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RAMBLING



By DICK O'BRIEN

In my constant search for atmosphere conducive to variety of style in this column so that my public will not become bored and probably turn to the Congressional Record for interesting reading, I am writing this week in the offices of my esteemed friend, Eugene Butler, editor of the Clyde Enterprise. I thought I might be able to get in a literary lick or two if I came in here and got a smell of printers ink, and banged the typewriter to the tempo of a clicking Linotype machine and whizzing printing press. So many people have either told me straight out or hinted very strongly that they could beat me writing this column that I cannot afford to go stale and tempt the editor to begin looking around for a new columnist. . . . Coming back to Clyde and Callahan County after several years absence stirs so many memories that I could fill the whole issue of the West Texas Baptist rather than one column. I have served as pastor of two churches in the county, and held revivals in all but two of them, and preached in all of them time and again. So a veritable flood of memories rush into mind as I sit here by the old Texas & Pacific railroad tracks and let my mind wander back over the years. . . . I recall the time a group of about 50 of us went out from Baird one night to hunt coons. I do not expect you to believe it but we treed six grown coons in one live-oak tree. When one of the boys, anxious to show out before his best girl, climbed the tree and shook them out we spent the rest of the night getting the crowd back together and safely home. If animals have any sense of humor, I venture the guess that those coons had more fun out of that episode than we did. We went 50 different directions when coons began tumbling out of that live-oak. There was every degree of screams and screeches as we scattered out through the brush, and every type of scratch and bruise when we limped back into camp. I do not suppose a whole garment returned from that retreat. . . . Then I recall the time County Judge Victor B. Gilbert drove me to Oplin in a top-heavy 1918 model T coupe. That was the roughest ride I ever had, the foulest tobacco I ever smelled; the unhappiest chili I ever ate, followed by the poorest sleep and the worst dreams I have ever had. Let's change the subject. . . . Being in Clyde reminds me of the first banquet speech I ever tried to make. It was here in Clyde at a good road meeting attended by several big-wigs, including Joe Burkett, a native son who was on the highway commission, and a current candidate for governor. In introducing Joe to the audience I said in effect, "We all know Mr. J. H. Burkett of this community, known far and wide as a raiser of nuts, we are happy to have his son Joe with us this evening." It was late the next afternoon before it dawned on me why the crowd laughed so heartily

EVENTS TO COME

- March 25-26—District 9 Convention, Brownfield.
- March 27-28—District 10 Convention, Pampa.
- March 28-29—District 11 Convention, Paducah.
- April 15-17—Texas Baptist Sunday School convention, Dallas.
- April 22-23—District 17 W. M. U. Convention, Breckenridge.
- April 28-29—Formal installation of President W. R. White, H-SU.
- May 14-18—Southern Baptist Convention, Birmingham.
- June 2-5—Evangelistic Conference, Seminary Hill.
- June 23-29—General Encampment, Lueders.
- July 7-9—Girls' camp, Lueders.
- July 9-11—Boys' camp, Lueders.

HOUSTON PASTOR CHOSEN TEXAS BAPTIST LEADER

Dr. E. D. Head, nine years pastor of First Church, Houston, was chosen executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas at a called meeting of the executive board at Dallas, Monday, March 17. He did not indicate his decision immediately.

He will succeed Dr. R. C. Campbell, who has resigned to accept the pastorate of First Church, Columbia, S. C. Sixty of the 88 members of the state board spent over an hour in prayer and devotional worship before the ballot was taken.

Dr. Head is a native of Louisiana, a member of the class of 1916 at Baylor University and the class of 1920 at Southwestern Seminary. He spent 12 years as assistant to Dr. J. B. Tidwell in the Baylor Bible department, going from that position to the Houston pulpit. As a student and teacher he served as pastor of a number of rural and small town churches in Central Texas.

Mrs. Head is the former Effie McDaniel, five years young people's leader at First Church, Dallas. They have one son.

H-SU REVIVAL SERVICES BRING RECONSECRATIONS

A very large percentage of the Hardin-Simmons student body and many visitors joined the faculty in rededication of their lives to Christ at the services conducted by Rev. Bill Marshall, state B. S. U. secretary, during Religious Emphasis week at the university.

There were nine conversions in the meeting in a student body of which only nine were not professed Christians, reported B. S. U. leaders. Two of the conversions, however, were children of Dean Edwin E. Young, and not members of the student body, and one or two more were church members who found that they had not previously known an experience of grace.

Evening services were followed by Friendship Circle gatherings at Mary Frances hall. On two of these occasions Rev. Marshall showed technical motion pictures of scenes taken on his trip to the Orient last summer. He promised to show others at the Lueders encampment where he is to be the youth leader this summer.

An unusual feature of the revival was the large number of soldiers from Camp Barkeley who attended the evening services, some of whom rededicated their lives. Wednesday evening Chaplain Leroy W. Raley presented the "Redman's Glee Club" from the 180th Infantry who sang religious choruses.

LAMESA WORKERS HEAR PROGRAM OF PREACHING

By J. J. Gentry

The Workers Conference of Lamesa Association met March 13 with Pastor E. F. Cole and First Church, Lamesa. The program was a preaching program, every speaker selecting his own subject. Every one who spoke was at his best. The services were spiritual from the first speaker to the last. Dr. C. E. Lancaster, pastor of First Church, Big Spring, was the guest speaker for the day. All who know Brother Lancaster will know that he brought a great message.

By the time these notes are read by the readers of the West Texas Baptist, Pastor Cole and First Church, Lamesa, will be moving the old buildings off the grounds to begin work on a new building. This church and pastor are happy, and should be as the work has grown so that it has become necessary to build.

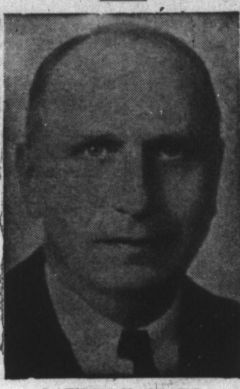
Pastor Phillips and the Church at Klondike have been studying the book of Revelation this week with Rev. Sam Malone of Seminole as the teacher. The interest has grown each night of the meeting.

Brother R. R. Cumble is leaving soon to take up his duties as pastor at Christoval. We regret to see him leave this association but pray that God will bless him in his new field.

The next meeting of the Workers Conference will be held with Pastor Clayton and the church at Ackerly.

Dr. W. O. Lewis, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, has gone to Switzerland in an effort to get in touch with as many Baptist leaders in Europe as is possible.

BROTHERHOOD RALLY DRAWS LARGE CROWD



LAWSON H. COOKE, Brotherhood Secretary

An estimated 5,000 laymen gathered from all parts of Texas to take part in the statewide Brotherhood rally at First Church, Dallas, Monday and Tuesday, March 17 and 18. Some of the Texans came 650 miles to attend the meeting.

Out of state speakers included R. G. Le Tourneau, Peoria, Ill., manufacturer, Lawson H. Cooke, executive secretary, and John D. McCall, president of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South. Both of these are from Memphis, Tenn. Dr. John L. Hill of Nashville was also on the program.

A large number of outstanding laymen and pastors of the state were heard during the meeting.

Judge E. S. Cummings of Abilene is president of the Baptist laymen's organization and R. A. Springer of Dallas is executive secretary.

LUBBOCK CHURCH OBSERVES "HARDIN-SIMMONS DAY"

Dr. W. R. White, president of Hardin-Simmons University, and former pastor at First Church, Lubbock, supplied in his old pulpit Sunday, March 16, as part of the state-wide observance of Christian education Sunday. He was accompanied by the university male quartet and other musicians of the school. Lubbock alumni, led by Mrs. B. H. Meskimen, sponsored a dinner for the exes. President White also addressed this meeting.

EVANGELISM IS MAJOR OBJECTIVE DECLARES BROTHERHOOD PRESIDENT

By E. S. Cummings

President's address at State Brotherhood rally, Dallas, March 17-18.

In the months that I have been your president, I have been startled by the realization that this great organization called the Baptist Brotherhood of Texas; seemingly to me, has not chosen or designated a pivotal post as a guide or a flag mast as its main objective. To be explicit, the Sunday School has for its main objective the teaching of God's Word; the Training Union has for its main objective training for service; the Woman's Missionary Union has for its main objective missions, and it seems to me that we should decide in our own thinking, at least for the present, the flagstaff, the guide post, the sign board for the Baptist Brotherhood, which I should like to designate now:

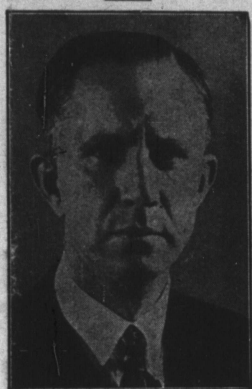
EVANGELISM

In thinking about Evangelism in its true sense, I had thought of what you and I consider the Great Commission. "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." While this is every Christian's objective, I believe that there is another passage of Scripture, which to me at least, draws it a little closer for our present thinking; namely, Luke 19:10, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost."

In doing so, it seems to me that our men should have definitely in mind three things that I would like to bring to you at this moment.

"There is none other name known among men whereby we must be saved."

MUSIC HAS LARGE PART AT SUNDAY SCHOOL MEET



JOE TRUSSELL, Brownwood

Church music, inseparably associated with the modern Sunday School, will be a prominent feature of the Baptist State Sunday School convention, meeting in Dallas April 15 to 17. B. B. McKinney, music editor for the Sunday School Board, Nashville, will conduct the music conference. Prof. I. E. Reynolds of Southwestern Seminary School of Music, assisted by T. W. McNeely, will direct the musical drama, "The Prodigal Son." Congregational singing at the convention will be led by Joe Trussell, evangelistic singer of Brownwood.

The drama will be given Monday evening, April 14. These performances, offered by the faculty and students of music at the Seminary, have been a popular pre-convention feature for several years. There will be no admission charge or offering.

Other Features

Reservations are being made at the Sunday School department, 707 Burt building, Dallas, for the training banquet which will be held Wednesday evening, April 16, at the Dallas Y. M. C. A. Persons desiring to attend should send 60 cents for the plate and indicate whether they hold only the diploma or red, blue or gold seals, or the post graduate diploma. Guests will be seated according to rating in training.

Emphasis will be laid upon Vacation Bible School work. Dr. Homer L. Grice will have charge of this department. Exhibits will be displayed

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Noted Speakers To Attend Dr. White's Inauguration



DR. W. R. WHITE

BOARD SAYS CONTINUE DRIVE FOR ARMY CHAPELS

The drive of Texas Baptists to raise a fund of \$50,000 or more to provide Baptist chapels under the direction of camp pastors at the larger military posts in the state will continue till July 1, voted the state executive board in a meeting at Dallas, Monday.

Less than half the amount has been raised to date, Dr. R. C. Campbell reported to the board. At least \$20,000 is needed immediately, he said, to provide the chapels at the cantonments.

Dr. A. C. Miller, superintendent of the army work for Baptists of the state stated at Abilene Saturday that the current contributions are only sufficient to take care of the camp pastors for the year and to erect one chapel, which is under way at Camp Bowie, Brownwood. In accord with the definite determination of the denomination to avoid new debts, no commitments will be made except as the money comes in to provide for them.

The plans are prepared and a number of bids have been tendered for the Camp Barkeley chapel but work will not begin until the pay is in sight.

Dr. Miller expressed appreciation for the spirit of cooperation shown in the official quarters of the army and the interest manifested by the enlisted men.

TRI-ASSOCIATIONAL MEET TO OBSERVE H-SU JUBILEE

First Church, Sweetwater, will be host on Thursday, April 3, for a joint meeting of the workers of Mitchell-Scurry, Fisher and Sweetwater Associations, covering five counties. The occasion is part of the observance of the Hardin-Simmons Golden Jubilee, these counties being part of the old Sweetwater Association at the time the university was founded. The meeting date is the nearest convenient time to the Founder's Day anniversary.

President W. R. White will speak before noon, discussing "Christian Education in Our Day." In the afternoon, Dr. Fred C. Eastham of Wichita Falls will speak on the larger Hardin-Simmons University campaign, of which he is chairman.

Other speakers will be Pastor L. L. Trott of Rotan, who will lead the opening devotional period; and Hon. Truett Barber of Colorado City, who is to discuss the history of H-SU.

Special music will be furnished by the A Cappella choir and the Golden Girls Quartet of the university. Woodrow Harris, music director of the host church, will lead congregational singing.

Moderator O. D. Henley of Fisher Association will preside at the morning session and Moderator G. A. Elrod of Mitchell-Scurry will be in the chair for the afternoon. Rev. J. M. Sibley, host pastor and moderator of Sweetwater Association, will welcome the visitors.

For those who desire to bring lunch, the host church will provide tables and drinks. Forty-five minutes after lunch will be devoted to meetings of associational and W. M. U. boards.

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Formal inauguration of Dr. W. R. White as seventh president of Hardin-Simmons University will take place April 27-29.

The inaugural ceremonies will be the highlight to the H-SU spring Golden Jubilee programs, university officials said.

The principal speakers on the programs will consist of university presidents, and ministers representing schools from all over the Southwest. Included in this group are: Dr. George W. Truett, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, and internationally famed churchman; President Pat M. Neff of Baylor University, former governor of Texas; Dr. Lee R. Scarborough, president Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth; Dr. Homer P. Rainey, president, University of Texas, Austin; and Dr. Clifford B. Jones, president of Texas Tech.

The tentative program is as follows:

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

First Baptist Church
11:00 A. M.—John R. Sampey, president, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.
8:00 P. M.—Lee R. Scarborough, president, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.
University Baptist Church
11:00 A. M.—John W. Raley, president, Oklahoma Baptist College, Shawnee, Okla.
8:00 P. M.—E. C. Routh, editor, Baptist Messenger, Oklahoma City, Okla.

South Side Baptist Church
11:00 A. M.—Lee R. Scarborough, president, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

MONDAY, APRIL 28

University Auditorium
10:00 A. M.—"The Church College—An Integral Part of American Democracy," S. J. McCallie, headmaster, the McCallie School, Missionary Ridge, Chattanooga, Tenn.
University Cafeteria
6:00 P. M.—Inaugural Dinner.
University Auditorium
8:00 P. M.—Address, Charles E. Friley, president, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.
Address, John R. Sampey, president, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

University Auditorium
10:00 A. M.—Address, Homer P. Rainey, president, University of Texas, Austin.
Address, Clifford B. Jones, president, Texas Technological College, Lubbock.
Hilton Hotel
12:15 P. M.—Luncheon, address, Pat M. Neff, president, Baylor University, Waco.
Address, Humphrey Lee, president, Southern Methodist University, Dallas.

University Auditorium
4:00 P. M.—Address, George W. Truett, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas.
Inaugural address, W. R. White.

RANGER EDUCATOR WILL BE H-SU BUSINESS HEAD

Dr. William Truett Walton, H-SU '20, and president of Ranger Junior College, has been selected by the Hardin-Simmons authorities to return to his alma mater as assistant to the president and comptroller of the university. He will succeed J. T. Haney, present business manager who has resigned, effective May 1, to accept a position at the Texas School of Mines, El Paso.

Dr. Walton is a popular and influential alumnus and a public speaker of ability. He is an ordained minister and after finishing seminary and post graduate study he taught in the Bible department of the then Simmons University.

His work as administrator of the municipal college at Ranger has won him recognition as a school man.

Warren Woodson of Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway, has been selected as football coach for H-SU to succeed Frank Kimbrough, who is now head coach at Baylor. Woodson is a former Baylor athlete.

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THE GOSPEL WILL NOT BE BOUND

In The Commission for March, Dr. Maddry tells a thrilling story of a priest from Colombia who visited Cuba one vacation and while there, through curiosity, attended a service at a Baptist chapel. He listened to the simple Gospel story told by a Cuban preacher. He became converted and returned to Colombia to preach the living Christ.

His work was blessed and little groups of believers sprang up along his trail. At the request of this ex-priest, Dr. M. N. McCall, Home Board superintendent in Cuba, crossed the Caribbean to baptize these converts. Now a representative of the Foreign Mission Board is to look into the matter of launching a new mission in Colombia.

This story is paralleled by the spread of the Gospel in the Portuguese tongue. In the 19th century, Southern Baptists sent missionaries to Brazil, where Portuguese is the national speech. Around the turn of the century J. G. Oliveria, an immigrant from Portugal, heard an American missionary down there and was baptized into the Baptist faith. He felt a call to preach, received an education in the United States, and later, was sent as a missionary from the Brazilian Baptists to his native Portugal.

In the course of years, Portuguese Baptists began to send missionaries to their country's colonies in Africa, where they have a thriving work today.

We should not fear the future. In these days, when doors are closing in Japan and other dictator-ridden lands, they are swinging open in the teeming tropics of Africa and South America and the pleasant climates beyond.

You and I cannot evangelize the world; but we can have a part in the great Gospel torch race, handing the light of Christianity on to another people, who, in turn will pass it to others.

We serve a God who said, "My word shall not return unto me void."

ARE WE CONCERNED?

A number of churches and several individuals have made sacrificial contributions toward the Baptist work in the army camps in the state, but in the denomination as a whole there has been an appalling lack of interest, or lack of information, perhaps lack of both.

It was no small task that the Baptists of the state undertook this winter, but the amount they asked was trivial. There are some 750,000 white Baptists in cooperating churches in Texas. To date they have sent in for the work of giving the Gospel to the soldiers stationed in the state something less than \$25,000 or one three-cent postage stamp apiece!

Although at least one layman, with a consecrated pocket book and a love of young men in his heart, is said to have given \$500 for this work, while some large churches have given around \$1,000 each, and a number of small congregations have given worthy offerings, still there must be many hundreds of churches and hundreds of thousands of individuals who have not made the least effort in this direction. They have said by their action that they are wholly indifferent to the spiritual welfare of the men in the military service of the country.

To one who knew the men of 1917-18, it appears that a larger percentage of the men of the new armies are interested in religion. Churches outside the reservations are making no inconsiderable effort to welcome the men who come their way. There are some of the finest material in the land in the uniform as chaplains. The government is doing more than ever in history to provide recreation for the men. But there is a large field for the Baptist chapel and the Baptist camp pastor which none of these worthy agencies can touch.

While the chapels are planned for reading tables and certain other phases of recreation and relaxation, they will not be amusement centers. If that were all the use to which they could be put, Baptists have better places for mission money. They will have preaching on occasion, certainly, but they will not be, primarily, preaching houses.

The major use which these chapels can serve is a place where the camp pastor can become acquainted with as many of the men as possible and where they can meet him privately and discuss their most intimate problems, undisturbed, and where he can lead lost soldiers to Christ and guide indifferent Christians back to the joys of salvation.

The camp pastors are men of experience, judgment and resourcefulness, in achieving this end they will do many other things which will interest and draw the men, but they will not lose sight of the major objective of their work. If in so doing they lead only one prodigal son to the Lord, if that son were ours, would not we feel that our two postage stamps had been well spent?

In contrast with 1917 when Dr. Gambrell found military authorities resentful of Baptist efforts, we find today the door wide open. We are hurt that missionaries have had to come out of Japan and Japanese-controlled Asia. Here at our homes is a mission field where each missionary can have personal contact with more persons than he could reach in Japan. He will have the cooperation of Christian officers and men who will welcome his ministry. And Texas Baptists are saying, in actions, that they are not interested.

The machinery is all ready to function. Baptists can enter this field if they want it. The work will move onward only if, and when, Baptists care enough to provide the cash.

News Notes

George Reynolds, education director of First Church, Childress, and brother to Professor I. E. Reynolds of Southwestern Seminary, has been assisting Pastor W. R. Derr in a ten-day meeting at Ralls. This is the eleventh revival at Ralls since Rev. Derr became pastor and the sixth in which the church has invited him to do the preaching.

The Ouichita College symphonic orchestra will appear at Hobbs, N. M., March 27.

Earth Church has called Rev. Harold Russ. He is to move on the field.

First Church, Canyon, has purchased new pews and will have them installed by Easter.

Pastor E. G. Gregory of Archer City has resigned to accept the call of First Church, Comanche. He began the new work March 16.

Rev. Judson Prince preached in a men's revival with Pastor T. Bradley Allison and the Riverside Church, Fort Worth last week. Noon services were held at various industrial plants and a number of men were converted.

Dr. W. B. Riley, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Minneapolis, has resigned after 44 years with that one church.

Dr. W. W. Hamilton, president of Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, and of the Southern Baptist Convention, conducted the student revival at Oklahoma Baptist University this year.

B. B. McKinney, music editor of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, will lead a church music festival of three days next week at Oklahoma Baptist University. Music faculty members of the university will assist in lectures and conferences for church music directors of the state.

More than 40 churches in Houston cooperated in a simultaneous Training Union revival last week.

There were 19 additions, 15 for baptism, in the recent revival at Moody with Dr. McKinley Norman assisting Pastor W. W. Brister. In a meeting led by Dr. Norman a year ago there were 44 new members added to the same small town church. Evangelist Norman is now in a meeting at West.

Rev. Roy McGlamery and wife will lead in a youth revival at Sweetwater the week of April 6 to 13. The church is placing emphasis on evangelism in all departments during the spring months.

Rev. Roy Shahan of Littlefield will conduct a meeting with Pastor N. E. McGuire and Immanuel Church, San Angelo, beginning March 30.

The Mexican Mission at Wichita Falls recently received 21 new members in a revival led by Pastor G. C. Rodriguez.

The Christian Service Band of Hardin-Simmons is to conduct a program at Friendship Church in Jones County Sunday, March 23. Dr. Edward B. Jenkins is to assist Pastor C. C. Beatty in a revival there beginning April 6.

Pastor Clyde R. Campbell of Calvary Church, Abilene, has made a trip to Tennessee, bringing his parents who will make their home with him. Rev. John P. Hardesty supplied his pulpit March 9.

District Missionary J. Henry Littleton directed a week-end study course on Stewardship at Hebron Church March 14 to 16. He was ably assisted by Eva Louis Harmonson, missionary student at H-SU, and Mrs. Doyle Hughes, wife of the pastor.

NEWLY ORGANIZED TRAINING UNION PRESENTS PROGRAM

Attendance was small at Zone 1 Training Union meeting at Comperre March 16, but this did not discourage members of Noodle Training Union, just organized, nor did it prevent them from rendering an inspirational program of practical knowledge and thought. Hollis Irvin is director of the Noodle organization.

"Blessings From the Bible," Miss Dorothy Lee Jackson; "Treasures from Christ's Teaching," John Knox; violin solo, Mrs. Edwin E. Read, accompanied by Mrs. W. E. Roberson, were program numbers, concluded by a talk by the pastor, Rev. A. R. Posey. Hodges church was selected as the place for the April meeting.

SWEETWATER ORDAINS MEXICAN MISSION PASTOR

Upon the request of First Baptist Church, Sweetwater, a number of brethren from adjacent territory and from the West Texas Mexican Baptist Association met to form a council for the purpose of ordaining Rev. Jesus Rios. The following men were present and composed the council:

George W. Parks, Roscoe; G. A. Elrod, Roscoe; D. G. Reid, Abilene; Cooper Waters, Merkel; John Hutto, Big Spring; H. B. Hank, Big Spring; Ernest Hollis, Sweetwater; J. M. Sibley, Sweetwater; Orval Hendon, Hylton; Willie Brown, Shep; Donato Ruiz, San Angelo; D. Bejerano, Rotan; E. P. Gonzales, Snyder; Jose Gonzales, Brownfield; Pedro Hernandez, Abilene; Julian Ramirez, Lubbock; Silvanio Larra, evangelist for the West Texas Mexican Baptist Association.

Pastor Sibley of First Church was elected moderator of the council and Rev. Hendon was elected clerk. The following men were selected to take the following parts on the program: The moderator was asked to do the question; Rev. D. Ruiz was asked to pray the ordaining prayer; Rev. Cooper Waters was asked to deliver the charge to both the church and the candidate; Rev. Ramirez was asked to preach the sermon. These parts were to follow in the above order. The council then retired to the auditorium for the ordination service.

The moderator asked Rev. Jesus Rios to take a chair at the front, stating that the church had authorized the calling of the council for the purpose of ordaining him. The moderator then asked the candidate the questions in English, the candidate repeated them in Spanish for the benefit of the Spanish speaking people. His answers were in Spanish and were translated by John Hutto for the benefit of those of the council and congregation who did not understand Spanish. After a moving recital of his experience of conversion, call to the ministry and the preparation for his life's work and after a careful, thorough and very satisfactory examination the council voted unanimously to recommend to the church that he be ordained.

Upon a motion by Judge R. C. Crane and second by both R. H. Clark and P. Edward Ponder and by a vote of the church the council was instructed to proceed with the ordination.

Rev. D. Ruiz prayed the ordaining prayer, setting Rev. Rios aside for the full work of the Gospel ministry. The presbytery then passed by and laid their hands upon him.

Rev. Waters then delivered a very forceful charge to the church and to the candidate. Rev. Hernandez translated the charge for the benefit of the Spanish speaking members of the congregation and council. Rev. Ramirez then delivered a very forceful sermon, speaking in Spanish. Rev. and Mrs. Rios stood at the front while the congregation gave them the right hand of fellowship. Rev. Rios then led in prayer, closing the service.

MISSIONARY BLAIR WILL LEAD STUDY AT CENTER

Rev. H. D. Blair, missionary for Cisco Association, will conduct a study course at Center Church, beginning Friday night, March 28, continuing through Saturday night, and ending Sunday afternoon, March 30. The Christian Service Band of Hardin-Simmons will have charge of the morning and evening services. Dinner will be served at the church Sunday.

"The Center people are wide awake and prompt to learn more of God's purpose of them," says Pastor C. H. Harris.

WEST TEXAS LAGGING IN STANDARD SUNDAY SCHOOLS

In the last two weeks only five West Texas Sunday Schools have been reported standard. These schools were with the pastor and superintendent are: Menard—M. E. Fairchild, H. L. McDonald; Dumas—J. P. McBeth, L. D. Morton; Jean—Hubert Foust, Sidney L. Baldwin; Iraan—Cecil Gogg, C. C. Dillow; Richland Springs—W. E. Brown, Ellis Taylor.

These will be among the 300 schools listed on the great banner at the State Sunday School convention.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL TO ADD ANOTHER BUILDING

Memorial Hospital, Houston, has let the contract for an additional building which will increase the capacity of the institution by 80 beds, reports the Gulf Coast Baptist.

The new structure will be south of the present seven-story building and Superintendent Robert Jolly is quoted as estimating the cost at several hundred thousand dollars.

Sunday School Lesson

March 23, 1941

By HIGHT C MOORE

JESUS CONDEMNED AND CRUCIFIED

Read Luke 22:39 to 23:56
Study Luke 23:13-25, 32-34a

In the upper room at Jerusalem on Thursday evening of Crucifixion Week the Passover was kept by Jesus and the Twelve. The traitor left the sacred company, the Lord's Supper was instituted, and the farewell discourses were uttered. Then, about midnight, came the visit to Gethsemane with its dreadful agony and its bitter betrayal. The mock trials followed—three ecclesiastical and three civil; first before Annas, then before Caiaphas, and at daybreak before a legal meeting of the Sanhedrin; early on that fateful day before Pilate, then before Herod, and finally before Pilate again, who now signed the death warrant. On, then, to Calvary, where Jesus and the cross, lamented by the daughters of Jerusalem, and by 9 o'clock in the morning nailed to the cruel tree. Six dreadful hours on the cross with their agony and outcry and earthquake and darkness, and—"he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost." In the sepulcher before sunset his body was placed, Joseph of Arimathea tendering his new tomb for the purpose, Nicodemus giving a hundred-weight of embalming spices, and that company of devoted women through their tears beholding the tomb and how the body was laid.

The Crucifixion on Calvary

We may thus summarize again what all the Gospels tell us of Jesus while on the cross.

The One Submission was remarkable. Jesus could have summoned angelic legions to his aid. He declined the merciful potion to deaden pain, which had been provided by an association of ladies in Jerusalem. To the cross with its suffering and shame he gave himself with divine voluntariness.

The Two Malefactors crucified with him revealed in their conduct the two attitudes of the world toward the crucified Lord. At first both showed the baseness of their character by reviling; then one, impressed more by the dying than he had been by the living Nazarene, reached forth the hand of faith and was saved. But the other, still impenitent, sank out of sight into the darkness.

The Three Inscriptions over his head were significant of the universality of his mission. The characters in Hebrew introduced him to the world of morals; those in Greek, to the world of culture; and those in Latin, to the world of power. In and over all, the Crucified is King.

The Four Challenges were evolved from the din of blasphemous voices that rang around the cross. The first was a challenge of his word, declaring his inability to do as he had said—raising the destroyed temple in three days. The second was directed against his work and charged him with inconsistency as a Savior of others who could not save himself. The third was designed to ridicule the title nailed to the cross above his head and thus to convict Jesus of imposture. And the last was intended to vilify his trust in God and to counteract the effect of his mission.

The Five Fulfillments of prophecy are a striking tribute to the deity of Jesus. As had been foretold, he was numbered with the transgressors; the outer garment was divided among the four executioners, but upon his vesture they cast lots; the cry of thirst escaped his lips in the hour of intensest anguish; no bone of his body was broken, as was usual with victims to hasten the end; and his side was pierced by the soldiers to ascertain if he were really dead.

The Six Testimonies are also faith inspiring. We note that of Pilate, unyielding at last, who adhered to the title he had given Jesus; of the thief who uttered the dying plea, "Lord, remember me"; of nature with its darkness and earthquake and rent veil and open tombs; of the weeping disciples, including the three Marys, Salome, John, and the Galilean acquaintance; of the centurion and his company who declared, "Truly this man was the Son of God"; and of the multitude who waiting and beating their breasts, returned to Jerusalem.

The Seven Sayings on the cross—who can recall them without emotion? The voice of prayer as he was being nailed to the cross: "Father, forgive!" The voice of promise to the praying thief: "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." The voice of protection to his widowed mother who stood by with bleeding heart: "Woman, behold thy son"; in John the beloved disciple

who from that hour took her to his own home. The voice of loneliness: "My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" The voice of suffering, the one note of physical agony that fell from his lips: "I thirst." The voice of consummation, uttered perhaps in shout, which exhausted his remaining strength: "It is finished!" Then in quieter tones as the Lord fell upon the bosom, the voice of resignation: "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."

Gold in the Golden Text

What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?—Matt. 27:22.

Daily Bible Readings

March 24—He Is Risen. Luke 24: 1-7.

March 25—The Supper at Emmaus. Luke 24:30-35.

March 26—First Appearance to the Apostles. Luke 24:36-43.

March 27—Explaining the Scriptures. Luke 24:44-49.

March 28—Meeting on the Mountain in Galilee. Matt. 28:16-20.

March 29—Final Appearance to the Apostles. Acts 1:4-8.

March 30—The Ascension from Olivet. Luke 24:50-53.

AMARILLO SUNDAY SCHOOL HOLDS TRAINING BANQUET

By G. S. Hopkins

On the night of March 6, a most unusual pleasure was granted me in having the opportunity of meeting at a Teacher Training banquet with upwards 200 persons present, at First Church, Amarillo. The winsome and aggressive pastor, Dr. A. D. Foreman is ably assisted by Harry E. Minor, educational director, and Judge H. C. Pipkin, superintendent of the Sunday School.

The table were artistically decorated, showing most unusual taste on the part of some of the ladies.

The Sunday preceding the banquet, they had 3,417 present in the Sunday School. There was a spirit of co-operation and determination prevalent in that great Sunday School organization. The program that was presented gave a well balanced emphasis. We look with hopeful expectation upon this great church.

It was the writer's pleasure to be connected with that good church some 13 years as teacher and then as general superintendent, and we found a number of the old faithful group continuing and rendering active service. I was informed that the church will pay the expenses of at least five cars carrying department superintendents and others to the Sunday School Convention at Dallas. This shows how the church there deeply appreciates the most unusual work these leaders are doing.

SENTENCE SERMONS

The great don't get that way by growing.

Selfish success is a failure. The devil insists on helping (?) you.

Faith mounts above the mountains. A spark of love is better than a flame of hate.

Old age provides the greatest joys or the keenest sorrows.

A sick bed is not bad when it is surrounded by those who love you. You need no assistance to walk the path of least resistance.

Boozers are losers. The average prayer is: "Thy will be done according to mine."

Buried troubles have a way of rising again.

Anyone can sing God's praises. You can't ride the devil's bandwagon into heaven.

So long as we love, we serve; and no man is useless while he has a friend.—Stevenson.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subject to the action of the voters of the City of Abilene in the biennial Municipal Election, April 1, 1941.

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Pleasant Valley

Pledger

Roby

Cooperative Program Gifts From District 17 For February, 1941

Callahan Association	
C. E. Poe, Cross Plains, Organizer.	
Admiral	12.33
Antioch	
Atwell	4.10
Baird	15.65
Belle Plains	.31
Clyde	34.03
Cottonwood	24.50
Cross Plains	39.00
Denton Valley	7.00
Dressy	
Dudley	
Eula	
Oplin	23.64
Potosi	3.40
Putnam	24.45
Scranton	
	188.41
Cisco Association	
H. D. Blair, Cisco, Organizer.	
Albany	
Bluff Branch	
Breckenridge	231.00
Caddo	6.50
Carbon	13.67
Center	4.25
Cisco, East	13.50
Cisco, First	137.07
Corinth	
Crystal Falls	
Desdemona	
Eastland	25.00
Ft. Griffin	
Gorman	50.60
Harmony	2.00
Hodnett Grove	
Long Branch	
Mangum	
Midway	
Mitchell	
Moran	15.75
Morton Valley	
Necessity	12.26
New Hope No. 1	
New Hope No. 2	
New Hope No. 3	
Nimrod	
Okra	
Olden	
Parks	
Pioneer	
Pleasant Hill	3.00
Pueblo	2.25
Ranger, First	71.66
Ranger, Second	5.00
Rising Star	40.00
Sabana	
Staff	
Union	
Wayland	1.60
	635.14
Fisher Association	
Geo. T. McBeth, Rotan, Organizer	
Bethel	
Cross Roads	4.70
El Paso	
Gannon	1.00
Highland Home	37.75
Hitson	3.00
Hobbs	.75
Liberty	
Longworth	
McCaulley	1.00
Newman	
North Roby	2.00
Plasterco	4.00
Pleasant Valley	
Pledger	
Roby	74.29
Rotan	100.23
Royston	1.00
Sardis	
Haskell Association	
S. E. Stevenson, Goree, Organizer.	
Brook	
Brushy	
Curry's Chapel	
East Side	
Gillespie	23.68
Goree	25.00
Grace	
Haskell, First	70.25
Knox City	
Mattson	2.75
Munday	74.85
O'Brien	24.54
Pinkerton	16.50
Paint Creek	20.66
Roberts	
Rochester	
Rockdale	10.00
Rule	
Sagerton	12.40
Sweet Home	15.83
Weinert	
	296.45
Jones County Association	
L. A. Doyle, Anson, Organizer.	
Amity	
Anson	88.19
Avoca	8.80
Bethel	
Boyd's Chapel	1.00
Compere	
Corinth	22.00
Fairview	
Flat Top	
Friendship	1.00
Golan	
Hamlin	72.81
Hannah	3.05
Hawley	1.23
Hebron	1.25
Hodges	
Lueders	12.13
New Hope	2.00
Noodle	
Nugent	
Oak Grove	
Prairie View	
Riverside	
Shiloh	
Stamford, First	145.84
Stith	15.06
Truby	
Tuxedo	9.10
	383.46
Stonewall Association	
C. N. Gilbert, Jayton, Organizer.	
Aspermont	
Bulah	
Clairemont	
Gard	
Jayton	16.40
Johnson Chapel	
Old Glory	
Oriana	
Peacock	
Riverdale	
Swenson	5.00
	21.40
Sweetwater Association	
W. C. Ashford, Abilene, Organizer.	
Abilene, Calvary	18.69
Abilene, First	392.20
Abilene, Immanuel	44.68
Abilene, North Park	18.00
Abilene, South Side	50.00
Abilene, Sunset	6.00
Abilene, Temple	
Abilene, University	
Bethel	
Blackwell	4.90
Blair	
Buffalo Gap	
Caps	27.70
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Colony Hill	
Elmdale	
Escota	12.45
Hamby	2.82
Hylton	
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Neill	
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Salt Branch	6.00
Shep	94.50
Sweetwater, First	7.00
Sweetwater, Lamar Street	
Trent	15.45
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Tye	3.00
View	
	832.13

EVANGELISM IS MAJOR OBJECTIVE, DECLARES BROTHERHOOD PRESIDENT

(Continued from page 1)

urge their use for the Prince of Peace. "For it's everybody's duty in this old world of ours, To root up all the weeds we find and make room for the flowers; So that every little garden, no matter where it lies, May look like the one God made, and call it Paradise."

Possessions

How much our denomination and churches now need our free support and its rightful part of our possessions; how much we need again to consecrate our tithes and offerings and a reasonable part of our possessions, to Him, our denomination and our church; the whole field of missions is appalling because to me all of us have not been faithful to God. Malachi says, "Will a man rob God and yet say wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and in offerings."

Are we now playing fair with God? Are our men not coming back into a realization that everything belongs to God and that He requires that his part, which he has designated as a tithe shall be paid to him in the right way and through the right channels? It is a God plan and there are others that are man made. Let's accept the God plan because he will collect; he does collect. We come therefore to the important part that I think the hour demands; namely,

ENERGIZE
Preached Word

Until you and I come to a place where we are willing to energize the preaching of his word and to attend everyone of our church services where the word is preached we can do nothing; we cannot be strong, we will not be strong, steadfast, unflinching or courageous. True, the preached word is salvation, come to a dying world we must energize, preach the word; and pray.

The Power of Prayer

Until you and I have taken into use the power of prayer and what prayers do change things, we cannot expect to be of a great amount of worth. Nay, our lives will not be counted for much. Our family altars must be re-established, our secret chambers of prayer must be again used. This method must be used. We must energize the power of prayer in supporting our pastors as they preach. Have we forgotten prayer? If we have, we want to renew our prayer life and again inaugurate devotional prayer, and enlarge our program.

The Program Enlarged must be energized. There never was such an

ENLIST
People Called Baptists

Christ came and enlisted two of his greatest disciples as Matthew tells us in 4:21: "Seeing James and John his brother in the ship with Zebedee their father mending their nets and he called them," likewise shall we not call our men into service who have already taken upon themselves the name of Christians and aligned themselves with the Baptist Church? We must enlist those who have been once enlisted under our banner and have for various reasons dropped out or become so indifferent to his cause that they are no longer to be counted as actual Baptists in truth and in fact. "To some Christ calls: Leave boat and bay

And white haired Zebedee; To some the call is harder; Stay and mend the nets for ME."

Personal Talents

Shall we not enlist those who are already enlisted in the personal talents they possess? Shall we not give them something to do? Shall we not use these talents? Shall we not direct them, shall we not solicit? Yes,

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Rev. George Bennard

"On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame,
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain."

Chorus:
"So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown."

*Rev. George Bennard wrote this hymn during an evangelistic meeting in Upper Michigan. While he was deep in thought, reading about the suffering of Christ on the cross, he was stirred to write this favorite song.

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TABERNACLE, FT. WORTH, BECOMES EVANS AVENUE

Members of the church formerly known as the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Fort Worth, voted March 12 to change the name of the church to Evans Avenue Baptist Church. The new name locates the church and allays some confusion caused by the old name.

Evans Avenue Baptist Church is a congregation of 1,250 members, maintaining a Sunday School enrollment of more than 1,000, a Training Union of almost 300, a men's organization known as The Volunteers, a full-graded W. M. U.

Recently the church acquired some adjoining property and is now considering a building program that will more adequately house the Sunday School and relieve the present crowded condition. Property value of the church plant is estimated at \$60,000.

Having started as a mission of the Broadway Baptist Church, it was organized by Rev. J. R. Touchstone in March, 1904, and named Kentucky Avenue Church because of its location. Seventeen years later the building burned and the congregation rebuilt on the present location, Evans at Elmwood, and, at the suggestion of the pastor, Rev. John Bates, named the church Tabernacle for Spurgeon's great church in London.

Rev. T. A. Patterson is the present pastor, having served the church a little more than a year. Mr. Wayne Murphy is pastor's assistant, he too having spent only a year in this position. The music director is Professor Edwin McNeely of Southwestern Seminary who has been with the church about 18 years.

Since January 1, 1941, there have been 34 additions to the church in the regular services. Several of this number came for baptism.

NEW W. M. U. ORGANIZED IN JONES ASSOCIATION

By Mrs. V. L. Merritt

Mrs. Doyle Hughes called the women of Hebron Church together on March 2 to visualize the work of missions and the need of organized effort in their local church.

After motion had carried to go into organization with 11 charter members, Mrs. Hughes named Mrs. Frank Carr, Mrs. Clyde Irvin and Mrs. V. L. Merritt as a nominating committee.

At a second meeting, March 16, the nominating committee recommended Mrs. Frank Carr as president; Mrs. Lee Ponder, vice-president; and Mrs. J. H. Clark, secretary-treasurer. These were unanimously elected. Mrs. V. L. Merritt was named mission study chairman and Mrs. J. A. Traylor Bible study chairman. Other committee chairmen will be named at the next meeting.

MARCH 30 IS MISSIONARY DAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS

By J. E. Dillard

Programs for Missionary Day have been mailed to all general superintendents. Extra copies may be had for ten cents each from the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee. Alert pastors will get in touch with their Sunday School superintendents immediately and see that suitable plans are made for the proper observance of this annual missionary day. Many pastors will devote their morning service to the missionary cause and will seek to follow up and crystallize the good impressions made in the Sunday School hour.

In all cases impression should be followed by expression, and so for the sake of the people and the cause opportunity should be given for special thank offerings. The offerings are divided 32 per cent to Home Missions and 68 per cent to Foreign Missions.

APPRECIATION PAID TO DEACON T. H. STANTON

On Monday evening, February 17, 1941, at 6:30 P. M., our dearly beloved deacon and chairman of the board of deacons of the Olden Baptist Church departed this life. He was born in Alabama November 21, 1862. He had been a resident of Olden for the past 13 years where he was active in all phases of church and community life. Brother Stanton had served in the capacities of church clerk, treasurer, Sunday School superintendent, deacon, and member of the association executive board.

Our church has lost a noble Christian leader and our town a well beloved Christian citizen. The pastor and remaining deacons wish to express their most grateful appreciation for his wise counsel and faithful leadership among the deacons.

Pastor and Board of Deacons,
Olden Baptist Church.

NEWS BULLETINS FROM SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY

Dr. O. T. Binkley, head of the Department of Religion, Wake Forest College, North Carolina, will conduct a Spiritual Emphasis week at the Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, March 24-28. This revival effort has been planned jointly by the faculty and student council and is the first of its kind to be held in recent years. Dr. Binkley, a graduate of Wake Forest and Southern Seminary, Louisville, has been well known as the pastor of the University Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and as a speaker at Ridgecrest Baptist Assemblies.

Southwestern was host last week to the spring board meeting of the W. M. U. of Texas and to the annual house party of the Y. W. A. A feature of the latter program was the presentation by the dramatics class of the Seminary under the direction of Miss Floy Barnard of the missionary play, "Ba Thane."

Dr. Everett Gill, for over 30 years Southern Baptist mission secretary to Europe, gave a series of four lectures on "The Protestants of the East" to the Seminary. While serving as missionary to Italy and secretary in continental Europe Dr. Gill collected the material which he will soon publish in book form telling the history of the Protestants of the Balkan countries prior to the time of the Reformation.

D. H. JEFFERIES ASKS ELECTION AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ABILENE



To My Fellow Citizens:

Now as never before, the office of mayor must be soundly, yet progressively administered. My business experience and ideals of city government are such as will enable me, as mayor, to meet competently the unprecedented problems, present and future, which now confront us.

Through the efforts of our splendid chamber of commerce, coupled with the wholehearted cooperation of public spirited private citizens, we have become a new type of city, and none should deny our need for capable, energetic, conscientious, active public officials.

Government is service to the people. I believe in conservative economy, value received for every dollar spent, in government as well as private business. In the administration of your affairs, I, as mayor, propose to appoint a group of able, experienced, and representative citizens as an advisory committee to assist me in formulating and executing the most meritorious policy for your city.

One of our city's most pressing needs is an adequate recreational park system. Our children, poor as well as rich, are entitled to places to play and develop into clean-minded, healthy, wholesome citizens of the future. To you, and to our newly created parks board, I pledge my heartiest cooperation and assistance.

Our public schools have ever been, with our churches and colleges, one of our greatest assets. They must not be forgotten, nor suffer from congestion resulting from the city's growth. I shall always exert my every effort to keep our educational system abreast of the times, in physical equipment as well as other accommodations.

The city government belongs directly to the people, and I shall work hand in hand with my fellow city workers. We must provide moral recreation for the soldiers which are here at our request. The churches have taken the lead, but every private citizen and official must assist them in this splendid endeavor. Though they have no vote, I am striving to acquaint myself with every newcomer whom we are so proud to welcome to our midst. I should like for our city, under my administration, to become known throughout the land as the "friendly city."

I thank my friends for their trust and faith in me. I welcome inquiry as to my ability, honesty, and integrity. I love Abilene. It has been good to me for over 30 years. It is the place where my children were born, reared and educated, and the greatest honor that I could ever ask of my neighbors is the opportunity of being allowed to serve as its mayor. I am old enough to be grateful and young enough to do something about it.

Sincerely yours,
D. H. JEFFERIES.

PROGRAM

District 9 Convention of Laymen, Training Union and Sunday School 1st Church, Brownfield, Mar. 25-26
General Theme: "Teach the Word and Train for Service."

Slogan: "Reaching, Teaching, and Training All."

Tuesday Morning, March 25
Meeting of Pastors and Laymen to be in session at same time W. M. U. is meeting, but in separate place. J. Lowell Ponder, District Missionary, presiding.

10:00 Song and Praise Service, Bob Stroble, Hereford.

10:10 Keynote address, Rev. Roy Shahan, Littlefield.

10:30 A Survey of the Whole Baptist Program in District 9, J. Lowell Ponder.

10:55 Special Music, Wayland College.

11:00 Conference Period: 1. Associational Cooperative Program Organizers, led by Roy L. Johnson. 2. Associational Evangelistic Organizers, led by W. F. Ferguson. 3. Association Moderators, BTU Directors, S. S. Superintendents, and Treasurers, led by Veron Shaw. 4. General Conference on Church Finance, led by Avery Rogers.

11:45 Song, announcements. Special music, Wayland College. Inspirational address, Dr. John W. Cobb, Plainview.

12:30 Lunch.

Tuesday Afternoon

Theme: "Men in God's Plan."

1:30 Song Service, Bob Stroble.

1:45 Men and the Great Commission, W. E. Barnes.

2:05 Men and their Loyalty to all the Church Program, W. N. Clark.

2:25 Men and God's Kingdom Plan of Finance, L. S. Jenkins.

2:45 Special music, Brownfield.

2:50 Men and Personal Evangelism, A. C. Hardin.

3:10 Business and announcements.

3:20 Closing message, Lyman Wren, Snyder.

Tuesday Evening

Dr. F. B. Malone, Presiding.

7:30 Song and Praise, D. C. Hamilton, Lubbock.

7:45 Awarding Banners, Attendance and Mileage.

Business and announcements.

District Encampment in September.

8:05 Special music.

8:10 Address, R. A. Springer, Dallas.

8:35 Address, Lyman Wren, Snyder.

Wednesday Morning, March 26

Sunday School and Training Union, morning session, D. C. Hamilton, District S. S. President, presiding.

General Theme: "Teach the Word and Training for Service."

Slogan: "Reaching, Teaching, and Training All."

9:30 Song service.

9:40 Welcome and Get Acquainted.

9:45 Sunday School address, W. J. Lites, State field man.

10:15 Sunday School Conferences:

1. Cradle Roll and Beginner, Mrs. A. W. Shipley, Lubbock. 2. Primary, Mrs. Laura Hicks, Hereford. 3. Junior, Mrs. Henry Gruben, Spur. 4. Intermediate, Mrs. W. L. Pattilo, Lubbock. 5. Young People, Buster Harrison, Levelland. 6. Adults, W. J. Lites, Dallas. 7. Six-Point Record System, W. R. Derr, Ralls. 8. Administration, J. Lowell Ponder, Plainview.

11:15 Reassemble for Special Music and Reports.

11:20 Appointment of Committees.

11:30 Enlarged Program of Texas Baptists, Kermit Melugin, Lubbock Camp, pastor to CCC in this area.

Wednesday Afternoon

L. E. Waite, District BTU Director, presiding.

1:30 Song Service.

1:50 Devotional.

2:05 Training Union address, Rev. Homer Reynolds, Wichita Falls.

2:35 Training Union Conferences:

1. Nursery and Beginner, Mrs. No-lan Hart, Lubbock. 2. Primary Union, Mrs. W. E. Twitty, Lubbock. 3. Junior Union, Mrs. G. C. Griffiths, Olton. 4. Intermediate Union, Clara May, Wilson. 5. Young People's Union, J. R. Stroble. 6. Adult Union, Homer Reynolds, Wichita Falls. 7. Eight Point Record System, L. A. Cla-born, Sterley.

3:35 Reassemble for Special Music and Reports.

3:40 Vacation Bible School Conference, Mrs. J. Lowell Ponder, Plain-

NEARLY 8,000 TU AWARDS GIVEN COLLEGE STUDENTS

The students of our Baptist schools in Texas had a great part in making 1940 the greatest year, in many ways, that the Baptist Training Union Department has ever had. Out of the more than 85,000 Training Union awards issued to Texas Baptists last year, the students of our Baptist schools earned 7,924 during the convention year of 1940. We are giving below the number of Training Union diplomas and seals earned by each school:

School	No. Awards
Baylor University	680
College of Marshall	13
Hardin-Simmons University	569
Howard Payne College	411
Mary Hardin-Baylor College	595
San Marcos Academy	161
Southwestern Baptist Seminary	5,030
Wayland College	205
Bishop College	260

All Baptist students should be members of the Baptist Training Union. They need the training offered by this great organization. They, likewise, need the additional training received by completing the books in the Training Union study course.

Texas Baptists are looking to our Baptist students to earn an even greater share of the Training Union awards to be issued this convention year. A large number of awards have already been requested by many of our schools thus far this year and before November 1, 1941, rolls around, all of our colleges and universities will have made requests far surpassing records of previous years.

WAYLAND CHURCH TO HAVE SPECIAL DAY, MARCH 30

Dr. Edward B. Jenkins will be morning and evening speaker in an unusual program at Wayland Church Sunday, March 23, announces Pastor C. H. Harris. In the afternoon Missionary H. D. Blair will conduct a study of stewardship for men, while Mrs. Pat Crawford will speak to the women about the Woman's Missionary Union and its possibilities at Wayland.

Many visitors from Necessity and other communities are invited and expected to share in the all-day services with dinner on the ground.

Music Has Notable Part—

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of handwork done in successful schools throughout the state.

Banners and Awards

A huge banner will be displayed in the convention hall listing the names of all Standard Sunday School in the state, together with the names of the pastors and superintendents. It is hoped that 300 schools will be on the list when the banner is finished, April 12.

Other awards will be given for attendance, mileage and Standard percentage.

view. 4:10 WMU address, Mrs. B. A. Copas, State President, Fort Worth.

4:40 Adjourn.

Wednesday Night

Special rally for Young People of Training Union.

7:00 Song Service, Hal Upchurch, Wayland College.

7:10 Playlet, Brownfield Young People.

7:30 Devotional, Madge Lawrence, Lubbock.

7:40 Talent Program. Each church is to prepare a duet, trio, or something to enter. The best will bring the Special at 8:40.

8:10 Three Ten-Minute Talks by Young People: "The Place of Youth in a Troubled World"; "Living for Christ on the College Campus"; "Living for Christ in the Business World."

8:40 Special music, Winner in the Talent Program.

8:45 Inspirational address, Rev. Homer Reynolds, Pastor of Lamar Avenue Baptist Church, Wichita Falls.

Bed and breakfast free.

District 9 Convention officers: L. E. Waite, BTU president; Dr. F. B. Malone, Laymen's president; Mrs. L. Lumsden, W.M.U. president; D. C. Hamilton, Sunday School; Mrs. A. T. Cocanougher, Secretary-Treasurer.

BIG SPRING PASTOR AIDS ABILENE T. U. REVIVAL

Rev. R. Elmer Dunham, pastor of East Fourth Street Church, Big Spring, is leading in a Training Union revival and teaching an adult class in "Our Winning Witness" at First Church, Abilene, this week. Rev. Dunham, who has had experience as education director and district missionary, is leading the Big Spring church to outstanding work in the adult unions.

Others in the school faculty are Mrs. J. R. Fielder, J. D. Riddle, Mrs. A. C. Hinnant, and Misses Anna Evans, Jaxie Short and Ada Greer. Miss Greer is giving a course for juniors at the Hendrick Home for Children.

RAMBLING REMARKS—

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at this introduction. . . I would like to know from somebody qualified to talk on the subject, is this the last part of last winter, or the first part of next winter? . . . Mentioning the live-oak tree earlier in this column reminds me of the question a friend asked me on one occasion. He asked, "Did you ever see a black greyhound chase a tame wildcat up a dead live-oak tree?"

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Church Bulletins

CROSS ROADS AND PLEASANT VALLEY

We had a great day at Cross Roads last Sunday with 92 in Sunday School and 54 in the Training Union in spite of the north and dust storm which blew up in the afternoon.

Friday night and Saturday morning this week we will have a Training Union study course at Pleasant Valley. Next week-end I am to help in a course at Highland Home and the following week we will have one at Cross Roads.

Brother Allcorn is to be back in this country on a visit and has been invited to preach at Cross Roads in the morning of the Fifth Sunday and at Sardis at night. We will be glad to have him back for the day.

JOE R. MAYES, Pastor.

JOHNSON CHAPEL

Preaching Service Saturday night 7:30.

Sunday School 10:00.

Training Union, 7:30.

Sunday is our regular preaching day. Come and worship the Lord.

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