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Convention at Hamlin Drew Attendance of Over 500

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The registration for the annual district convention of District 17 which met at Hamlin on March 5-6, reached 580 messengers, one of the largest attendance of its kind held in this section of Texas in a long time. The convention was constructive in every way and the two days were packed with things inspirational and instructive.

The music for the opening session was conducted by Rev. Virgil Reynolds of Trinity Church, Abilene. Rev. L. A. Doyle of Anson presided at the opening session. Pastor Henry Littleton of the Hamlin Church gave a very hearty welcome to the visitors that started the meeting off on fine spirit. Rev. John F. Taylor, pastor at Rotan, was elected secretary of the convention. Rev. R. A. Clifton, returned missionary from Brazil, brought a stirring mission address, using as his subject "The Rainbow of Missions." Pastor C. A. Powell of University Church, Abilene, stirred the audience with a message on "The Vision of God."

At the beginning of the afternoon session conferences were conducted for the various phases of the work. G. T. McBeth of Rotan presided at the Sunday School conference. Addresses were made by Rev. E. D. Dunlap of Sweetwater and Secretary G. S. Hopkins.

The B. T. U. conference was presided over by Rev. Roy Shahan of Rule. The speakers were Pastor Gregory of Wichita Falls and Secretary T. C. Gardner of Dallas.

Judge L. H. Welch of Breckenridge presided at the Brotherhood conference. Rev. E. S. James of Cisco spoke at this meeting.

Mrs. R. M. White of Abilene, W. M. U. district president, led the women's (Continued on page three)

COOK-STOVE APOSTASY

The Upper Room and the Supper Room

"It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to the house of feasting."—Ecc. 7:2.

The early church prayed in the upper room, while the twentieth century church cooks in the supper room. The supper room has taken place of the upper room; play has taken the place of prayer; feasting the place of fasting. There are more full stomachs than bended knees and full hearts. "More fire in the church range than in the pulpit. Ice cream chills the fervor of the spirit.

The early Christians were not cooking in the supper room the day when the Holy Ghost came, they were praying in the upper room. They were not waiting on tables, they were waiting on the Lord. They were not waiting on the fire from the stove, but the fire of the Holy Ghost from above. They were detained in the upper room by the commandment of God, and not entertained in the lower room by the cunning of man.

They were filled with the Holy Ghost and not with stew and roast. How much better for the Lord if the cooking squad were put out, and the praying band let in. Let us have less sham and ham, and more of heaven; less pie and more piety; less use for the cook and more for the Book. Put out the fire in the kitchen, and give the Holy Ghost an opportunity to build it in the hearts of men. More love and more life; fewer dinners served in the supper room, and more sinners saved in the upper room.—Gospel Missionary Union.

Prominent Church Leaders Will Speak at Rallies Tonight



Dr. Marshall Craig



Harry Hines

Dr. Marshall Craig, prominent Baptist leader of Dallas, and pastor of Gaston Avenue Baptist Church of that city, and Harry Hines of Wichita Falls, chairman of the Texas Highway Commission, will be chief speakers at an inter-denominational rally for this section of Texas which is to be held Thursday evening at the First Baptist Church, Abilene. At the same time a city-wide rally for young people will be held at McMurry College, this city, with F. B. Jackson, Jr., director of young people's work of the First Methodist Church, Fort Worth, the main speaker at the youth's rally. Planned as a part of the Centennial religious program, similar meetings are being held in 15 other cities throughout Texas this week. Purpose of the series, it is announced, is to stir church forces of the state to a new

appreciation of their responsibility and opportunity through an intensive program of evangelism during the Centennial year.

The rallies are being sponsored by the Texas inter-denominational committee on Centennial revival, composed of representatives from the Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal, Nazarene, Presbyterian and Christian churches of the state. The programs are being directed by a special committee composed of Patrick Henry, Fort Worth, chairman; C. E. Matthews, Fort Worth, and R. N. Huckabee, Haskell.

Arrangements for the local meetings have been named by the Ministerial Alliance, of which Rev. F. M. Warren is president. E. S. Cummings, attorney and Baptist layman, is general chairman.

MISSIONS IN DISTRICT 17

J. D. Brannon, Missionary

Pastorless Churches

There are more pastorless churches now in District 17 than there has been in a number of months. We hope this will not last long. They are as follows:

Callahan Association: Belle Plains, Dudley.

Cisco Association: Eolian, Pueblo.

Fisher County Association: Bethel, Highland Home.

Haskell Association: Howard, Pinkerton, Roberts, Cottonwood, New Hope.

Jones County Association: Avoca, Corinth, Hanna, Prairie View, Riverside, Truby.

Stonewall Association: Aspermont, Centerville, Peacock, Salt Flat.

Sweetwater Association: Caps, Salt Branch.

Comparative Report of Gifts to Co-operative Program

Below is given the associations; No. churches; No. churches giving; Percentage churches giving; Amount; Per Capita gift; No. churches with no offering this convention year:

Callahan	16	6	37.5	\$34.06	2c	1
Cisco	37	10	27.0	365.72	4c	18
Fisher	21	12	57.1	121.25	5c	0
Haskell	25	8	32.0	58.18	2c	12
Jones	31	9	29.3	115.01	2c	12
Stonewall	15	6	40.0	34.14	3c	4
Sweetwater	35	16	45.8	412.04	5c	7
Total	180	67	38.4	1140.40	4c	54

Report of District Missions

April 1, 1935, April 1, 1936
Sermons and addresses, 550.
Miles traveled, 26,366.
Letters and cards written, 1,833.
Telephone and telegrams, 31.
Churches called pastors, 62.
Association meetings attended, 50.
District meetings attended, 17.
State and South-wide meetings attended, 12.
Tracts distributed, 25,200.
Sunday Schools organized, 2.
B. T. U.'s organized, 16.
Prayer meetings organized, 3.
Churches and communities contacted, 554.
Budgets arranged, 8.
Deacons ordained, 5.
Tithers secured, 518.
Reveries held, 12.
Stewardship revivals held, 3.
Additions: Baptism, 236; letter, 195; other prof. 133; total additions and prof. 564.
Collected for C. P., \$392.86.
Collected for D. M., \$783.09.
Collected for local church work, \$365.50.
Total, \$1,541.45.

Miss Lucile Rangan Tells of Interesting Trip in Africa

JEWISH EVANGELIST WILL DEMONSTRATE PASSOVER SUPPER

From Sinai to Calvary, or "How a Jew Found Christ," will be the subject of Joseph Cohn, Jewish evangelist, at the First Baptist Church, Abilene, Sunday afternoon beginning at 3 o'clock. The evangelist will give a demonstration of the Passover Supper as observed at the time of Christ. The demonstration will be in family group setting with unleavened bread, bitter herbs, silver pitcher of wine, candle holders in silver and gold, silken robes worn in Palestine, and the scene will be enacted as it was observed nineteen hundred years ago by Jesus and the apostles.

Evangelist Cohn recently put on this demonstration at the First Baptist Church before an audience of 2,500 people.

Joseph Cohn has gained considerable recognition as a Jewish Christian evangelist. During the past 17 years he states he has won around twelve thousand souls to Christ. He was led to accept Christ 17 years ago at Charleston, S. C., by Dr. C. C. Coleman, at one time pastor of the First Baptist Church, Abilene. He was baptized in the Citadel Baptist Church, Charleston, one of the famous churches of the country.

Evangelist Cohn is author of two books, "The Jew and Christianity," and "The Christian Jewish Tragedy." At the Wednesday evening prayer service this week he spoke at University Baptist Church.

We have received an interesting letter from Rev. J. W. King of Mento, Ga., a former West Texan, which will appear in the next issue of the West Texas Baptist. Brother King was a pastor in Texas for many years.

Box 563, Lagos, Nigeria, W. Africa, Jan. 14, 1936.

Dear Friends:

From our letters one might gather that we are traveling missionaries. This time we have travelled! What a good heading it would make! "1154 Miles Through Africa." "Three white women with only one native lad and a Ford V8"—Not a single lion or elephant encountered—in fact, the only wild life seen was three squirrels and two snakes.

The daily problems of school life become so commonplace that they do not seem interesting to us though, doubtless, there are thrills in the every day incidents to which we are so accustomed that we even forget to mention them. Our daily routine of school work and Bible classes in the afternoon and evening keep us so busy that we have to defer such work as writing letters to our holiday seasons. As you know, that is our summer and Christmas holiday, six weeks.

Before we begin to tell you about the trip we want to thank you for joining us in prayer that God has so graciously answered. We are happy to tell you that more than fourteen pupils accepted the Lord in the daily classes in Bible in the school during the last school month of 1935. Several of these were from Mohammedan homes. A group of young Christians, adolescent boys, had such keen interest that they came every day for the first week of the holiday for a Bible study class. God has put it in the hearts of one Texas church to furnish money for Arabic Bibles which are being distributed among the Syrians.

For four years we have been wanting to go to Iselle Uku so we went—Now for the trip!

First stop, Abeokuta, where we saw 16 graduates at the girls' school re-

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The Need of a Revival

N. A. Moore, Bible Department, H.-S. U.

When we come to study the history of the great revivals of the past, both in Biblical and secular history, it is evident that they came in answer to a felt need on the part of the faithful among God's people. The fact of hunger indicates the possibility of bread, the wings of the bird argue for air upon which to sustain flight, and the heart-hunger for righteousness among the saved is proof that somewhere in God's economy of grace provision has been made for satisfaction.

What are some conditions that cry out today for the corrective of a great revival?

1. At the head of the list is a world confusion.

Though learning, culture, science, organization, the accumulation of wealth, and man's mastery over the forces of nature have gone steadily forward until he outflies the bird, outdives the fish, outshines the sun and speaks with the voice of thunder, still chaos threatens to engulf him, politically, economically, socially, morally and religiously. Like Alexander, having conquered all the world save himself, he is faced with ignominious death. Though the ghastly horrors of war are still fresh in the memory of millions, and in the imaginations of all; though no nation or group will admit a desire for war, yet in every parliament, congress, and cabinet of the world sits the nameless fear while hands and brains grow feverish with haste preparing the accoutrements of war.

2. Next, a vast moral and spiritual indifference upon the so-called Christian world.

The churches were never before in human history so numerous, so well organized, educated, attended, financed and with such rolls of honorable communicants, pastors and officers. The schools, hospitals, orphanages, missionaries of the churches belt the world, and the literature from the religious presses is as the sands of the sea or a host that no man can number. More songs are sung, more prayers prayed and more sermons preached than ever before, yet in the multitude of our own activities we have somehow lost the spirit of power, the songs of the multitude bring

no tears to our eyes, the rising tides of sin move us not, and often the mechanics of religion so absorb us that the best we aim to do is to maintain the status quo. Ephraim was not downright wicked, but fat, indifferent and self-satisfied.

4. Next, The Activities of the forces of Evil.

The lethargy of organized Christianity on the one hand is matched on the other by the aggressive agents of ruin. Long established moral and religious standards are abandoned without a qualm; communism, Hitlerism, Fascism stride the world like a colossus, the God of War forges upon the anvil of national greed and hate the bolts of destruction aimed at humanity itself. Even in our own America the God of Legalized Liquor now peeps from the pages of almost every secular paper and magazine daily into the faces of millions of readers with the avowed purpose to lure into the folds of ruin the weak, the unwary, the unsuspecting. The movies, while showing some improvement in obedience to an aroused public protest, continue to pour out their unending sleuce of the vapid, inane, the sex, and war type of visual education to the youth of the land for profit and profit alone.

5. Legalized gambling with tentacles that reach from the small boy on his first day at school to the grandfather by the fireside, has so entrenched itself that scarcely a protest is heard much less a campaign for its eradication. Millions of dollars disappearing daily into the pari-mutuels, while other millions of human beings are fed at public charity, unable to find honest employment. Road-houses, dance halls, wine parlors, beer joints have sprung up like mushrooms. Scarcely a hotel now in all the country where the tired traveler can be assured of a night's undisturbed rest after he has paid his fare so prevalent is the wild party of the modern youth and youth's modern parents.

Who in the face of these conditions can say that a genuine revival is not our only hope. Indeed, in this age as in every age, it is Christ or chaos.

Fishing for Men

H. D. Martin, Caddo

As our blessed Lord walked along the shores of Galilee he saw Simon and Andrew casting a net into the sea, and said: "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men" (Mark 1:17). Thus calling them from the lowly life of catching fish to the exalted and honored position of fishing for men. How well they succeeded can be learned by a careful study of the word of God; and as I think of these great men coming as they did from the humble walk of life, and learn of their wonderful success under the most trying circumstances, then as I view the great host of professed fishers of today with all our modern equipment such as education, organization, and large houses of worship with ever so many trained leaders, I am made to wonder sometimes if some of us haven't misunderstood the call; when so much is needed to be done and so little is being done; when so few people realize the inroads that the communist are making in the southland when the communists have divided the United States into 15 districts, and have set up 231 training schools in 80 cities, and are printing thousands of pages of literature and distributing it broadcast over the land, and are flaying the religion of our Lord on every printed page that they send out; and there are 100,000 avowed atheists and 40,000 people in the United States that say they do not believe in God; when the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism has left it to be used for anti-religious propaganda \$100,000; when we see Communism, Atheism, and agnosticism predominant in our state universities, colleges and high schools we are almost persuaded that we have been trying to substitute education and organization for the simple Gospel story of Christ and His power to save.

What should be my attitude as a preacher? What should be your attitude as a layman? To all who are trying to win souls, we must look to Christ and use these institutions as stepping stones to a higher plane of Christian living and a deeper consecration to the Master's service, heeding His command to "cast thy net on the other side" and when we do we can rest assured that the net will not return empty so often. Then let us lift up our heads and look to our God for he is near and call upon Him for He will hear.

lost art. According to the above figures it cannot be said "there are no fish to be caught," for the waters are seething with that for which we profess to be fishing. We touch elbows with the lost in every walk of life and we know it; we are called of God to win such for his Kingdom and unto His glory, and if the multitudes are not being won to Christ it is not for want of sinners who need salvation. Then why should the net come empty to the boat so often?

I ask the question again, is it possible that we are trying to substitute culture and refinement for the glorious Gospel story of the redemptive power of the blood of Jesus? I would not for one moment minimize the worth of our denominational schools and Christian education for they are necessary to the ongoing of the Kingdom work. We need every institution that we have and more; we need men and women redeemed by the grace of God and fired by the spirit of evangelism to be living evangelists for the cause of Christ. For, as Dr. W. Y. Pond well says in the Baptist Standard of January 23, "Brick and stone will never be heard like the voice of one redeemed by the grace of God."

DISTRICT CONVENTION MEETING

The district convention for District 8 will meet with Fourth Street Church, Big Spring, March 17-18. The meeting will begin Tuesday morning and continue through Wednesday afternoon. A large attendance is expected.

A CORRECTION

In the nice display of advertising from Big Spring, Texas, in the last week's issue of the West Texas Baptist was a bakery advertisement from "Meand's Bakery." This should have been "Mead's Bakery." We regret this error. The ad is being run again in this issue.

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NOT TILL THE LOOM IS SILENT

Zech. 3:13

Milton McKendree Bales, M. A., D. D.

Not till the loom is silent,
And the shuttles cease to fly,
Will God unroll the canvass,
And explain the reason why
The dark threads are so needful,
In the Weaver's skillful hand,
As the threads of gold and silver,
In the pattern He has planned.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Workers' Conference of the Callahan Association met Tuesday at Cross Plains. The Sweetwater meeting is to be held Thursday at Tye. Other similar meetings will be held within the next few days. A representative of the West Texas Baptist will try to be at each of these meetings to present the matter of a Centennial edition of the paper for each association. We would be glad to have the matter discussed in each association in Districts 8 and 17, and if the association favors such an undertaking, then give an endorsement to the plan. The Stonewall Association agreed to co-operate with the paper in a Centennial edition for that paper, and appointed a man in the association to help gather the historical data from the churches. This is a mighty fine time to gather some valuable church history and preserve it. All the paper needs is just a little encouragement and co-operation, and we'll put it over.

Brother L. B. Owens is entering his work as field representative of the West Texas Baptist with real enthusiasm. We believe we have found in him just the man the paper needs to put over a real newspaper program in West Texas. This paper will appreciate any courtesy and co-operation given Brother Owens by our pastors and churches.

Brother V. E. Boyd, who resides at Tatum, N. M., and pastors the churches at Tatum and Plains, Texas, writes: "I am still enjoying the West Texas Baptist. I like to keep up with the work in Districts 8 and 17. I especially like the editorial page." We appreciate these good words from Brother Boyd, who moved recently from Plains to Tatum. He is doing a fine work on that important field.

We are glad that Dr. Julian Atwood, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Roswell, N. M., is coming to Hardin-Simmons University to do the preaching in the university revival March 17-22. He is one of New Mexico's best and busiest pastor-evangelists. His messages were greatly enjoyed at the recent pastors' retreat held in Abilene.

WEST TEXAS BAPTIST AS A KINGDOM BUILDER.

For many years the West Texas Baptist has served as a mighty factor in Kingdom affairs in West Texas, during those years it has grown in interest and importance until now, we feel, it is a very vital part in every phase of our work. A real necessity in the on-going of Christ's Kingdom. I wish in this instance to let others, who know more of its worth, speak.

Dr. J. D. Sandefer, president of Hardin-Simmons University says: "The West Texas Baptist is vitally essential to the on-going of the Baptist work in the west. Hardin-Simmons would be greatly impaired should it discontinue."

Mr. E. M. Collier, superintendent of West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, says: "The West Texas Baptist is our greatest agency in promoting the Baptist work in West Texas. The West Texas Sanitarium could not do without it."

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, in a letter recently written to Brother Malone, said: "I hardly see how Simmons could get along without a paper. You are doing so many things and managing the West Texas Baptist so well."

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins says: "The West Texas Baptist has had a great part in Baptist growth and progress in West Texas, and never has it served our cause more notably, nor more needfully, than now. Not only has it fostered the sacred interest of Hardin-Simmons University and West Texas Sanitarium, but it has made a contribution of incalculable value to Lueders Encampment. It in no way seeks to rival, or transplant the Baptist Standard, but on the other hand, further its interests. Baptists of the West owe a debt of lasting gratitude to Editor Sam Malone, and publisher, George S. Anderson, for the unselfish and sacrificial service they have rendered in making this paper possible."

These men who have thus spoken, have for years, been put in position by personal touch to know the worth of the West Texas Baptist. Their words should greatly encourage and stimulate us in an effort to increase the circulation of the paper, even fourfold in the near future.

You recall in last week's issue Brother Malone spoke of me accepting the position as field representative of the paper. I feel sure this was done in answer to prayer. We have set our hearts to the task to put the paper in every Baptist home in West Texas that love our denominational work, with the help of our Lord, and hearty cooperation of pastors and laymen of our churches, we can do it. Subscription rates does not stand in the way, since a club of ten or more in a church may each receive the paper for five cents per month. Let every pastor insist that an active member of his church be appointed to secure this club in his church and continue the good work until the paper goes into every home of the church. Brothers, help us do this worthy thing for Christ's sake! Please write me saying you will.

—C. D. OWEN.

Church Music

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

I. E. Reynolds

No. 18. Church Music Leadership.

An adequate church music program is impossible without efficient music leadership. Our churches are usually either under the direction of one or the other of two extreme types of leadership: The amateur, who has very little musical knowledge and often less appreciation, but has had practical experience and is a consecrated Christian and will do the work gratis; and the professional musician, who has musical knowledge and performing ability but often has had little practical experience insofar as an evangelical music program is concerned and is lacking in consecration. Neither of these classes will furnish the music program that is effective and most helpful. By referring to the Scriptures we find that the music leadership had special preparation. The musicians came from the Levitical family, were appointed or selected, had specific duties to perform, were paid from the common treasury, and were furnished villages to live in; no discrimination was made between the requirements, privileges, and courtesies extended the musicians and other religious workers. Present day churches have become very negligent in this respect. No requirements are made whatever of the music leadership in the average church. Men and women, who can do the work fairly well and will do it gratis, are accepted with few questions asked. There is as much Scripture for special preparation of the church musician as there is for any other Christian worker. If we are to have music promoted and maintained for the preaching, teaching, and training in our churches, we must have a music leadership that has the following personal qualities: Personality, Leadership Ability, Initiative, Knowledge of and love for the work, A proper Preparation is also essential, which should be four-fold: Spiritual—a working knowledge of the Bible; Physical—necessary to a healthy body, good voice, etc.; Mental—literary and musical education; and Practical—a knowledge of how to put theory into practice in a way that insures success.

Devotional Thoughts

LITTLE THINGS

A crumb will feed a little bird,
A thought prevent an angry word;
A seed bring forth full many a flower,
A drop of rain foretell a shower;
A little cloud the sun will hide,
A dwarf may prove a giant's guide;
A narrow plant a safe bridge form,
A smile some cheerless spirit warm.

—Ex.

PUTTING CHRIST AMONG THE PEOPLE

A French painter has recently made a sensation in Paris by the manner of his work. He fitted up a cab for a studio, and drove about the streets, stopping here and there to make sketches of places and things he saw. People did not see him shut up in his cab, looking out upon them through his little window, and making his pictures of the nooks and corners and byways of Parisian life. He thus caught all manner of scenes and incidents in the city's hidden ways. He then transferred his sketches to canvas, and put Christ everywhere among them. When the people saw his work, they were startled, for they saw themselves in their everyday life, in all their follies and frivolities, and always Christ in the midst—every kind of actual life on the canvas, and in the heart of it all, the Christ.

Suppose this painter were to visit our town this year, and picture us in all the events of our home life, our church life, our civic life—what kind of a picture would he see!—Onward.

THE INEXHAUSTIBLE CHRIST

Son of Man, whenever I doubt of life, I think of Thee. Nothing is so impossible as that Thou shouldst be dead. I can imagine the hills to dissolve in vapor, and the stars to melt in smoke, and the rivers to empty themselves in sheer exhaustion, but I feel no limit in Thee. Thou never growest old to me. Last century is old, last year is old, last season is an obsolete fashion; but Thou art not obsolete. Thou art abreast of all the centuries, nay, Thou goes before them like the star. I have never come up with Thee, modern as I am.—George Matheson.

THE UNCHANGING CHRIST

At no time are we more conscious that we live in a world of change and decay than at the turn of the year. Setting up a new calendar brings into focus the fact that all things are transitory and alter from day to day. In the midst of this constant mutation, this perpetual fluctuation, we long for something which is fixed, stable, steadfast, sure. When all around seems a vain show, a fleeting shadow, our souls demand that which is unchanged and unchangeable, that which is the same yesterday, today and forever. The Lord Jesus Christ alone can meet this need, for His character, His principles and His power are ever the same.—Frank R. Elder.

A PRINCE WHO WOULD INTERCEDE

A woman in India had learned that she was a sinner, and that God is holy and cannot pass over sin. She often said, "I need some great prince to stand between my soul and God." After a while she heard that the Bible contained the account of a Savior who had died for sinners. She therefore asked a pundit to read the Bible to her. He began at the first chapter of Matthew, and as he read the list of names in the genealogy of Christ, the woman thought, "What a wonderful Prince this Jesus must be, to have such a long line of ancestors!" And when the pundit read, "Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins," the woman exclaimed, "Ah, this is the Prince I want! This is the Prince I want! The Prince who is also a Savior!"—Christian Herald.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By **HIGHT C. MOORE**

March 15, 1936

JESUS TEACHES HIS DISCIPLES TO PRAY

Luke 11:1-13

Golden Text—If we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us. I John 5:14.

While preaching in Perea east of the Jordan on his final journey to Jerusalem, Jesus complied with his disciples' request that he teach them to pray and exposed his critics, now refuting the charge that his healing of the dumb demoniac was due to his league with Beelzebub, and now anathematizing the externalism which censured him for not ceremonially washing his hands at a Pharisee's house, whereupon he incurred his critics' vehement displeasure.

1. The Example of Prayer

Exemplary prayer was offered by Jesus "somewhere in Perea." He was on his way to Jerusalem where he was to lay down his life. It appears that his disciples were even more impressed by his praying than they were by his preaching, sublime as that was, or by his miracle-working, as marvelous as were his mighty works. Hence, after he had concluded his devotions in a certain place one of the disciples said unto him, "Lord, teach us to pray!" Surely the inquirer and his fellow disciples felt their utter shortcoming in prayer and also realized that never did any other reach the heights of devotion as that attained by their Master. The request was based on the custom of the great religious teachers of the time. John the Baptist had taught his disciples to pray. They needed the lesson notwithstanding the fact that Pharisaism was interspersed with prayer rules. Here, however, was a higher ideal—one that was interfused with spirituality and that had the Lord Jesus himself as its superlative example.

2. The Model of Prayer

Symmetrical prayer was presented in a model which Jesus taught his disciples. It is a matter of spirit, first of all. One must in proper attitude of soul approach the throne of grace. The words therefore that Jesus put upon their lips were not a fixed form of prayer for he gave them the same thought elsewhere in different language; rather did he give them a flexible model for their individual praying. Who can recall or repeat it without an upward yearning? (1) Note the address: "Father." God is indeed Father of all living, the relation being eternal only with those who have been born again. He is our Father, we being brethren, and his specific abode is heaven. (2) The first three petitions naturally center in our Heavenly Father: First, that his name may be hallowed; second, that his Kingdom may come; and third, that his will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. Adoration of the divine name, spread of the divine Kingdom, submission to the divine will: these are all primal in the model prayer. (3) On our human side there are three petitions. This first concerns our physical subsistence: "Give us day by day our daily bread." The second concerns our spiritual cleansing: "Forgive us our sins: for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us." The third concerns our victory over the trials and temptations of life: "Lead us not into temptation." Would not the answer of these prayers capacitate us for full spiritual efficiency? He who prays them from the heart will be happy and useful in the Christian life.

3. The Parable of Prayer

Persevering prayer was inculcated in the story of the unfriendly neighbor. Probably the greatest deficiency in our prayer lives is due to our lack of perseverance. We become impatient and petulant when our petitions are delayed and seemingly denied. We need to learn the lesson which our Savior gave to the disciples. Suppose one having used up all the food prepared for the day were to have a friend traveling after nightfall, as usual in the East, claim his hospitality at midnight, he would call upon a neighbor to lend him sufficient bread for his guest. Suppose, however, that the neighbor were unaccommodating and because of the inconvenience were to deny him the requested loan. Yet if he were persistent in his request the unfriendly neighbor would finally arise from his couch and let him have all that he needed. It was a picture true to life at the time and was designed to set forth the single point that prayer should be persevering. It does not teach that God must be importuned on the ground that he is unfriendly but rather for the sake of the recipient.

4. The Challenge of Prayer

Confident prayer lays hold of the divine promise that asking will be answered, seeking will be successful, and knocking will gain admittance to the Kingdom of God. On the basis of what has been said, the Master gives to the disciples this remarkable challenge of prayer, widening in variety and rising in intensity: "Ask—seek—knock!" The assurance of the answer follows: "For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." Persevering prayer is always prevailing prayer. If the object for which it originally asks is not specifically granted, something better is sure to be granted in its place.

5. The Analogy of Prayer

Receptive prayer is illustrated by the child obtaining all that is needful from an earthly father. To a hungry son asking for bread would a father give a stone? It may look like a loaf but it cannot nourish. Will he give a poisonous serpent when a wholesome fish is requested? Instead of an egg, will a venomous scorpion be given? To ask these questions is to answer them. A father though fettered in the flesh and though unregenerate, knows how to give good gifts to his children. The application is clear: "Much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him!" Infinitely better is he than earthly parent, and infinitely better is the gift he will bestow upon us for the asking. "Lord, teach us to pray."

"Lord, Teach Us to Pray"

- (1) **Pray.** Prayer is the soul's sincere desire. It is the Christian's vital breath. It is a great privilege. It is an imperative duty.
- (2) **Pray in Imitation of Jesus.** See him at prayer! Follow him to the Throne of Grace. Desire to be like him in this respect above all others.
- (3) **Pray in the Name of Jesus.** If we receive, we must ask in his name, believing. Our prayers must go by way of Calvary, if they ever reach heaven.
- (4) **Pray to Pray Right.** The Apostles prayed to Jesus that he

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would teach them how to pray. How much more we need to do the same thing!

(5) **Pray for the Right Things.** If we do not mind, we shall put some very foolish requests in our prayers. The model Jesus gave should help us at this point.

(6) **Pray Perseveringly.** Do not stop praying if the answer is delayed, or diverted or denied. Keep on; the blessing desired, or a greater, will surely come.

(7) **Pray Believingly.** We must not only believe on God in general, but believe in his readiness and power to answer specific petitions. Over the wire of faith comes the power of prayer.

(8) **Pray Submissively.** As the child trusts the earthly parent to give good gifts, so we as beneficiaries of divine bounty should submit to the divine will.

Home Daily Bible Readings

- Monday—Prayer to the Heavenly Father. Luke 11:1-13.
- Tuesday—Prayer and Power. Mark 9:17-29.
- Wednesday—Prayer a Safeguard. Luke 22:39-46.
- Thursday—God Answers Prayer. Acts 9:10-19.
- Friday—Prayer and Guidance. Acts 10:1-8.
- Saturday—Prayer and Deliverance. Acts 12:1-11.
- Sunday—Sincerity in Prayer. Matt. 6:6-15.
- Devotional Reading—Matthew 6:6-15.

West Texas Baptists have sustained a severe loss in the death of Dr. G. L. Yates, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Amarillo. Death claimed this good man Sunday, after several months of suffering.

THE RUBBER YARDSTICK

"What is truth?" A man of the world, Pilate, asked the question of the Son of God. Had Pilate really wanted to know the answer, and had he been willing to receive the truth and live by it at any cost, we may be sure the Savior of the world would have opened this Roman ruler's heart to life eternal. For "grace and truth came by Jesus Christ"; he alone could say, "I am the truth." As Christ the Incarnate Word is truth, so also is the Written Word. Only in Christ and the Bible can men know absolute and unchanging truth. "Science" boasts that it seeks only the truth, and that it follows the truth at any cost—and all the while some scientists, and much science, are in hopeless opposition to God's Word and His Son. The errors of science through the centuries would fill volumes. The conclusions of science are as shifting as the sands of the sea, as unreliable as quicksands, for much science is only "the wisdom of this world" which God tells us he has "made foolish." Scientists are continually attempting to correct the mistakes of earlier generations of scientists, even their own mistakes of a decade ago. Yet we frequently hear that we may now believe this or that statement in the Word of God because science has proved that it is true! A reader of the Sunday School Times, in a letter of appreciation, made the challenging remark: "To attempt to check the Word of God by 'science' is like trying to use a rubber yardstick to determine the accuracy of the Bureau of Standards measure in Washington." True science is, of course, always in accordance with God's Word. The finest scientists have humbly acknowledged their dependence upon God's Word. Science can never pass judgment upon the Bible; but when the "discoveries" of science agree with the Word, we know that they are true.

—The Sunday School Times.

POSSIBILITIES IN A GIFT

When Livingstone went to Africa, a Scotch woman who had saved up thirty pounds gave it to him with the words: "I want you to save yourself needless toil and exposure by hiring some competent body servant, who will go with you wherever you go, and share your sacrifices and dangers." With that money, Livingstone hired his faithful servant, Sebantino. In the heart of Africa, a lion threw the missionary down and crushed the bones of his left arm. But Sebantino saved Livingstone at the risk of his own life. What if the gift had not been made?—Selected.

W. M. U. Department

Mrs. E. B. Atwood, Editor

W. M. U. CONFERENCE AT HAMLIN CHURCH

On Thursday afternoon of the district meeting at Hamlin recently one of the four conferences held was conducted by Mrs. R. M. White, district W. M. U. president.

A helpful devotional service was conducted by Mrs. E. L. Lockett, who read the twelfth chapter of Romans as offering a good pattern for Christian service. She urged that we give

more of our time, money and service to the Lord.

Instead of a program of addresses and reports the plan for the conference was to present two demonstrations of methods in carrying on W. M. U. work. The first demonstration was directed by Mrs. C. C. Stewart, president of the W. M. S. of the First Church, Abilene, who, with members representing circle chairmen and chairmen of standing committees, showed the proper procedure in making out society quarterly reports. Questions were asked and explanations made explaining details.

The second demonstration, Mrs. White directing, was of a monthly business meeting of a local society. Local chairmen were represented by respective district chairmen, who took advantage of the opportunity to set forth facts and recommendations of their work.

Mrs. J. E. Burnam presented mission study, explained awards, one-day classes, and urged church schools of missions. Mrs. N. A. Moore as education chairman, announced high school senior day at Hardin-Simmons April 25, urged gifts for scholarship girl at Fort Worth, and stressed student fund of \$1,000 for Hardin-Simmons.

Mrs. George L. Paxton, benevolence chairman, referred to the spring box for Buckner Orphan's Home and Mother's Day offering for the charity fund of the sanitarium.

Mrs. B. M. Whieker, district stewardship chairman, urged tithing and referred to the stewardship contest

MISS LUCILLE REAGAN TELLS OF INTERESTING TRIP IN WEST AFRICA
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ceive their diplomas. We watched Rev. Patterson baptize five men in the Ogun river. These men were from over near the French border.

Second stop, Ogbomoso, where we spent Christmas. We saw 90 lepers receive treatment and on Christmas evening we witnessed a play gotten up and given entirely by lepers. On the following day we witnessed Mr. and Mrs. Pool's beautiful wedding which you will see written up elsewhere. Here Miss Walden joined us for the rest of the trip.

Third stop, Benin City, for one night only. No missionary is located here, but there is a thriving church and school under the leadership of a native pastor. For their Christmas celebration, they had a tree brightly decorated with colored paper and gifts to which the poor and blind of the city were invited. All the gifts were given to them and those who were unable to attend were sent gifts.

Fourth stop, Issele Uku, where the work was supported by the colored Baptists of America for a while but has been entirely supported by free-will offerings for some time now. The pastor, who was trained in America, returned to his native town after 18 years absence and asked for land to start work. He was given a plot in the center of the town at the suggestion of a man who did not wish his work well. A curse rested upon members of the royal family who entered this land because it was the place of punishment. As a descendent of that family they hoped he would not last even three years. What was a horrible pit where bones were thrown, is now (14 years later) filled in and is a part of a grassy lawn around which the church, school and industrial buildings are located. A greater transformation has taken place in many of the lives and homes throughout that town. From here we drove 20 miles to Asaba, to see the Niger river from which this country gets its name.

Fifth stop, Sapele, where Mr. and Mrs. Carson are now located in the mission house which the Tsekeria built years ago to induce Southern Baptists to locate a missionary there.

Sixth stop, Igeds, no missionary, three Baptist churches, a hilly district, uphill work, heathenism in control.

Seventh stop, Efon Alalays, for New Year's Day service. Church full and many children present. We are thankful that God has put it into the hearts of one district W. M. U. in U. S. to support the native missionary here. This station is so far from the post office that the letter we sent two weeks before telling them we were coming had not yet been received. And you should have seen the surprised faces when three white women walked in while their service was in progress. This is as far as we went this time.

We ask you to continue with us in prayers of thanksgiving for:

1. The souls saved since our last letter.
2. Continued interest in Bible work.
3. Faithful pastors carrying on in spite of hardships and difficulties as for examples those mentioned above.

Please pray that:

1. The Lord will save many others, especially in Lagos and in the districts mentioned in this letter.
2. The Lord may make us faithful witnesses here in the school and town and surrounding districts.

LUCILLE REAGAN.
EVA M. SANDERS.

for the young people. Mrs. Bert Low, district Margaret Fund mother, urged each association to give a shower to our Margaret Fund student before the district meeting in April.

The conference closed with a brief address by Mrs. Lockett on the Hundred Thousand Club.

Mrs. B. A. Copass, state president, who was expected to take part in the conference, was delayed but arrived late in the afternoon and was present for her address scheduled for Friday morning.

Sweetwater Associational Mission-Study Institute

First Church, Abilene, Feb. 29
Mrs. Theiss S. Jones

Mrs. W. S. Daniel, associational mission-study chairman, presided over the meeting Feb. 29 when women
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CONVENTION AT HAMLIN DREW ATTENDANCE OF OVER 500

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conference. A number of women of the First Church, Abilene, gave a demonstration on quarterly reports. District officers gave a demonstration of business meeting. Mrs. B. L. Lockett, returned missionary from Africa, gave an address, using as her subject the Hundred Thousand Club.

After the conferences the groups reassembled for the final afternoon program. Dr. T. C. Gardner gave an interesting address on "Opposition to Christianity."

The music for the evening session was led by Rev. Harvey Dennis, followed by a group of songs by the Hardin-Simmons male quartet. The Hamlin Church Y. W. A. gave a demonstration program of Y. W. A. work. This was followed by an address on the Daily Vacation Bible school by Pastor Gregory of Wichita Falls. The evening sermon was delivered by Rev. R. A. Clifton.

Friday's Session

Following the opening song service Friday morning, Missionary J. D. Brannon gave an address on "Our Kingdom Program." The convention voted an expression of appreciation of the good work being done by our district missionary.

Rev. H. R. Whatley of Haskell brought a really great message on "The Tithing." This good pastor is a forceful speaker and he certainly knows the subject of tithing.

Mrs. B. A. Copass of Fort Worth, president of the state W. M. U. work, delivered an address to the general assembly. She declared that all of us capitalize on the Centennial this year. Baptists of Texas, above all others, should do so, because of the historic development made by them. Mrs. B. L. Lockett brought a stirring message on Foreign Missions.

The afternoon service included a sermon by Dr. Clifton on "God the Need of Man," followed by a business session. The report of the executive board was read and it was requested that this report be published in the West Texas Baptist. A motion carried that the constitution be adopted without reading and that it be published in the West Texas Baptist. Afternoon conferences were held by various groups.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: President, Rev. L. A. Doyle, Anson, B. T. U. president, Rev. Roy Shahan, Rule; Sunday School president, George McBeth, Rotan; W. M. U. president, Mrs. R. M. White, Abilene; Men's Brotherhood, Judge L. H. Welch, Breckenridge.

The next convention will meet with the First Baptist Church, Cisco. The convention voted a resolution of thanks to the Baptists of Hamlin and to the city in general for the fine hospitality and entertainment furnished.

There were 27 new members added to the First Church, Sweetwater as a result of the recent revival conducted by Dr. Marshall Craig of Dallas. Pastor E. D. Dunlap speaks in highest praise of the service of Dr. Craig and his singer, Mr. Wootan.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following political announcements are subject to the action of the Democratic primary election to be held in Taylor County in July:

- For District Clerk, Taylor County: (Miss) Belle Wellborn.
- For County Clerk, Taylor County: E. D. (Dean) Davis.
- (Miss) Vivian Fryar.
- For County Judge, Taylor County: A. A. Heathington.
- For Assessor-Collector, Taylor Co.: W. P. Bounds.
- For Justice of the Peace: James Gray Bledsoe, Precinct 1, Place 1.

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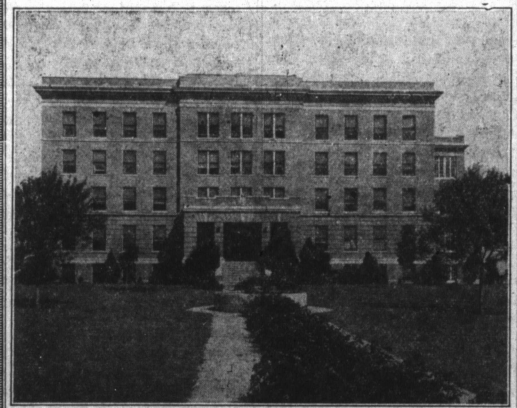
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Hardin-Simmons News

ON THE FIELD WITH HARDIN-SIMMONS PREACHERS

By J. WILLIAM ARNETT

Clebert Jones preached at Truby both services last Sunday, and reports a large attendance.

W. P. Kirk filled his regular appointment at Sagerton Sunday. He says that they had one conversion and two additions to the church. They will put the roof on their new church building this Thursday by volunteer labor, and have a regular community dinner at noon. This church being without a place of worship, is now coming to the front in building a house for worship, and we predict for them some real service for the Master, in the future.

Brother Kirk announces that they will begin their Sunday School training school at Sweet Home next Monday night. He is with Brother Fulgham and the Stith Church in a training school this week.

Good services at Shep last Sunday have been reported by the pastor's wife, Mrs. Pitts. The pastor preached at the morning service and there were three additions to the church. A new minister, Brother Fine, brought a good message at the night service. This church is to begin anew their weekly prayer meeting service next week.

The district missionary, J. D. Brannon, is doing the preaching in a meeting this week with the Nolan Church and pastor Pitts.

The ministers of the Council of Hardin-Simmons University were given a treat last Friday evening. After the regular program on the "Fall of the Human Race," two new members gave their experience of salvation and told of the call to preach. They were W. C. Carpenter and Guy Ranson. Following this Brother Clem Hardy, pastor at Kerens, gave us a heart stirring message on his call to the mission fields and the work that goes with it. He is soon to receive his appointment from the Foreign Mission Board to Brazil. He will relieve Dr. Nelson, who has been on the firing lines for so long. The service was closed by the singing of "Have Thine Own Way Lord."

G. Q. Fulgham, and J. William Arnett were in study courses of Sunday School enlargement in Haskell County last week.

Melvin Byrd preached at Grassbur in Rannels County last fourth Sunday, and will fill the pulpit there again next Sunday.

Everybody is sick at View. This word comes from Brother Jackson the pastor.

R. H. Howell met his regular appointments at Content March 1. Attendance was good considering the illness in many of the homes. Mr. and Mrs. Burl Hudson's baby was very low with bronchial pneumonia.

W. M. U. DEPARTMENT

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from over the Sweetwater Association met at Abilene for a mission study institute. The meeting was opened with the song "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," conducted by Mrs. J. R. Fielder. Mrs. C. C. Compere led the opening prayer.

Mrs. S. J. T. Williams presented the devotional, showing how each part of mission study fitted in with the other as if it made a wall.

Following this general meeting classes met with the following teachers and their books: "Who Is Our Neighbor," Mrs. D. W. Arnette; "Sharing With Neighbor America," Mrs. J. R. Fielder; "Mule Trails in Inland Lands" (an intermediate book) Mrs. J. H. Dean; "Around the World in the Southland," (a junior book), Miss Harriet Evans; "The Traveling Story Hour" (Sunbeams), Mrs. Lee Kincaid.

Just preceding the lunch hour, Mrs. E. B. Atwood conducted an open lesson period using Mrs. Tidwell's questionnaire.

Opening song for the afternoon session was "Lord, I Give My Life to Thee." Prayer was offered by Miss Lou Wilkins. Mrs. T. L. Lockett rendered the devotional, urging women to go to their churches with a zeal and enthusiasm that would lead others to give to the Hundred Thousand Club and to give to missions of all kinds; to keep America Christian.

Classes were conducted as during the morning. The closing feature of the day's program was a book review by Mrs. J. F. Clark, "Pioneering for

Press Conference Delegates Named By H.-S. U. Writers

Machen And Addington Will Represent School In Norman, Okla.

Mack Machen and Si Addington have been elected delegates to the annual convention of the Southwestern Journalism congress which is to be held in Norman, Okla., at the University of Oklahoma April 17 and 18.

The convention which is held each spring with member schools of the conference in attendance is for the purpose of bringing college journalism students into contact with men who have had experience in actual fields of journalism.

The convention last year, which was the first ever to be attended by Hardin-Simmons representatives, was held in Baton Rouge at the University of Louisiana. Delegates were Ivan Flynn, D. F. McCarty, Gaines Shults, and Frank Junell, sponsor.

The conference this year will have a division for yearbooks and humor magazines, the latter an entirely new practice.

Only students eligible for publication offices next year are eligible for election to attend the meet. The expenses of the elected delegates will be paid by the school as they will for the president of the Press club and the sponsor of the department.

All members of the Press club may attend the convention, however, if they defray their own expenses to and from the convention city.

Barnett Presents Speech Program

Kelley Barnett, senior speech student in Hardin-Simmons university, appeared in recital Tuesday night in the auditorium of the fine arts building, giving an interpretation of American short stories.

Barnett is a member of the Alpha Chi Scholarship society, president of the Oratorical and Debating council, holds rank of distinction in Pi Kappa Delta, national forensic fraternity, and is pastor of two Baptist churches, at Tuscola and at Talpa.

He was awarded first place in after dinner speaking at the Baylor speech tournament this year, also winning second place in oratory. In the Abilene Christian college speech contest, he won first place in extemporaneous speaking. After graduation he plans to study at Brown university.

MODEL BAND

Designation of the Hardin-Simmons university Cowboy band as "model" band for the \$25,000,000 Texas Centennial exposition was announced this week by W. A. Webb, general manager of the exposition.

Webb said the band will make a series of trips to all part of Texas in behalf of the exposition, and play for the official opening of the exposition in June.

Twelve new members were formally admitted to the H.-S. U. club last Tuesday night as they performed the last steps in the annual initiation.

Two would-be members were not present at the meeting and their case will be taken up Thursday after next. The new members had to go through several stages of initiation before they were allowed to enter the club.

Jesus," by Thos. S. Dunningway, a life story of Henrietta Hall Shook. Following the talk and in keeping with the missionary spirit, Mrs. Jones sang "How Long Must We Wait," accompanied by Mrs. Bryan Ball.

Closing prayer was led by Mrs. J. S. Burnam.

A total of 51 were present for the day.

The First Baptist Church, Eliasville, has called Rev. James H. Hunt as pastor and he is accepting the work. Brother Hunt was pastor at Clyde and Cross Plains for several years, and for the past few months has been in the evangelistic work. The editor has just closed a six-year pastorate with this church, and we are glad to know that this good pastor and his wife are moving on that important field.

Father Of Dr. Atwood 92, Dies In Clinton, Ky.

Dr. E. B. Atwood, professor of Bible, left Sunday morning by train for Clinton, Ky., where he attended the funeral services Monday of his father, T. L. Atwood.

Mr. Atwood died last Saturday at the home of a son, E. L. Atwood, in Murphreesboro, Tenn. He was 92 years of age, and had spent most of his life at Clinton. He was a Confederate veteran.

Survivors are the two sons, E. B. and E. L. Atwood. E. L. Atwood is president of the Tennessee college at Murphreesboro.

IN SYMPATHY

We the members of the faculty and student body of Hardin-Simmons university desire to take this opportunity of expressing our love and sympathy for Dr. E. B. Atwood in the grief he has recently sustained in the home-going of his aged father in Kentucky.

While parting with a loved parent in death cannot but bring its note of sadness, in this instance, especially Dr. Atwood can find ground for deep gratitude in that his father was spared not only to live until the ripe age of 92 years, but, best of all, is the rich heritage left behind of his noble, inspiring faith and Christian service.

We commend, therefore, to Dr. Atwood the same sustaining Savior's love and grace that were so evident in the long years of his father's faithful life.

Signed:

N. A. MOORE,
J. D. SANDEFER,
JULIUS OLSEN.

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Texas Exes Hear Dr. R. N. Richardson

Dinner Carries Out Theme Of Independence Of Texas

Dr. Rupert N. Richardson, vice-president of Hardin-Simmons, was the principal speaker at the annual banquet for ex-students of the University of Texas at the Hotel Wooten last Monday evening.

"Men Who Wrote the Constitution of Texas" was the subject of Dr. Richardson's talk.

The dinner carried out the Texas Independence day theme. Plans were made for the Centennial Round-Up of the university in April.

Walter Ely, Jr., was named president of Texas University ex-students of Taylor county. Other officers are: Millard Shaw, vice-president, Emmagene Hale, secretary, and Gray Browne, Mrs. Rupert N. Richardson, Alton Dorsett, Mrs. Franklin Haynes, Jr., and E. M. Overshiner, directors.

Preston Directs Orchestra

Herbert M. Preston, head of the Hardin-Simmons violin department, was selected by the Harmony club at its regular meeting Wednesday to organize an all-city orchestra.

Miss Luzelle Hicks, accompanied by Ruth Scheibe, sang "Succido," an aria from the opera "La Gioconda," on the program for the meeting.

The Harmony club will sponsor the orchestra which will be under the direction and supervision of Preston.

Edelweiss Jenkens, senior speech major of the Hardin-Simmons fine arts department, appeared in recital last night in the auditorium of the fine arts building, reading the three-act play "Caponaschi," by Palmer and Goodrich.

Six members of the Hardin-Simmons forensic squad left Thursday to participate in the seventh annual Sav-age debate tournament being held yesterday and today at the Southeastern Oklahoma State Teachers college at Durant, Okla.

Hardin-Simmons students furnished the program for the Abilene Delphian chapter, a seated tea of St. Patrick day theme which was held at the Woman's club Wednesday.

Redlands Debators To Appear Here

Announcement made this week by Prof. W. A. Stephenson, university debate coach, said the Hardin-Simmons debate teams would meet teams from Redland university, Redland, California, for a series of debates here March 23.

A letter received this week by Stephenson stated that the California party would include a woman's team and a man's team. Present plans call for two debates, one in the afternoon and the other in the evening.

Speech Majors Present Play "Crystal Gazers"

"Crystal Gazers," a one-act play, was presented by Betty Jane Miller and Frances Couch last Friday week evening in the modernistic ballroom of the Wooten hotel for the celebration of the tenth birthday of the Abilene Rotary club and for the 31st anniversary of the international organization.

This is the sixteenth time the play has been given in Abilene. Betty Jane and Frances are both speech majors.

Sandefer Conducts Services

Dr. J. D. Sandefer, president of Hardin-Simmons university, preached at both morning and evening services last Sunday at the First Baptist church in Seymour.

Dr. Rupert N. Richardson, head of the history department and vice-president of the university, filled the pulpit of the First Baptist church in Rising Star last Sunday.

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Most people do not realize that eyestrain causes a drain of nervous energy which can result in headaches, fatigue, and other bodily harm. Here is a twofold recipe for protection against eyestrain.

1. Have your eyes examined regularly! An office worker who uses her eyes under poor lighting conditions for prolonged periods frequently suffers more nervous muscular tension than a person digging a ditch.

2. Make sure your lighting is right! Next to good eyes, light is the most important factor in vision. Yet most homes provide far less light than is needed for seeing without eyestrain.

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