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Baptist Training Union Closes Forty-Sixth Session At Abilene

Re-election of present officers, awarding of banners and selection of Beaumont as the next convention city, were the events in the closing program of the Baptist Training Convention program at the First Baptist Church Saturday morning. Final report at this meeting showed a total registration of 7,813, which did not include several hundred advanced registrants that reached the Dallas office after the program began here.

Five banners were awarded by the Rev. W. R. Derr, former Abilenian, who was chairman of the awards committee. These went to first places, while honorable mention was given in several divisions:

Training Union efficiency: Emmanuel Baptist Church, Houston, first; First Church, Pleasanton, second.

Associational BTU efficiency: Union association, Houston.

District BTU efficiency: District 6, of which San Antonio is the largest city and J. W. Mason of Pearland is president.

Church attendance: (largest percentage of membership at convention): First Church, Lockett, Harvey Lawlis, director, 16 of 204 members attending.

Church mileage: (miles traveled by delegation to convention) Amarillo, First Church, 20,650 miles; Lubbock First Church, 18,924 miles; Cliff Temple Church, Dallas, 15,200.

Besides Derr, members of the awards committee were Jimmie Jackson and Mrs. George Chambers.

Re-elect Springer

R. A. Springer of Amarillo, president, was re-elected president of the Texas BTU. T. C. Gardner, Dallas, was named state director and treasurer; Mrs. Ellis Province, Dallas, and Geraldine Hill, Abilene, recording secretaries.

Gardner to Europe

As result of a proposal by J. Earl Mead of Dallas that "Big Chief" Gardner, BTU beloved secretary, be sent to Zurich, Switzerland, next August to represent the convention at a world youth conference, over \$800 was raised for that purpose in a few moments time. Dr. Gardner was given a great ovation when the suggestion was made.

The BTU will endeavor to raise enough money to send Mrs. Gardner on the trip with her husband.

It would be hard to pick out the high point of the convention. From the first pre-convention meeting of the music lovers at Hardin-Simmons University auditorium on Wednesday evening, to the closing session Saturday morning, climax after climax was reached. There were over 2,000 in attendance at the meeting at Hardin-Simmons Wednesday night, and over half of this number were convention visitors.

Perhaps the greatest hour of the entire convention was at the closing hour Saturday morning. Dr. L. R. Scarborough of Fort Worth spoke on "The Thrills of a Missionary Tour in South America." At the close of this message the speaker called attention to the fact that within the next two years the Foreign Mission Board would need 200 men recruits for service. He called for volunteers between the ages of 16 and 24 to prepare for this work, and promptly 112 young people stood, offering their lives for special service to God.

As we think of recording the proceedings of this great convention, meeting in seven sections, with mighty tides of spiritual fervor overshadowing each of these, it is just too much of a task to undertake in one issue of a small weekly paper.

Abilene is proud of the opportunity she had of entertaining the convention. Multitudes of blessings have come to us, and new courage, determination and a greater vision of service will cause our Baptist hosts of West Texas to go on and on to greater victories for the Master.

Dr. M. A. Jenkins of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, left Sunday night for Kansas City, Mo., where he is to be with Pastor Mangum and Warner Road Baptist Church in a two-weeks meeting. Rev. Kelly Barnett of Talpa will preach at both hours at the First Church here Sunday.

President J. D. Sandefer of Hardin-Simmons University, left the first of the week to attend the meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools at Richmond, Va. He will visit in Washington, D. C., and will visit a daughter in New York City before returning to Abilene.

There are now 311 missionaries and workers of the Home Mission Board in all its fields of work, an increase of about 100 since 1933.

DR. J. B. TIDWELL HEADS TEXAS BAPTIST CONVENTION TO EL PASO



DR. J. B. TIDWELL

On account of the press of matters pertaining to the Baptist Training Union convention at Abilene last week, reports of the annual convention of Texas Baptists at Mineral Wells November 10-13, have been delayed in publication. The registration of the convention messengers reached above 2,500 which was the best attendance in several years.

In this and subsequent issues of the West Texas Baptist, information about the work of Texas Baptists during the past year will be given.

Dr. J. B. Tidwell was reelected president of the convention, and other general officers were also re-elected. The next meeting of the convention goes to El Paso. A digest of some of the convention reports follow:

Christian Education

While our present situation in the field of education may have its discouraging angles, there is adequate reason for gratitude for the work which is being done now by our schools. During the school year which closed with August, 1936, there was a total enrollment in our various institutions of 7,684 and approximately 6,566 of these were of college grade. In this same year Texas Baptists were privileged to spend \$1,481,804.93 for the carrying on of this magnificent work. We now have in equipment and endowment \$11,954,382.75, vested in our educational institutions.

Baptist Hundred Thousand Club
The Baptist Hundred Thousand Club is a plan which was adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in session in Washington, D. C., in 1933 and has been approved by each succeeding convention. This is a plan to secure 100,000 Southern Baptists to give \$1.00 per month above their regular gifts to be applied on the debts of Southern Baptist institutions and boards. Dr. J. E. Dillard, of Birmingham, Ala., was chosen as promotional secretary of Southern Baptists and, therefore, will direct the Hundred Thousand Club. The report was read by Pastor E. D. Dunlap of Sweetwater First Church.

Three years ago the Southern Baptist Convention faced a very critical situation in connection with the debts of its various agencies. The Hundred Thousand Club has relieved the situation considerably. Even though the entire goal of one hundred thousand and memberships has not been secured, to October 1 this year, \$546,469.43 has been paid in through the plan. Since the Sunday School Board has graciously paid all of the expenses of the campaign, every dollar raised has been applied on the principal of the debts. All of our institutions and boards have been greatly relieved by the Hundred Thousand Club. There are now 35,964 memberships in the club. Texas leads the states of the South with over 6,268.

It is to be remembered that there may be: (1) Individual memberships, where one agrees to contribute \$1.00 a month; (2) Multiple memberships where one agrees to contribute more than \$1.00 per month; (3) Joint memberships where two together give \$1.00 a month (50 cents each); (4) Group or Circle memberships where a group or circle join in giving \$1.00 a month; (5) Memorial memberships where one takes a membership in the name of someone else.

We, your committee, recommend:

1. That the same kind of organization used for the past three years be continued with such changes in the personnel as may be deemed necessary.

2. That the months of January and February, 1937, be given to this movement with a view to bringing the club up to its full strength of 100,000 members.

Shall We Allow The Liquor Interests To Steal Santa Claus?

It looks like red-nosed Santa Claus and old John Barleycorn are headed for a big spree together Christmas Eve, in spite of anything the liquor control boards in the various states can do about it, reports the National Voice Bureau.

A nationwide campaign to prevent beer and liquor interests from "exploiting the children's patron saint" was launched recently by Miss Ethel Hubler, member of the National Temperance Council. Liquor control boards in many states immediately pledged wholehearted support. Now, wholesalers and retailers in many states are openly defying the action of officials, according to Miss Hubler, who predicts that "a storm of public indignation is sure to result."

In Advertising Age appears the hostile comment: "Those noble souls who insist it's sacrilegious to picture Santa Claus in the act of downing a few beers seem to have forgotten that Santa Claus is plenty old enough to take care of himself."

The Brewers' Journal, in defiance of the campaign, comments: "We are sure . . . that even in those states where the liquor commissions have issued the regulations demanded, there will still be many cases of beer entrusted to dear old Santa . . ."

From the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board in the District of Columbia comes this statement which seems to express the sentiment of a majority of liquor control boards: "The attitude of this board is distinctly against any advertising copy which links liquor to the Bible or which pictures Santa Claus dealing or carrying alcoholic beverages. We feel exceedingly strongly upon the latter because of the fact that it would be an advertisement which would be attractive to children."

"Newspaper publishers throughout the country will render distinct public-service in the interest of good taste if they cooperate in his effort to keep Santa Claus for the children, and not to get him mixed in the beer and liquor business," Miss Hubler, sponsor of the campaign, said in a plea to newspapers to assist in the effort.

WORKERS CONFERENCE MEETS NEXT WEEK AT BUFFALO GAP

The December meeting of the workers conference of the Sweetwater Association will be held on Thursday, December 10, with the church at Buffalo Gap. The following program has been prepared for the meeting:

- 10:—Devotional, Almon Norris.
- 10:30—"Why Christians Should Give," Rev. H. A. McHenry.
- 11—"Storehouse Giving," Rev. L. L. Trot.
- 11:30—Business.
- 11:40—Sermon, Rev. C. E. Dick.
- 12:15—Lunch.
- 1:20—Board Meetings, Association and W. M. U.
- 2—Song Service.
- 2:10—"Pastoral Support," Dr. J. M. Cook.
- 2:40—Inspirational Address, Rev. Finis Williams.
- 3:10—Closing Remarks and Benediction.

POTOSI CHURCH CALLS FULGHUM AS PASTOR

We had a good day at Potosi Sunday in all of our services. The Sunday School was good and then a collection was taken for Buckner Orphan's Home, amounting to \$16.45 cash, in addition to other offerings.

Rev. G. Q. Fulghum was with us and preached two good sermons at the 11 o'clock service. His subject was "A Deeper Life." Some of his main points were as follows: 1. A deeper life in Christ, the demand for it; some Christians only get ankle deep, others get waist deep, while others go still farther. The farther you go the sweeter it is. 2. Self denial. 3. Two things essential, prayer and the study of God's word. 4. Are you satisfied with what you are doing for Christ?

At the evening service we had a good B. T. U. and another good service. Brother Fulghum preached on the subject, "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body."

But we haven't told the best part yet. On Sunday, Nov. 22, the Potosi Church called Brother Fulghum to be its pastor and at the Sunday night service he accepted the call. After doing without a pastor for three or four months we feel that we are facing a new day. We feel that we have a good leader if we will only submit to his leadership, and we are hoping that we will. Unity is one of the biggest words in the English language, and we would like to have it at the Potosi Church.—E. N. McCOY.

S. S. AND B. T. U. ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING AT MERKEL SUNDAY

The regular monthly meeting of the Sweetwater Associational Sunday School and B. T. U. will be held at the First Baptist Church, Merkel, Sunday afternoon, beginning at 2:30 o'clock. The Sunday's program will be rendered by the Sunday School division. Attention will be called to the annual Sunday School convention which meets at Waco January 12-13. All Sunday School workers are urged to attend the meeting Sunday.

POTOSI CHURCH PAYS TRIBUTE TO PIONEER PREACHER, DICK BRIGHT

The Callahan County Association honored Rev. Dick Bright of Potosi on his seventy-fifth birthday, the 19th of November. Many people came early, even before the chimes were rung, to say, "Happy Birthday" and "May you have many returns."

"Uncle Dick," as he is affectionately called was born in Hempstead County, Arkansas, November 19th, 1861. Moving to this county in 1897, three years before this Association was organized, after which his work was in the Callahan Association almost exclusively. He served as pastor of the following Baptist Churches: Potosi, 2 years; Dudley, 16 years; Denton, 16 years. These were part time churches which enabled him to serve more than one church at a time. You will notice that his years are full of rich experiences.

"Uncle Dick" was licensed to preach in 1900. Fighting the ministry at first, it later became a joy to him to preach. His prayer all along was that he might have common sense in his ministry.

He does not attempt to enumerate the number of marriages, baptisms, or funerals he has conducted. He has conducted more funerals than any other one pastor in this section of the state. (He declined the offer to conduct a funeral on his birthday, that of Mrs. Lawler of Tecumseh community). With no respect to the denomination they all come to Brother Bright for any of the three above mentioned duties.

While friends were coming in to greet him, "Uncle Dick" sat by his fire place talking "old times." Someone presented him with a bouquet of flowers. Having it placed on the mantle he said, "I had rather have it there on the mantle where I can see it than on my grave." Too many wait until the grave to pay respect, but we are trying to express our appreciation for our friend while he lives.

Out of town guests were served dinner by our local W. M. S. The table was filled with all the "goodies" that go with birthdays. In the midst of them were two cakes, one large one with seventy-five candles on it. The other a small one with four candles. Arthur Wesley Welborn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Welborn, had a birthday the same day as Uncle Dick. He too, could be seen about the house greeting friends, but not "talking old times."

May you both live to see many returns of the day of your birth and may you, "Uncle Dick," be happy and may your reclining years be your best years. With lots of love and best wishes on your birthday is the desire of the Callahan Association.

There were fifty-two who registered during the day up to four o'clock with many more to call during the evening. Sixteen of these were out of town. There were twenty-two who ate "birthday dinner," all but five were out of town. There were twenty-four birthday cards received. There were a dozen or more gifts received. So it must have been "a perfect day." The hospitality of "Uncle Dick" and (Continued on page 3)

NEGRO CHURCH LEADERS TO CONDUCT SERVICES AT FIRST CHURCH SUNDAY

A mass meeting of Negro Baptists, led by Rev. J. W. Bailey, evangelist of the Negro people of Texas, will be held at the First Baptist Church, Abilene, Sunday afternoon, beginning at 3:00 o'clock.

The evangelist will preach at the meeting on "The New Birth." A large Negro chorus will sing a number of spiritual songs.

The Rev. Bailey attended the BTU convention in Abilene last week and remained over this week for an evangelistic campaign among the colored people. Dr. Millard Jenkins preached Sunday afternoon to a large crowd of colored people at Macedonia Baptist Church.

Beginning Monday night a school of missions will be held for the colored people. Mrs. W. S. Beam, assisted by a faculty from various churches of the city, will conduct the school.

According to Evangelist Bailey, there are seven Negro churches in Abilene with a membership of 2,000. Three of these churches are Baptist. The white people of the city are invited to attend the mass meeting Sunday afternoon.

FLUVANNA CHURCH MAKING PROGRESS

Mrs. J. A. Martin
As Fluvanna is on the farthest corner of Mitchell-Scurry Association and we do not attend very many associational meetings, we feel that our sister churches would enjoy these notes.

We don't do everything but we do something as opportunity presents itself. We don't create opportunities as some churches do, but we try not to let them go by.

There were 25 members added to our church last year, most of them young people. We have 130 members and our average Sunday School attendance is about 90. Our Sunday School is our mission point here, and our church rarely ever fails to win from 1 to 25 to Christ each year.

Our church has been under a heavy debt since 1926, and is still bearing a part of it. During the last few years members have prayed and sacrificed to reduce the principal. Part of our dream has been realized by setting our piano and seats clear of debt. We are not boasting. Just praising the Lord. Maybe our neighbors in Mitchell-Scurry would enjoy helping us rejoice.

Fluvanna Baptist Church is not perfect but she is right in there for praying for sinners, debts or the sick (the Baptist way). She boasts of a number of educated and talented members, and of course some "that don't know nuthin'," even that Jesus died for them.

We are on the mountain top in one way, but it is glorious to be out of debt, and own a pig, a cow, and a chicken, and give a tenth out of that.

Dr. M. N. McCall baptized six Cuban converts in Havana recently, making three times he had baptized in four Sundays.

Dr. Jeff D. Ray Discusses B. T. U. Convention Meeting at Abilene

Editor's Note—Dr. Jeff D. Ray, professor of Homiletics in the Southern Baptist Seminary of Fort Worth was a visitor through the session of the B. T. U. convention at Abilene. Dr. Ray is a feature writer for the Star-Telegram, and he gave Abilene and the convention some publicity before and during the meeting. In Sunday's Star-Telegram had a lengthy discussion of the convention, bringing out, as he usually does in his writings, the human interest element. We are passing this story to our readers. You will enjoy reading it, and especially what he has to say about some of our local church leaders.

DR. ROLAND Q. LEAVELL NEW EVANGELISM SUPT. HOME MISSION BOARD



DR. ROLAND Q. LEAVELL, Southwide Evangelist

Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, who comes to the Home Mission Board January 1, as superintendent of evangelism, brings to this important task the training, experience and soul-winning zeal which eminently qualify him for the position.

Member of a prominent Baptist family of Mississippi which has furnished many illustrious denominational leaders, the new Home Mission superintendent of evangelism has a record of service equally illustrious and one that gives him a remarkable equipment for marshalling and directing soul-winning forces.

Dr. Leavell is a graduate of the University of Mississippi and of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, from which institutions he holds the B. A., M. A., Th. M., and Th. D. degrees. He has been pastor in Oxford, and Piquette, Miss., and, for the past 9 years, in Gainesville, Georgia.

During his nine years at Gainesville, over 1,000 have been received into the church, about 400 of whom have come by baptism. He has preached in six revivals in the church, and has conducted meetings in ten Southern states.

For several years Dr. Leavell has assisted in the annual series of evangelistic conferences for preachers in Georgia. He has also conducted county-wide campaigns in his own association, and, when Dr. Ellis A. Fuller was superintendent of the Board's department of evangelism, saw service in city-wide campaigns.

Of much more importance than his training and experience, Dr. Leavell has an impelling zeal for winning the lost which gives him an unusual usefulness for his new and significant task. An expression of this zeal is found in his book, "Winning Others To Christ."

One prominent pastor, himself in demand almost constantly for revival meetings, said of Dr. Leavell, "I have never known anyone who in his daily life spent so much time winning individuals to Christ."

In his letter of acceptance, Dr. Leavell said, "The unlimited opportunity and the profound responsibility of the task demand that I dedicate all that I am or can be to the work of evangelism in its fullest and widest meaning. As I pledge my all to the task, I am confidently believing that I shall have the fullest cooperation, love and prayers of the entire Home Mission Board and staff."

With one leading who is qualified by such zeal, experience and training, and with the cooperation of pastors and the denomination generally, Southern Baptists may well anticipate an approaching era of evangelistic fervor which will be felt in every community in the south.

Dr. J. Walton Moore, missionary to China, who with his family is spending his furlough here, underwent a serious operation at Baylor Hospital last week. We understand Dr. Moore is in a serious condition, and the friends of this fine missionary will remember to pray for him.

Overhead operating expenses amount to only a little more than 3 per cent of the total 1937 budget of the Home Mission Board.

DR. ROLAND Q. LEAVELL NEW EVANGELISM SUPT. HOME MISSION BOARD

Notwithstanding his calling—teacher of Hebrew and Old Testament at the Southern Baptist Seminary—B. A. Leavell is decidedly a young people man. He is perhaps the confident advisor of more young people than any of his conferees in the convention.

His interest in young people and their work and their problems demonstrated by the fact that he has been in Texas 35 years and has never missed a meeting of this body. He holds on young people does not come from being a maudlin "softy" in dealing with them. He is always frank, often blunt, sometimes even severe in his attitude to them, but there is always a kind of sincerity in his manner that takes away the sting of plain speech.

John Josey of Amarillo has the unusual distinction of being both organist and choir director. They say he is the only man out of captivity who can play the pipe organ at beat time for his choir at the same time. Fort Worth people remember his brilliant organ performance when a student in the Baptist Seminary's School of Sacred Music. As music lovers of Texas know him from having heard his organ recital on radio for 10 years. His wife, the former Minnie Wells Cheek of Fort Worth, a bewitching violinist, charmed the convention with an adaptation of the old minor key song "The Wandering Pilgrim" and the negro spiritual "I Didn't Hear Nobody Pray." She could have played a classic the musicians might have enjoyed more but I was glad she put it down on a level and the level of plain folks in my class, of whom most of the audience, judging by their applause seemed to be.

"Fledgling" Doctors

Most of the dozen "younger brethren" who received their D. D. from Howard Payne College in Brownwood came across to the convention and were receiving congratulations right and left. They are a fine bunch of yearlings, not a scrub among them. I called them that because it is impossible for me to conceive that they are really grown men. It is only yesterday or the day before at most that I had them all, one by one, in my classes. I wonder if that account for their new distinction. It had no seemed to occur to any of them and, of course, modesty triumphing over the truth of history, prevents my suggesting it.

J. M. Dawson, with the aroma of the L. L. D. received at Brownwood a few hours before still fresh upon (Continued on page 2)

HOME MISSION BOARD MAKES ENCOURAGING REPORT TO CONVENTION

The ninety-one years' history of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention reveals a wonderful record of achievement. Over 42,000 missionaries have been commissioned, an average of 460 each year; 790,000 converts baptized; over 8,600 churches organized, and 1,111 church buildings erected.

In the early days of the Home Mission Board its work was largely among the Indians and Mexicans, but today we are confronted with a great host of foreign speaking people of nearly every nation under the sun. The fact that most of these people have already imbibed some form of religion other than Christianity presents one of the greatest tasks of mission work; that is, we have to teach before we can teach.

At present we have on the field 285 missionaries and workers engaged in giving the Gospel to groups in the homeland who cannot be reached by the churches. These groups include foreigners, Indians, the deaf, people in the mountains, Negroes, Mexicans, neglected people in the cities, and natives of Cuba and the Canal Zone. The great host of Mexicans in Texas presents a wonderful challenge to The Mexican Baptist Institute in Brownwood, Texas, under the direction of Reverend Paul C. Bell, is doing noble work as far as means of equipment will permit.

We should not do less for Foreign Missions, but we should do more for Home Missions. Some children of God can get so far away that he will come anti-missionary. We therefore pledge to the Home Mission Board the Southern Baptist Convention of hearty cooperation and unstinted support.

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ABOUT BTU CONVENTIONS

At the recent meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, a movement was started looking toward the consolidating of some of our conventions. At the present time there are three general conventions of Baptist groups. The Pastors and Laymen and Woman's Missionary Union annual meetings are held in connection with the Baptist General convention of Texas. The Sunday School and Baptist Training Unions maintain their own annual meetings, the former meeting in January and the latter meeting at Thanksgiving time.

At the Abilene convention last week the B. T. U. with a thunderous "No" rejected the recommendation from the General Convention that the B. T. U. be consolidated with other auxiliaries of the convention.

One can hardly conceive of the idea of discontinuing this Thanksgiving meeting of our Baptist Young People. We sincerely believe that this is the most dynamic religious meeting in America today. Necessarily, at our general convention program, routine matters take up most of the time. In the BTU conventions, the spiritual side of the Christian life is magnified above all things else. We believe, sincerely, that the hope of our future Baptist work lies in the leadership of our Baptist young people's work. The convention theme at the Abilene meeting last week—"I Will Build My Church"—will be carried back to every nook and corner of Texas by this mighty host of consecrated young manhood and womanhood—the leadership of tomorrow's Baptist work in this mighty commonwealth of Texas. Let's not try to tamper with our BTU work in Texas. To interfere in any way with this mighty spiritual force in our Kingdom work would be but to "kill the goose that laid the golden eggs."

OUR NEGRO WORK

Next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock a mass meeting of Negro Baptists of Abilene will be held at the First Baptist Church. The white people of the city are invited to attend this meeting and give encouragement to these colored brethren. Beginning on Monday night of next week another mission training school will be held for the Negroes of Abilene. This work will be under the direction of Mrs. W. S. Beams. A faculty of teachers from the various white churches has been selected to assist in the work.

This work is to be commended. If our Christian people don't watch out, they will wake up some of these days to see that they have sadly neglected a great mission opportunity right at their door. Communism is making a tremendous bid for our colored people of America. Catholicism is reaching out in a well planned campaign to win the Negroes. Holy rollerism is making fast inroads in the ranks of the Negro churches.

The Negro people are here at our very door, not of their own choice. They were brought to America by the white race. Of course these races living together constitute a real problem, and it is up to our Christian people to solve this problem.

TIME TO CALL A HALT

This business of automobile wrecks on the highways is getting intolerable. The time has come when it is unsafe for a person to get out on our public highways in an automobile. We are prone to lay most of the blame for these accidents to drunken driving. No doubt many of the accidents are due to liquor, but a vast majority of them are due to pure, unadulterated, reckless speeding. Something is going to have to be done about it. The motorist who drives his car over the highways at a speed of 60 to 80 miles is not only a law violator, but he is a potential criminal. A few days ago a man drove his automobile from Amarillo to Abilene in four hours time. Is it any wonder that before the day was over a number of lives were lost, bodies mangled and homes wrecked.

The remedy for speeding—have governors placed on all cars, not allowing them to drive faster than 50 miles an hour, and then take a man's license away from him when he is caught driving a car without a governor.

"MEMBER OR KNOCKER?"

Are you an active member,
The kind that likes to do,
Or are you just contented
To leave it to a few;
Do you attend the services
And worship with the folks,
Or do you stay away, and grumble
And tell all sorts of jokes;
Say, do you take an active part
And help the church along,
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind that just belong;
Do you get out and visit
And help to see the sick,
Or leave this pleasure to just a few
And then talk about the clique?
So come out to the services,
Help with hand and heart,
Don't be "just a member"
But try to do your part;
Think it over, friends,
You know right from wrong,
Be an active member, instead of
"Just belong."

—ALVIN H. SMITH,
East Fourth Street Church, Big Spring.

Dr. Jeff D. Ray Discusses B.T.U. Meet At Abilene

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his garments, spoke with an eloquence unusual even for him on "The Centennial Story of Texas Baptists." A native Texan, he is proud of the romantic progress made, not only by his own Baptist people, but by the state at large. Circumstances requiring that he give the subject special attention, together with unusual literary and historical instinct, makes him probably the best qualified man in the State to speak on Texas Baptist history.

For a mere youth, Baker James Cauthen has had an unusual career. While yet a seminary student, he was called to the pastorate of the large Polytechnic Church in Fort Worth. On his graduation, when he was 24, he was married to Eloise Glass, the brilliant daughter of W. B. Glass, a veteran missionary in China. They had no other plans than to go to China as missionaries. He had been selected as a teacher in a theological seminary there but the seminary in Fort Worth needed a man for the chair of missions. He was offered this position. Then came the fight of his life to decide whether he could be of more service teaching in a Chinese mission school or remaining in this country to train a group of missionaries for China and other mission fields. His wife had been born and reared in China. All of her best loved ones are there.

A Choice Against China

They say it was never a question of what they preferred, the emotional choice pro and con, being so evenly balanced. So, it was not difficult for them to decide the question in the light of duty. At last the decision was made to give their lives to the Fort Worth school. Immediately the Chinese position was offered to Buford Nichols and he, with his family, will be on their way to China in a week. One of the really great addresses of the convention was delivered by Mr. Cauthen on Thursday night on the theme "The First Missionary" in which he set out the pre-eminence of Jesus in the missionary enterprise. The address itself was sufficient to justify the wisdom of the Seminary in its choice of this youth to give his life to the task of maintaining the missionary spirit in the institution in coming years.

In my story Sunday morning, I said there would be 7,000 messengers present at this convention. I got the information from Secretary Gardner but I put it in with a slight tinge of conscience, feeling that it must be a bit of Texas Baptist brag. But Friday it was announced that already more than 8,000 had actually registered as messengers and a number of voting precincts yet to hear from. Bob Jolly of Houston says it is hard to overstate permanently anything about Texas Baptist growth, for if it isn't true today, it will be tomorrow.

A Pastor 21 Years

Rev. Millard A. Jenkins of the First Church does not pose as "pastor host" for he feels that all his fellow pastors have equal right to that title, but if length of service gives a man a right to that distinction, he is entitled to it. Two weeks ago, the church observed the twenty-first anniversary of his pastorate. During that time 6,872 have been added to the church and more than a million dollars contributed to causes maintained by the Baptist denomination. The present membership of the church is 2,263. He is a vital factor in the work of Hardin Simmons University and Hendrick Memorial Hospital. He is president of the state Baptist executive board. Among his co-laborers in Abilene and throughout the state, he is held in high esteem as a fair-minded, honest, courageous man. He is much in demand for evangelistic service throughout the country.

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At the Abilene convention last week the B. T. U. with a thunderous "No" rejected the recommendation from the General Convention that the B. T. U. be consolidated with other auxiliaries of the convention.

One can hardly conceive of the idea of discontinuing this Thanksgiving meeting of our Baptist Young People. We sincerely believe that this is the most dynamic religious meeting in America today. Necessarily, at our general convention program, routine matters take up most of the time. In the BTU conventions, the spiritual side of the Christian life is magnified above all things else. We believe, sincerely, that the hope of our future Baptist work lies in the leadership of our Baptist young people's work. The convention theme at the Abilene meeting last week—"I Will Build My Church"—will be carried back to every nook and corner of Texas by this mighty host of consecrated young manhood and womanhood—the leadership of tomorrow's Baptist work in this mighty commonwealth of Texas. Let's not try to tamper with our BTU work in Texas. To interfere in any way with this mighty spiritual force in our Kingdom work would be but to "kill the goose that laid the golden eggs."

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Next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock a mass meeting of Negro Baptists of Abilene will be held at the First Baptist Church. The white people of the city are invited to attend this meeting and give encouragement to these colored brethren. Beginning on Monday night of next week another mission training school will be held for the Negroes of Abilene. This work will be under the direction of Mrs. W. S. Beams. A faculty of teachers from the various white churches has been selected to assist in the work.

This work is to be commended. If our Christian people don't watch out, they will wake up some of these days to see that they have sadly neglected a great mission opportunity right at their door. Communism is making a tremendous bid for our colored people of America. Catholicism is reaching out in a well planned campaign to win the Negroes. Holy rollerism is making fast inroads in the ranks of the Negro churches.

The Negro people are here at our very door, not of their own choice. They were brought to America by the white race. Of course these races living together constitute a real problem, and it is up to our Christian people to solve this problem.

TIME TO CALL A HALT

This business of automobile wrecks on the highways is getting intolerable. The time has come when it is unsafe for a person to get out on our public highways in an automobile. We are prone to lay most of the blame for these accidents to drunken driving. No doubt many of the accidents are due to liquor, but a vast majority of them are due to pure, unadulterated, reckless speeding. Something is going to have to be done about it. The motorist who drives his car over the highways at a speed of 60 to 80 miles is not only a law violator, but he is a potential criminal. A few days ago a man drove his automobile from Amarillo to Abilene in four hours time. Is it any wonder that before the day was over a number of lives were lost, bodies mangled and homes wrecked.

The remedy for speeding—have governors placed on all cars, not allowing them to drive faster than 50 miles an hour, and then take a man's license away from him when he is caught driving a car without a governor.

"MEMBER OR KNOCKER"

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Do you attend the services
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Or do you stay away, and grumble
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Say, do you take an active part
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And help to see the sick,
Or leave this pleasure to just a few
And then talk about the clique?
So come out to the services,
Help with hand and heart,
Don't be "just a member"
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East Fourth Street Church, Big Spring.

Dr. Jeff D. Ray Discusses B.T.U. Meet At Abilene

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A Choice Against China

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The preachers of Hardin-Simmons University, are, promoting a Baptist Standard subscription campaign in District 17, under the direction of the Standard field man, Rev. J. P. Reynolds.

The several associations in the district have been assigned to different students, who will visit each church, and in co-operation with the pastor, or the Baptist Standard leader in the church, make a house to house canvass for subscriptions.

They have three plans of subscriptions: viz, the church budget plan, the club plan, and individual subscription plan.

The price on the Standard will be the same as usual, but by co-operating with this effort the preacher-student will get a small commission.

Many of our fine student-preachers are having a very hard struggle to remain in school, and we believe that pastors and others are interested in helping them. Every effort of co-operation will therefore be greatly appreciated.

Churches Calling Pastors

The Sagerton Church, in Haskell Association, has called the Rev. Mosley of H.-S. U. as pastor. The district missionary moderated the conference. The church adopted a budget and raised \$70 on the building debt.

The Old Glory Church, in Stonewall Association, called Rev. R. T. Barton as pastor.

The Girard Church in Stonewall Association, has called Rev. James Cobb of Spur.

The Sweet Home Church in Haskell Association, plans to call a pastor next Sunday.

At the present there are only eight churches in District 17 that are pastorless.

Revival at Clyde

The Clyde Baptist Church, Rev. J. S. Tierce, pastor, recently closed a revival, in which there were 64 additions, 45 of which were for baptism. There were 15 professions that did not join the church.

The district missionary, J. D. Brannon, did the preaching. The pastor lead the music.

POTOSI CHURCH PAYS TRIBUTE TO PREACHER

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Miss Rosa Pollard should not be overlooked. At the close of the day when friends, who had partaken of the food to their hearts content, failed to exhaust the bountiful supply of food that had been brought there, Miss Rosa began to serve refreshments to those who called later in the afternoon. Then on top of all that she filled vessels for different ones to take home and to leave at different places so that they too could share the joy and happiness of this happy birthday.

Churches Calling Pastors

The Potosi Church, in Callahan Association, has called the Rev. G. Q. Fulghum, of Hardin-Simmons University.

The Missionary preached last Sunday morning at the Sweet Home Church, in Haskell Association. At the close of the service there were eight additions for baptism, one by letter, and three rededications. The church, by secret ballot voted unanimously to call Brother Clarence Wainwright of Rule as pastor.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

This is the time when we are all interested in the Lottie Moon Christmas offering, which is an offering for Foreign Missions. We are hoping this will be the greatest offering taken in many years.

Let me urge that every woman in our churches attend the W. M. U. program on this subject, and then tell the men about the plans. We hope that every pastor will preach a great sermon on Foreign Missions, and give their people a chance to express their love for Christ and a lost world, through their gifts to this great Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

State Board Meeting

The State Board meeting of our general convention will be in Dallas on December 8. This is the most important meeting of the year, the time when all the appropriations for another year is made. Let us all pray that God may guide in this work.

Report of District Missions

Sermons and addresses, 44. Miles traveled, 1,735. Letters and cards written, 78. Telegrams and telephones, 7. Churches calling pastors, 8. Churches now pastorless, 8. Meetings attended: associational 5, state 2, district 2. Tracts distributed, 2,000. Revivals held, 1. Communities contacted, 78. Additions: baptism, 32, letter, 10. Other professions, 14, total 56. Finances: collected for Lueders encampment, \$20, collected for D. M., \$87.83, collected for local church work, \$70, total \$177.83.

The Aspermont Church, Rev. J. B. Rowan, pastor, put on a four-day stewardship revival the first of this week.

H.-S. U. STUDENTS KILLED

The entire campus of Hardin-Simmons University was in mourning Monday over the tragic death of two popular students. Robert A. Marshall, Jr., from Coahoma and Miss Wanda Day of Anson died early Monday morning from injuries received late Sunday night in an automobile accident in north Abilene. Memorial services were held at the university chapel Tuesday morning and large numbers of the students and faculty members attended the funerals at Anson and Coahoma Tuesday afternoon.

W. M. U. DEPARTMENT

BENEVOLENCE REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPT. 30, 1936

Callahan Association: Number talks made, 2; B. O. H. offerings, 2; not valued, 2 boxes, \$51.25; Hospital, 1 offering, not valued; 1 box not valued, 3 societies reported; Cross Plains observed June week of prayer.—Mrs. J. E. Green, Putnam, Chairman.

Cisco Association: Number talks, 1; B. O. H., 2 boxes, \$38.95; Hendrick Memorial Hospital, 1 offering, \$7.00; 1 box, \$11.27, 3 boxes not valued; Beneficiary, 2 offerings, \$10.75, 3 boxes not valued; 6 societies observed June week of prayer.—Mrs. Graton Adams, Okra, Chairman.

Fisher Association: No work done this quarter.—Mrs. Emery Scott, Rotan, Rt. 1, Chairman.

Haskell Association: Number talks, 2; B. O. H., 1 offering, \$6.25; Hendrick Memorial Hospital, 1 offering, \$6.25, 3 societies reported.—Mrs. D. Scott, Haskell, Chairman.

Jones County Association: Number talks, 10; B. O. H., 1 offering; Hendrick Memorial Hospital, 3 offerings, 1 box, 4 societies reported (Anson, Hamlin, Lueders and Stamford mem.).—Mrs. F. E. Lowry, Lueders, Chairman.

Stonewall Association: 3 societies reported (Aspermont, Jayton and Swenson); Hendrick Memorial Hospital, 2 boxes, \$3.80; 1 box, not valued.—Mrs. Guy Southern, Swenson, Chairman.

Sweetwater Association: B. O. H., 2 offerings, \$31.85; Hendrick Memorial Hospital, 3 offerings, \$7.66, 2 boxes, \$68.92; 1 Mother's Day offering, \$38.62; Beneficiary, 1 offering, \$3.62, 2 boxes, \$8.50; Relief Bd. June Special, 2 offerings, \$30.40; Callahan and Haskell late.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. GEO. L. PAXTON, Chairman, District 17, 902 Sayles Blvd.

WORKERS CONFERENCE OF JONES COUNTY ASSOCIATION

To convene with Hodges Baptist Church Tuesday, December 15. General Theme—"Fellow Helpers to the Truth," 3rd John 8.

9:50 A. M.—Devotional, Orvil Richardson.

10:00—"What is Implied by the Word Truth in Our Theme Text?" W. D. Fielder.

10:15—"How May We Be 'Fellow Helpers to the Truth' in Local Church Life?" Ernest Bowman.

10:30—"How May We Be 'Fellow Helpers to the Truth' in Denominational Life?" Dr. E. B. Atwood.

10:45—"How May We Be 'Fellow Helpers to the Truth' in Civic Righteousness?" J. Henry Littleton.

11:05—Sermon, L. A. Doyle.

12:00—Lunch.

1:15—Executive Board and W. M. U. Meetings.

1:45—Plans and Policies of Our District and State Missions, J. D. Brannon.

2:00—A Forward Look Concerning Our Work as Seen in Two Recent State-wide Meetings, C. A. Powell.

2:30—Inspirational Address, J. B. Bradford.

Note—Time for this meeting was changed from December 22 to 15 so as to not have our meeting during Christmas week. If you name appears on this program and you know that you cannot be present, please notify C. D. Owen, 1602 Ambler Ave., Abilene.

Mrs. B. L. Lockett spoke at the First Church, Abilene, Sunday, on the subject of missions. The Baptist women of Abilene are observing the week of prayer this week, preparatory for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

Pastor John W. Williams of Hobbs, N. M., was among the New Mexico visitors at the B. T. U. convention last week.

DR. JEFF D. RAY DISCUSSES B. T. U. MEET AT ABILENE

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preachers of the previous generation.

Welcome for W. R. White

At the meeting of the general convention at Mineral Wells two weeks ago, a committee was appointed to canvass the question of reducing the number of conventions, possibly merging this body with one or more of the other organizations, or having them hold their conventions on alternate years. This group decidedly declared that they would have none of it, by the enthusiastic adoption of a resolution offered by Robert Jolly, opposing any change so far as this body is concerned.

The messengers, young and old, gave W. R. White a hearty welcome back to his native state. He is at present, they hope only temporarily, an exile serving a sentence of pastor of First Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. He delivered the keynote address Thursday morning on the theme, "I Will Build My Church" and set the pitch pretty high. He also brought a stirring message Friday night.

Those who heard the address of Fred C. Eastham could easily un-

Foolish Fallacies

(Third Edition)

By Ethel Hubler

Young John Barleycorn is a chip out of the old block. "Old John" was a "murderer from the beginning and abode not in the truth," and his young offspring—the legalized liquor trade—is just like him.

Repealists enticed the voters with many fancy promises about the great benefits to accrue to the nation following the return of the beer and whiskey traffic. Let's review these promises.

What About Unemployment? The secretary-treasurer of the International Union of the United Brewery Workers says the number of wage earners in the breweries are 45,925 in the United States—a small showing! The Christian Century says that there are more people out of employment now than at any time in the last five years.

What About Crime? There are now 1,000 more federal prisoners than at any time in the nation's history. Liquor is crowding the prisons.

What About Youth? To add "moral atmosphere" to our drinking, we adopted the noble British institution of barmaids. The New York Times says: "The old saloon had its faults, but at its worst there never was any chance that you would have to fight your way through school girls to get to the bar."

What About Dry State Protection? The Internal Revenue department has been issuing licenses to wholesalers in dry states. In one state alone, Alabama, seventeen wholesale beer dealers have been licensed. This same department has also stated that there are 980 retail whiskey dealers and 328 retail beer dealers in Alabama.

What About Lowered Taxes? The taxes of most of our citizens are mounting, but the President recently signed a bill reducing by fifty per cent the taxes on still wines and other beverages. The action is not conducive towards "balancing the

budget" from liquor sales.

What About Bootlegging? A congressman from North Carolina, Mr. Doughton, appropriately describes the condition in relation to bootlegging when he exclaims, "This country is now a 'Bootlegger's Paradise.'" An editorial in the Commercial Appeal says: "It is estimated that but 15 per cent of all liquor being used in this country is tax paid."

What About Loss of Property and Life? Toll for the year 1935: dead, 36,400; injured, 1,277,000; permanently disabled 107,000; losses and property damage, \$1,600,000,000. Was liquor the primary influence in this disastrous situation? The Pennsylvania State Safety Department has issued a card upon which the words appear: "Drunken driving doesn't pay." The states sell the driver the stuff, and he gets drunk, and then the state warns him to be careful. Consistency, thou art a jewel.

What About Reducing the Sale of Intoxicants? The consumption of liquor was to be reduced under repeal, especially "hard liquors." The supply of whiskey in the bonded warehouses of the United States is the greatest in the nation's history. The first seven months of the fiscal year showed an increase of \$53,695,812 in Federal revenues from intoxicating liquors. Steadily the consumption of liquor mounts.

What About Prosperity's Return? We are feeding more men and women in our jails than ever before. The money that liquor started circulating is finding its way into the pockets of the doctors, the nurses, the hospitals and the undertakers, and the coffin manufacturers. "Prosperity" is not in the right direction. The grocery stores, the shoe manufacturers, and the clothing merchants should be getting this money.

What About the "No Saloon" Promise? Chicago has 21,000 liquor selling places, three times the number in the old days. The nation's capital has 490 more liquor licenses than ever before. There are 437,000 liquor places in America. The fat saloon-keeper, with his white apron, has been removed, and the young sons and daughters, our fairest, have taken his place. "Bar-flicks" and "beer-bustlers"—more women bartenders now, than men.

What About "Moderate" Drinking? The drunkards of 1945 are beginning to take their places in the parade. Hundreds of thousands of young girls and boys are taking their places in the procession. During the last "three long years," there has been a 183 per cent increase in youth made ununsurable by drink. In the words of Bishop Robert McIntyre, "How shall we step over the tiny graves of little ones slain by drink to face the ire of Him who 'loves the least of these'?"

The Road Ahead! Educate, educate, beginning with the kindergarten! Vote, vote for only dry officials. Vote as we pray. Cologne cathedral was 600 years in building, but it was built! The complete abolishment of the liquor traffic must be accomplished. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

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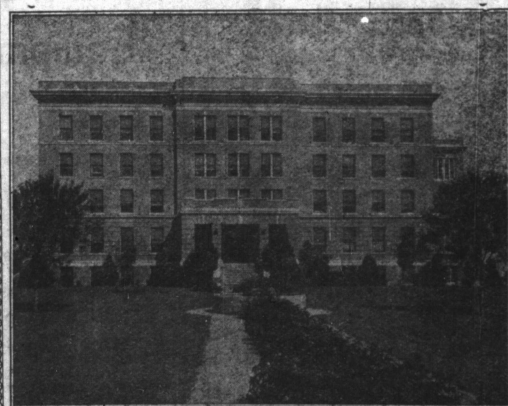
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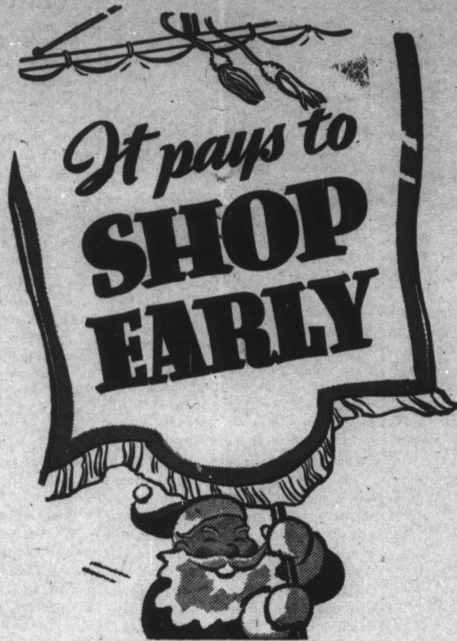
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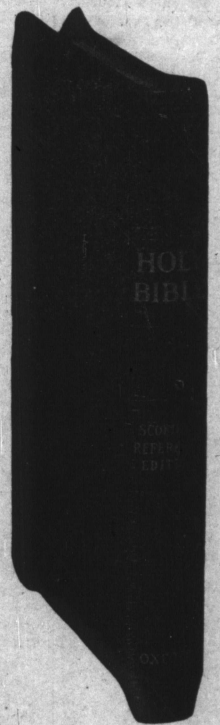
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