided two weeks ago at the executive meeting of the superintendents to offer the first four books of the new Teacher's Training Course, which books lead to the new teacher's Diploma.

Here is the plan. One book will be taught each month. This will mean that the class will graduate June 1st, and it is our hope to issue at least 125 Diplomas at the conclusion of the last book.

The first book, a course in a general outline of the Bible, will be given February 10, 11, 17, 18, 19. It is our hope that by giving the course two days one week and three days the next week, it will meet the convenience of more people. Those who desire to take the course can get the lesson either from 9:00 to 10:30 a. m., or from 7:00 to 8:45 p. m. The same lesson will be taught. This is to meet the convenience of mothers and others who can come of a morning but who cannot come in the evening, and visa versa.

Our goal is 150 enrolled in this first class. We hope that every superintendent will do his or her best to enlist their teachers and officers in this worthy work.

## The Love of Christ

Greater than the greatest preach;  
Wider than the broadest reach;  
Deeper than the deepest know;  
Fuller than most learned show.  
Love that puts man's best to shame;  
Love that makes the savage tame;  
Love so pure, so plain, so mild,  
Trusted oft by little child.

Love that valor will not earn;  
Love that sages cannot learn;  
Love that can't be bought with gold;  
Love that language has not told.  
Love that those who trust it feel;  
Love that makes the proudest knee;  
Love that bids the false be true;  
Love that makes one rise and do.

Love, the great Eternal's gift;  
Love unmarred by flaw or rift;  
Love whose purpose will be won;  
Love embodied in the "Son."  
Cometh day when all is known;  
When things hidden will be shown;  
Then with wonder and surprise,  
All will gaze with opened eyes.

Then, beholding Love's great strength,  
Understanding "breadth" and "length,"  
"Height" and "depth" and fullness shown,  
Loved will fall before the Throne.  
Yet, right now, in simplest word,  
Comes Love's message to be heard—  
"Jesus Christ,—him crucified,"  
"Jesus—risen," having died.

—SALLY NEILL ROACH.

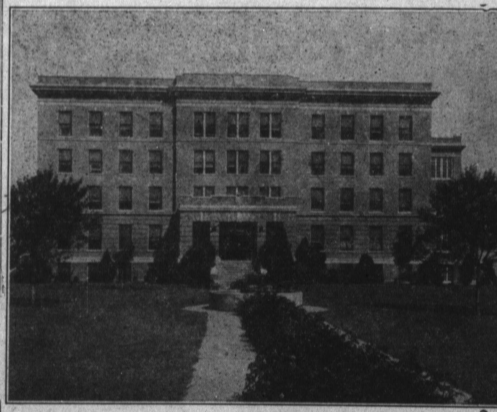
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## West Texas Baptist Sanitarium



The West Texas Baptist Sanitarium is the only Baptist or Protestant Hospital West of Fort Worth. It is strictly modern in every detail, has the highest rating given by the American College of Surgeons, maintains a first class Nurses' Training School, and has the largest body of medical workers in West Texas to serve you.

Rates—Wards \$3.00 per day, Private Rooms \$5.00 to \$8.00 per day, Maternity Cases \$50.00 for ten days. Average Hospital costs for Appendicitis Cases \$65.00. Oxygen Tent \$5.00 per day plus oxygen, and reasonable Laboratory and X-Ray charges.

The West Texas Baptist Sanitarium is owned and controlled by the Baptists of Texas, dedicated to God and the relief of suffering humanity, not operated for profit, ready to serve sick and injured humanity, regardless of race, creed, or color.

E. M. COLLIER, Supt.

## Political Announcements

The following announcements are subject to the Democratic Primary election to be held in July:

YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE SOLICITED

"Give A Young Man A Chance"

E. D. (Dean) DAVIS

Candidate For

COUNTY CLERK, TAYLOR COUNTY

3 1-2 Years College Training—6 Years Teaching Experience  
5 Years Office Deputy in Sheriff's Department

I Shall Highly Esteem Your Influence and Vote

MISS VIVIAN FRYAR

Candidate For

COUNTY CLERK, TAYLOR COUNTY

Nine Years Experience As Deputy County Clerk

## BROTHERHOOD LEADERS

The month of the time set aside for the program for strengthening movement held the Thousand for the past six usually severe, seems to have the week-end, the Sunday afternoon is to receive due it, our people have to make the days count.

Dr. Frank T. general leader of the Thousand Club giving much of to leading Southern great undertakings.

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