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## STAGE IS ALL SET FOR LUEDERS ENCAMPMENT

### Texas Committee on Unification Reports

#### New Constitution Is Drafted for the Approval of Texas Baptists

**Editor's Note:** Texas Baptists have waited with interest the report of the committee of fifty, twenty-five from the Baptist General Convention and twenty-five from the Baptist Missionary Association, appointed at the last year's annual meetings of these two bodies, looking toward the matter of unification. The first published report of the finding of this committee was published last week in the Baptist Standard and Baptist Progress, official organs of the two bodies. Below we are publishing the findings of these two committees. These brethren have done some earnest, prayerful work and it is to be hoped that these two great Baptist bodies will soon be united again in a great program of world evangelism.

#### A FOREWORD

To the Baptist Brotherhood of Texas:

At the annual meetings of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and of the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas, held in November, 1933, a committee of twenty-five from each body was named "for the purpose of fellowship and prayer, and to consider the wisdom of calling a statewide mass meeting and the possibility of the unification of these two statewide Baptist bodies."

This joint committee of fifty has held several meetings and has worked prayerfully and brotherly in the consideration of all the matters that have caused the differences among our Baptist people in the past. The spirit of fellowship has been beautiful. They have finally agreed upon a report which we are herewith submitting to our churches and our people for their consideration, and which we believe is a basis on which the Baptists now co-operating through these two statewide bodies can agree and come to work in harmony through one statewide organization.

We cordially commend the report of the committee and the whole effort toward unification to our brothers and sisters and urge that earnest prayer be made everywhere for the ultimate success of this effort.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

##### Section 1

##### General Statement

First, on Scriptural doctrine and local church polity, the churches co-operating through the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas, and the churches co-operating through the Baptist General Convention of Texas, are, and always have been, to all intents and purposes in perfect agreement. On every Biblical doctrine our positions are the same, for instance, we believe all the churches of both bodies unhesitatingly subscribe to, and earnestly contend for, the absolute, complete, infallible, perfect, and verbal inspiration of the Scriptures of the Old Testament and New Testament, so that, combined, they are the full and perfect revelation of God's will to man, as originally written, free from error, as no human document can be.

We hold, moreover, the historic position of the Biblical Baptist Faith, the churches of both bodies, without an exception known to the members of your committee, subscribing to the same articles of faith and the same church covenant. The churches of both bodies are, and have been, in unbroken church fellowship, as is evidenced by the fact that there has always been, and still is, an unquestioned interchange of church letters and recognition of the ordination of ministers and deacons of each by the other.

Second, we believe that concord and ultimate unity of organization between the churches co-operating through the two bodies would present immense advantages to all the churches, for instance:

A united front of all Baptist churches would give to us a stronger evangelistic appeal and greater influence upon those without;

Such a union would pave the way for the restoration of the blessings and joys of fellowship between brethren in local communities that have been divided over the state issues;

It would make possible a more wholehearted and united effort in all Kingdom activities in those communities in which there is only one Baptist church but a real division of sentiment within the church; Such a union would inevitably reduce the overhead expenses of administering our interchurch activities;

Such a union would enable us more ably to confront the present rising tide of worldliness, ungodliness, down-right opposition to everything pertaining to Christianity, and the worldwide sweep toward governmental dictatorship in matters religious as well as political and economic;

Such a union would give greater comfort and encouragement to

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#### EDUCATIONAL DAYS AT ENCAMPMENT

The two Sundays of the Lueders Encampment have been designated as educational days and two West Texas institutions, Hardin-Simmons University and Howard Payne College, will render programs in the afternoons of those days.

The first Sunday, July 15, will be Hardin and Simmons Day. A large attendance of the faculty and students will attend that day, and a program will be rendered in the afternoon. Ex-students and friends from all over West Texas are expected to be present to enjoy this phase of the encampment.

The first Sunday, July 15, will be Hardin - Simmons Day. A Payne College Day. Details of the program have not been announced, but a large delegation of teachers and students from that institution are expected to attend.

#### A CAMP SCENE AT LUEDERS



### Jews, Protestants Unite With Catholics In Fight Against Evils of Movies

#### BRANNON ACCEPTS DISTRICT MISSIONARY WORK BEGINNING AUGUST FIRST

Announcements were made Monday that Rev. J. D. Brannon, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Rotan, had accepted the mission work of District 17 and would be on the field to begin his work August 1. He is already meeting the association in the district and helping organize the association for the summer campaign of evangelism which is being made by Texas Baptists under the leadership of Secretary Howard Williams of Dallas. Brother Brannon has been pastor of the Rotan Church for the past two or three years and he has done a fine work on that field.

District 17 is composed of seven associations and twelve counties. It is one of the strategic districts in the State, due to the fact that it is large territorially and has three important institutions within its bounds. They are Hardin-Simmons University, the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium and Lueders Baptist encampment.

Rev. E. D. Dunlap of Sweetwater, district organizer for the cooperative program in this district, has been working on the matter of enlisting the associations of the district in electing a missionary. It is expected that the work of the district will take on new life with a missionary on the field to lead in the work.

#### INSTALLATION FOR S. S. OFFICERS FOR UNIVERSITY CHURCH

Members of the Fidelis Sunday School Class of University Baptist Church, met Sunday afternoon at four o'clock at the home of their teacher, Mrs. E. M. Francis, for the installation of the newly-elected officers. First, little Miss Sammie Ridgeway entertained with two reading numbers, then an impressive candle service was held publicly announcing the new officers and instructing them in their duties. Miss Nelle Francis took her place as the new president. Following a short period of music a buffet supper was served to the following members and visitors: Christine Dennis, Vera Evans, Mabel Ruth Rutledge, Margaret Newman, Edna McMinn, Lois Davidson, Edith Speck, Kathryn McQuary, Elsie George, Lucille Beaty, Mattie White, Grace Davidson, Lois Rosser, Oma Lee Manly, Nelle Francis, Helen Hatton, Viola York, Mrs. Bobbie Pritchard, Mrs. E. M. Francis, Mrs. T. C. Gooch, and Ida Jane Collins of Wichita Falls.

Our readers will sympathize with Mrs. Henry Littleton of Hamlin in the death of her father, C. C. Luella of Carter, Oklahoma.

As the campaign against unwholesome movies progresses, more and more Protestant and Jewish agencies are joining with Catholics to work for better films.

Most heartening, in particular, is the increasing extent to which Jewish religious and lay organizations are joining the campaign. Jews are painfully aware that many movie producers are co-religionists. They feel, therefore, that the Jewish campaign against unwholesome movies should be motivated not only by the condition of the present output of films, but by the surrender on the part of Jewish movie producers of Jewish standards of ethics and Jewish ideals.

This attitude was exemplified by Rabbi Morton Goldberg of Fall River, Mass., on March 7, when Rabbi Goldberg, in a public statement, endorsed the campaign begun by Bishop James E. Cassidy of the Fall River diocese against unwholesome movies. Pointing out that the Board of Jewish Ministers of New York, composed of hundreds of Rabbis, had opened a campaign not only against indecent movies but also against objectionable and offensive magazines, Rabbi Goldberg attacked Jewish movie producers who bring disgrace on the Jewish people. "These Jews are considered wrongdoers and are being denounced in Jewish press and pulpit constantly," he said.

The campaign begun by Bishop Cassidy was also endorsed by the Jewish Advocate of Boston, which virtually asked Jews to boycott theatres showing unwholesome films. "The very greatest influence that could be involved to transform the modern stage to an agency of undoubted worth and influence should be used by the Jewish theatre-goers by patronizing and boosting clean and wholesome shows and starve out those who insist on catering to impressionable youth with pictures glorifying crime, degrading bedroom scenes, of demoralizing examples of the demimonde existence, of nauseating perversions of sick souls," the Advocate declared.

#### Jewish Chronicle Speaks

A further indication of the Jewish attitude towards the movies is contained in an editorial in a current issue of the Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle which attacks the plea of the producers that they are only giving the public what they want. "This plea is too thin for serious consideration," the Chronicle declares. "If the people got what they wanted the State would hold its electrocutions of murderers in the largest stadium in the land, and surgeons would perform their delicate operations in the city auditorium before the full view of many thousands. Killing a murderer in the electric chair would draw more 'box office' than a hundred gangster and murder and smut pictures. Those who are in control of government and of the theatre and of the films and of newspapers and of every other avenue

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### Program Which Begins Thursday P.M., July 12 Will Continue 10 Days

At a meeting of the program committee of the Lueders Baptist Encampment in Abilene on Monday of this week, final details of the program were worked out and everything was declared in readiness for the meeting of the encampment. The first service will be held on Thursday evening, July 12, with Dr. Millard A. Jenkins of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, as the main speaker.

Rev. Henry Littleton of Hamlin, business manager of the encampment declares that the grounds are in the best shape they have ever been, and that every indication points to one of the best encampments in the history of the institution.

On account of his trip to the Baptist World Alliance, Secretary Howard Williams of Dallas will be unable to fill his engagements as encampment speaker for the first half of the meeting. His place will be filled by a number of pastors of the district. Dr. Jenkins is to be the speaker on Thursday evening. The Friday morning and evening speaking engagement will be filled by Rev. E. S. James, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Cisco. Rev. P. D. O'Brien of the First Baptist Church, Colorado, will be the speaker for both hours Saturday, and the newly elected Missionary, Rev. J. D. Brannon, pastor of the first Baptist Church, Rotan, will be the speaker on Sunday.

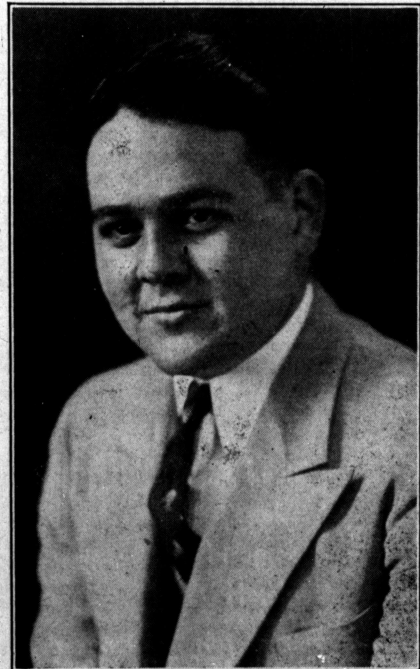
During the last part of the encampment, Rev. C. E. Mathews, pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, will be the encampment speaker. Brother Matthews is one of the outstanding young ministers of Texas, and his messages will be an inspiration to the encampment visitors. Dr. E. Leslie Carlson of the Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, will bring Bible lectures daily.

The success of the musical program for the encampment will be assured by the fact that the music is to be directed by Professor I. E. Reynolds and wife of the Seminary. Besides his work as music director, Mr. Reynolds will conduct a class in church music each evening from 7:30 to 8:00 o'clock.

The Baptist Book store of Dallas will have a large supply of Bibles and books on hand for the convenience of the visitors. Boy scouts as usual will be on hand to direct the traffic. The West Texas Baptist Sanitarium will have an emergency tent on the grounds with trained nurses to care for the minor injuries. This phase of the encampment has been of great benefit to the encampment each year.

The program in full, published elsewhere in this issue, will give complete details of the program for the entire encampment. One of the seeming problems facing the meeting was the fact that up until last week, the Clear Fork river, on the banks of which the encampment grounds are located, was rather low and filled with moss. Last week a two foot rise came down the river and cleaned the channel out, making it ideal for fishing and swimming.

### Will Conduct Revival at Talpa



Rev. Kelley Barnett, Evangelist

Rev. S. J. T. Williams is busy this week conducting a house to house personal visitation campaign in the vicinity and whole surrounding community of Talpa. A large card with the Evangelist and picture of the pastor is left in the home and an urgent invitation is being given for everybody to come to the meeting. Not in a few cases is prayer offered and a spirit of revival is already started. Pastor Williams is full of expectation for the meeting that the whole neighborhood will be stirred. Four meetings will be conducted each evening preceding the preaching service. Young People, Children, Men and Women prayer meetings. Everybody is looking forward to hear Kelley Barnett. The series of meetings will begin Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock, July 13.

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### THE REVIVAL SEASON

The editor will go to Dickens City Friday night to be in a ten day revival meeting with Pastor Victor Crabtree and his good church. As stated in last issue, it is our intention to be gone a great deal of the time up to the first of September. We again appeal to our pastors to help us out by sending in news items from over this great field. For the next two months evangelistic campaigns will be in progress in almost every community. Our people would be glad to hear about these meetings. Just a post card would do the work. Won't you send us in reports from your section? There is not a more heartening and glorious sight than to see thousands of our preachers out in the highway and in hedges preaching the glorious gospel and baptizing people in the church. Let us all join in this great campaign with our prayers and our means to the end that this shall be one of the greatest times of harvest in the history of our glorious work in Texas.

### THE LUEDERS ENCAMPMENT

On Thursday of next week the annual meeting of the Lueders Baptist Encampment will begin. The encampment management has made elaborate preparation to care for a large crowd. The grounds are in the best condition they have ever been. People are well up with their work over this section. It seems there is nothing but a lot of pure unadulterated indifference will prevent a large attendance. Rev. J. Henry Littleton, business manager of the encampment was in our office this week seeing about the encampment publicity. As usual he has been putting forth every energy to make the encampment attractive and the programs uplifting and Christ-honoring. Incidentally, we learned that the encampment is about \$7,000 in debt, and some of these debts are pressing. About \$3,000 is needed to relieve this strain. It is hoped to enlist thirty churches in getting back of this proposition to the extent of \$100 each, or thirty churches and individuals.

Incidentally, we also learned that an amusement company is wanting to buy the encampment site and turn it into a beer garden, dance hall, etc. Wouldn't it be a nice little calamity, if our Baptist people in this section should fail to stand behind this great religious enterprise and let it die for want of moral and financial support and the promoters who have put ten years of their life and blood into making it what it is, be forced to sell this ideal site and let it fall into the hands of the devil and his crowd. Surely the people of God in this great western section will not for one moment think of letting such fate befall this sacred ground that has meant so much for the spiritual uplift of our people during the past ten years. All during the spring and summer months there ought to be groups of our people at these grounds for recreation and spiritual uplifting. Folks, let's rally to the Lueders Encampment and help relieve the financial strain on these good men who are giving so much of their time and money to the upbuilding of the institution.

### FIGHT AGAINST INDECENT MOVIES

We are carrying this week a story on the united fight of Catholics, Jews and Protestant churches against the evils of the modern moving picture industry. It is to the Catholic church that the honor is due of leading in this crusade, and other religious organizations are to be commended in that they have not let the source of the origin of the crusade keep them from uniting in a fight to the death against this evil that has done more to wreck the moral fiber of our people than any other modern evil. It is a tragedy that our church and civic leaders have gone this far without becoming aroused. The leaders against the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment tried to lay all the blame of our present, civil, moral and social order onto prohibition. And the horror of the thing is that the supposed leaders in moral and civic affairs sat goggle-eyed and let these saloon advocates get away with that silly argument. A person would not have to be very smart to know that the modern movie and the vicious and indecent literature that is flooding our homes is responsible in a large measure for the ills of this present generation. There is no need of abusing our young people because so many of them are drinking, smoking, gambling, going nudist and going into lives of crime. These youngsters are just creatures of their environment. They are graduates of the modern movie and the modern periodicals. Not only do the modern magazines pollute the minds of modern youth with this poison, but the secular daily press is playing havoc by feeding the public, morning, noon and night on sordid stories of revolting crimes. It is certainly true that we will reap what we sow. This applies to nations as well as individuals, and the sad fact that the reaping time has come, has made sick the hearts of those who love righteousness.

### PARI MUTUEL GAMBLING

It is rather amusing to watch the reaction of the business men in some of our larger cities against the evils of race track gambling since the legalizing of this evil by the last legislature. These business men have discovered that thousands of men and women who formerly paid their honest debts, are now letting these debts go unpaid and are betting all the money they can make, beg and borrow on the races. Millions of dollars that have heretofore gone into the channels of trade are now being carried out of the country by gamblers. In some of these cities business men are calling upon the preachers and women's organizations to lead in a fight against this evil. We think there is no question but that these organizations will eventually come to the rescue, but it might be better to let the public get a little more "fed up" on this proposition before beginning the fight. We believe our people after a while will begin to realize that it is not right to legalize evil and vice in any form. If a thing is evil, then it is wrong to legalize it. Our laws legalize liquor and prostitution on the grounds that laws governing them cannot be enforced. Might as well argue that the laws against murder, robbery and stealing should be repealed on the ground that the laws cannot be enforced. Of course every one knows that the prohibition laws were not enforced during the time of the eighteenth amendment, but for a person to argue that the repeal of the eighteenth amendment will lessen drinking and bootlegging is too silly to be considered for a moment.

### THORNS

In the Scriptures ethical "thorns" are physical handicaps. The remnant of the former inhabitants of Palestine were "thorns" to the Jews (Num. 33:55). They were there by permission. Paul's "thorn in the flesh" was immovable. It was given as a messenger of Satan to buffet and keep him humble. It is generally thought that it was given Paul at the time of a wonderful vision of heaven (2 Cor. 12:2f). But I have wondered if it might not have been given in anticipation of his relation to Christ and His church. "If this is true Paul's 'thorn,' like that of Moses, for which he excused himself from assuming the responsibility of leading Israel from bondage, might have been his physical weakness and lack of eloquence." (Ex. 4:10).

Some said against Paul, "his bodily presence is weak, and his speech of no account" (2 Cor. 10:10). But one does not need to be an "Anak" or "boanerge" to be of use to God and humanity. An anointed stripling may fell an Anak; and while patriotic eloquence may be more powerful than an armed force, and one with consecrated eloquence may move the multitudes toward God; and while God may use physical strength; yet without these unselfish motives one may simply be a big bag of wind or a "Jack Johnson." Adolph Hitler is an orator, but has been called an unscrupulous demagog. Paul may have been a "babbling" (Acts 17:18), but the sick were healed, the lame walker, and monarchs trembled at his words.

In his weakness the power of Christ was made perfect. So while God can use, He is not limited to, human potentialities (Acts 17:25).

Paul could rejoice that he was not eloquent and did not have unusual physical magnetism, lest the secret of his success might have been misinterpreted. The secret of Paul's success may be the secret of anyone's: the Spirit of Christ, brains, convictions, courage, and incessant effort. He was an enthusiast, but not a fanatic. He exercised discretion in all things. He lives today and influences men for good. So with other consecrated men and women.

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our Baptist youth in the work of the Lord and would clarify a troublesome problem for them;

Furthermore, such a union would be a long forward step in the answer to our Lord's great prayer for unity of His disciples so often repeated in John Seventeen.

Third, we earnestly recommend that the churches co-operating with each other through each state-wide organization strive prayerfully to make this the greatest year in history in the work of their respective co-operative activities, and that instead of any slackening there may be a determined increase of effort in our respective operations.

Fourth, we further recommend that in communities where there are Baptist churches co-operating through different channels, the pastors lead their churches in seeking closer fellowship and friendlier relations each with the others.

### SECTION II. Constitution

Explanation: (Concerning Article I, Section 1, of the proposed constitution, as to the name, we find that there are so many legal documents, such as deeds to vast properties, bonds, wills, endowments, etc., running into the millions of dollars in value, chartered under the name of Baptist General Convention of Texas, that it would be all but impossible to change to some other name, without involving much time and enormous expense and a possibility of endangering title to said properties; therefore, we have retained the name Baptist General Convention of Texas in the submitted constitution. But, while retaining the name, we have endeavored to so frame a constitution that it would meet the demands of all the churches in both present general bodies, and thereby enable them to co-operate together hereafter through one general body.)

#### Article I—Name and Nature

Section 1. The name of this body shall be the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Section 2. This body is and always shall remain only and solely a medium through which Baptist churches may work harmoniously in co-operation with each other, promoting the work and objects set forth in this constitution. It has not, to any degree, and shall never have any ecclesiastical authority. It shall not have and shall never attempt to exercise a single attribute of power or authority over any church, or over the messengers of the churches in such wise as to limit the sovereignty of the churches, but shall recognize the sovereignty of the churches under the one Sovereign, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Article II—Object

The object of this body shall be to awaken and stimulate among the churches the greatest possible activity in evangelism, missions, Christian education and benevolent work and enterprises; to cultivate a closer co-operation among the churches and promote harmony of feeling and concert of action in advancing all the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

#### Article III—Membership

Section 1. This body in all its meetings shall be composed of messengers elected by regular, missionary Baptist churches that shall voluntarily co-operate with other churches of like faith, in the work and purposes set forth in Article II of this Constitution.

Section 2. Each church co-operating through this body shall be entitled to two (2) messengers for the first one hundred (100) members, or fractional part thereof, and one additional messenger for each additional hundred members or major fractional part thereof; provided no church shall be entitled to more than ten (10) messengers.

#### Article IV—Donations and Funds

Section 1. All funds of this body shall be raised by voluntary donations, secured upon the merits of the causes for which appeals are made; provided this does not prevent acquiring funds, or property, by bequest or use of any income on property that may be bequeathed to or purchased by the institutions or agencies hereof.

Section 2. All donations to the objects of this body shall be strictly applied according to the expressed will and direction of the donors.

#### Article V—Officers

Section 1. The officers of this body shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Secretary of the corporation and two Recording Secretaries, who shall be elected annually by ballot; providing that, by unanimous consent any officers of this body may be elected by acclamation. They shall hold their offices until their successors are

elected. They shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Board.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the deliberations of the Convention, and to discharge such other duties as are usually incumbent on the presiding officer of deliberative bodies. He shall appoint all committees unless the body shall otherwise determine; and, in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents shall fill his place.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretaries to keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the body, and to file and keep all papers in order, deemed important to be preserved.

Section 4. The duties of the Secretary of the Corporation shall be such as are required in the Charter.

Section 5. The election of officers shall take place as soon as the body is organized and the names of the members present recorded.

Section 6. The highest number of votes shall constitute a choice in all cases except for President, which shall require for election a majority of the votes cast.

Section 7. No one shall be eligible for the office of President for more than three successive years.

### Article VI—Boards

Section 1. Each institution fostered by this body shall have a Board consisting of thirteen or more trustees that shall be elected by this body in its annual sessions. When the charter of such institution provides for a specific number of trustees, the number so provided for shall be elected. Trustees may be elected in classes so that the terms of one class only shall expire with each Convention year.

Section 2. This body in annual session shall elect sixty-eight directors, who with the President, and three Vice-Presidents, the Secretary of the Corporation, and the two Recording Secretaries shall be the Board of Directors provided for in the charter of this Convention.

The sixty-eight directors shall be elected in three groups designated as "Group A," with twenty-three members; "Group B," with twenty-three members; "Group C," with twenty-two members; which Groups shall serve terms of one, two and three years from election, in the alphabetical order named. When the terms of the groups expire their successors shall be elected for terms of three years if vacancies occur between sessions of the body, same shall be filled by the Board of Directors whose appointees shall serve until the end of the term thus filled.

The seventy-five directors thus provided for shall be known as the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas; provided that no one who is a direct beneficiary of the funds of this body or who is connected with any institution belonging to this body except as a trustee, or except he be an ex-officio member of the Board, shall be eligible for membership on the Executive Board.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall have charge and control, except when otherwise directed by this body, of all the work of the body, including missions, education and beneficence, in the interim between sessions.

Section 4. The Executive Board shall elect annually an Executive Secretary, and such assistants as may be deemed necessary, shall fix salaries, make financial arrangements and have such other powers and authority as may be necessary to carry on the work of the body.

Section 5. The Executive Board shall annually make to this body a financial report of the year's work, accompanied by a statement, showing all receipts and disbursements for the year.

Section 6. The Executive Board shall hold in trust and shall administer all the properties, annuities, trusts and invested funds of this body except as otherwise provided for by the Convention, and shall report annually to the body the state of all funds and properties which it holds and administers.

Section 7. The Board of Administration of each Institution, owned and controlled by this body, shall submit for review and approval to this body or to a committee designated by this body, each and every project or policy, that involves an increase of liabilities on this body. Any Institution incurring liabilities by independent action shall be wholly responsible for such liabilities without in any way involving this body.

### Article VII—Meetings

This body shall meet annually at such time and place as it may appoint, and the Executive Board shall have power to call a meeting of the body when it deems necessary.

### Article VIII—Amendments

This Constitution shall not be changed or amended unless the change or amendment be offered on the first day of the annual session, and lie over to some subsequent day, and then only by two-thirds majority.

### SECTION III.

#### Agencies and Institutions

We recognize that one of the questions to be dealt with, if the unification of our Baptist people is to be finally consummated, is the question of agencies and institutions now owned and operated by the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas and by the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Shall all of these agencies and institutions be maintained? What about the debts on them? And other similar questions, have already been frequently asked.

We understand that ultimately these problems must be dealt with, but do not consider them so fundamental to the question of the unification of our two statewide Baptist bodies as some of the questions already dealt with by this committee. We do not believe that this committee, at this time, could formulate a plan sufficiently clear in regard to details with reference to each institution and agency, but would make the following recommendations:

1. It is our belief that our Baptist people, whether co-operating with the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas or with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, are honest people and expect to pay their debts whether two statewide bodies or one is maintained. If agreements can be reached whereby we may co-operate through one general statewide body, it is the belief of this committee, that all Baptists co-operating with such general body would feel morally obligated to ultimately take care of all present outstanding indebtedness against all the present institutions and agencies, and that the united body would be willing to declare its responsibility in such obligations.

2. Whether, with the unification of the two bodies there should be the merging or elimination of present institutions and agencies, we would not now attempt to say; except, of course, if such a movement succeeds, we will have no permanent need for two Executive Boards to direct the Convention's work or two statewide Baptist papers to promote its work. We would expect that it would be the purpose of the combined group to carefully and fairly consider and conserve the personal interests and welfare of all who are now connected with either the papers, the Executive Boards, or the institutions.

**RURAL CHURCH SETS VERY FINE EXAMPLE**

A new day is upon us for the rural church and the following is proof: Vincent, a country church located in Big Spring Association, had been pastorless for five years up until last September, when they called Rev. R. E. Bratton of Snyder for one-fourth time. In the face of the shortest crop in years last year and facing another drouth at present the pastor has led the church to spend \$500 for new building, equipt same, including piano, and was dedicated June 17th free of debt. Rural people are realizing that God dwells in the country as well as in the city churches and that when a pastor leads the people out with one mind and with faith that there is still plenty of money in the rural sections to carry on the Lord's work. This church took an offering for missions the day it was dedicated. We feel confident that this will soon be one of our good cooperating half-time rural churches.—Willis J. Ray, Dist. Missionary.

The church at Robinson Chapel, Big Spring Association, has had her doors closed for two years until Sunday, June 10th when Rev. H. N. Baldersee of Colorado lead in a week's meeting which resulted in 14 conversions, an awakening of Christian loyalty in the community which brought about the organizing of a Sunday School with 60 enrolled the first Sunday they met. This church is now looking about for God's man to lead them. The saving of the rural church means the salvation of thousands of souls, obedience to the great commission, and an increased power in the Baptist ranks.—Willis J. Ray, Missionary Dist. 8.

**A GOOD POSITION THIS FALL**

We can get you a good position in a nice office this Fall if you will give us your time and attention this summer. Forty-eight young men and women have entered with us during the past thirty days. Don't make the mistake of putting off getting your business training 'till Fall, for during the busy Fall season we can secure you a better position than during the Winter or Spring.

"Believe it or not," we are actually placing our students as they graduate at this time, and with business improving, by Fall our calls for Byrne trained graduates will exceed the supply. We have received eight calls from business firms for our graduates the past five days. We place more graduates than any other two schools in the Southwest. You will enjoy attending Byrne College. These wonderful teachers of ours make your work a real pleasure. Our large school rooms, clean, well ventilated, and electrically cooled, enable you to do the very best of work.

Attend a nationally known school, accredited by the American Association of Commercial Colleges, a school with more students now in attendance holding college and university degrees than any other three commercial schools in the Southwest. While all of these degree students took their degree training with a view of teaching, and many of them have taught, they have all decided that a business education is more essential to their financial success.

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The horse bucked and Murphy went over his head.

"Murphy," yelled the instructor, "did you have orders to dismount?"

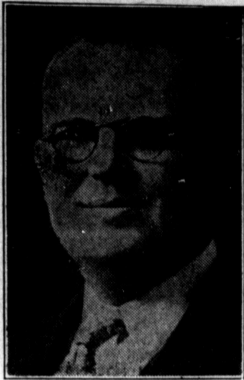
"I did."

"From headquarters?"

"No, from headquarters."

Says Elder Corntassel: "I low as how plain ol' hard times is lak fallin' outen yer second story winder, but a d'pression's lak bein' kicked offen th' top o' a skyscraper."

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BERT E. LOW

Life is one constant record from the cradle to the grave; records of our birth, babyhood, childhood, the adolescent time, man and womanhood, middle age, old age, and finally the last chapter. Church records are interesting, and each one of us by our daily lives records constantly the events of our experience and the discharge of our duties and responsibilities. County records are interesting, state records likewise. Some, by the splendid records they have made, merit our consideration, perhaps in a larger and bigger way than we accord. In your denomination and mine we have done our best since the time that we got a vision of life, its responsibilities and the privilege of witnessing for the Master. Candidly, we are not satisfied with what we have been able to do, but we have striven to merit your confidence and faith by trying to do our bit and part in the Kingdom's work as you and I understand it. We hope that we have succeeded to the extent that we are justified from the standpoint of merit to courteously and kindly, as one Christian to another, ask you for your vote for County Clerk of Taylor County, July 28, and if so favored we shall be striving always to merit your continued good will and best wishes, and our appreciation will be so sincere and genuinely evidenced that we hope you will be glad that you decided we merited your vote and influence.

Yours very truly,  
BERT E. LOW,  
For County Clerk, Taylor County  
(Political Advertising)

**HARDIN-SIMMONS PIANO POSITION IS SOUGHT BY MANY**

Nearly 100 applications have been received by university officials for the position as head of the Hardin and Simmons piano department, it was learned Saturday. Some of these have come from continental Europe, Canada and Mexico City, as well as all sections of the United States.

"We will probably make no announcement of our choice," said Prof. Clyde Garrett, dean of fine arts at the university, "until I have a personal interview with some of the applicants later in the summer."

Prof. Garrett is going to Chicago about July 16 to teach in the Chicago conservatory for the remainder of the summer. He plans to meet several applicants while on the way.

**HARDIN-SIMMONS ADDS PHYSICAL ED COURSES**

In order to qualify teachers to meet the requirements of the state teachers board, Hardin and Simmons university has added a number of new courses in physical education for the summer session. Enrollment in these courses is large and the department has the largest number ever registered during a summer.

Principles of health education, arranging a program in health education, and theory and practice of organized play are the new courses in both men's and women's divisions.

For the required course in physical education, swimming is preferred. This is under the joint direction of Otho Polk and Coach Leslie Cranfill. Classes have been organized for those who are just beginning to swim and special instruction for those desiring to learn. A course in Red Cross life saving will be offered soon.

Coach Cranfill has also organized a training school for young boys. Classes meet each day and the boys learn swimming, group games, and the fundamentals of football.

Kelly Barnett, student in Hardin and Simmons university and pastor of the church at Bethel in Jones county, is spending the summer on his field. He expects to be in a number of revival meetings during the summer.

**JEWS AND PROTESTANTS UNITE WITH CATHOLICS IN MOVIE CLEANUP FIGHT**

(Continued from page one)  
nue of public sight and information have the responsibility of guiding their instruments of public influence within sane and rational limitations of good taste and decency. If they cannot and will not exercise that responsibility, others must be chosen who can and will."

Most of the major Jewish religious bodies have taken action against unwholesome movies. The United Synagogue of America, composed of more than 800 affiliated organizations adopted, at its twenty-second annual convention in Washington, D. C., on May 8th, a resolution strongly condemning the "elements of crime, vulgarity and obscenity which have crept into the motion pictures, the stage, books and certain types of periodicals" and called upon the responsible authorities to eliminate these demoralizing influences. The public was also urged to "refrain from giving them countenance."

Similar action was taken by the Central Conference of American Rabbis, meeting at Wernersville, Pa., on June 18th. The Conference deplored "the harmful influence exerted by many motion pictures upon the public mind and morals, and particularly upon the minds of youth and children" and recommended the appointment of a special committee by which the Central Conference of American Rabbis can most effectively cooperate with other religious groups and civic bodies in securing reforms. The Rabbinical Assembly of America which is meeting in annual convention at Tannersville, N. Y., at the time this article is published, is expected to take analogous action with regard to securing more wholesome films.

Many Jewish organizations have taken individual action against unwholesome movies or have joined with Catholic and Protestant groups. On May 23rd the League of Jewish Women's Organizations of Detroit, representing 26 organizations, voted to give wholehearted support to the Catholic "Legion of Decency" campaign and pledged the organization, through its affiliated groups, to do all it can to influence its thousands of members to subscribe to the program of the Legion of Decency. At the beginning of June the rabbis of the Reformed Jewish Temples of Chicago passed a resolution favoring a cleanup of the movie industry. The Jews of Washington, D. C., through the Jewish Community Centre and the Council of Jewish Welfare are cooperating with Protestant and Catholic groups. A general meeting of the organizations representing all faiths will be held shortly to determine some plan of action. In Berkeley, Calif., Jews have joined with Protestants and Catholics in the fight for clean movies through the East Bay Religious Fellowship which has appointed a committee consisting of a Protestant minister, a Catholic priest and a Jewish rabbi to plan a campaign of action on behalf of better movies.

**Methodists Joins Fight**  
The growing inter-faith movement for movie reform is further exemplified by the increasing militancy of Protestant religious bodies for more wholesome films. The entrance of virtually the entire Methodist Episcopal Church into the campaign was presaged by the suggestion of the Christian Advocate, general organ of the Methodist Episcopal Church South made in early March, that the movie campaign not be confined to Catholics but be entered upon, also, by Protestants and Jews. "In concerted moves against the evils lies the hope for reform. The reform fight should be made unitedly," the Advocate declared.

**Episcopal Church Speaks**  
Similar demands for united reform efforts have come from other sources. On May 8th a resolution was introduced at the convention of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of New York inviting the Roman Catholic, Protestant and Jewish Church in the United States to engage in a united campaign to cleanse the motion picture industry of its unwholesome elements. More recently, Rev. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale of Marble Collegiate Church, New York, declared that Protestants should unite with Catholics in their efforts to elevate the standards of

the motion picture industry. A similar suggestion has been made by many other Protestant ministers, some even suggesting that Protestants should unite with Catholics in boycotting film houses for 30 days.

Many Protestant Church organizations have pledged wholehearted support to the Catholic "Legion of Decency" campaign. The Methodist Episcopal Church of the San Francisco Area, consisting of 742 congregations in California, Arizona, Nevada and the Hawaiian Islands formally joined with Catholics on May 12. The action followed the linking up of 70 congregations of the Fresno-Glendale district with the movement. Following this move the Methodist Episcopal Churches of Denver, Colo., and Detroit, Mich., pledged support to the Catholic campaign. On June 14th Bishop Ernest Lynn Waldorf pledged to Cardinal Mundelein the support of the Methodist Church in Illinois and nearly 1,000,000 Methodists of Illinois will be officially asked to join the Legion of Decency.

Protestant Church Federations and Ministers' Unions have also been active in fighting for cleaner and more wholesome movies. On May 23rd the Detroit Council of Churches, representing 18 denominations, with a membership of approximately 250,000 voted to support the Legion of Decency. Since that time the Chicago Union of Ministers, the Philadelphia Federation of Churches and the Hartford Federation of Churches, among others, have announced their intention of supporting the Catholic campaign.

**Federal Council of Churches**  
Protestant action has been climaxed with the issuance of a statement by the Federal Council of Churches at its Executive Committee meeting on June 22nd praising the Catholic and Jewish efforts for more wholesome movies and aligning its constituent Protestant denominations behind the campaign. The statement by the Federal Council brings to a clear focus the program in behalf of better motion pictures which it has been developing during the past three years. The central emphasis in the Federal Council's program is upon the withholding of the patronage of church members from objectionable films and theatres that show objectionable films. While no white list or black list is to be published, the Council urges its constituency to exercise a discriminating selection based upon the perusal of such reviewing services as "The Film Estimates" published by Educational Screen. It is the hope of the Council that in the not distant future it may be able to inaugurate its own review service for the Protestant churches.

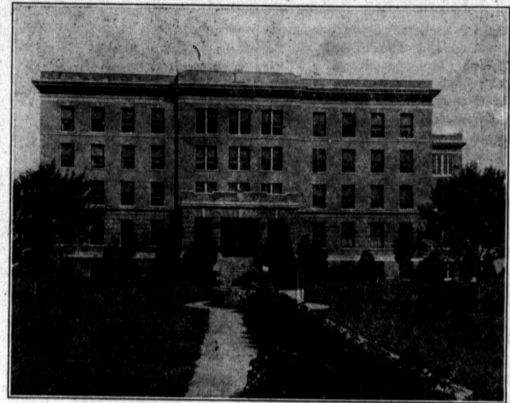
As a means of educating its constituency for a united support of the program, the Federal Council has designated a special Sunday next fall (the third in October) as an occasion when pastors of all denominations will be urged to discuss the problem of motion pictures with their congregations and to impress upon them the importance of denying patronage to objectionable films.

**POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The following candidacies for public office are subject to the action of the democratic primary July 28, 1934.

- For District Attorney:  
W. J. CUNNINGHAM
- For Sheriff of Taylor County:  
DAVE BOOTH  
W. R. (Ruck) SIBLEY
- For County Superintendent, Taylor County:  
M. A. WILLIAMS (Re-election)  
MISS NENA KATE RAMSEY  
LEROY STONE
- For County Clerk, Taylor County:  
WALTER MOORE  
W. P. BOUNDS (re-election)  
C. L. DARDEN  
BERT E. LOW
- For Tax Assessor and Collector, Taylor County:  
C. W. BOYCE  
GRADY PARMELLY (re-election)
- For Constable, Precinct 1  
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- Schedule**
- 6:30-7:30—Swimming.
  - 7:30—Closing Breakfast.
  - 8:00-8:40—Class—S. S.
  - 8:40-9:20—Class—W. M. U.
  - 9:20-10:00—Class—B. T. S.
  - 10:00-10:30—Recess.
  - 10:30-10:40—Song Service.
  - 10:40-11:20—Bible Study.
  - 11:20-11:35—Song Service.
  - 11:35-12:15—Sermon.
  - 12:30-2:00—Lunch.
  - 2:00-3:00—Quiet Hour.
  - 3:00-6:00—Recreation.
  - 6:00-7:00—Supper.
  - 7:30-8:00—Music Class — I. E. Reynolds.
  - 8:00-8:30—Song Service.
  - 8:30—Sermon.
  - 10:00—After Service.

**Music:**  
Mr. I. E. Reynolds, Seminary Hill, Texas, will direct the music with his wife accompanying at the piano.

Mr. I. E. Reynolds will conduct a class in church music each evening from 7:30 to 8:00.

- Main Speakers**
- July 12-15th:  
Thursday night, July 12—Dr. M. A. Jenkins, Abilene.
  - Friday, July 13—Rev. E. S. James, Cisco.
  - Saturday, July 14—Rev. P. D. O'Brien, Colorado.
  - Sunday, July 15—Rev. J. D. Brannon, Rotan, newly elected missionary of District 17.
  - July 16-22nd—Rev. C. E. Matthews, Fort Worth.
  - Bible Teacher—Dr. E. Leslie Carlson, Seminary Hill.

- Sunday School**
- July 12-15—G. S. Hopkins, Dallas.
  - July 16-22—Ray Rozell, Waco.
  - Dean of Study Courses — H. H. Stephens, Ranger.

- B. T. S.**
- Senior and Adult:  
July 12-15th—Miss Annie Goings Taylor, Fort Worth.
  - July 16-22—R. A. Springer, Dallas.

- Intermediate:**  
Miss Helen Gardner, Jackson, Tenn.
- Junior:**  
Mrs. T. L. Williams, Mineral Wells.

- Primary:**  
Miss Ladola Harper, Abilene.

- W. M. U.**
- W. M. S.—"The New Why and How of the W. M. U.," Mrs. J. E. Leigh, Dallas.
  - Y. W. A. and Int. G. A.—"Keys of the Kingdom," Mrs. E. M. Frances, Abilene.

- Jr. G. A.—"Young America Makes Friends," Mrs. Horace Carpenter, Sweetwater.
- Int. R. A.—"How Far to the Nearest Doctor," Rev. J. Lowell Ponder, Rochester.

- Jr. R. A.—"Outriders of the King," Rev. L. A. Doyle, Anson.
- Sunbeams—"Children of Navajo Land," Mrs. M. M. Ballard, Abilene.

- Life Guards**
- Girls—Katrina Moore, Abilene.
  - Boys—Edwin Burnam, Abilene.
- There will be sponsors for the Y. W. A. Hut, which will house our Y. W. A.'s and Intermediate G. A. girls. The boys hut for boys and there will be a Junior girls camp for Junior girls. Parents can rest assured if they send us their boys and girls they will be looked after as closely as if they were at home, maybe more so.

**Expenses**

There will be a 25c registration fee and the Encampment will furnish all meals beginning Thursday evening at supper, serving the last meal on Sunday evening, July 22nd, at a cost of \$5.00 per person. Single meals will be 30 cents, except Sundays, which will be 40 cents. They will make day rates of three meals per day for 65 cents.

**Rental Equipment**

The Army Store from Abilene will furnish tents, chairs, cots, and anything else that's needed in the way of camp equipment at a minimum cost. They will carry an ad-in this paper giving you their prices.

**Attention**

No young people, young men or young women, will be allowed to camp on grounds without a sponsor.

**Registration**

There will be a gate fee of \$1.00

per car for each car that enters the ground. The car will be tagged and then can enter grounds as many times as they care to during the duration of the Camp. As many as four can be registered as members of the Camp on this \$1.00 entrance fee. Otherwise, there will be a registration fee of 25 cents per person. There will be no entrance fees on Sundays.

## FORMER ABILENE PREACHER VISITS ABILENE RELATIVES

Rev. J. W. King, who lived in Abilene from 1906 til 1922, educating his children in Hardin-Simmons university and pastoring churches in Taylor and adjacent counties in West Texas, has been visiting relatives in Abilene.

Brother King moved to Post, Texas, in 1922 after his youngest daughter, Leta, had finished in H.-S. U., engaging there in pastoral and associational missionary work, organizing new churches, etc., in Garza county until 1926 when his companion of youth went away to her heavenly home on Nov. 10th of that year. He then accompanied his daughter, Mrs. Anna King Johnson, who came to her mother's funeral, to San Francisco, California, to her home, remaining there during the greater part of 1927. Then returning to his home in Post, Texas, which really was no longer home for the entire large family was then very much scattered.

In May, 1928, Brother King attended the meeting of the S. B. C. at Chattanooga, Tennessee, and afterward visited relatives and friends at Menlo, Chattooga county, Ga., home of his childhood, 40 miles south of Chattanooga, where on June 13th that year he was married to Mrs. J. C. Neal, within one mile of where he married Miss Mary Frances Murdock on May 8, 1879.

On May 6, 1934, he left his home and companion at Menlo for Fort Worth to attend the S. B. C. again, via Cushing, Oklahoma, to visit his long-time friends, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Hollums, pastor of the first Baptist church there, whom he had led to Christ and baptized and ordained to the gospel ministry back in 1898 at Westminster in Collin county. After spending a most delightful week with the pastor and his most noble and consecrated helpmeet, who by the way have done and are doing a monumental work in that very difficult oil and Roman Catholic center, having celebrated their 10th anniversary as pastor last April. After enjoying the honor of speaking for the pastor in his great church on Sunday evening on Mothers Day and on that subject on Monday morning, May 14, the pastor and wife in company with their visitor boarded the pastor's "Chrysler 6" for Fort Worth.

At about 11 o'clock near Sulphur, Oklahoma, from some mysterious cause, the steering wheel of the car became locked, causing the car to leave the highway and roll down an embankment several feet high, turning over about three times, inflicting breaks and bruises upon the occupants almost too numerous to mention; however, after first aid treatment at Sherman, Texas, and a night with friends there, Brother King was able to be transferred to the home of his sons in Abilene, on May 19, where he has since been under the treatment of skillful physicians and tender care of his children one of whom, Mrs. Anna King Johnson, who came from San Francisco, and another, Mrs. Leta King McCombs, who came from Las Cruces, N. M., to assist their brothers and sisters here in caring for their father.

Brother King left Tuesday for Dallas on his return to his home in Georgia. He will make stops at intervals along the way with brothers and others, and he expects to reach home by the last of July, and by that time will probably be almost a well man. He says it was a rare treat to have so many old Abilene and Taylor County friends visit him in his afflictions.

## POTOSI MEETING

Word has just been received of a revival meeting at the First Baptist Church, Potosi, beginning July 6 and continuing through July 15. The Pastor Rev. H. H. Summers will do the preaching. Lee W. Pool will have charge of the music, with Mrs. Walter Wellborn at the piano.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend.

## THE CONVERSION AND BAPTISM OF SPURGEON

W. T. Rouse

Now that much is being said about Spurgeon, it will be helpful to recall something in connection with his conversion and baptism. It appears that some misinformation has been given out in connection with the second one of these events. This is one reason why I write.

### His Conversion

It appears that from a boy about ten years of age, Spurgeon was more or less under conviction for sin, but towards the close of the year 1849 that conviction became so great that he was in great distress concerning his soul. He was led to a spiritual climax which resulted in his conversion, January 6, 1850. He was sixteen years of age on June 19, 1850.

God's providence in the conversion of Spurgeon is very evident. On that cold, snowy morning, Spurgeon started to a certain church, but the intensity of the storm caused him to take refuge in a small congregation in what was Artillery Street Primitive Methodist Church. It is said that less than 15 people constituted the congregation that morning. The regular minister it seems, failed to arrive; so a lay preacher assumed the responsibility of conducting the service. His text was Is. 45:22, "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth." The sermon was very faulty from a homiletical standpoint, but it hit the mark just the same. Perceiving no doubt from his facial expression that the boy was under conviction, the speaker cried, "Young man, you're in trouble. Look to Jesus Christ. Look! Look! Look!" He did look by faith and was saved. Concerning what happened Spurgeon testified, "The cloud was gone, the darkness rolled away, and in that moment I saw the sun. I did look. I could almost have looked my eyes away." I felt like Pilgrim when the burden of guilt which he had borne so long was forever rolled away from my shoulders.

### Spurgeon's Baptism.

After his conversion, he began to read his Bible day and night. In three weeks he had reached the conclusion that he ought to be immersed. Writing to his father on January 30, 1850, he said: "I firmly believe that baptism is the command of Christ and shall not feel quite comfortable if I do not receive it." Writing to his mother again April 20, he said: "If baptized it will be in an open river; go in just as I am with others." Accordingly, on May 3, his mother's birthday, he was baptized in the river Lark by Rev. W. W. Cantlow, pastor of Isleham Baptist Church. Incidentally, as showing what it cost him to follow Christ, he walked eight miles to the place of baptizing. As he came up out of the water that cool May morning, he says of his feelings, "I felt I had lost a thousand fears in that river Lark, and found that in keeping His commandments there is great reward."

Spurgeon's father and grand-father were both Congregational ministers. Concerning his becoming a Baptist his mother afterward said, "Charles, I have often prayed the Lord that you might be converted, but never asked Him that you might be a Baptist." To which Spurgeon replied, that God had given an answer to her prayer with His usual bounty, and had given her more than she had asked.

It seems that Spurgeon received his call to preach the day of his conversion, for the next day he told his teacher that he must preach the gospel. He was sixteen years old June 19, 1850, and preached his first sermon October 12, thereafter. He made a marvelous record as a preacher and delivered his last message June 7, 1891.

## Gleanings from the Field

Items of Interest Showing Kingdom Progress in the Harvest Field.

Pastor C. R. Joyner is in a revival meeting this week with the church at Trent. Rev. W. H. Howell is pastor of the church. Brother Joyner is also scheduled to be with Pastor V. W. Tatum and the church at Clyde beginning the first Sunday in August.

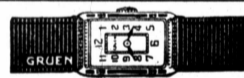
Rev. A. A. Brian, pastor of the church at Leyelland, is spending a few days at the Stovall Hot Wells near South Bend, recuperating from complications resulting from a severe attack of influenza a few months ago. We trust he will soon be able to return to his work at Leyelland.

Rev. Lawrence Hayes, for several years pastor of the church at Tahoka, who recently accepted the call of the church at Snyder, has moved on the new field. The Snyder church has been pastorless since May 1, when Brother Philip McGaha resigned to accept the call of the church at Navasota.

Pastor E. D. Dunlap and the First Baptist Church, Sweetwater are rejoicing over the fine meeting closed a few days ago in which Dr. George W. Truett did the preaching. The evening services were held in the open air and great throngs of people came from that section of the country. The Sweetwater church also had with them recently Brother Earl Mead, educational director of Cliff Temple Church, Dallas.

The editor had the pleasure of being associated with Dr. O. L. Powers of Wichita Falls last week in the associational camp meeting at Eliasville where the editor is pastor. The attendance from over the association was not as large as was hoped but the series of services were great spiritual feasts to those who attended. Right in the middle of the meeting a terrible tragedy occurred in the community in which three of our fine young men lost their lives in an oil well accident. Dr. Powers brought some great messages. He is one of the most lovable men we have ever met, and we are glad we had this opportunity of being with him.

Those who play an instrument and are planning to attend Lueders encampment this year bring along your instrument and play in the orchestra which we hope to organize during this session. You will have the privilege of attending Brother Reynolds' music class, as well as other interesting features of the encampment. "Come, let's be musical."



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