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Texas Baptists and Their Coming Convention

BY PRESIDENT SCARBOROUGH

There are several things about our fall Convention that I, as President of the Convention, would like for our people to think about, talk about in our churches, workers' conferences and district associations.

1. It meets at Amarillo, November 12-14. The Pastors' and Laymen's Conference, the W. M. U. Convention, meet Monday night and Tuesday before the Convention convenes at Ten o'clock Wednesday. It will probably close Friday night—three intensive days of business, information, inspiration and fellowship. Every messenger ought to go on time to the first session and stay through to the closing benediction.

2. Amarillo has every facility for caring for the Convention in a wonderful way, a large auditorium, a great new Baptist church, many hotels, rooming houses and hospitable homes, and a big West Texas hospitality. They have several railroads; wide, graded, and in some cases paved highways; and flying machines with a good airport. Their pastors, led by the princely Yates, their noble laymen and fair women will give us the best of cordial welcome. Every Baptist ought to see the great plains and the beautiful growing city of Amarillo. We went last year to East Texas. Now, let's storm West Texas 5,000 strong. Amarillo bids us comes in large numbers.

3. The Committee on Order of Business is arranging a wonderful program. They are making it different from heretofore. The first day will consider our Benevolences Relief and Annuity, Hospitals and Orphanage, closing the first night with addresses by Supt. Kimball of the Baylor Hospital and Scientific Schools, and Dr. Hal Buckner of the Orphans' Home. The second day will be Education Day—all of our schools, seminaries, junior colleges, colleges and universities, great addresses by Drs. Sampey, Sandefer, Ham, Brooks and others, closing the night service with a great mass meeting on Christian Education. The third day will be Mission Day. Dr. White and State Missions will have the forenoon with a message from Secretary White on "Taking Texas for Christ." The afternoon Home and Foreign Missions with messages from our Secretaries and

returned missionaries, and the closing night a mass meeting on Missions to be addressed by Dr. W. H. Knight who has visited the mission fields of Europe and the Holy Land, and Dr. Truett on what he saw in South America in a great evangelistic tour of our mission fields. These two addresses will be worth all the time and expense of attending the Convention and this does not under-value the other parts of the Convention. It is the purpose of the Committee to give good time and special emphasis to all the significant work of our Convention and churches. It is hoped that the written reports of the causes will be brief statements of facts and figures and large place will be given to inspiring messages about the causes comprehended by our three-fold commission to win, train and heal a lost world.

4. Great emphasis is to be given to song, prayer and worship in the devotional hours led by the princely Bob Jolly. All our great song leaders will join him in a great choir and give us preceding each session a soul- uplifting feast of song. Come for the singing.

5. Some Suggestions
1. I would urge all the estates in our Texas Zion to get ready for the Convention. Announce it in all churches and associational gatherings, arrange for groups to go by auto and train. Urge deacons, S. S., B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U. leaders, and especially the layment to go. Do your best to have your church represented by a full quota of messengers. Let the churches that the expenses of the pastors are paid.

2. The best way for the pastors to get ready for the Convention is to see that funds are raised and sent in for all the causes. See that the budget promises are met, and that a great cash round-up is made from those not in the budget. Times are difficult beyond compare but we must take care of Christ's causes.

3. We ought to approach the Convention in the spirit of prayer and supplication. Prayer changes things and brings victory against great odds. Let's do our best to have one of the greatest spiritual, soul-stirring gatherings in the long, triumphant history of Texas Baptists. Sacrificial giving, hearty co-operation, soulful praying. (Continued on page 4)

REPORTS GREAT REVIVAL IN WANETTE CHURCH

WANETTE, Okla., Sept. 9.—Wanette, Oklahoma revival draws great crowds. Rev. Geo. E. Alexander, pastor of the First Baptist Church, reported that over one hundred decisions were practically all united with Christ and baptized. Major converts men and strong young men, including notorious sinners. A stable old church trouble settled. S. Dixon, Dallas, Texas, singer and preaching evangelist. A man and the Lord's man preaching and singing. Also great personal worker. Dixon has right relation to pastor and church in meeting. Former business experience enables him to be great cooperator with pastor and church. His genial disposition and pleasing personality give him first place in hearts of people. Fellow pastors use him. He will fill the bill anywhere. By prayerful request and public demand meeting continues additional week.—Rev. Geo. E. Alexander, pastor First Baptist Church.

DE LEON MEETING

DE LEON, Tex.—Our two weeks revival meeting closed Sunday, August 31. State Evangelist W. Y. Pond, did the preaching in his own forceful way. He condemned sin on every hand whether in the pulpit or in politics, card playing Baptists and all other forms of sin the preacher as he proclaimed felt the scathing denunciations of God's word.

The singing was directed by Singer E. Otis Allen, from Shawnee, Okla. Brother Allen knows how to grip the hearts of people. He is exceptionally fine with juniors and young people. God blessed us with 71 additions, 56 of whom came by baptism. In spite of hard times, God has blessed our work here during the last year. We have built a new brick veneer home valued at \$5,000.00, for the pastor, received 111 additions to the church, 73 for baptism and supported all denominational work by sending thirteen checks to the Dallas office.—Montie A. Davis, pastor.

REVIVAL AT SILVERTON

Sunday night, August 31st, marked the closing service of a series which proved to be one of the most far-reaching revivals that Silverton has ever had. There were 47 additions to the church, 34 coming by baptism, 13 coming by letter. Some 40 or 50 came reconsecrating their lives to the Lord.

We had brother Virgil Reynolds with us. He is more than just a song leader. He is a soul winner and an expert musician. He had charge of the morning services. Too much cannot be said of his untiring work.

We are happy in our new field of service and pray that the God of all grace will lead us on to greater things in the Master's service.—W. M. Lawrence, pastor, Silverton, Texas.

THREE YEARS EVANGELIST

Evangelist Jno. W. Newsom, 4710 Gordon St. Fort Worth, is closing out his third year in the field of evangelism this month. There have been fifteen hundred saved in his meetings during this time and scores added to the churches. For the past four months he has been with the State Board as rural evangelist. There have been more than one hundred saved during the month of August.

Rev. S. B. Hughes, pastor of the East Fourth Street Church of Big Spring recently preached two sermons on the Second Coming of Christ and announced his intention of a fall prayer meeting of two weeks in which he will speak nightly on subjects kindred to the Second Coming. Prayer meeting crowds are slightly above one-fourth the Sunday school attendance. At these Wednesday night services the pastor is conducting a study of the books of the Bible, chapter by chapter.

Abilene and The Sunday Picture Show

Shall Abilene continue to be known as the city that Christian Schools and Churches built, or shall it be known as the city that has prostituted her ideals, trampled under foot her most sacred traditions, and sold her soul?

A sermon by Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

TEXT: Habakkuk 1:15-16. "They take up all of them with the angle, they catch them in their net and gather them in their drag; therefore they rejoice and are glad. Therefore they sacrifice unto their net, and burn incense unto their drag; because by them their portion is fat, and their meat plenteous."

The prophecy of Habakkuk of three brief chapters gives a comprehensive survey of the times in which the prophet lived. The people had gone over to the worship of wealth, culture and pleasure. The doom which he prophesied swiftly came. The same was true of Assyria, Egypt, Greece and Rome, and now seems true of modern Europe whose civilization, to many seers and writers, seems to be rapidly sinking into decay. The kings of the Old World have taken root in America, so much so that Habakkuk's outlook on his times, furnishes a parallel for the times in which we live.

Moral Decay

There was lack of trust among the people. Certainly there is that lack today. You have to secure your note. If you handle other people's money, you must give bond. There must be inspectors for nearly everything of public trust, and inspectors for the inspectors. The almost universal motto in business, felt if not expressed is "Every man for himself, and the devil take the hindmost."

The religion of his day was largely formalism, outward show and spiritual deadness. We have plenty of religion today but are sadly in need of more Godliness. In a Baptist Church dedicated to the reverence and worship of Jesus Christ a Jewish Rabbi who believes at the best concerning Christ that he was a bastard, teaches a large men's Bible Class because he is a "good fellow." A much heralded Easter Sunrise service in a Southern City had its massive choir, its group of white-robed girls sounding trumpets, and a man, because he was prominent and a fluent speaker, to make the address, though he made no pretensions to faith in Christ at all.

The wealth, and art and culture of Habakkuk's day did not save them, nor will those things save us today. Mr. Babson said the American Banker's Association, "Gentlemen, go back home and put your best efforts into your churches. If they fail the safeguard of business and civilization are gone."

In social life the prophet saw the breaking up of homes, drunkenness and social incorrectness. If what is reported is true of social corruptions today, then God pity us. Drinking parties and lewd women and gambling in hotels, sensual orgies in club rooms, pajama and bathing-suit dancing parties, and Sodom just around the corner. Judge Ben Lindsey after twenty-five years dealing with young life says "from observation and experience as a student of the young life of today I am of the opinion that 75 per cent of those of high school age have partly gone wrong, and 50 per cent of them have gone wholly wrong." I would not say that for I do not know, but when a man like Judge Lindsey makes a statement like that, it is time for us fathers and mothers to be alarmed.

Corruption of Courts and Legislatures

There was the breaking down of courts and the corruption of legislatures in Habakkuk's day. When you read him, it sounds like he is talking about our own times. Political corruption abounds, and sweeps on like a tidal wave. Crime has become a big business and political corruption a means of large income. Only ten out of every hundred criminals are convicted, and

only two out of every ten convicted pay the penalty. Old Habakkuk wouldn't think he had slept long if he could wake up and look around today.

In the business world the prophet found insincerity and treachery. Men were willing to prostitute the highest ideals, and trample down the most sacred traditions, and spurn the truest gain. Alas! Men have never learned that "All is not gold that glitters." "There is that that getteth more than is meet and it tendeth to poverty."

How like our day! Out of this Sucking the Community's Financial Blood

I want to say in the first place that Sunday pictures is a poor business deal for Abilene. The money that is gathered in by them on Sunday is shipped out of Abilene to New York City on Monday, and there is just that much less for the merchants through the week.

They claim it would profit the hotels. It will be an unethical profit because gained at the expense of the institutions that have made the town what it is. For every family Sunday movie shows would bring to Abilene the Christian Colleges, if properly safeguarded, bring scores and hundreds of families to our city.

Questionable Morality in Business Relations

The code of ethics in Rotary International is in the judgment of many, the greatest Code of Ethics ever written. Certainly an organization that pitches its ideals on such a high plane is capable of great accomplishments.

Article 9 of this Code takes into consideration the "Questionable morality involved." It reads: "To consider no personal success legitimate or ethical which is secured by taking unfair advantage of certain opportunities in the social order that are absolutely denied others, nor will I take advantage of opportunities to achieve material success that others will not take because of questionable morality involved."

All will readily agree that it would be to the advantage, say of the hotels, to have Sunday Shows. It would draw to Abilene for the week end an element who are not interested in or concerned about Christian schools. On the other hand, Sunday shows would be the heaviest blow ever dealt Abilene's University and colleges. This rich movie corporation did not come here till these Christian Schools through a long series of struggles had made Abilene the town she is. Nor were there great hotels built till these schools had pioneered and blazed the way.

The Hoot Owl Crowd

Several years ago the Sunday midnight show was started and I told you then that later they would be saying that the Sunday afternoon and night shows would be so much safer for the young people, and now they have some of you fooled into saying that. It was part of their plan to put over a Sunday 2:00 to 11:00 P. M. show. They say it will bring the young people in earlier. Young people mind you, that they have been responsible for staying out late. They have no plea of necessity they can make. Neither the Sunday midnight nor the Sunday mid-afternoon show fills any place of necessity whatsoever. They even try to justify their position by claiming that Jesus violated the Sabbath. Jesus said: "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath." and so saying he meant to put his endorsement on the doing of any thing that was a necessity to man, like eating when hungry, or pulling the ox out of the ditch, but not pushing him in for profit, you can get to pull him out.

Our city government is to be congratulated on the uncompromising stand it has taken in this matter, and deserves the support of every right minded man with officials like these there is hope for any community. The highest step, (Continued on page 4)

Simmons University's 39th Opening September 16

Simmons University will observe her 39th annual opening September 16. At ten o'clock in the morning on that date, exercises will be held in the auditorium, with civic and educational leaders of Abilene and this section making brief speeches of welcome and greeting to students and friends. President J. D. Sandefer will have charge of the program.

Freshmen students will begin registration at 1:30 in the afternoon. Upper classmen may register also, but it is mandatory for first year students to begin enrollment at that time. Registration will continue through Wednesday, September 17, and classes will begin Thursday.

As Simmons approaches the threshold of her fourth decade, she is better prepared than ever before to serve the alert and forward looking youth of West Texas and other sections. The results of years of growth and progress are more clearly seen than at any time in her history in her stability, strength, prestige, scholarship and religion.

Simmons will enter her sixth year as a university this fall. During the past five years, she has registered 67,797 students, has graduated 627, and has trained literally hundreds of preachers who are spreading the gospel over the land.

The scope of her service has been broadened by her entrance into the university field and the future holds for her untold possibilities. This future, however, everyone realizes is in the hands of those whom she serves.

Great strides have been made in scholarship. The graduate school, one outgrowth of the expansion into a university, has grown steadily and safely until it has been recognized by the greatest universities in the nation. The professional departments have been enlarged and strengthened to meet the needs of a practical generation. Registration in fine arts has increased 300 per cent.

In seeking to meet the growing needs in the fine arts, Simmons is this year adding a professorship in the school of piano. Josef Evans, pupil of Robert Teichmüller of Germany, has been elected as professor of piano literature and organ.

Prospects continue favorable for a substantial enrollment in spite of adverse conditions of the year. Hall reservations are coming in at a rapid rate and more than half the rooms are already taken. Although no estimate has been announced by President Sandefer, authorities in the office believe the fall figure will run close to 1,000.

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Now let us think of some things that the believer assuredly knows. He knows that through the abounding grace of Jesus, he has everlasting life. He knows that where as he was once in bondage, burdened by his condemnation and distressed by his fears, he now has the exquisite peace which comes by being justified through grace. He also knows that through the poverty of Jesus he was made rich; rich in spiritual realities; rich in the abiding promises which insure a living hope to the redeemed soul. Then the believer knows experimentally that he is wealthy for the Holy Spirit has given to him the earnest of an incorruptible inheritance which is securely held in reserve for him. He knows that through grace, he has a genuine title to this glorious inheritance, one that no earthly court can invalidate or the conspiracies of men discredit. So through the muck and mire of this earth; amid its unsatisfying riches and its disappointing honors; amid its social frenzy and its economic unrest;

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Seventy-five per cent of students with families remain in their rented quarters on the Hill throughout their three and four year student life. These students report a summer of effective evangelistic endeavor. The incoming group of students are joining the seminary cottage city. These seminary cottages and apartments constitute an interesting feature of institutional life. Clustered about the institution are hundreds of low-priced, modernly equipped buildings available to the five hundred odd students annually enrolled in the seminary.

The approach to the new session, opening September 22, is with a clear ring of earnestness. The interest is encouraging to President Scarborough and the faculty.

TRUSTING JESUS

By Josephine Mills

Trusting Jesus for protection,
All along the homeward way;
And I have no fear of failing;

He is keeping lest I stray.
Trusting Jesus in my sorrow,
For He hovers o'er my soul,

Driving out the dreaded temptor,
When He has complete control.
Trusting Him to keep me humble,

'Neath the shadow of His wing
Lest in folly I might wander
From the presence of my King.

Trusting Him for grace and courage,
Which alone will stand the test;
Then when I am sorely tempted,

Love will triumph in distress.
Trusting Him our great Commander
For the struggle to fight the foe.

And through Him we win the victory
In this vale of sin and woe.

LAMESA ASSOCIATION

The Lamesa Baptist Association met Sept. 3 and 4, with the First Baptist Church of Lamesa. Considering the financial depression and drouth over the land the meeting was as good as could be hoped for. It is not known whether an associational missionary can be kept on the field or not. The board will meet in a few days to see if plans can be worked out whereby we can continue the work. Our missionary, Brother McCulloch, brought a good report as he has always done. He has given himself without fail to the work. Brother H. T. Aulick of the Plains Baptist was a welcomed visitor at the association, boosting the Plains Baptist. He also put in some good words for the West Texas Baptist, and Baptists Standard. There were several other visitors present whose presence was appreciated. The next associational meeting will be with the Midway church.

Our meeting at Five Mile closed

the fifth Sunday in August with 35 additions to the church, 26 coming by baptism and the rest by letter and statement. Brother Stovall of Knox City did the preaching and it was done well. Claud is a good preacher and hard worker and loves the souls of the lost.

The meeting at Lamesa came to a close also the fifth Sunday in August with about 35 or 40 additions, 12 by baptism and the rest by letter. The people at Lamesa are strong in their praise for Dick O'Brien, who did the preaching so well. Pastor Cole and people are happy over the results.

Pastor Taylor and the saints at Woody closed their meeting on the 4th Sunday in August with about 35 additions, 30 coming by baptism. The good pastor of Snyder did the preaching.

Our faithful missionary, Brother McCulloch, closed a good meeting recently with Pastor Deguire and one of his churches with 10 additions by baptism. Haven't heard from the other churches who have held meetings.—J. J. Gentry.



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Seventy-five per cent of students with families remain in their rented quarters on the Hill throughout their three and four year student life. These students report a summer of effective evangelistic endeavor. The incoming group of students are joining the seminary cottage city. These seminary cottages and apartments constitute an interesting feature of institutional life. Clustered about the institution are hundreds of low-priced, modernly equipped buildings available to the five hundred odd students annually enrolled in the seminary.

The approach to the new session, opening September 22, is with a clear ring of earnestness. The interest is encouraging to President Scarborough and the faculty.

TRUSTING JESUS

By Josephine Mills

Trusting Jesus for protection,
All along the homeward way;
And I have no fear of failing;
He is keeping lest I stray.

Trusting Jesus in my sorrow,
For He hovers o'er my soul,
Driving out the dreaded temptor,
When He has complete control.

Trusting Him to keep me humble,
'Neath the shadow of His wing
Lest in folly I might wander
From the presence of my King.

Trusting Him for grace and courage,
Which alone will stand the test;
Then when I am sorely tempted,
Love will triumph in distress.

Trusting Him our great Commander
For the struggle to fight the foe,
And through Him we win the victory
In this vale of sin and woe.

LAMESA ASSOCIATION

The Lamesa Baptist Association met Sept. 3 and 4, with the First Baptist Church of Lamesa. Considering the financial depression and drouth over the land the meeting was as good as could be hoped for. It is not known whether an associational missionary can be kept on the field or not. The board will meet in a few days to see if plans can be worked out whereby we can continue the work. Our missionary, Brother McCulloch, brought a good report as he has always done. He has given himself without fail to the work. Brother H. T. Aulick of the Plains Baptist was a welcomed visitor at the association, boosting the Plains Baptist. He also put in some good words for the West Texas Baptist, and Baptists Standard. There were several other visitors present whose presence was appreciated. The next associational meeting will be with the Midway church.

Our meeting at Five Mile closed

the fifth Sunday in August with 35 additions to the church, 26 coming by baptism and the rest by letter and statement. Brother Stovall of Knox City did the preaching and it was done well. Claud is a good preacher and hard worker and loves the souls of the lost.

The meeting at Lamesa came to a close also the fifth Sunday in August with about 35 or 40 additions, 12 by baptism and the rest by letter. The people at Lamesa are strong in their praise for Dick O'Brien, who did the preaching so well. Pastor Cole and people are happy over the results.

Pastor Taylor and the saints at Woody closed their meeting on the 4th Sunday in August with about 35 additions, 30 coming by baptism. The good pastor of Snyder did the preaching.

Our faithful missionary, Brother McCulloch, closed a good meeting recently with Pastor Deguire and one of his churches with 10 additions by baptism. Haven't heard from the other churches who have held meetings.—J. J. Gentry.



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Now many members? Fifteen men, of whom 12 are tithers; 26 women, of whom 24 are tithers. From June to December of 1929 these 36 members gave \$290.55 in tithes and \$80.23 in love offerings. An average of \$1.40 per member per month.

Only two men were baptized but there is now a large group of inquirers that we hope will come into the church, soon. Dr. Sallee and Pastor Lee held two blessed meetings for us during the year.

How are we serving at Drum Tower Church?

Two flourishing departments at S. S.—Adult and Primary—a delightful Sunbeam Band and a W. M. S. that has gone beyond goals

on standard of excellence. Several family altars and Wednesday evening prayer meeting, well attended by both young and old. Pastor Ding has called us together each week for Bible classes and the members have worked faithfully, winter and summer, at the street chapel. Hundreds of people have heard of Jesus there and received truths to read at home.

God has this year, given you and us some wonderful answers to prayer for His work at Drum Tower church. The prayer for a doctor to hold clinic at our street chapel, has not been answered in just that way, but He has given us far better, we feel. Prayerfully laying this matter on the heart for one good member, one day, he suddenly said, "The Lord has given me an idea!" Instead of a doctor and clinic, ask the members to pledge TIME and go regularly themselves to the chapel, the men to witness in the reading room and

the women in the inner room. In this way, they may lead others and grow themselves and the American Christians need not send us money for a chapel clinic."

We followed his good advice, feeling he had "the mind of the Lord," and in this short time, the street chapel work has blossomed beautifully. (There are many non-Christian clinics in Kaifeng, where suffering people may receive help).

How small our membership, giving and serving must look to YOU, yet how nice this little church-child looks to me!

Drum Tower Church only lacks now, \$74.00 per month of being full self supporting, and there is a good hope that the Lord will bring us to turn all of this back to you for OTHERS, before very long.

Joyfully,
 BLANCHE R. WALKER.

MEETING OF FISHER CO. ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY

The annual session of Fisher County Association was held with the Rotan church Sept. 4-5. At the 11 o'clock hour on September 5, the women were graciously permitted to present their year's work. Pres. Mrs. Fred Clark gave an outline of the work accomplished during the year. By request Mrs. C. M. Caldwell, president of District No. 17, spoke to Mrs. Clark's report, touching on the different phases of the woman's work and bringing words of commendation and encouragement. The report of the secretary, Mrs. J. A. Brown, showed that notwithstanding the distressing drought conditions the women have been faithful and while they have not reached their goal they have worked and prayed.

The report from the nominating committee was read and accepted. The following officers for 1930-31 were elected:

President, Mrs. Fred Clark; corresponding secretary - treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Brown; recording secretary, Mrs. J. D. Bradshaw; historian, Mrs. Hope Swann; personal service, Mrs. J. E. Minor; education, Mrs. Geo. Maberry; benevolence, Mrs. Emory Scott; mission study, Mrs. D. G. Reid; missions, Mrs. L. W. Dickson; stewardship, Mrs. Jim House; periodicals, Mrs. Hub Taggart; publicity, Mrs. John Hayes; chairman of methods and finance, Mrs. H. C. Smith; young people's leader, Mrs. C. G. Campbell. While the brethren held their board meeting in the afternoon the women met in business session. Mrs. J. S. Holmes, district chairman of education spoke on Chris-

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PROGRAM

Annual Meeting of Sweetwater Associational Auxiliary
 First Baptist Church
 Sweetwater, Texas
 October 8, 1930

Morning Session—9:30 o'clock

Hymn: "Joy to the World, the Lord Has Come."

Music under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. McCasland

President—Mrs. R. M. White presiding.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. J. F. Clark.

(All discussions limited to 3 minutes)

Devotional—Mrs. George Green

Cordial Greetings—Mrs. C. H. Sanger

Response—Mrs. M. A. Horton

Appointment of Committees

Introduction of all new members, missionaries and visitors present.

Greetings from Vice-Presidents:

Abilene: Mrs. O. H. Cooper, First Church; Mrs. G. W. Elliott, Immanuel; Mrs. Gus King, South Side; Mrs. D. W. Arnette, University. Mrs. R. L. McFarland, Blackwell; Mrs. W. J. Latimer, Blair; Mrs. W. F. Joiner, Caps; Mrs. H. B. Cook, Lawn; Mrs. T. E. Collins, Merkel; Mrs. T. V. George, Mt. Olive; Mrs. W. Z. Williams, Ovalo; Mrs. G. H. Sanger, Sweetwater First Church; Mrs. C. A. Matthews, Sweetwater Lamar; Mrs. Alex Williamson, Trent; Mrs. J. A. Reynolds, Tuscola; Mrs. E. R. Clark, Tye.

"Service"—Mrs. R. M. White, Pres. Sweetwater Associational Auxiliary.

Hymn: "Faith of Our Fathers"

Official Reports: Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. George L. Paxton; Treasurer—Mrs. C. R. Lindsey; Auditor—Mrs. W. E. Gentry; Historian—Mrs. O. H. Cooper.

Christian Education—Mrs. H. J. Bradshaw

Our Silver Anniversary Fund—Mrs. A. T. Douglass

"A Pull Altogether"—Dr. Rupert N. Richardson

In Memoriam—led by Mrs. J. E. Hooper.

Hymn—"Gathering Home"

Closing Prayer

Adjournment for Lunch in Church Basement

Afternoon Session—1:30 o'clock

Song Service—Led by Chorister

Devotional—Mrs. George Gray

Messages from Chairmen of Standing Committees: Missions—Mrs. W. W. Gibson; Mission Study—Mrs. W. S. Daniel; Personal Service—Mrs. A. R. Booth; Stewardship—Mrs. J. L. Anthony; Periodicals—Mrs. E. M. Francis; Standard of Excellence—Mrs. C. D. Owen; Publicity—Mrs. O. H. Cooper; Benevolence—Mrs. W. F. Joiner.

Our Sanitarium—Supt. E. M. Collier

Buckner Orphans' Home—Rev. R. C. Pender

"Stir Up Thy Gift"—Mrs. C. M. Caldwell, Pres. Dist. No. 17

Recommendations of Executive Committee—Mrs. O. H. Cooper

Reports of Committees—Enrollment, Resolutions, Nominating,

Election of Officers, Awarding of Banners, Announcements and

Miscellaneous Business

Closing Prayer

Evening Session—7:30 o'clock

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

"Ye are the light of the world," Matt. 5:14

Mrs. D. C. Fulkerson, Young People's Leader, presiding

Hymn: "We've a Story to Tell the Nations"—Jr. G. A. Girls,

First Church, Sweetwater

Devotional—Miss Genoa Cole, Sweetwater

Quartet—Messdames H. W. McIntyre, V. N. Morton, Frank Coal-

son, Bill Robbins, Sweetwater First Church

Introduction of all Young People's Leaders and their counselors

Young People's Report—Mrs. D. C. Fulkerson

Pageant: "Behold—An Open Door"—Int. G. A.'s, First Church,

Sweetwater

Reading: "Pretty Mothers"—Alene Penn, Sweetwater

"What Does Foster Mean?"—Thelma Gordon, Sweetwater.

Solo: (selected)—Mrs. L. B. Howard, Young People's leader,

District No. 17

"Leavening Power"—Mrs. E. M. Frances, Abilene

Closing Prayer—Mrs. George Green

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tian education emphasizing the need of a greater loyalty to our own school, Simmons University, both in the giving of our money and the sending of our boys and girls there.

The Mexican work of Fisher county was discussed but owing to financial distress at this time no definite action was taken but the women expressed a great desire to help in keeping alive and carrying forward the work among the Mexicans in their county.

A spirit of devoted, christian fellowship was felt throughout the meeting.

The next quarterly meeting of the Fisher County Association Auxiliary will be held with the Sylvester church on Tuesday, October 14, 1930. A large attendance is desired.

MRS. J. D. BRADSHAW,
Secretary.

WILL YOU NOT ANSWER, "HERE AM I"

In the words of Mrs. T. C. Jester, state chairman of young peoples' work, "All great movements of history had their beginning in the training of the minds of the young," and again, "The churches of tomorrow will be what we make them today in the training of our young people, for truly the leaders of tomorrow are the young people who are enlisted in the organizations of the churches of today."

It is impossible to overestimate the importance of the training of our young people, for truly the leaders of tomorrow are the young people who are enlisted in the organizations of the churches of today.

How we do need leaders for these organizations! In some localities in the district, there are no young peoples' organizations because there are no leaders. One interested, consecrated worker wrote concerning such a place: "That association is just teeming with young people unorganized in W.M.U. work. In one church in the association, the young people frequently have charge of the prayer meetings, where there is an average weekly attendance of about forty, the most of whom are young. Now wouldn't it be fine to step in there and get some Y. W. A.'s and G. A.'s, etc., started? Indeed it would be wonderful and that is just what we hope to see accomplished."

MRS. L. L. HOWARD,
Young Peoples' Leader,
District No. 17.

REPORT ON PERSONAL SERVICE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1930

Callahan Association.—Number of talks 2; cash to B. O. H. \$6.00; boxes to B. O. H., \$94.40; cash to West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, \$2.00.—Chairman: Mrs. W. E. Faires, Cisco, Rt. 4.

Cisco Association.—Cash to B. O. H., \$151.50; boxes to B. O. H., \$15.00; cash to West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, \$24.00; cash to Old Ministers, \$28.10; boxes, \$2.50.—Chairman: Mrs. J. F. McWilliams, Cisco.

Fisher Association.—Eggs to B. O. H., \$6.00; boxes to West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, \$12.00.—Chairman: Mrs. Emery Scott, Rotan.

Haskell Association.—No report.—Chairman: Mrs. West, O'Brien.

Jones Association.—Number of talks 1; eggs to B. O. H., \$7.26; cash to West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, \$24.43.—Chairman: Mrs. F. E. Tonroy, Lueders.

STONEWALL Association.—Cash to B. O. H., \$4.81; 4 boxes to West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, \$4.00; cash to Old Ministers, \$12.00.—Chairman: Mrs. J. F. Lancaster, Jayton.

Sweetwater Association.—Cash to B. O. H., \$1,694.25; boxes \$184.35; cash to West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, \$16.74; charity fund to West Texas Baptist Sanitarium \$151.90; liens to West Texas Baptist Sanitarium \$50.00.—Chairman: Mrs. W. E. Joiner, Tye.

(Eight churches in Sweetwater Association reported on time).

MRS. GEO. L. PAXTON,
Chairman, Dist. 17.

TEXAS BAPTISTS AND THEIR COMING CONVENTION

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RESIGNS WORK WITH OKLAHOMA CHURCH

CHICKASHA, Okla.—We just closed fine revival with Wigan Avenue Baptist church. Had 39 additions. Don't know just how many conversions. But all classes were reached. One feature of the meeting was, that more men and boys were saved, than women and girls.

I have been pastor of this church four and a half years, and I give the following facts modestly. When I took the work here, they were a more or less small and discouraged band, worshipping in an old one room frame building, and running their Sunday school the old-fashioned way, having six teachers. Now they are known as the banner church of the association, worshipping in an all modern brick church and Sunday school building, with a six point record Sunday school, having 38 teachers and officers, and financing all their work through the Sunday school. And never know what it is to be behind with their finances.

This year we led the entire association in number of baptisms, and have had 90 additions to the church in seven months of this year, and over a hundred during the whole year, for which we praise the Lord, and take courage.

Feeling that possibly I have been with them long enough, I recently tendered my resignation to take effect September 10. At which time they will go into the call of a pastor to lead them on in the work. It is rumored that they aim to recall the present pastor back. But whether they do or not, I have a feeling that they would do better to call some one else and let me work in some other field for a while. I am praying that the Lord will lead both preacher and church in his own way, and that we may have grace to do his will. May he lead you and Texas Baptists to great achievements in his kingdom work.

Fraternally,

H. E. COOK.

P. S. I am a Texas product, but have spent my ministerial life in Oklahoma and New Mexico. But have a sort of homesick feeling for old Texas.

BIG SPRING ASSOCIATION

The ladies of the First Church, Big Spring, made possible to mission begun in the west part of the city last June but it immediately became a church-wide affair with a city-wide support. Four of the teachers in the Sunday school are from the First Church and two are from the East Fourth. The associate superintendent is from the First Church and the superintendent and secretary are from the East Fourth.

Attendance at the Sunday school has been splendid and is increasing. A fine corps of teachers from the two churches of the city are doing a fine work.

Preaching services always follow the Sunday school hour. Usually a visitor is secured but when none is available the superintendent

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dent, Rev. Emmett L. Whitaker, does the preaching. Others occupying the pulpit since organization in June are: Rev. George G. Hamilton, missionary of the Big Spring association; Rev. E. M. Francis of Abilene; Rev. James P. Peden, field representative of the Baptist Standard, and Roy Clayton, a member of the First Church who began preaching early in the summer.

Leaders of the mission plan a which time organization of a revival meeting in September at church to serve the west side of the city is planned.

The First Baptist Church of Big Spring has used Rev. James P. Peden, field manager for the Baptist Standard, as supply through the month of August. His work has been very favorable among the

brethren.

Since the resignation of Rev. Dow H. Heard the church has been scanning a list of prospects and announcements from the pulpit committee state that progress is being made toward a selection. In the mean time the work goes on with preparation to meet a sizeable note on the building due within a few days.

ABILENE AND SUNDAY MOVIES

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church-devouring, preacher-cussing crowd will be out for a city government of their kind at the next election but they will find a citizenship that is self-respecting and law-obeying to go up against. Our city government is saying "You shall not pass. Why haven't the bootleggers, gamblers, hijackers,

burglars and whore-mongers the same right to defy the law? When you encourage the breaking of one law, you encourage the breaking of all laws, and are inviting anarchy. You are pulling down your house upon your own heads. You are sowing the dragon teeth, and you and your children will have to reap the harvest.

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