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RAMBLING REMARKS



By DICK O'BRIEN

RAMBLING REMARKS

If I may be permitted I should like to begin the column this week by relating a thing that has recently happened to me that approaches "the thrill that comes once in a lifetime." On last Sunday night I had the privilege of baptizing our twin boys. They were saved one night at home while I was away in a revival. I was in the meeting at Anson nearly a year ago. One rainy night the boys came to their mother and said they had been talking about religion and they felt that they were lost and wanted her to tell them how to be saved. I had noticed their attention to the sermons for sometime and had felt that they were beginning to be aroused by the Holy Spirit. As my wife reported it to me they asked her some very deep and intelligent questions to which she gave them Bible answers. After they thought they understood what they must do to be saved they suggested that they kneel and pray. She reported that she had never heard more earnest prayers offered than came from their lips that night. When the prayer season was over each declared that he was satisfied and they went to sleep. Several times during the year I have approached them on the subject and they gave every evidence that they had been saved that night. So we advised them to join the church and be baptized. This gives me the unique experience of baptizing my whole household. My wife was the first person I ever baptized. She was a Methodist when I married her, and when I became a pastor she joined a Baptist church. Six years ago I baptized both the girls with one ceremony just as I did the twins last Sunday night. So you can imagine that I have been a happy preacher this week. . . . Of course a baptizing is and should be one of the most solemn services of the church. But the very nature of the service exposes it to humorous complications. I heard a story the other day about a colored brother who was baptizing a long string of candidates in a running stream. The bottom of the creek had many hidden holes and a strong current ran along the center. The banks were lined with colored folks who were thoroughly enjoying the meeting. A deacon was assisting the pastor by "handing" each candidate to him. Everything was going fine until one woman candidate made an awkward step backward, stepped in a hole and was caught by the swift current and swept from the pastor's hands. He made several frantic cries. (Continued on page 4)

EVENTS TO COME

- June 28-July 8—Texas Baptist Encampment, Palacios.
- July 6-9—Girls Auxiliary Camp, Lueders.
- July 10-17—Menard Encampment, Menard.
- July 11-15—Ruidoso Assembly, Ruidoso, N. M.
- July 12-21—Alto Frio Encampment, Leakey.
- July 17-26—Sunday School Conference, Ridgecrest.
- July 18-29—West Texas Encampment, Lueders.
- July 20-27—Central Texas Encampment, Hillsboro.
- July 24-29—B. T. U. Conference, Ridgecrest.
- July 26-Aug. 2—Paisano Encampment, Abilene.
- July 31-Aug. 5—Milam County Encampment, Cameron.
- July 31-Aug. 5—Home Mission Conference, Ridgecrest.
- Aug. 1-11—Falls Creek Assembly, Ardmore, Okla.
- Aug. 8-11—Boys' Camp, Lueders.
- Aug. 8-14—Canadian Encampment, Miami.
- Aug. 14-21—Cambrell Memorial Assembly, Prescott, Ariz.
- Aug. 25-26—B. T. U. Officers Meeting, Seminary Hill.
- Aug. 30-Sept. 1—Educational Directors Convention, Seminary Hill.

WESTEX ENCAMPMENT PLANS MATERIALIZE

Study classes for all ages and for all departments of denominational work will be interspersed with social activities, athletics, missionary and evangelistic sermons and quiet hours of rest and morship at the West Texas Baptist Assembly at Camp Lueders, July 18 to 29.

The week from July 18 to 22 will be W. M. U. and B. T. U. week. During this time courses will be taught in a number of study books so that instruction suited to any age may be had.

During the second week Sunday school work will be taught at the B. T. U. hour and instead of the W. M. U. period there will be addresses by prominent speakers on all the different phases of mission work which are carried on by Southern Baptists.

Music will be taught both weeks. Camp pastors will bring daily sermons, and choice speakers will lead Vesper devotionals. Miss Verna Lee Carson, young people's leader of First Church, Abilene, will have charge of social activities, including friendship circles and campfire scenes at the close of the evening service.

Baseball, horseshoe pitching, tennis, swimming and hiking will be directed by a group headed by Rev. J. S. Tierce, Clyde.

One of the most interesting features of the program will be addresses by Mrs. B. L. Lockett in connection with motion pictures of mission work in Africa. Mrs. Lockett will be present July 18, 19 and 20.

For those who are not interested in study and strenuous programs, there are offered fishing and camping. Free camp ground is offered to all who will bring their tents.

All study courses in Sunday school and in the Training union and the Women's work will complete a book each week. In this way it will be possible for one person to secure seals for completed courses in these three organizations and one in church music.

Dr. Porter Bailes of Tyler and Rev. C. A. Powell of University Church, Abilene, will be camp pastors, and Rev. J. W. Marshall of Dallas, B. S. U. secretary, who will also be a member of the faculty, will preach at the evening hour during the first week.

Included among the speakers are: Revs. Chas. T. Talley, Ranger; E. D. Dunlap, Sweetwater; W. H. Albertson, Munday; and many others. Vesper services will be conducted by a group of pastors of this area.

Among the faculty members who will be in attendance either one or both weeks, are: Leo Waite, Lubbock; J. W. Marshall, Dallas; W. C. Taggart, Jr., Big Spring; Mrs. J. H. Dean, Blackwell, Miss Himalayo Swafford, Merkel; W. S. Garnett, Big Spring; W. J. Lites, Dallas; J. J. Strickland, Big Spring; Mrs. Fred Delashea, Robert Lee; Ewell Bone, Big Spring; Mrs. B. A. Copass, Fort Worth; Mrs. Dick O'Brien, Stamford; J. H. Dean, Blackwell; Mrs. C. O. Davis, Rule; Rev. Alfred A. Brian, Merkel; and Mrs. Edward Freeland, Abilene.

PAISANO ENCAMPMENT

The eighteenth annual session of the Paisano Baptist Encampment will meet on the grounds beloved and hallowed by Brother Lally Milican from July 26 to August 2. Dr. George W. Truett and Dr. Perry Webb will be camp preachers, Superintendent Robert Jolly will be song leader and Dr. J. B. Tidwell will give Bible lectures. Other prominent denominational leaders will present all phases of Baptist work.

Athletic Director Camp Lueders



REV. J. S. TIERCE, CLYDE



REV. AND MRS. JOHN P. HARDESTY



NEW HOME FOR PASTOR, McCAULLEY

Fisher Workers Dedicate McCaulley Parsonage

PASTOR HARDESTY HOST TO CONFERENCE

The Workers Conference of Fisher Association concluded their Tuesday meeting in a reception given by Pastor and Mrs. John P. Hardesty of McCaulley at the new home of the pastor, the construction of which has just been completed. Rev. C. E. Dick of Ovalo, former pastor at McCaulley preached a dedicatory sermon at the 11 o'clock hour.

The theme of the conference was evangelism and those participating in the program included Missionary B. N. Shepherd, O. D. Henley, D. G. Reid, J. W. Arnett, Curtis D. Owen, James Alexander, J. C. Parks, and Mrs. Jas. Alexander. Rev. C. E. Dick also preached at night.

Members of the church and visitors from Fisher and adjoining associations enjoyed the noon hour of feast and fellowship.

New Parsonage.

At the January meeting of the board of deacons it was decided to recommend the erection of a new home for the pastor. The church unanimously voted to undertake the project and appointed a building committee consisting of the pastor and Brethren B. F. Short, Albert George, A. A. Callaway, and Mmes. W. H. Stephenson and W. F. Davidson. Sufficient money was raised for the new house and the structure soon took form.

Rev. Hardesty has served at McCaulley for six years in this pastorate, having formerly worked in this field when the town was young. The church has a membership of 200 with 150 in attendance at Sunday School. B. F. Short is superintendent of the Sunday school, D. L. Smith is choir director, with Mrs. Levi McCollum and Mrs. W. F. Davidson, pianist. (Continued on page 3)

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

It has been the custom of the West Texas Baptist to print 50 issues each year. The weeks skipped are the Fourth of July and Christmas. Because there are five publication dates in June this year and the Fourth comes on the following Monday, the management believes it best to omit the paper next week and to issue one on Thursday, July 7. Till then, so long. —Editor.

CALVARY CHURCH HAS UNUSUAL V.B.S.

Calvary Church, Abilene, last Friday concluded a remarkable and successful Vacation Bible School. There was a total enrollment of 75 in this small suburban church and an average attendance of 54. Rev. Charles Tarrance, pastor at Johnson's Chapel, Stonewall association, assisted Pastor Gilmore and a group of the ladies of the church in conducting the school.

The unusual thing about this school is that the total cost was only \$4.65. Out of this amount came materials for handwork and refreshments for the smaller children. There was no money to purchase books for the Intermediates, but not deterred by such a trivial obstacle, they brought their Bibles and studied Ruth and Jonah. At the commencement program, Friday night, the Intermediates put on a pantomime dramatization of "Ruth" with a splendid reader's script prepared by one of their number. All departments had creditable parts in the evening program.

For handwork the Intermediate girls made sun-suits and other garments for small children which will be sent to Buckner Orphan's Home. Juniors and others made attractive scrapbooks for the entertainment of youngsters at Hendrick Memorial Hospital.

Churches who are not having Vacation Bible schools on account of the expenses involved can take lessons from Calvary Church.

PALACIOS ENCAMPMENT OPENS NEXT WEEK

Texas Baptists turn their faces toward Palacios at this season of the year as the Jews of old turned their faces toward Jerusalem annually. The Texas Baptist Encampment at Palacios is an all-state, all-church, all-department, all-denominational encampment. Every phase of work supported by the churches and the denomination is magnified at Palacios. The encampment will open its 37th annual session at Palacios Tuesday evening, June 28, at seven o'clock with President L. L. Wilkerson presiding. The music will be directed by Mr. Shelby Collier, Dallas, with Mrs. Rudolph Lorenz serving as accompanist. The keynote address will be delivered by Dr. Ewing S. James, pastor of First Baptist Church, Vernon. This address will be preceded by announcements from deans of the various schools as given below:

1. Preachers' School—Dr. Harold Fickett, Galveston.
2. School of Woman's Missionary Union Methods—Mrs. J. E. Leigh, Dallas.
3. School of Sunday School Pedagogy and Methods—W. J. Lites, Dallas.
4. School of Baptist Student Union Work—Rev. J. W. Marshall, Dallas.
5. School of Baptist Training Union Methods—T. C. Gardner, Dallas.

Faculty Members
The faculty of the various schools of the Texas Baptist Encampment is composed of 36 men and women. Thirteen courses in Sunday School methods and pedagogy will be offered. Seven courses in W. M. U. methods and missions will be given daily. Thirteen courses in Baptist Training Union Methods and work will be taught. Conferences will be held daily, and books appealing to Baptist Student Union workers will be taught. Every church in the State should send messengers to the Texas Baptist Encampment at Palacios.

Speaker Camp Lueders



REV. J. J. STRICKLAND
Missionary District 8

MISSIONARY ESSAYS



By B. N. SHEPHERD
Missionary, District 17

On July 6-9 we are to have the Girls camp at Camp Lueders. Some have been wanting to do something to help make that one and the other camps successful. Well, I will tell you one or two things you can do. You can help with the finances. Take an OFFERING next Sunday in your church. If you do not send in some each month, quarterly or at regular stated times, you can take the SPECIAL offering. If you do not have full time preaching and next Sunday is not your preaching day you can take the offering at the Sunday School hour. Our business manager is very badly in need of some money NOW. Buildings are to be built. Some have to be repaired. The grounds have to be put in order. Running expenses are coming up. DO THAT! If you pastors and S. S. Supts., B. T. U. Directors, and W. M. U. Presidents will present this matter there will be several hundred dollars coming in right now when it is most needed. Where could you invest money that will bring greater dividends?

Some are going over and will work a day or more during the next week or the rest of this one. Some who cannot go in person but will be glad to send Brother J. H. Littleton enough money to pay for a day or more. He can get a man to do the work and that will be just as well, except you will not have quite as much interest as you would should you be there yourself. DO THAT, TOO! It now looks as if we are going to have the most largely attended camps in many years. We want everybody who possibly can to be in the camps. Girls Camp July 6-9; General camp for everybody July 18-29—First week B. T. U. and W. M. U., Second week Sunday school work. Laymen's Work Saturday Night, Barbecue, and All Sunday. Well, Sunday Afternoon is H-SU hour. Boys Camp August 8-11.

No one else can destroy us, but under TRIAL we are in danger of destroying ourselves.

Last Thursday, June 16, was a helpful day at Johnson Chapel church, Stonewall Association. The Stonewall Workers' Meeting convened there. It was a very busy time with the people of the county and community, but a large crowd was present and enjoyed a splendid program. Bro. Charles Torrence, the efficient young pastor, was on the job. He did not know the meeting was going to be at his church until almost time for it. He took William Arnett and Coleman Campbell along in the missionaries car, to do the principal part of the speaking, and they did it well. Bro. Curtis Owen went along to lead the singing and render two inspiring solos. The missionary brought the closing message. The Board meeting revealed that the plans for the revival period are about complete. Organizer Rowan is working at his job. All pastors and workers are co-operating.

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PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES

- Friday, June 24—Grace Boyd Sears (Mrs. W. H.), evangelistic worker, Pingtu, Shantung, China.
- Saturday, June 25—Doris Ruth Mahan, educational worker, Baptist Theological Seminary, 11 Margit Rakpart 29, Budapest, Hungary.
- Sunday, June 26—Mr. and Mrs. S. E. McAdory, missionaries to Indians, Union, Mississippi.
- Monday, June 27—Charles A. Leonard, evangelistic worker, P. O. Box 22, Harbin, Manchuko.
- Tuesday, June 28—S. J. Townshend, evangelistic worker, Kweitch, Honan, China.
- Wednesday, June 29—Pascal Arpaio, missionary to Italians, Krebs, Oklahoma.
- Thursday, June 29—R. A. Pryor, Farmington, N. M.

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HOSPITAL CANNING BEES

It is a small thing that Superintendent Collier is asking this season. He offers to furnish cans to individuals, churches or communities who fill them with some of the abundance of vegetables with which Texas is blessed this year.

It is small to the individual who has good food going to waste. But to the hospital, to patients, who unless someone becomes a Good Samaritan, must suffer unrelieved and needlessly die—to these it is a great gift.

Last year the Hospital spent over \$20,000.00 in caring for people who, though not paupers, are unable to meet hospital bills. How many more could have had a chance at health if one hundred, five hundred or a thousand dollars, which had to be spent for vegetables, could have been used for medicines, dressings and indispensable care.

In this year we may share of our abundance, and never miss the part we share.

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give unto your bosom. For with what measure ye mete withal shall it be measured to you again."

EVANGELISM

There is probably more talk of Evangelism in Texas since the Preachers Conference than ever before. God's men returned from the seminary with hearts aglow. "O, God," one is said to have prayed, "let me have this zeal when I get back home!"

They have come back with that zeal. This is revealed in a five minutes talk with any man who attended. It is reflected in their pulpit utterances. Others who were unable to attend are infected with the fervor. Distant states are patterning after the "Texas Plan." Texans at Richmond were besieged by those eager to hear of last year's soul-winning campaign.

Evangelism is the prime program of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Rushbrooke is planning to catch that spirit for the World Alliance meeting at Atlanta in 1939.

Yet, because a pastor attended the Evangelistic Conference is no sure sign of a revival in a church. He may have come home with a portion of the Pentecostal flame, but if his congregation says by actions, "He went to Fort Worth; let him bring us a revival," they will no more see souls saved than Herod saw Jesus perform miracles.

The most famous evangelist and the cleverest of singers may be secured, but they cannot bring a revival. A church or a community can have a harvest of souls only by paying the price. That kind of harvest, like any other must be preceded by planting and cultivation.

Unless the Gospel seed is planted in the individual heart and unless it is irrigated with prayer, we will come to the revival-harvest like a man bringing a new combine to a fallow field.

There was a time when an evangelist could harvest a "volunteer crop"—unsaved men and women who voluntarily came to preaching. That day is largely past. The volunteer crop is choked out with other interests. Let's not bring our combines to fields of tumble-weeds.

"CHINA'S SORROW"

Down through the ages the mighty Yellow river, The Sorrow of China, has clawed at the upland soil and has strewed it abroad, coloring the land and the sea. Its silt-laden waters, like some of our western rivers, is "too thick to drink and too thin to plow."

It is said that one per cent of this sediment remains in the river bed, which has built up through the centuries until in many places the bottom of the river bed is higher than the surrounding country. Although levees have been built on top of these high banks, the annual floods are very difficult to control. This year the neglect and destruction of war, coupled with the melting of unusually heavy winter snows and incessant spring rains, is bringing a flood which threatens to exceed all records.

Outstanding among repeated floods in historic times was one which occurred in the fifties of the last century. At this time, the course of the lower river below Kaifeng was changed from a south-eastern direction to northeastern and the river emptied into the Gulf of Pechili instead of the Yellow Sea. The new mouth was over 200 miles north of the old, and between stretched a mountainous province larger than Alabama or Arkansas.

We become deeply moved, and rightly so, at the death and destruction in a tragedy like that at Clyde. Those people are our neighbors and we are able to sympathize with their distress. We can understand the loss of scores of lives in a train disaster, and feel the horror of the tragedy. But when it is China's millions we are numbed with the immensity of the numbers and it makes no more impression than the billions of dollars in which our government deals. It is beyond our comprehension.

Yet these are people. They are capable of pain and sorrow. They have immortal souls. Many of them are Christians. Thousands are Baptists—our brethren in the Lord.

We cannot stop the flood nor the war. But the least of us can pray for them. Further than that we do not know. But if we pray earnestly and sincerely enough, we will find that we can do something more.

THE NEED FOR A REVIVAL

(Baptist Messenger)

Dr. Perry Webb, pastor of the First Baptist Church, San Antonio, who has witnessed nearly eleven hundred additions in his own church during the fast fourteen months, brought the opening message of the Evangelistic Conference Monday night. His message was based on the prayer of Habakkuk: "O, Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years." This expression "in the midst of the years," may mean faith is weak and the heart has grown cold. A stalwart Christian will find in every crisis an opportunity. We have a crisis in America. All is not right with the world, when one city spend \$250,000,000 in gambling, when one nation spends billions for intoxicating drink. The Gospel is still the power of God unto salvation.

There are three reasons why we need a revival.

1. A revival is needed to stem the tide of practical infidelity. I am not as much alarmed about intellectual infidelity as some brethren, but I am alarmed with practical infidelity that has the form but not the power of the Gospel; that professes to know God, but denies the authority of Christ. Evolution says we came from nothing, the Christian Scientist says we are nothing, the Annihilationist says we are going to nothing. There are three classes of infidels, the bold infidel who says there is no God; the Agnostic who says he does not know; and the practical infidel who does not deny God but deserts God. There are too many of us who depend on the acts of Congress rather than on the acts of God.

2. We need a revival to rekindle the fires of devotion in our hearts. Like John the Baptist we should be burning and shining lights. This is not easy to do when many churches have grown so cold that you can skate down the aisles, who put their preachers in refrigerators and expect them to keep their hearts warm. We ought to pray for a revival of the churches and quit grumbling about the survival of the churches. I had rather have sensation than stagnation. If your heart needs warming take a trip outside the city wall and see Calvary.

"When I survey the Wondrous Cross On which the Prince of Glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride."

3. We need a revival to re-interpret the meaning of Christian service. All sorts of clubs talk glibly about service. Lots of people have the idea that the word service is an invention of the Twentieth Century. God is not calling for men whose chief asset is that they are known as popular after-dinner speakers. We are to walk in the steps of Him whose chief occupation was to seek and save the lost. He clothed himself in the garments of service. We are to transform society by regenerating the individual. This is Service. Blatcher, the guest of Wellington, looked over London and said, "What a city to sack, to destroy!" Christ looked over a city and wept. God give us the compassion of Jesus Christ! God commands obedience and Love leads the way.

Something to Think About

By A. W. Blaine

Many of the calls to repentance in the Word of God are addressed to the people of God. In Isaiah 58:1 God tells his prophet to, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins." They were busy as to the formal or ceremonial side of worship, but their lives were not in keeping with their lip service or profession. We might expect no more of a hypocrite, or any other person who has not had an experience of Grace, but we have a right and do expect more of those who have been born again. There seems to be little or no distinction in the New Testament between the saving of the life and the saving of the soul. It looks mighty bad for some folks, who are depending on church membership or a little profession that was made many years ago when their present lives are observed. Any person that loves the things of the world more than Christ and his cause had better go back and examine that experience of the days gone by and also that heart of the present. Jesus said, "I love not the world, neither the things that are therein—if any man love the world the love of the father is not in him." He also said, "By their fruits ye shall know them."

The Prophet, in following the instruction of God, pointed out that the people were pretending to delight themselves in the law of the Lord and to take great pleasure in calling upon (Continued on page 3)

News Notes

Quite a number of the young people from East Fourth Street Church, Big Spring, are planning to spend their vacations at the Luaders Encampment, writes Educational Director Ewell Bone.

Dr. J. W. Bruner, who is doing a notable work as vice-president of Southwestern Seminary, filled the pulpit at the First Baptist Church, Vernon, last Sunday.

Dr. E. S. James, Vernon, will be among the evangelistic speakers and the State B. T. U. encampment at Palacios.

Every church in District 8 was represented in the May offerings, according to the report of Missionary J. J. Strickland to the District Board at Big Spring last week. The report also showed all bills paid and the work in a fine shape. Pastor Lancaster of First Church, Big Spring, is district President.

The choir of Park Heights Church, San Angelo, sings over station KGKL each Tuesday evening at 7:30. Church and choir are appreciative of the leadership of Mr. Paul Counts, director of music and education, who recently came from Sweetwater.

The date of the Ruidoso Assembly has been changed from July 4-8 to July 11-15.

Rev. Hyman Appelmann began a two-weeks revival on June 18 with First Church, Ada, Oklahoma. Lee Stulce, formerly with First Church, Abilene, is Educational Director of this great church.

There have been 38 additions to the Loraine Church since February 1, and the Sunday school has broken all records. Pastor M. H. Godfrey is doing a great work in that field.

First Church, Cisco, has the largest enrollment in Vacation Bible School in ten years.

Superintendent Robert Jolly of Memorial Hospital, Houston, is recovering from an attack of bronchial pneumonia.

First Church, Hobbs, New Mexico, is remodeling the pastor's home and adding two rooms. The improvement was made possible by donations of labor and material by members of the congregation.

First Church, Sweetwater, commenced their Vacation Bible School this week.

Several reports have reached us of the splendid workers conference of the Mitchell-Scurry association last week. Missionary J. J. Strickland, with Pastors Patterson of Colorado and Harrison of Snyder are a fine set of leaders, say the men on the field.

Mr. Romick, a converted Jew who was baptized into the fellowship of Park Heights Church, San Angelo, is organizing a church orchestra.

Central Baptist Church, Clovis, host of the New Mexico B. T. U. convention recently, is building an addition to take care of their growing Sunday school.

Mrs. E. L. Redden, wife of Pastor Redden of Westbrook, has been returned to Hendrick Memorial Hospital for medical treatment. The West Texas Baptist joins in prayers for her speedy recovery.

The Lord has blessed the work of Pastor Redden at Westbrook with 32 additions in six weeks. The church is having a revival without a protracted meeting.

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins of Abilene preached in a soul-stirring revival in the First Church, Anson. Pastor Doyle preached in Dr. Jenkins' pulpit at First Church, Abilene, Sunday night. Henry Morgan of Abilene led in song service.

Curtis D. Owen, history teacher who sings for summer revivals, was guest singer at both the Fisher and Jones county workers conferences this week.

Missionary B. N. Shepherd is preaching for a revival with Pastor Gilmore and Calvary Church, Abilene. He is assisted by Pastor Charles Tarance of Johnson's Chapel and Miss Bobbie Copeland, a member of First Church, Abilene, who graduated from high school this spring.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

June 26, 1938

By Hight C. Moore

SHARING SERVICE WITH THE LIVING CHRIST

Mark 16:1-8, 14-16, 19, 20

GOLDEN TEXT: And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them. Mark 16:20.

On Friday before sunset, Joseph of Arimathea placed the dead body of Jesus in his own new tomb, Nicodemus sent a hundredweight of embalming spices, and the devoted women saw where and how the body was laid. The Roman guard was stationed there on Saturday. Early the next day he rose from the dead. And he is living today as our Savior and Lord.

1. Faith in the Resurrection

Christ lives. The resurrection of Jesus was proven first by the empty sepulcher. It is interesting and significant of woman's devotion to the cause of Christ that several pious women figured in the thrilling scenes connected with his death and resurrection. They were last at the cross and they were first to reach the empty sepulcher. During their visit they passed through five stages of experience. The first was sorrow. With sad hearts they had turned away from the tomb on Friday afternoon. The sabbath was the most fearful they had ever known. Yet where else can they go but back again to the city of the dead, there to let their hearts bleed in unrestrained anguish. Besides, the preparation of the body for burial was hasty and incomplete. With their own hands they must make the last touches of affection for him who was gone. So they brought spices as the dawn-streaks appeared on the horizon Sunday morning. The second stage was perplexity. Perhaps some of them came to the tomb the evening before, saw the guards stationed and the tomb sealed, and then returned. What was their amazement now to find the guard gone, the seal broken, the stone rolled away, the sepulcher emptied of its dead. There could be no mistake as to the place, for they had marked it well. With holy boldness they went into the sepulcher. But he whom they sought was not there. The third stage was fright. It was a solemn and awful scene. The grave clothes were lying in place. The devoted women were crowding into the narrow vault in the dim twilight of the morning and there was the white-robed angel sitting within the sepulcher. No wonder they were affrighted. But their fright was temporary and made way for the happier feeling to follow. The fourth stage was remembrance. In reassuring tones the women were reminded that what they now witnessed was in fulfillment of the repeated prophecies of their Lord. Those solemn words called out of the past by angelic tongue, flashed like a sunbeam into their darkness. Then their faith laid aside its crepe, brushed off the tears and took hold upon a risen, living Lord. The last stage was proclamation. Such news could not be kept nor such a faith concealed. The disciples and the world must know what had become of the Crucified. So the first advocates of the resurrection were held in the highest esteem among the disciples for their ardent piety and absolute integrity. Better ministers and sweeter gospel the world had not heard before.

2. Fidelity to the Commission

Christ commands. The task assigned the disciples was the evangelization of the world. (1) He appeared to them. He was their friend and teacher, their leader and Lord. Now he had risen from the dead and a great change had come over him. Yet he was among them and he was clothed with more authority and power than ever. (2) He upbraided them. Some of them. Some of them doubted the report of his resurrection. Those who declared that he had risen from the dead were being discredited. Even among the Apostles there was hardness of heart. They must have faith in him before they could be efficient workers for him. (3) He located them. He assigned them the field they were to occupy. Hitherto they had lived in Canaan, but they were limited only by creation. They were residents of the Roman empire, but now their horizon widened out through all the world. (4) He commissioned them. Their first and foremost and fundamental work was to preach whether in a single sentence or a great sermon, whether to an individual or to a multitude, whether at home or abroad. They were to preach the gospel which is the best news earth ever heard or can hear. They were so to preach the gospel that men would believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be baptized into the fellowship of his churches. Even so, there would

be some left on the outer fringes who would disbelieve and on that account be condemned. (5) He empowered them. Their faith was the channel of his power. Through this channel the divine power would operate effectively so that they could be successful in their onslaught upon the world of evil spirits, in their proclamation and promotion of his cause even with new tongues, in their protection from serpents and poison, and in their ability to heal the sick.

3. Fellowship After the Ascension

Christ reigns. On Ascension Day Jesus made his last appearance to the Apostles in Jerusalem and on the Mount of Olives. Three things are told us about the Lord: He gave his last instructions to his disciples unfolding his program for the winning of the world and promised them through the coming of the Holy Spirit the requisite power for the carrying out of his commission to the end of the age; then he was received up into heaven, overcoming the force of gravitation, entering into the waiting cloud and rejoining the heavenly host; and finally he sat down upon his mediatorial throne which he occupies today and will occupy until all things are under his feet. There are also three things told us about his disciples: They went forth from the mountain-top, ceasing their gaze heavenward and preparing themselves for their tasks on earth; they went everywhere preaching Jesus of Nazareth as the world's Savior and Lord; and their ministry was authenticated and attended by works of power and deeds of mercy.

Serve With the Living Christ

(1) Jesus Died. The actual death of Jesus is asserted in the Gospels. His suffering was sufficient to produce it. The spear-thrust demonstrated it.

(2) Jesus Buried. Two members of the Sanhedrin provided for and officiated at the burial. Faithful women attended and marked the hallowed spot.

(3) Jesus Guarded. The detachment of Roman soldiers was stationed before the sealed sepulcher which to their certain knowledge, contained the body of Jesus and no other.

(4) Jesus Risen. Very early on Sunday morning came the awful earth quake, the mighty angel, and the glorious resurrection—the best attested fact in all history.

(5) Jesus Absent. How the hearts of those godly women ached that morning when they found not the dead body of the Master! But the absent Jesus was nearer than they thought!

(6) Jesus Accounted for. Angel voices told the glad news of the risen Christ. He was not dead. His body had not been stolen. He would meet his disciples in Galilee.

(7) Jesus Seen. The empty tomb was good evidence of the Resurrection. But the ten or twelve appearances of Jesus were even more convincing.

(8) Jesus Proclaimed. The good woman who first saw the risen Christ was authorized to spread the good news of the Resurrection. Better gospel the world had never heard.

(9) Jesus Doubted. The Resurrection seemed too good to be true to the primitive disciples. They wanted to believe it, but doubt overcame their faith for a time.

(10) Jesus Living. There is no reasonable doubt about it—Jesus is living at this moment and will live forevermore!

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

THIRD QUARTER
Messages from Israel's Early Leaders

July 3—Joshua: A Choice of Loyalties. Lesson: Numbers 27:15-23; Joshua 1:1-9; 24:1-31. Print Joshua 1:2-6; 24:14-21.

July 10—Caleb: Life-Time Devotion. Lesson: Numbers 13:26-33; Joshua 14:6-15. Print Joshua 14:6-15.

July 17—Deborah: Emergency Leadership. Lesson: Judges 4:1 to 5:31. Print Judges 4:1-9, 12-14.

July 24—Gideon: Following God's Plan. Lesson: Judges 6:1 to 8:35. Print Judges 7:4-7, 15-23.

July 31—Samson: Strength and Weakness. Lesson: Judges, Chapters 13 to 16. Print Judges 14:5, 6; 15:11-14 16:15-21.

There were 66 additions to Field Street Church, Cleburne, during the revival conducted by Pastor Judson Prince of Cisco, Dr. Ben M. David, pastor of Field Street, who was seriously ill in Baylor Hospital during most of the meeting, is happily recovering in his home.

TEXAS W. M. U. WORKERS MEET AT PALACIOS

Mrs. J. E. Leigh, corresponding secretary of the W. M. U. Convention of Texas has been chosen dean of women's work for the Texas Baptist Encampment, June 26 to July 8. A fully graded W. M. U. program will be carried out throughout the encampment.

Mrs. R. L. Mathis, the new State young people's leader, will make her debut at the Texas Baptist Encampment at Palacios. She will teach a large class of intermediate girls that interesting book, "Darings in the Dawn." Other prominent women in Texas and the South will teach the books indicated below:

- "History of the W. M. U.," Mrs. Carter Wright, Roanoke, Alabama.
- "China Through a College Window," (Y. W. A.), Mrs. Gordon Singleton, Belton.
- "Darings in the Dawn" (Int. R.A.), Mrs. B. L. Lockett, Africa.
- "Whirligigs in China" (Junior R. A.), Mrs. F. D. Ray, Edna.
- "The Chinese Boat Baby" (Sunbeams), Mrs. J. R. Ostrom, Kilgore.
- "Up From Zero", Mrs. J. E. Leigh, Dallas.

The workers conference of the Sweetwater association will convene at Hylton Church on Thursday, July 7. The program is in preparation at this time, and as there will be no West Texas Baptist printed next week, the program will be mailed to those who are to have part.

Rev. Dean Elkins, who is doing constructive work as pastor at Divide, will begin a meeting at Sunset Church, Abilene, next Sunday. He has a tabernacle which he is bringing along for the meeting, states Pastor Carol Holtzclaw.

Sunday, June 26, will be Cradle Roll day at First Church, Abilene. Parents and babies will have a reserved section and Pastor Millard A. Jenkins will preach on the subject, "The Hand that Wrecks the Cradle Rocks the World."

Pastor Charles D. Owen of Temple Church, Abilene, is preaching in a revival at the Community Center Mission in that city. His son, Curtis D. Owen, is leading in the singing. Great interest is manifested among the people of Southwest Abilene.

Announcement was made at Seminole last week of the approaching marriage of Miss Rosemary Malone, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Sam Malone to Mr. Chester E. Evans of Gallup, New Mexico.

Mrs. Phillip C. McGahey, a leader in W. M. U. circles and wife of the splendid pastor at Breckenridge, is a patient in Hendrick hospital. We pray for her early recovery.

PREACHING REPENTANCE

Missionary J. C. McKenzie of Amarillo, District 10, writes protesting against the growing practice of receiving people into Baptist churches without evidence of repentance and a definite statement of Christian experience. He says, "People still want the Gospel, and it is the only hope of a lost world. I always preach on The New Birth, Repentance, Conviction, Conversion, Regeneration, Prayer, Hell and Heaven in every meeting that I hold. Here is my outline on Repentance."

Luke 13:3 and 5. Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish.

I. The Importance of Repentance.

1. The Bible Teaches. (1) The Old Testament, Enoch, Noah, Moses, Hosea, Jonah, and Malachi. (2) The New Testament, John the Baptist, Jesus, Peter, John, and Paul. So says Dr. B. H. Carroll.

2. All Great Evangelical Preachers of all ages have preached it was essential to Salvation.

3. One may be wrong on Baptism, The Lord's Supper, The Final Preservation of the Saints, and most of the other questions we differ on, and yet be saved. But one who is wrong on the question of Repentance can not be saved.

II. What Repentance Is Not.

1. Joining the church—any church—it makes no difference. 2. Being baptized. 3. Not simply being sorry for Sin. 4. Not Reformation of any sort.

III. What is Repentance Then?

1. A Change of Mind. (1) About Self. No one will ever Repent until he sees himself a sinner. (2) About Sin. There are some things that are wrong YET. (3) About God. He is not a Tyrant, but a Loving Heavenly Father.

2. A Change of Life, made possible by a Change of Nature. "If any man be in Christ he is a new Creature."

3. A Godly Sorrow for Sin, and a determination to quit Sin. There is an Intellectual and an Emotional element involved.

IV. Who Should Repent, and Why?

1. All, for all are lost. "There is no difference."

2. Because it is the Only Possible way to be Saved.

3. Because of What God has done for us. (1) Gave his Son to Die for us. (2) Sent the Holy Spirit to Plead with us. (3) He has been Long Suffering with us.

Conclusion: This story in this lesson in Luke teaches there is a last chance for every one to Repent. Will you do it NOW?

EVENTS IN OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY

C. C. Andrews, Baird, Texas Who was it that said: "Choose your this day whom ye will serve * * but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord." and what was the occasion? Read Joshua, 24th Chapter.

USING WASTE MATERIAL

By A Country Preacher

For years the old logs of pine, oak and bois d'arc in East Texas were considered of no value and much of it was burned up. Finally this timber was found to be the best as it did not have to go through the drying kiln and produced some of the finest lumber.

I see more than 500 Baptist preachers in Texas have no place to preach. Some of them are too large (as they think) for the country and some are not big enough for the city. But if they are saved by the blood of the Lord and called of God to preach, there is a place for them if all sides are equal.

There are more than 1000 country churches and school houses that need to be preached to. Many of these country churches need to be brought to full time, build a pastor's home and call a pastor who will live in this home. Any church of 50 members can build a church and pastor's home. I have seen it done in the past twelve months by a preacher whom many thought was laid on the shelf.

Baptists must stay in the country if they live in America fifty years. Ninety-five percent of all Baptist workers come from the country, but when you see one of these boys who was raised in the country and wiped his nose on his shirt sleeve, called to a First Church in the city and learns to get him a striped handkerchief, folds it nicely and places it up in his left, outside coat pocket with about two inches sticking out for show, then you may know that all the country is out of him or at least he thinks so. You need not get him for a country pastor.

All hurtful error to Baptists starts from the big preacher (so called), big church, big school. No hurtful error starts from a Junior college. That is Baptist history as I know it. I am for everything big that is good and that stays in its place and does not run off with the harness and keeps the back-band and crupper in place.

My purpose in writing is: First, to try to get these unemployed preachers to wake up and go, believing they can do something yet. Second, to get each association to wake up to their duty and build one country church with a pastor's home each year, which can be done. Third, to get this church to call a pastor for full-time—one that will move on the field and stay on the job. I believe if you will call him scripturally, and not by a committee or by the deacons, that the pastor will go through one winter at least.

I am for every phase of our work, but I see waste timber and some of it will do for the Master's use. O, my brethren, here is our great mission field in Texas. Other peoples have left the country. So it is left to us as Baptists to hold the country.

The author of the above article was the soul-winning pastor of the Editor in his boyhood days. Name on request.—Editor.

Pastor Fred Moreland of Lueders calls our attention to the date of their revival. It begins July 3 instead of 23 as we erroneously stated last week.

Mrs. J. H. Skiles, wife of Pastor Skiles of Tuxedo and New Hope churches in Jones county, is happily recovering from injuries received in a car wreck.

The First Baptist church Stamford has bought a modern air-conditioning plant which is being installed this week. It is expected that a difference of ten to fifteen degrees in temperature between the auditorium and outside will be accomplished.

Dick O'Brien is in a meeting with the First Baptist church, Olney. There have been thirty-four additions up to Monday of the second week, twenty-nine of these are for baptism. The meeting will continue until the morning service June 26.

"SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT"

(Continued from page 2) him and in offering sacrifice to him, and in doing his will, but that their private lives were not pleasing in his sight. He stated that under such circumstances the Lord would not hear their prayers. While going through the form of worship they are doing things that cause others grief. Considering the fact that this is a parallel in many respects to our present day, there is a need of some good old fashioned repentance. When church members reach the point where they love the dance, card parties, drinking and other sins instead of the Souls of the lost and the cause of Christ, it is time that the servants of God lifted up their voices and told their people of their sins.

Daily Bible Readings
 Sunday—The Power of Jesus. Mark 9:20-29.
 Monday—Vision and Consecration. Isa. 6:5-13.
 Tuesday—Sending After Seeing. Acts 19:3.
 Wednesday—Heeding After Hearing. Ezek. 2:1-7.
 Thursday—The Effect of Vision. Ezek. 12:21-28.
 Friday—Service After Vision. Acts 26:12-20.
 Saturday—The Childlike Spirit. Mark 9:30-37.

FISHER WORKERS DEDICATE McCAULEY PARSONAGE

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Deacons are M. L. Akins, J. M. Johnson, B. F. Short, W. T. Farrow, A. A. Calloway, and Ernest Webb. Alline Akins is church clerk, M. L. Akins is treasurer, Edwin Johnson is director of B. T. U. and Mrs. Hardesty is W. M. U. president.

Contributions Doubled

The McCauley Church is now a full-time pastorate. In addition to making the change from half-time and building the \$3,000 pastor's home, the church has been remodeled and contributions to the Cooperative program have doubled.

The McCauley community has long been noted for the large number of boys and girls who have attended college. Old settlers recall a list of seventy, sixty of whom attended Hardin-Simmons. Among these are Dr. C. C. Rister, head of the department of History in the University of Oklahoma, and W. A. Stephenson, head of the department of government at Hardin-Simmons. The church has produced six ministers since it was organized in 1902. They are E. A. Bradbury, A. C. Turner, I. J. Duff, Roy Hennington, Walton Johnson and Wesley Akins.

Biographical

The Abilene Reporter-News of June 19, in presenting the account of the new parsonage, gave the following biographical sketch:

John Pettigrew Hardesty, the pastor, was born in Arkansas, January 16, 1876. His parents settled near Cleburne, Texas, when he was four years old. He grew to manhood on a farm, attended rural schools and the high school at Joshua.

The Rev. Hardesty united with the Lane Prairie Baptist church at the age of 12 and surrendered for the ministry at 20. While attending Baylor university, Waco, in 1896, he preached his first sermon at Lane Prairie before he was 21. A few months later he began teaching school in the community. He attended the Grandview Collegiate institute at Grandview two years. He was married to Mabel Frances Montgomery January 7, 1902, at Glenrose, where he served his first pastorate. Mrs. Hardesty was born and reared at Glenrose and was graduated from Glen Rose Collegiate Institute, a Presbyterian institution. She taught school at Glenrose seven years.

Simmons Evangelist

After serving churches at Granbury, Mansfield and Bisbee, Mr. Hardesty moved to Clyde, where he was missionary to the Callahan County association two years. He entered old Simmons college and was graduated there in 1912. Immediately following graduation he became college evangelist, doing field work, and secured funds for completion of Girls Industrial Home, now Smith hall. He served as endowment field secretary for Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth 18 months. There followed pastorates at Lamesa, Happy, Lockney, Silverton, Slaton, and now at McCauley. In 1917-18 he was academy dean at Wayland college, Plainview, where Mrs. Hardesty taught in the elementary grades.

During his pastorates six church buildings and two parsonages have been built. He is now serving McCauley church a second time, having returned after a lapse of 20 years. About 300 have been received in membership during his pastorate here.

Mr. Hardesty is a Knight Templar Mason and a Shriner. He is a past high priest of R. A. M., having served in that capacity at Mansfield and Slaton. He has always voted a democratic ticket. A life-long foe of liquor, he stumped his home county for prohibition at the age of 20 and cast his first vote against liquor.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardesty are parents of five children. They are Mrs. W. E. Martin, a teacher in the Big Spring schools; Mrs. Homer Hutto, associated with her husband in publication of the Lueders News; Mrs. Nelson A. Hutto, Dallas; Mrs. John A. White, Brownwood; and John P. Hardesty Jr., at home. All have been students in Hardin-Simmons.

Mr. Hardesty is clerk-treasurer of the Fisher County Baptist Association, a member of the executive board of that association and a member of the district 17 board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Hardin-Simmons News



DR. J. D. SANDEFER

PREXY IMPROVING RAPIDLY

Dr. J. D. Sandefer, who has not been well for some time and has suffered severely since commencement, is making rapid progress since he recently submitted to minor surgery in Hendrick Hospital and is now able to be about the house at his home on the university campus.

Those close to Dr. Sandefer state that he has made surprising gains toward recovery and his physicians feel that he will be in better health than he has in years.

The West Texas Baptist joins the thousands of ex-students and hosts of friends in a prayer of gratitude that this great man has been spared to further years of usefulness.

HANEYS VISIT CALIFORNIA

J. T. Haney, secretary-treasurer of Hardin-Simmons University, and Mrs. Haney are away on a trip to the West Coast. While there Mr. Haney will attend the convention of Kiwanis International as vice-president and delegate from the Abilene club. Enroute they will visit President and Mrs. D. M. Wiggins of the College of Mines, El Paso.

Dr. R. A. Collins, Director of the H-SU summer session, spoke at First Church, Brady, Sunday, June 19.

Rev. W. H. Harrison of Odessa is now in a revival meeting with Pastor Aubrey Short and the Church at Foran. Arlie McDaniel of H-SU is song leader.

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PRIMARY ELECTION FOR UNIVERSITY QUEEN

Hardin-Simmons University summer session students balloted Wednesday at chapel, naming three finalists in the annual summer queen contest.

The final election will be held at the chapel hour next Wednesday morning.

The three campus beauties who proved the favorites at Wednesday's balloting, are Mildred King, Nan Painter and Doris Surles.

The H-SU Bronco conducts the annual election, and honors the queen with a full page photograph in the university annual's beauty section. Forrest Wade Tippen, Abilene, is editor.

The nine nominees at Wednesday's election, placed in the running by friends who circulated student petitions, included three Abilene girls, Mary Lou Ashburn, Charlotte Collins and Mildred King, Jane Gracey, Roscoe; Mary Ruth Rasco, Sweetwater; Norma Talmadge Bedsole, Longview; Ella Wilson Lanier, Haskell; Nan Painter, Sulphur Springs, Ark., and Doris Surles, Cisco.

STARS IN THE SKY

Wallace, Round Table Press

The author of this delightful volume of sermons is already favorably known to the religious world through two other deserving books, "I Believe in People" and "The Faith of Great Men." He is a partner with a throbbing heart-touch all his own. His design is indicated by the title. It is to put the stars of hope and cheer in skies beclouded by storms and darkness. He presents three attitudes which people may take toward life; one, the gay optimism of the ignorant young; another, the black pessimism of the mature disillusioned; and, finally, the bright calm of the reasoned and settled faith that sees the stars in the sky though beclouded and dark. Truly as has been said of the book discouragements flee and resolution reasserts itself under the spell of these confident pages.

—N. A. Moore.

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The churches in small towns and rural communities have scarcely done anything for the hospital during the past years. This is due to the fact that money has been scarce. This "Canning Bee" will make it possible for the rural churches to do more for the hospital than even the city churches have done, and it will cost the churches nothing other than their work. Two-thirds of our charity patients are from the rural sections. We can only serve as funds and materials are available to do so. Last month less than 12 churches in all Texas presented the needs of the hospital to their members. Your hospital cannot extend its services to those without funds unless it has some source of income, and if the church people are not willing to do their part, then why church hospitals?

I believe that the Lord has blessed our hospital in a greater way than any hospital in the State of Texas, probably because we have been going through a time when we were not able to help ourselves. If we expect to receive those blessings in the future, we must do all that is within our power, otherwise, we will be forgotten.

E. M. COLLIER, Superintendent.

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Second Term, Summer Session, July 12 to August 20. Regular faculty and guest professors, offer full curriculum. Dr. R. A. Collins, Director.

Registration for Fall Semester, September 14 and 15
 Third Annual VanderCook School of Music, August 22 to September 3. Courses for directors, teachers and students in band, concert orchestra, glee club, voice, harmony, expression, piano, and allied subjects.

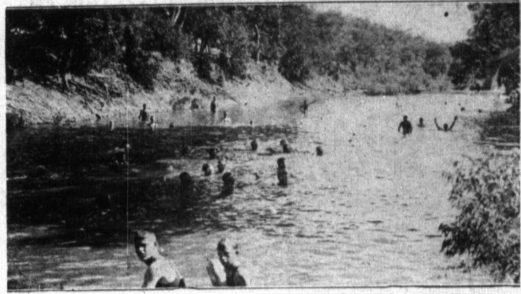
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VACATION HOUSE PARTY AT CAMP LUEDERS



COURSES IN MUSIC TO BE TAUGHT IN CAMP

Prominent in the educational part of the Lueders encampment will be classes in music. For years Prof. I. E. Reynolds, head of the department of music in Southwestern Seminary has worked toward building a Western school of Gospel music at the Lueders camp. This year he is in similar work at Ridgecrest but J. D. Riddle, director of music and education in First Church, Abilene, will be music director of the camp, and will carry forward the ideals on which the school has been built.

Music classes will meet both weeks, the hour from 7:45 to 8:45 being given to that work. Ewell Bone, music director of East Fourth Street Church, Big Spring, will conduct classes in practical church music, stressing the arrangement of programs, selecting hymns and the place of music in public worship. J. D. Riddle will teach note reading and choir conducting. If there should be sufficient demand it will be possible to arrange other classes.

COUNTRY PASTORS

Editor West Texas Baptist: I wonder if we are not saying entirely too much about the Rural Pastor? To have a Rural pastor's day in our meetings is bad, to my way of thinking. And then have a man to speak on the problems of the Rural Pastor who knows little or nothing about them, a man can not know the problems of the small town, or rural pastor sitting in an office. We must get out, walk across those plowed fields, lean up against a cultivator and talk with a real man that loves God and his church and pastor and knows how to plow all day and go to prayer meeting Wednesday night.

Quit talking about the City pastor and the Rural pastor, the Country church and the City church. Talk about the Church of Jesus Christ and the God-called Pastor. Put some of us Country pastors on a program and don't tell everybody that we are from the country. They will find that out. And when we tell about our problems we will be talking about some of the problems of the City church, for many of the problems are common to all of us. I believe when we come together we should come as Brethren and not City and Country preachers.—M. H. Godfrey.

SENTENCE SERMONS

By O. D. Henley
It's easy to overcome others temptations for them.
The worth of virtue never varies. Better lose a friend by death than by estrangement.
A smile doesn't cost any more than a frown, but it's worth more.
Some people are more distant than the sun, but not nearly so bright.

RAMBLINGS REMARKS

(Continued from page 1)
cles underwater with his hands but failed to make contact. With a look of resignation on his face he looked up and remarked, "De Lawd gib and de Lawd take away, gimme me another niggah." . . . Well I'm about to run down to Stovall wells for a hot bath, and with the thermometer already standing around 100 in the shade, there should be something to write about next week, if we survive.

SCHEDULE FOR LUEDERS ENCAMPMENT

JULY 18 TO 23, 1938

First Week, Morning —
7:45-8:45—Music classes.
8:45-9:30—B. T. U. study courses.
9:30-10:15—W. M. U. study courses.
10:15-10:30—Recess.
10:30-11:15—B. T. U.
11:15-11:45—Music.
11:45-12:15—Sermon.—Rev. C. A. Powell.
-12:30—Dinner.
Afternoon—
Recreation.
Evening—
Sundown—Vesper Service.
8:15—Song Service.
8:45—Sermon.—Rev. J. W. Marshall.
9:15—Friendship circle, Campfire programs, Mixing games, under direction of Miss Verna Lee Carson.
10:15—Taps.

The schedule will be the same for the second week except that Sunday School courses will be given at the B. T. U. hour, missionary addresses will come at the W. M. U. period and Dr. Porter Bailes will be Camp Pastor, preaching both morning and evening.

JONES COUNTY WORKERS MEET AT HODGES

Jones County workers met Tuesday, June 21, with Pastor Clyde Campbell and the Hodges Church. It was an informal, enthusiastic gathering in which evangelism and personal soul-winning were the chief topics of discussion. Speakers given special topics such as a report on the Southern Baptist Convention by Missionary B. N. Shepherd, and the Preachers Conference by Rev. C. D. Owen, were decidedly evangelistic in tone.

Plans are under way to see that every community in Jones county has a revival meeting during the summer. But because of the backward season and late crops most of these revivals will be held in August.

Jones association in connection with Fisher have employed a Mexican missionary who has been on the field since the middle of May and reports some conversions and new members.

On account of summer revivals associational workers will not meet again until after the annual session of the association which convenes with Noodle Church, September 8 and 9.

BRECKENRIDGE REVIVAL

Rev. Ramsey Pollard of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, concluded a real revival of soul-stirring depth and two weeks duration last night at the First Baptist Church here where Rev. Philip C. McGahey is pastor. Every message Brother Pollard brought was most effective and helpful for the church members as well as for the lost and unaffiliated Baptist. His delivery was very positive, sincere, earnest and without waste of words or loss of time.

The church had 52 additions and 1 reconsecration during the meeting, 18 of the 52 additions were by baptism; 31 came by letter, 2 by statement, and 1 under the watchcare of the church.

S. E. Kidd, the choir director, had charge of the music, the junior booster band, and the Young People's prayer service. His efficient, positive program of work contributed to the success of the meeting.

VACATION HOUSE PARTY—CAMPLUEDERS PROGRAM—GIRLS' CAMP—JULY 6-9

THEME: "Others"
OUR THEME SONG: "Help Somebody Today"

WHAT'S WHAT AND WHO'S WHO

Registration—Mr. and Mrs. J. Lowell Ponder, Rochester, Texas.
Camp Counselor—Mrs. Dick O'Brien, Stamford, Texas.
Pianist—Mrs. Carrol Holtzclaw, Abilene, Texas.
Chorister—Mrs. J. D. Riddle, Abilene, Texas.
Recreation—Miss Clara May Wilson; Miss Lillian Yates, and Miss Doris Wayne O'Brien, Stamford, Texas.
Y.W.A. Manual—Mrs. J. B. Buckley, Abilene, Texas.
Y.W.A.—The Ministry of Women—Mrs. Geo. Smith, Stamford.
Int. G.A. Manual—Mrs. Lowell Ponder, Rochester.
Judson, the Pioneer—(Int.)—Mrs. Jewell Poe, Cisco.
Torchbearers in China—Mrs. Tom Patterson, Colorado.
Junior G.A. Manual—Mrs. Rodney Ezell, Stamford.
Under the North Star—(Jr.)—Mrs. Charles Talley, Ranger.
Brave Adventures—(Jr.)—Mrs. Travis Dean, Stamford.

HOW WE SPEND OUR TIME IN LUEDERS

Wednesday Evening—

2:00-5:00—Finding a place to bunk.
5:00-6:00—Meeting of all counselors and leaders.
6:00-7:00—Help yourself to a picnic supper.
7:00-7:30—Vesper by the Clear Fork. Mrs. Dell Barber, Colorado.
7:40-8:00—Come, let's sing and be happy.
8:00-8:20—What's What and Who's Who?
8:20-8:30—Let's get acquainted.
8:30-9:00—Serving others.—Rev. B. N. Shepherd.
9:00-10:30—Play and sing to your heart's content.
-10:30—Happy Dreams, Lights Out.

Thursday Morning—

6:00-7:00—How about a Swim.
7:00-7:45—Breakfast is served.
7:45-8:00—Is your bunk nice and clean?
8:00-8:20—Thoughtful meditation under the tabernacle.
8:20-9:05—Let's study about missions.
9:05-9:45—Recreational songs.
9:45-10:20—Demonstration of Installation Service, Anson Y.W.A.
10:20-10:40—Recess.
10:40-11:25—Everybody in class.
11:25-11:35—Lift your voices in song.
11:35-12:05—"Serving Others."—Rev. B. N. Shepherd.
-12:15—Are you hungry? Let's eat!
1:30-4:00—Recreation; something for all.
4:00-6:00—Take a swim, but don't drown.
6:00-7:30—Stunts with knife and fork and spoon.
7:45-8:15—Vesper by the Clear Fork.—Mrs. E. D. Dumlap, Sweetwater.
8:20-8:30—Time to Sing.
8:30-9:00—"Serving Others to the Utmost Parts of the World."—Rev. B. N. Shepherd.
-9:00—Follow recreation committee.
-10:30—Curfew rings.

Friday Morning—

6:00-7:00—Are you too sleepy to swim?
7:00-7:45—First and last call to breakfast.
7:45-8:00—Isn't it fun to clean house?
8:00-8:20—Thoughtful meditations under the tabernacle. Miss Verna Lee Carson, Abilene.
8:20-9:05—Get your mind and come to class.
9:05-9:25—Story Hour.—Miss Clara May, Wilson.
9:25-9:45—Recreational Songs.
9:45-10:20—Demonstration of Missionary Program.—Junior G. A., Stamford.
10:20-10:40—How about a little recess?
10:40-11:25—No cuts from class allowed.
-11:35—Let's sing.
11:35-12:05—Serving Others by Giving Our All.—Rev. B. N. Shepherd.
-12:15—"Soups on."
1:30-4:00—Recreation, something for all.
4:00-6:00—Take a swim, but don't get wet.
6:00-7:30—Let's eat.
7:45-8:15—Vesper by the Clear Fork.—Mrs. Scott, Stamford.
8:20-8:30—Time to sing.
8:30-9:00—Serving Others by Using Our Talents.—Rev. B. N. Shepherd.
-9:00—Let's have fun.
-10:30—Goodnight and sleep tight.

Saturday Morning—

6:00-7:00—How about a plunge?
7:00-7:45—Get in line—we're hungry!
7:45-8:00—Make your bunk nice and clean.
8:00-8:20—Thoughtful meditation.—Rev. Chas. Talley, Ranger.
8:20-9:05—Let's study about missions.
9:05-9:25—Story hour.
9:25-9:45—Pep Rally.—Mrs. J. D. Riddle.
9:45-10:05—Recess.
10:05-10:50—Everybody in class.
10:50-11:25—Announcements.
11:25-11:35—Lift your voices in song.
11:35-12:05—Serving Others.—Rev. B. N. Shepherd.
-12:15—Lunch is served.
Good-bye 'Til 1939 Houseparty.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Each person will be expected to bring her own cot and bedding and two dollars (\$2.00) which entitles you to all camp activities.



NEW FIELD SECRETARY

Dr. H. H. Muirhead, graduate of Baylor University and both Southern and Southwestern Seminaries, and veteran missionary to Brazil, has been appointed field secretary of the Foreign Missionary Board to work in the territory west of the Mississippi river.

Dr. Muirhead was for many years president of the Baptist College and Seminary at Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil, and later president of the Baptist College of Rio de Janeiro. In the new field his time will be devoted largely to schools of missions and missionary addresses.

MISSIONARY MESSAGES

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The Workers Meeting of the Fisher association met with the McCaulley church where pastor Hardesty and his fine wife are enjoying a new pastorate. It was dedicated during the afternoon. Bro. Hardesty is doing such fine work there for his Master. We had such a good program. Some who were on the program were not able to be there, but the places were ably supplied by others.

Hodges always does things on a big scale. When we arrived last Tuesday for the Jones County Workers' Meeting, we found Pastor Clyde Campbell and the people there with everything ready. It was just right from the time we arrived until we left. No program was sent out, but the impromptu program was splendid. Every phase of the Lord's work was discussed.

J. C. Parks and his church at Sardis lack only a few little details being ready to apply for the Standard for the Sunday school. They are happy hours in the regular services. The revival spirit is burning, revealed by the conversions last Sunday night.

Brother Parks other half time church, Gannon, is doing things also. They are having a B. T. U. Study Course with three classes. J. C. Parks is one of our best rural pastors.

Pastor Ogletree stated that on Wednesday night of June 15 his church had the best prayer meeting it has had since his going there about a year ago. Prayer Changes Things.

Bro. Dick O'Brien is with Pastor Townsend and the church at Olney in a ten days revival. Let us join in prayer for them and others who are having meetings.

Pastor Holtzclaw and the Sunset church, Abilene, are now in a TENT revival meeting with Bro. Dean Elkins leading. Attend all you can and pray for them.

The Emmanuel church, Abilene, is placing the brick on the walls at this time. They are to have a real Workshop when the building is completed.

Bro. Melvin Byrd was called to be pastor of the Hanna church last Sunday. We do not know his decision.

Brother Pastors and Churches, Let Us Not Fail to Have a Meeting Everywhere One Is Needed. If ONE Soul Is Reached That Is Worth Far More Than A Life-Time of Work.

PRAY FOR AND ATTEND THE CAMPS

SNYDER INTERMEDIATES COMING TO LUEDERS

"We have a group of Intermediates," writes Mrs. D. V. Merritt, Snyder, "who have been doing odd jobs and banking their pay for a vacation. We suggested that they spend it at the Lueders Encampment and they eagerly accepted the suggestion." Encampment leaders assure Mrs. Merritt and her Intermediates that they will not be disappointed in their vacation whether they select the general encampment, which is the last half of July, or either the Girls camp, July 6 to 9, or the Boys camp, August 8 to 11. Many Juniors and Intermediates are planning to attend two of these occasions.

COSMOPOLITAN SCHOOL

The Vacation Bible school of First Church, Abilene, has 72 out of an enrollment of 225 pupils and a faculty of 36, who belong to other churches, including nine different denominations and eleven cities.

The denominations besides Baptists represented include Christian, Church of Christ, Presbyterian, Methodist, Congregational, Episcopal, Seventh Day Adventist, Salvation Army, and Catholic.

The school, which began Monday, June 20, and will continue next week expects to enroll well over three hundred during the term.

A LETTER FROM LUEDERS ENCAMPMENT OFFICERS

Dear Friends:
The Lueders Encampment is in position today to pay greater dividends in soul-winning, and character building, than at any time since its organization more than a decade ago. Last summer in the three camps nearly a hundred people were saved, and scores received inspiration and information to help them to more fruitful Christian living. This year there is every indication that the attendance will be greater than in many years, and it is the prayerful hope of the management to make it the best year of all.

Several churches over the district have made pledges to the encampment, either to be paid monthly or in a lump sum, and the management needs these funds at this time to make necessary preparations for the summer program. If your church is included in this list, and has not sent in its money, will you see to it that it is brought to the attention of the proper persons?

It has also been suggested that there are men who do not feel that they can give money who would be glad to give a day or more of work as their part. Mr. Littleton assures us that he can use as many as can come to build cabins, clean the ground and do general repair work in preparation for the July session. The week following the fourth Sunday in June was designated as work week, but any time that suits the convenience of the men will be made to fit encampment plans. You are badly needed NOW.

Fraternally,
DICK O'BRIEN, Pres.,
District Seventeen Convention.
B. N. SHEPHERD,
District Missionary.
HENRY LITTLETON,
Business Manager.
FRED MORELAND,
Assistant Business Managers.

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