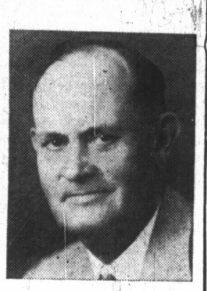
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MISSIONARY MESSAGES



By J. Henry Littleton

I worshipped with the Prairie View Church in Jones Co. Sunday morning. They are without a pastor. I am going back there this Friday night. This is a good rural church and I hope they find it in their hearts to call a pastor soon.

I was in Roby Sunday afternoon for their monthly Sunday School conference. They had a good meeting. I talked to Brother J. C. Parks who is pastor at Ganon and Highland Home. He offered to lead each of his churches to make the Birthday offering. This meant that he would double the offering for himself by giving in each church. He has the assurance that his churches will be 100 per cent. Just one more proof that if the pastor leads his people will follow.

I am praying that each pastor will stress this offering in his church. It would be a fine thing both for the churches and the work if the seventeenth district led in this. We can if we will.

I was with the Hitson Church in Fisher County Sunday night. Had a large crowd and a good service. Brother Murdock is leading in a good way.

I have moved again. This time to 517 Hickory. It is what we have wanted ever since we came to Abilene. My mail will reach me at the above address or at my office at 1274 North Second Street. Write me when I can serve you and come to see us when you can find us in the city. I am employing a part time secretary. I do not know whether I can afford this or not but I find that I cannot answer the correspondence and get out the letters that I ought and meet the demands on the field. I am using a young lady from Hardin-Simmons who has had much experience and has surrendered her life to mission work. I believe God sent her this way. I will give you more information concerning her next week.

I am adding some new books to the rental library. I will get any book you need if you will write me. I do not think this will ever pay financially but it does pay in service. Some of the brethren carry the books away and keep them for several weeks and

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EVENTS TO COME

October 2-3—Wilbarger-Foard Association, Margaret.

October 2-3—Brown County Association, Blake.

October 6-7—Concho Valley Association, Eldorado.

October 6-7 — Stonewall Association, Girard.

October 7-8—Callahan Association, Cottonwood.

October 9—Haskell Association, Haskell.

October 9-10—Sweetwater Association, Sweetwater.

October 9-10—Pecos Valley Association, Wink.

October 10 — Cisco Association, Eastland.

October 10-11—Big Bend Association, Marfa.

October 15-16—El Paso Associa, tion, Mt. Franklin Memorial Church, El Paso.

October 16-17—Brownfield Association, Tahoka.

October 17-19—Annual Baptist Student Union Convention, Austin.

October 19—Laymen's Day, in all Baptist Churches.

October 24—District 17 Convention, South Side, Abilene.

November 10-11—State W. M. U. Convention, Abilene.

November 10-11—State Brotherhood Convention, Abilene.

November 12 to 14—Baptist General Convention of Texas, Abilene.

November 20-22—State Training Union Convention, Fort Worth.

SEMINARY EXES BANQUET SET FOR CONVENTION

Ex-students of Southwestern Seminary will meet at a breakfast reunion at the Hardin-Simmons cafeteria Thursday morning, November 13, 7:45 to 9:15, announces Rev. A. V. Bradley of Seminary Hill, who was in Abilene Monday making arrangements for the occasion.

Space was selected and reserved in the Cowboy Corral, location of the Baptist book store during the convention, for a seminary booth, which will serve the dual purpose of advertising the institution and as headquarters for ex-students during the week.

Rev, Bradley also made arrangements for student preachers in Baptist institutions to have free room for sleeping during the convention in the first floor of the education building at First Church, Abilene. Those wishing to avail themselves of this privilege will bring their own cots and cover, as it will probably be impossible to rent cots in Abilene at that time. This arrangement is made to make convention attendance possible for many student preachers who would be unable to attend and pay room rent during the convention.

W M U BOARD MEETS AT MARY HARDIN-BAYLOR

The Women's Missionary Board of Texas convened for semi-annual meeting September 24 to 26 on the campus of Mary Hardin-Baylor College. Official convention party composed of Mrs. B. A .Copass, Seminary Hill, president; Mrs. E. F. Lyon, Dallas, executive secretary; Mrs. Olivia Davis, Dallas, treasurer; Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Dallas, Young People's secretary; and Mrs. W. B. Howell, McKinney, recording secretary, arrived on Wednesday afternoon.

Members of the board came from every section of the state of Texas and included presidents of 17 districts, who by virtue of their office are officials of state organizations.

Other members of the board include committee chairmen, young people's leaders, and presidents and secretaries of more than 200 Women's Missionary Union Association organizations. Final plans for this year and projection of plans for year to come were made prior to the annual convention of WMU in Abilene.

DIST. 9 ASSOCIATIONS OKEH INCREASED BUDGET

The eight associations of District 9, in sessions in September, have approved an increase in the budget of the district, reports Rev. W. R. Derr of Ralls. Rev. Derr, chairman of the district executive board, visited each of the associations, presenting the matter of the enlarged budget.

Included in the budget of this district are the salary of the district missionary, a Mexican missionary for the district, expense allowances for the convention vice-presidents for the Sunday School, Training Union, W. M. U. and Brotherhood, and an appropriation for other district expenses, including the annual district convention, which is held without a collection.

Rev. J. Lowell Ponder of Plainview is missionary for the district, which includes eight associations and 21 counties, having an area of about 20,000 square miles. One new association, Cochran-Hockley, was formed in the district this year out of West Plains, Lubbock and Brownfield Associations.

STEWARDSHIP REVIVAL LED BY BALDERREE

A stewardship revival conducted by Rev. H. N. Balderree of Cisco at the Marsalis Park Church, Dallas, closed September 21 with eight uniting with the church by letter, and a number for rededication.

He made a special appeal for stewardship and tithers to support the church and the Co-operative Program by signing the pledge cards. Seventeen responded and others have since manifested new interest in stewardship.

The 1942 church budget is being prepared with a substantial increase for missions and a raise in the salary for the pastor.

Yours in the Master's work,
REV. E. G. BIRDSALL.

This Changing World

". . . that those things which cannot be shaken may remain." Heb. 12:27.

By LOUIE D. NEWTON

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands — one nation, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

Roman Catholicism received a heavy blow in the overwhelmingly Catholic province of Quebec last week when the Canadian Court of Appeals unanimously threw out the effort of the Catholic hierarchy to annul a marriage of a Catholic and a Protestant with a Protestant clergyman performing the ceremony. Since 1908, when the pope declare such marriages contrary to Catholic canon law, Catholic judges in Quebec have declared such marriages illegal and have promptly annulled them; but the case last week was brought by the Protestant clergyman performing the ceremony, declaring that he had the right, both legally and religiously, to perform marriages. The court sustained him. Whereupon the Quebec Chronicle Telegraph editorialized: "It is not for the Catholic church to impose inferior status on the clergy of other denominations before the civil law or to penalize innocent parties because one of its own members has failed to respect the canon law."

TEXT FOR THE WEEK
Give ear, O my people, to my law.
Psalm 78:1.

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Mr. Bernard M. Baruch, price administrator in the last world war, addressed House Banking and Currency Committee, during a hearing on the price control bill last week, with Mr. Leon Henderson, present price control boss in attendance. Mr. Baruch said: "Total defense must plan to fight, to win and, above all, to survive the war. It must mobilize men, money, materials, morale—all resources—so they can be tapped at will for national defense and without exploitation and with the least dislocation to civilians. In no instance must any industry be destroyed. . . . Except for human slaughter and all that goes with them, inflation is the most destructive of the consequences of war. . . ."

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According to statements from Washington, the government will spend as much in eleven weeks in 1942 as the government spent in all of 1927. Already the spending program for 1942 calls for 22 billion dollars, some nine billion dollars more than will be received in taxes, and the end is not yet.

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Gradually the government is assuming control of industries tied up by strikes. None of us can foresee what this will ultimately lead to. The labor bosses, apparently, prefer to risk their case with the government, knowing that for the present they have the backing of the New Deal Supreme Court, dominated by Felix Frankfurter. Last week the Maritime Commission took over the vessels of the Alcoa Line, tied up by striking seamen, controlled by Communistic bosses. One group of seamen, controlled by Joseph Curran's CIO maritime union, were held in line, his attitude having been changed since Russia was involved.

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Mr. Myron Taylor's 13-day visit to the Vatican ended last week. He left the Vatican with a personal message from the pope to the President, and with assurance that he would continue to pray for the soul of the Presi-

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OUTSTANDING LAYMAN IS ACCIDENTLY KILLED

Ollie B. Webb, assistant to the president of the Texas and Pacific Railway, one of the outstanding Southern Baptist laymen, was fatally injured last week in a traffic accident in New Orleans. He was much sought as a lay speaker. In spite of a very busy life, he made it a practice of speaking to someone about his spiritual life each day.

A NICKEL A YEAR ASKED FROM BAPTISTS FOR STATE MISSION OCTOBER ROUND-UP



Texas Baptist secretaries put in their Birthday Mission offering early. They are shown here depositing their checks, amounting to five cents for each year they have lived, in a replica of the log cabin in which Buckner Orphans Home was established. They are, left to right: R. A. Springer, treasurer of the Baptist Convention of Texas, and secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the state; Mrs. E. F. Lyon, executive secretary of Texas Woman's Missionary Union; Dr. W. W. Melton, executive secretary of the General Convention; J. W. Bruner, endowment secretary; G. S. Hopkins, state Sunday School secretary; Bill Marshall, secretary, Baptist Student Union; T. C. Gardner, Training Union secretary.

A nickle for every year you have lived is the suggestion made for the "over and above" offering in the State Missions Round-up for Texas Baptists during the month of October. Around $200,000 must be raised during the month of October, over and above normal contributions through the Co-operative Program, to reach the budget of $1,100,000 for the convention year.

The plan proposed for raising this $200,000 is to secure as many people as possible to contribute five cents fo reach birthday they have had. Thus, the five-year-old beginner will contribute his five nickles; the youth of 20 will put in a dollar; and the man of 50 will contribute $2.50.

Although Sunday, October 26, is the day set for the "Birthday Offering," many churches, for various reasons, will find it more satisfactory to observe another Sunday.

Included in the causes represented in the "Fall Round-up," are missionaries and mission pastors in Texas, aid to Baptist schools and hospitals in the state, to supplement the Minister's Retirement Plan, to assist in work among the soldiers, and to share in the Southern Baptist program of home and foreign missions.

The emergency demands and increased costs, due to war and threat of war, have created a heavy drain on the various mission boards, state secretaries, making it essential that the full budget of Texas Baptists be met and exceeded before the books are closed for the Abilene convention, in the second week of November.

It has been estimated that if every Sunday School member in the Baptist churches of the state should contribute the nickle for each year that the total "Birthday Offering" would amount to $875,000. It has been suggested that the balance above the $200,000 budgeted for the year could be applied on the balance of the Texas Baptist debt carried over from depression days.

Secretary W. W. Melton has urged upon Texas Baptists the importance of liquidating all indebtedness while money is circulating freely in the state.

APPLY EARLY FOR POSTER EXHIBIT SPACE

Your Training Union can help other Training Unions by bringing your posters, scrapbooks and other helps to the State Training Union Convention to be held at Fort Worth November 20-22.

If your church plans to bring a display for the exhibit rooms, let us know.

If you haven't planned one as yet, there is still time! Gather up those clever posters and Bible quiz ideas that have been used in your unions and bring them. Other Training Unions will want to know about them, too.

No display will be too large; and no display will be too small to be given space in the great convention exhibit.

To insure that every Training Union receive adequate space for its display, it will be necessary for the committee to know how much material each church expects to bring. Address all request sfor space to Mrs. Hyman J. Appelman, 825 Woodland Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas. Please list the number and size of posters, scrapbooks and other articles you plan to bring.

FEDERATION MEETS AT UNIVERSITY CHURCH

The Training Union meeting for Zone 1 of Sweetwater Association, which includes most of Taylor County, will meet at University Church, Abilene, at 3:00 Sunday afternoon, October 5.

In the adult department clinics will be held on Training Union problems. Rev. Clyde Jackson will lead for directors and pastors Miss Jaxie Short, associate directors and vice-presidents, Mrs. Comer Haynes, secretaries, Rev. Clyde Campbell, quiz leaders, and Rev. Guy Lewis, corresponding secretaries.

DR. AND MRS. DEWEY MOORE ON THEIR WAY HOME

On September 19, Dr. and Mrs. W. Dewey Moore sailed from Lisbon on board the S. S. Excambion and are expected to reach home shortly. Dr. Moore, who succeeded Dr. D. G. Whittinghill, has supervision of all Southern Baptist work in Italy and repeatedly has been urged by the board to come home because of the present tenseness of conditions in Rome.—F. M. B.

Asked as to the effect of alcohol, an Annapolis man wrote, "The effect on a Mid-shipman is usually a complete change of residence and occupation."—Good Housekeeping.

MAGAZINE WILL PUBLISH SERIES ON DR. TRUETT

The Home Mission Board's publicity secretary, Rev. Joe W. Burton, spent two weeks in Dallas, Texas, recently gathering material for a series of articles on the ministry of Dr. George W. Truett to be published soon in Southern Baptist Home Missions.

Authorized by the Board upon recommendation of the publicity committee headed by Dr. K. O. White, the series, to be printed in successive issues of the magazine beginning in November, will cover such phases of Dr. Truett's ministry as soul-winning, preaching, preparation of sermons, leading his church in support of missions, comforting the sorrowing.

On his assignment in Dallas, the publicity secretary has gotten information and made pictures to give a contemporary human-interest account of Dr. Truett's present-day activities.

MATADOR IS HOST FOR FLOYD ASSOCIATION

A large attendance and good reports featured the annual Floyd Association which met at Matador, September 23 and 24. Rev. Dallas Lee, pastor at Quanah, represented the state board at the meeting.

Rev. W. M. Joslin, host pastor, was chosen as moderator; Rev. W. R. Derr, Ralls, vice-moderator; Rev. Victor Crabtree, Mt. Blanco, clerk; Mrs. John Gray, Friendship, W. M. U. president; Rev. R. C. Malone, South Plains, Training Union director; H. B. Clement, Lockney, Brotherhood president; and R. E. Campbell, Matador, Sunday School superintendent. District board members are W. M. Joslin, A. B. Muncey and W. R. Derr. Rev. L. A. Doyle of Floydada was chosen as organizer for the association.

PHILLIP MCGAHEY ADDRESSES UNIVERSITY BROTHERHOOD

Rev. Phillip C. McGahey, Breckenridge pastor who has accepted the call to Albuquerque, made his last public appearance, outside his own pulpit, before leaving the state, in an address before the Brotherhood of University Church, Abilene, Friday evening, September 26.

He urged the Christian men to lay aside sin and hindrances; to lay by tithes and noble aspirations; to lay down wrong for right, cunning for character, self for service, and our lives if necessary; and to lay up treasures in heaven.

Ewell O. Bone, Breckenridge music director, was guest singer for the evening.

ATTENDANCE REPORTS IN WESTEX CHURCHES

The following reports are for Sunday, September 21. Send totals of Sunday School and Training Union attendance to Box 1560, Abilene, at any time during the week and it will appear in the paper the week following. All churches in West Texas, regardless of size, are invited to use this column. Enrollment may be included or not as desired.

Sunday School

Church	Enr.	Att.
Amarillo, First		1807
Lubbock, First		1320
Abilene, First		1138
San Angelo, First		1101
Wichita Falls, First		984
Vernon, First		759
Wichita Falls, Lamar Ave.		732
El Paso, First		724
Abilene, University		691
Brownwood, Coggin Ave.		654
Borger, First		607
Odessa, First		549
Sweetwater, First		469
Coleman, First		411
Burkburnett, First	702	373
San Angelo, Immanuel		356
Hamlin		300
Roby		106
McCaulley		105
Cross Roads	112	100
Cross Roads, Sept. 14		76
Sylvester		91
Tye		47
Johnson Chapel	65	18

Training Union

Abilene, First		482
Abilene, University		246
Lubbock, First		218
Sweetwater, First		137
Vernon, First		135
San Angelo, Immanuel		130
Burkburnett, First	162	107
Cross Roads	64	52
Cross Roads, Sept. 14	66	57
McCaulley		40
Johnson Chapel		34
Roby		32

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"A BRIEF WORD OF PRAYER"

"I wonder why they say a 'word' of prayer," asks Dr. Jeff D. Ray. Which reminds us of how often in an overcrowded program we have heard the one in charge announce, "Now Brother So-and-So will lead us in a brief word of prayer." Often he goes so far as to further qualify his request with a superlative "very." One is sometimes tempted to respond, as a wise old minister is said to have done on such an occasion, "O, Lord, may we talk less and pray more."

Granted that there have been many who have often exceeded all bounds of good taste and propriety in lengthy public invocation, we need not slight the Holy Spirit in curtailing arbitrarily and disproportionately the time alloted to public petition to the Almighty God.

Private devotions are purely personal and may be brief or lengthy as the individual feels moved. Most of us err in giving too little time to articulate, private prayer. We also err in many other respects in this form of worship, but that is another story.

Prayer is public is intended, not as an address to the audience, but as the joint voice of the assembled people addressed to their Creator and Savior. As such, it is fitting that the one leading should so phrase his petition as to be the spokesman of the congregation. Dr. Ray properly suggests that the leader be given sufficient notice for him to be in the spirit of prayer and to have the opportunity to give some meditation to his holy office as the voice of the assembly before the throne of grace.

In so doing, we will dignify and solemnize our public worship in a way that cannot be done by hurriedly asking someone, who at the time may be in an inattentive mood, to lead in a very brief word of prayer.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Four men in uniform are killed or injured in Texas traffic accidents to one civilian victim, reports State Police Director Garrison, after making a survey of crashes for the first six months of the year. He says two or three soldiers are hurt on the roads of the state every day and one is killed every three days. With the growing number of men in uniform in the state, the figure may be expected to increase.

Nearly always, Mr. Garrison says, the driver, while perhaps not exceeding the speed limit, is going too fast for conditions. He explains the fact that the typical accident is the wreck of a car in good mechanical condition on a dry, straight, level pavement, by observing that the reflexes of the driver are slowed and his perceptions dulled, either by long, hard driving or by drinking.

Inasmuch as the number of cars driven in the state increased immensely during the period of the survey, it is reasonable to expect that the toll will be much heavier during the last half of the year, unless the difficulty of securing hard liquor has an effect. At the stepped-up rate of recent months, it means that in Texas alone there will be a regiment of casualties, killed and wounded on the highways during a year.

The survey does not indicate the percentage of drivers who had been drinking, but the statement is made that the typical driver involved in an accident, though not necessarily drunk, had been drinking sufficiently for this to figure as a cause of a wreck. No nation, especially one which is at war in all but name, can afford such a wastage.

Through the marvelous advances of medical science, many diseases are being conquered, but the lives thus saved are thrown away through the heart failures of our hectic age or the mad destruction on our highways.

REVIVAL RESULTS

During the last few years, when there has been a high tide of revival in the Southwest, much has been made of the visible results of the meetings. We do not believe that an un-Christlike spirit of pride has been altogether or largely responsible.

One writes to report on a meeting. It has been his very heart and life for weeks. He is filled with an unspeakable joy and an exaltation which cannot be put in words. But he must tell something of the great meeting, so he praises at length everyone who had a part. In cold type, this praise becomes repetitious and tiresome. Space limitations must be met, so this enthusiastic story is boiled down to little more than the names and figures.

If there were many conversions and baptisms it looks impressive. If oniy a few came, it sounds flat. Yet a meeting without a conversion might have been just the service needed to lift a church out of a rut, to unify the members, and to get the spiritual life on a high plane where souls can be saved and where they may have a suitable atmosphere for spiritual growth.

The writer recalls such a meeting. There was only one profession of faith, but the church was unified and inspired to launch out on a challenging program which was followed by two years of many conversions. The meetings of those two years attracted wide interest, but the real revival was that in which a wise and scholarly old minister preached to the church.

Again, all converts are not equally fruitful. We submit that one convert who turns out to be a Spurgeon or a Truett, will outweigh, in the scales of Heaven, a hundred of the shallow-soil variety whose interest wanes with the departure of the evangelist.

But don't blame the editor, for numbers as well as names make news, and it is difficult to convey the story of a great meeting, except by relating the tangible results.

NEWS NOTES

Rev. J. B. Bradford of Abilene, pastor at Hawley and at Shiloh in Jones Association, has accepted a call for full time work at Channing and moved with him family this week. He had been pastor at Hawley for a number of years and has done a notable work.

Rev. Vernie S. Pipes of Shamrock and District 10 president, has accepted the cal lof Hobart, Oklahoma.

The Queensborough Church, Shreveport, had 550 additions and 306 baptisms during the associational year just closed.

Rev. H. O. Malone, who resigned at Marfa to enter the army as a chaplain, is stationed at the base hospital, Fort Bliss, El Paso.

Rev. M. L. Rhodes of First Church, Houston Heights, will begin a revival at Connell Memorial Church, Fort Worth, October 6.

Superintendent E. M. Collier has returned from the National Hospital convention at Atlantic City, N. J.

Rev. P. O. Barber of Seminary Hill preached at Roby September 28.

First Church, Sweetwater, will observe October 26 as Laymen's Day, instea dof October 19, and will have Joe Evans, layman of El Paso, to speak.

Pastor C. E. Hereford of First Church, Lubbock, is conducting an eight-day revival, preaching only in the evenings. The women of the church are conducting a visitation program in the mornings. The Brotherhood meets for a brief after-service in the evenings, at which time names are distributed for enlistment.

The circulation of Southern Baptist Home Mission for the October issue reaches an all-time high of 56,183.

Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, Home Board superintendent of evangelism, returned from Panama by air September 22, following a ten-day evangelistic campaign in Balboa Heights Baptist Church in which there were scores of additions. Dr. Leavell flew both ways for the engagement at the expense of the church, now a self-supporting congregation which is a product of Home Missions.

Field Secretary J. W. Beagle went to Tampa, Fla., for a conference on September 29 with Dr. J. F. Plainfield, superintendent of Italian work there for the Board, and to visit the Cuban workers there. Before returning to Atlanta, Dr. Beagle will go to Key West to assist in placing of the Home Mission Board's new missionary, Miss Elizabeth Taylor, as director of a Cuban kindergarten.

Baptist Churches of New Orleans, led by Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, Home Board superintendent of evangelism, will hold united evangelistic services from September 28 to October 12.

First Church of Albany had a Training Union school last week with Rev. Henry Littleton and Mrs. Littleton and Rev. H. D. Blair assisting. Good attendance was reported.

The West Texas Baptist has received some copies of the bulletin of Central Baptist Church, Porto Alegre, Brazil, Rev. Harley Smith, pastor. Other than being printed in Portuguese, the appearance is similar to most church bulletins in this country. There is discussion of the international Sunday School lesson.

Dr. Roy Lee Johnson of Quitaque has had Missionary J. Lowell Ponder assisting in a revival at First Church, Canyon.

Rev. F. A. Hollis, pastor at North Park Church, Abilene, entered Hendrick Memorial Hospital as a surgical patient, September 29.

The Brotherhood of University Church, Abilene, has finally succeeded in perfecting the title to the lot purchased in Northeast Abilene for a mission location and work is now under way on the stone building.

Mrs. O. H. Cooper, for more than 30 years a leader in W. M. U. circles, is in Hendrick Hospital suffering from a fracture resulting from a fall.

Rev. W. R. Derr supplied Sunday at Anson.

Rev. J. P. McBeth of Dumas preached September 28 at Eastland.

Pastor John L. Roden reports five Sunday School officers and teachers out of six took a recent Sunday School training coures at Eliasville.

There are now 474 standard Sunday Schools in Texas, reports Secretary G. S. Hopkins.

Missionary Messages

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then forget to pay the rental. I wish you would look around you and if you have some of our books mail them in immediately. If you have some study course books you have used of your own and would like to sell them write me. I might use them.

Five associations and one workers' conference meets this next week. Monday, Fisher County meets with the Liberty Church. Brother Vaughn is pastor. Tuesday, the Stonewall Association meets with the Girard Church. Brother Jones is pastor. Wednesday, Callahan Association meets with the church at Cottonwood, Brother Redding, pastor. Thursday, Haskell Association meets with the Haskell Church, Brother Whatley, pastor.

Friday, Cisco and Sweetwater Associations meet. Sweetwater with the First Church, Sweetwater, Brother Sibley, pastor. Cisco meets with the Eastland Church, and they are pastorless at this time. The pastor who fails to get his church to send a letter to the association does his church a grave injustice. This should not happen. I would spend a week if I were a pastor getting this job done if it was necessary. The church that is not represented is hardly known by the brethren for a year. The truth is there is no way of getting in tuoch with you. By all means send your church letter to the association.

Have a Sunday School Training Course in your church in October. Write the Sunday School Department for free material.

The man who graduates today and stops learning tomorrow is uneducated the day after.—Newton D. Baker.

PARABLES OF THE LORD

Discussed By
COOPER WATERS

PARABLE OF CORBAN

Mark 7:1-23

The parable that is named the Parable of Corban is in reality a discussion around the mistreatment of the practice or tradition of dedicating a portion of goods to the Lord on certain occasions. This practice was known as corban (Leviticus, second chapter).

The Jews had developed the vicious habit of subtracting this portion of goods to be dedicated to the Lord from the portion that they allowed for the support of aged parents and poor kinsmen. Finally, the abuse of this practice of observing corban came to the place where there was nothing left for the needy ones. The Jews would simply say that they had given it to the Lord. In this way they satisfied their consciences toward God and toward their needy kinsmen. As a matter of fact it was just a way of getting out in the cheapest way possible.

When the Pharisees accused the disciples of Jesus of violating the ceremony of the Jews by sometimes failing to wash their hands before they ate, Jesus pointed this weightier matter that they (the Jews) had been violating. He said that in so abusing the tradition of the offerings of corban that they were violating the fifth commandment which says, "Honor thy father and thy mother." The Pharisees were guilty of sinning under the pretense of being religious. How it must have pricked their conscience for Jesus to have called their attention to their sin!

The parable then that Jesus used to illustrate the condition of the Pharisees is stated thus: that it is not what goes in a man that defiles him but rather what comes out. What goes into a person's mouth goes into the stomach and is throw off as impurities. What comes out of a man's mouth is a specimen of what is in his heart. In the case of the Pharisees, the heart was filled with murders, envying, adultery, deceit, evil thoughts, etc. The point is that it is worse to be defiled from within as were the Pharisees than to be defiled from without as the disciples were accused.

Sunday School Lesson

October 5, 1941

GOD OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

Read and Study Genesis 1:26-28; Matthew 6:24-33

Quoting Bible words on God our Heavenly Father:

Moses says that God created man in his own image (Gen. 1:26-28) and that he is slow to anger and abundant in loving kindness (Ex. 34:4-7).

David sang of God's pitying father heart which forgives iniquity and crowns with tender mercies (Psalm 103:1-13).

Isaiah declared the unfailing goodness of God in giving power to the faint so that in renewed strength they mount up with wings as eagles (Isa. 40:27-31).

Jesus bade his disciples to trust the Heavenly Father who cares infinitely for them (Matt. 6:24-34), he declared to an inquiring lawyer that love to God was the first and great commandment (Matt. 22:35-38); he informed the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well that God as Father may be worshiped anywhere at any time by anybody who will worship him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24); and on the night of betrayal he told the apostles that they who loved him would be loved by the Father and indwelt by Father and Son (John 14:20-23).

Paul in his address on Mars Hill declared that we are the offspring of God in whom we live and move and have our being (Acts 17:24-30).

And **John**, to the joy of his readers, wrote of their fellowship with the Father and writh his Son Jesus Christ (1 John 1:1-4).

1. Creative Fatherhood: Human Life (Genesis 1)

GENERATION BY CREATION classifies men materially as "the offspring of God" (Acts 17:29). The origin of the human race is revealed through Moses. Observe:

The Date of Man. Five great creative days have come and gone. The morning of the sixth dawns bright and clear upon the world. Vegetation mantles the earth, the sky is peopled with fowl, and the waters teem with fish. Now the creative hand produces the land animals, flocking hill and plain throughout the globe. But the world is still incomplete. Its master is yet to appear.

The Maker of Man. In the foregroound here as in the beginning, God appears. In the plural of majesty and of trinity, Jehovah said: "Let us make man." And man was to be made in moral and spiritual likeness to the Creator, and he was to be set in the midst of the world as ruler over the fowl of the air, the beasts of the field, and the fish of the seas.

The Creation of Man. Three times the word "created" is used—that imperial word which means to make without the use of pre-existing material. Man was, therefore, a new creation, requiring a special creative act of God. He was made in the divine image as God had proposed. And man was created male and female for the founding of the race.

The Duty of Man. The divine blessing rested upon the crowning act of the Almighty. And a part of the blessing was that of work, for three great duties were laid upon man. He must multiply and thus fulfill a duty to the race. He must replenish and subdue the earth and thus fulfill his duty to creation. He must have dominion over other animals and thus fulfill his duty to lower orders of being.

2. Redemptive Fatherhood: Divine Life (Matthew 6)

REGENERATION BY REDEMPTION makes men spiritually "the children of God" (see Rom. 9:8 and Gal. 3:26). In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus reveals God as our Heavenly Fathe rwhom we are to love, trust, and obey. Note:

Allegiance to God is a fundamental requirement. He permits no rival. He will occupy no divided throne. If in our lives he is Lord at all, he must be Lord of all. If we do not serve Jehovah, the God of the universe, we must be slaves of Mammon, the god of this world. There is no middle ground; serving two masters is an impossibility. Therefore hate and despise Mammon, but love and cling to God. Our Heavenly Father must be our Savior and our Sovereign.

Dependence on God is a gracious privilege. With him as our Father why should we worry? Trust in him will save us from distraction over the cares of life. We must be provident, industries, economical, but anxiety is untrusting, unreasoning, sinful. Are we bothered about what we shall eat? See the Father feed the unsowing and unreaping birds and know that he will feed his confiding and obedient children. Are we distracted over dress? See the Father clothe the untoiling lilies with a glory outdazzling that of Solomon and know that he will not leave his children naked though their faith is little. Think, moreover, into the value of things and you will not estimate food higher than life or consider clothing costlier than the body. Are we ever distressed over the future? Without God not one of us can add an inch to his life. Since our Father knows our needs and graciously supplies them, we ought to live on a higher plane than the Gentiles who devote themselves exclusively to worldly things. When we have done our best and while we are doing it, we must trust in God.

Service for God is an imperative duty. It is the antidote of anxiety and the open avenue to prosperity.

Gold in the Golden Text

Our Father which art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name.—Matt. 6:9.

God is Father. He is Creator and Preserver of the universe; but he is much more and much higher—he is Father. To create he had but to speak his power: to beget he had to give his only begotten Son.

He is our Father. When we turn from ou rsins, believe on his Son, and consecreate our lives to him, we are begotten of God. And since he is our Father, we can trust him for everything.

Daily Bible Readings

Oct. 6—A Friend of Sinners. Luke 19:1-10.

Oct. 7—A Ministering Servant. Matthew 20:20-28.

Oct. 8—God's Justifying Grace. Romans 3:19-26.

Oct. 9—The Love of God in Christ. Romans 8:31-39.

Oct. 10—Christ Died for All. 2nd Corinthians 5:11-19.

Oct. 11—The Exalted Savior. Philippians 2:5-11.

Oct. 12—Abounding Grace. I Timothy 1:12-17.

This Changing World

(Continued from page 1)

dent's dead mother. Mr. Taylor, before leaving the Vatican, gave his half million dollar villa in Florence to the pope. Mr. Taylor dropped a hint to newsmen that he considered this his last mission to the Vatican. By the time this copy is in print Mr. Taylor will likely have reached Washington with the autographed photograph of the pope for the President.

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Five thousand of Canada's three hundred and fifty thousand unionized workers were on strike last week, involving vital war effort. Canada appears to be in no mood for such business. Official spokesmen at Ottawa indicated that unless the five thousand men returned immediately to their jobs, there would be drastic action. Let us hope that Uncle Sam will learn from Canada how to deal with these racketeers who are willing to sabotage our defense program.

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The liquor appetite of the United States for the first three months of 1941 was greater than in 1940 to the tune of seven million gallons of alcoholic beverages, amounting to more than six million dollars.

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Russia now has the largest Jewish population in the world, estimated at five million persons.

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The British Catholic journal, The Catholic Herald, London, has come out in favor of a concordat between the Vatican and the U. S. S. R. It holds that the only thing in the way of such an understanding is Russia's failure so far to proclaim freedom of religion.

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If President Roosevelt will not appoint a board to investigate the treatment being accorded Negroes in the draft army, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has voted to start agitation for a congressional investigation.

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The Living Church, Episcopal weekly of Milwaukee, announces that on account of rising costs it must increase its subscription price to five dollars a year.

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Several friends have written, asking me to reproduce a poem I recently used on the radio. This is the poem:

In a tree that swings
Sits a bird that sings—
Knowing that he has wings.

Why Southern Baptists Should Evangelize Latin America Now

By L. L. JOHNSON,
Missionary to Brazil

Latin America constitutes at the present time the most urgent missionary opportunity presented to Southern Baptists. For many reasons, Southern Baptists should improve that opportunity.

First of all, we would say because of Christ's command. The Commission to take the Gospel to all the world was not meant to be obeyed at the convenience of His disciples. The angelic message to the women at the newly-opened tomb was: "Go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead" (Matt. 28:7). The scandal of Christianity is the slowness with which Christ's disciples have obeyed his orders to make Him known to the world. If the two hundred million souls of Latin America are to know the living Christ, we of this generation must make Him known to them ere they pass to eternity.

Second, because of the strategic position occupied by Southern Baptists in these lands. In Brazil, with its fifty-four million souls and unlimited possibilities for becoming one of the foremost nations of the globe because of its vast undeveloped natural resources, Baptists already cocupy many of the most strategic points for the spiritual conquest of the land. With our splendid system of schools, located in Forte Alegre, Sau Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Victoria, Campes, Maceio, Corrente, Recife, and other places, Baptists stand in the vanguard of the educational movement which is shaping the Brazil which it to be. Our two theological seminaries, located in Recife and Rio de Janeiro, have more students than are to be found in similar institutions of all other evangelicals.

The Carroll Memorial Publishing House in Rio de Janeiro is a vital factor in the work. Like our Sunday School Board, it is sending out a constant stream of Sunday School and Training Union and W. M. U. literature, as well as publishing our weekly Baptist paper which has a large acceptance not only with the denomination but with a wide public which reaches far beyond. This institution needs to be greatly reinforced in equipment and resources. There is a special need of funds to make possible the publishing of the Bibles and Scripture portions. There is a nation-wide demand for more Bibles. The British and American Bible Societies have announced that they could have distributed four times as many Bibles as they distributed in 1940 in Brazil, if they had been available. Because of the destruction of their plant in London by bombing, the British Bible Society has placed an order with the American Bible Society for one million copies of the Gospels in Portuguese, the largest single issue of the Scriptures ever printed. The Bible has been long denied to the people of these lands and they are demanding the right to read it in their own language. The Word of God in the hands of unprejudiced readers makes Baptists. Innumerable cases of such results could be cited. The nearly eight hundred Baptist churches in Brazil offer tremendous possibilities for the distribution of the Bible. Baptist poliicy, with church independent, free from superior ecclesiastical dominion, appeals strongly to these liberty loving people.

While not so numerous as in Brizal, vigorous Baptist groups in Argentina, Chila, Uruguay and Paraguay, as well as independent Baptist bodies in nearly all the other Latin American republics, offer unusual opportunity for Southern Baptists to press vigorously the evangelization of the Americas.

Still another reason for a really worthwhile effort to evangelize these lands is the present popularity of all things North American in the lands to the South. Never in the history of the Americas has there been such a movement for continental solidarity and cooperation as at present. In every one of these countries from Mexico to Argentina there is a feeling that the U. S. A. is sincerely trying to be a good neighbor and that all must stand or fall together. If Southern Baptists are wise to see and seize the opportunity which God has opened at their door, they will move swiftly to put into all of these countries a strong force of consecrated and courageous men and women who will take the message of the living Christ to the heart hungry multitudes, and will follow up this work of evangelism with the organization and training of hundreds of churches after the order of the New Testament. God grant that it may be so!

September, 1941.
Shawnee, Oklahoma.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM

Callahan Association, Meeting With Cottonwood, Tues. and Wed., Oct. 7-8, in 53rd Annual Session

Tuesday Evening, October 7

7:30—Song Service, R. P. Adams, Clyde.
7:45—Devotional, Royce Gilliland, Baird.
8:00—Organization, appointment of committees, recognition of visitors.
8:30—Young people's program.
9:15—Adjournment.

Wednesday Morning, October 8

9:00—Song service and devotional, Wayne Evans, Clyde.
9:15—Report of committee on order of business.
9:20—Report on Foreign Missions, A. G. Purvis, Denton Valley.
9:25—Report on Home Missions, H. W. Martin, Oplin.
9:30—Report on Christian Education, S. T. Watson, Clyde.
9:35—Report on State Missions, E. L. Redden, Cottonwood.
9:40—Report on Cooperative Program, J. M. Bradford, Brownwood. (40 minute discussion).
10:20—Report on Buckner Orphans Home, H. C. Reddoch, Putnam. (30 minute discussion).
10:50—Report on District Missions, J. Henry Littleton. (20 minute discussion).
11:10—Recognition of visitors, announcements, etc.
11:20—Song service.
11:30—Annual sermon, A. A. Davis, Baird.
12:10—Noon. Lunch.

Afternoon Session, Wednesday, October 8

1:30—Song service.
1:40—Report on W. M. U., Mrs. W. E. Clark, Potosi.
2:00—Report on Training Union, W. H. Bell, Admiral.
2:15—Report on Sunday School, H. C. Reddoch, Putnam.
2:30—Report on Religious Literature, Mack Richardson, Potosi.
2:45—Report on Relief and Annuity, C. E. Poe, Cross Plains.
3:00—Report on 100,000 Club, Strauss Atkinson, Eula.
3:15—Report on Civic Righteousness, O. D. Welch, Clyde.
3:45—Treasurer's report, R. P. Adams, Clyde.
3:55—Report of Outstanding Committees: Committee on Resolutions; Obituaries; Digest of Letters; Time, Place, and Preacher for next Annual Session.
4:30—Miscellaneous business.
4:45—Adjournment of afternoon session.

Evening Session, Wednesday, October 8

7:30—Song service, special music.
7:45—Missionary Sermon, Dr. Millard Jenkens, First Baptist Church, Abilene.
8:30—Adjournment of Fifty-third Annual Session, Callahan Baptist Association.

MISSIONARIES IN THE HOMELAND

Foreign Mission Board

Repeated requests keep coming to the Foreign Mission Board for the names of missionaries who are available for speaking an dteaching engagements. Due to present world conditions, there are now perhaps more missionaries in the homeland than at any time in the history of the foreign mission enterprise. It is a wholesome sign of quickened interest in mission affairs and of profound concern for the welfare of our work abroad that our people everywhere are so eager to hear the messages of these modern hroes and heroines of the Cross.

During the fall, when so many associations are having their annual meetings, is an especially fruitful season for using these Gospel lightbearers. For the convenience of those who read our Baptist State papers, we are giving the names and addresses of missionaries in each state who are now available.

Africa,—Miss Susan Anderson, 418 Stevens, Wichita, Kansas; Rev. and Mrs. W. H. H. Congdon, Rt. 1, Box 15, Fort Collins, Colorado.

China—Mrs. R. F. Chambers, 1114 Woodlawn St., Ann Arbor, Michigan; Miss Floy Hawkins, Rt. 3, Box 604, Phoenix, Arizona; Mrs. I. V. Larson, 7011 Miles Ave., Huntington Park, California; Miss Thelma Williams, 4058 Bryant, Denver, Colorado.

Palestine—Miss Eunice Fenderson, 3112 17th Ave., South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Japan—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ray, 220 N. Locust St., Englewood, California.

Brazil—Miss Edith West, Espyville Station, Pennsylvania.

PROGRAM

Annual Session of Woman's Auxiliary of Callahan Assn., Meeting With Cottonwood, Tuesday, Oct. 7

Theme: Our Woman's Missionary Union Glorifying God in the Church.

9:45 Song service.
9:55 Devotional, Mrs. R. P. Adams.
10:10 Greetings, Mrs. Norman Caffey. Response, Mrs. C. V. Stevens.
10:20 Special music.
10:30 Recognition of new members and visitors.
10:40 Report on order of business. Nomination committee, Mrs. Norman Caffey. Resolutions committee, Mrs. L. M. Green.
10:45 President's message, Mrs. W. E. Clark.
10:55 Reports of local presidents: Baird, Mrs. W. B. Atchison; Clyde, Mrs. W. L. Sikes; Cottonwood, Mrs. Norman Caffey; Cross Plains, Mrs. Tom Cox; Denton Valley, Mrs. Flora Ford; Eula, Mrs. Jim Edwards; Oplin, Miss Freida Straley; Potosi, Mrs. W. E. Clark; Putnam, Mrs. E. G. Scott.
Report of Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Floyd V. Thomas.
11:45 Talk by Missionary J. Henry Littleton.
12:15 In Memoriam, Mrs. C. E. Poe.

Lunch

1:30 Executive Board meeting.
1:45 Song service.
1:50 Devotional, Mrs. M. F. Richardson.
2:00 Report of Standing Committees: periodicals, Mrs. Mary Voshelle; Christian education, Mrs. R. P. Adams; talk on Christian education and introduction of Hardin-Simmons students, Mrs. N. A. Moore; mission study, Mrs. W. B. Barton; missions, Mrs. E. L. Redden; stewardship, Mrs. John Cook; young people, Miss Evelyn Hollis; benevolence, Mrs. G. A. Gwin; personal service, Mrs. W. B. Atchison; Bible, Mrs. A. A. Davis; Margaret Fund Mother, Mrs. H. C. Reddock; publicity, Mrs. Ralph Fuller. Report of committees, election of officers. Reading of minutes, Mrs. E. G. Scott.

Night Session—Young People's Program

Congregational singing. Prayer.
Devotional, Bernie Ross Everett, Putnam R. A.
Reading, Janice Jones, Cross Plains Sunbeams.
Special music, Cottonwood G. A.
Recognition of all young people working on forward steps.
Chalk talk, Berneice Robinson, Baird Y. W. A.
Playlet, Clyde Young People.
Inspirational address, Mrs. O. B. Woodrum, Abilene.

AT THE TOP O' LIFE

By Orval A. Hendon

There are many things to think about, also many we must do in order to live. We must eat, food strengthens the body. We must obey the laws, these protect lives. However, we many a time forget the most important part of life. We feed, clothe and protect the body but we forget the soul. The soul needs food as well as the body, give the body Spiritual food. Take the old book, the Bible, down from its dusty shelf and read, reflect the Creator by living a Christ-like life today. In your busy hours take time to pray. Give God his rightful place in your life. Be at the Top of Life by letting God have first place in thought, in word and in deed.

This life isn't all, my friend, no, not by any means. But we'll attain a life of joy, rest and peace if we are found faithful unto the Christ who gave his very all in order that we might live.

Yes, be at the Top of Life, rejoice and live. Don't go grouching around. Draw in that lip and smile. It's cheaper by miles.

Smiles and miles should go together. As you travel down this pilgrim way, take time to SMILE. Let people know you're glad to be alive; reflect God. Smile, my friend, every one enjoys a smile because there is a mile between the first and the last letter.

Be at the Top of Life . . . SMILE.
Ecclesiastes 3:4.

SERVING WHILE THEY WAIT

Two missionaries, Rev. Malcolm W. Stuart, a new appointee, and Miss Edyth Boyd, who has already given one term of service in China, were married September 18 in the Baptist Church of Garland, Texas. They expect to sail for Hawaii October 9, and there to carry on mission work among the soldiers until such time as they shall be permitted to proceed to China, the land to which they have dedicated their strength and youth.
—Foreign Mission Board.

Wheresoever the search for truth begins, here life begins.—John Ruskin.

PROGRAM

37th Annual Session of W. M. U. Auxiliary of Sweetwater Assn., First, Sweetwater, Oct. 9

Mrs. C. C. Compere, president; Mrs. Roy Mathinson, recording secretary; Mrs. R. C. Crane, timekeeper; Mrs. P. L. Ullam, chorister; Mrs. R. W. McIntire, pianist.

9:45 Song service.
9:55 Devotional, Mrs. C. V. Owen, Theme: That thy way may be known in all the earth, thy salvation among all nations.
10:10 Greetings, Mrs. Garland Vinson.
10:25 Report on order of business.
10:30 Recognition of new members and visitors, appointment of committees: Nomination, Mrs. Garland Vinson; Resolution, Mrs. Cooper Waters; Registration, Mrs. Tressa Swan.
10:45 President's message.
10:55 Highlights of the year's work by local presidents: Calvary, Mrs. C. G. Harris; Abilene First, Mrs. W. W. Haynes; Immanuel, Mrs. H. L. Rice; North Park, Mrs. G. W. Thompson; South Side, Mrs. Harry Hayes; Sunset, Mrs. S. E. Paul; Temple, Mrs. D. B. Dillard; University, Mrs. D. W. Arnette; Blackwell, Mrs. J. W. Reynolds; Caps, Mrs. Herbert Maston; Elmdale, Mrs. W. A. Strickland; Merkel, Mrs. Lum Gilbreath; Nolan, Mrs. Alvie Egger Ovalo, Mrs. James Bryant; Sweetwater, First, Mrs. Garland Vinson; Lamar Street, Mrs. Jack Welch; Trent, Mrs. Fred Porter; Tuscola, Mrs. Doyle Fogle; Tye, Mrs. Earl King.
Special music arranged by Mrs. Ullom. Report of corresponding secretary-treasurer. Announcements.
12:00 In memoriam, Mrs. Earl Darden. Song, Miss Jane Saye.
Lunch.
1:30 Song service.
1:40 Three minute reports of standing committees: periodicals, Mrs. W. E. Ryan; mission study, Mrs. A. R. Booth; stewardship, Mrs. J. A. Bristow; Christian education, Mrs. H. E. Gay; address, Mrs. W. R. White; young people, Mrs. Cooper Waters; benevolence Mrs. D. G. Reid; personal service, Mrs. W. C. Taggart; missions, Mrs. J. L. Anthony; Margaret Fund, Mrs. C. M. Caldwell; Bible study, Mrs. Dean Elkins.
Report of committees. Reading of minutes, Mrs. Ray Mathinson. Closing prayer.

PROGRAM

Callahan Association, Meeting Witl Cottonwood, Tues. and Wed., Oct. 7-8, in 53rd Annual Session

Men's Meeting Tuesday, 10 A. M.-4 P. M.
Theme: "The Layman's Task in the Church."

Tuesday, October 7

10:00—Song service, R. P. Adams, Clyde.
10:20—"My Conception of the Church," Jeff Clark, Cross Plains.
10:40—"My Duty to My Pastor," R. P. Adams, Clyde.
11:00—"My Duty to My Church," Floyd Thompson, Potosi.
11:20—Song service, recognition of visitors, announcements.
11:30—Sermon, Pastor O. D. Welch, Clyde.
12:10—Noon. Lunch.
1:30—"My Pastor's Duty to the Church," Earl Pyle, Cross Plains.
1:50—"The Deacon and His Pastor," W. B. Atchison, Baird.
2:10—"Jesus Christ, My Lord and Master," Judge B. L. Russell, Baird.
2:30—"Utilizing Our Manpower for Christ,' J. N. Cook, Abilene.
2:50—"The Spirit and Tasks of the Men's Brotherhood," Dr. H. R. Arrant, Abilene.
3:30—Sermon, Pastor C. E. Poe, Cross Plains.
4:00—Adjournment.

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Program

District 17 Convention

SOUTH SIDE CHURCH, ABILENE
Friday, October 24th

10:00—Song and Devotional, Rev. H. D. Blair, Cisco.
10:20—Training Union Accomplishments and Outlook for the Future, Rev. L. L. Trott, Rotan.
10:40—Sunday School Accomplishments and Outlook for the Future, Ewell O. Bone, Breckenridge.
11:00—W. M. U. Accomplishments and Outlook for the Future, Mrs. J. B. Buckley, Abilene.
11:20—Special Music.
11:30—The Enlargement Program of Texas Baptists, R. A. Springer, Dallas.
12:00—Noon. District Board meeting with lunch together.
1:30—Brotherhood Accomplishments and Outlook for Future, Prof. Hiram R. Arrant.
1:50—Business Session.
2:30—District Accomplishments and Outlook for the Future, Missionary J. Henry Littleton.
3:00—Special Music.
3:10—Inspirational Address, A. A. Davis, Baird.

This is our first district meeting of this type. Because of the coming of the state convention, some of the brethren felt that it was wise to have only one day. We will be disappointed if we do not have a representative group from each church in the district. Pray for and urge your people to attend.—Committee.

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New Missionary Learns Much Besides Language

The following is from a letter written by Miss Mildred Smith, missionary nurse in Nigeria, West Africa, to Miss Stella McCullough, superintendent of nursing at Hendrick Memorial Hospital. Miss Smith is a graduate of Hendrick School of Nursing, of Hardin-Simmons University and did two years study at Southwestern Seminary.

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Iwo, Nigeria,
July 13, 1941.

Dear Miss McCullough:

Greetings from Africa and from a very happy youngster. I say this in all sincerity for every day I find myself falling in love with this place even more than I ever suspected that I would.

After a very pleasant and exciting voyage across the Atlantic we arrived safely and sanely in Lagos. It was quite difficult for me to convince myself that we had really reached our destination after so long on the water. We were scheduled to spend about 25 days at sea, and we disembarked at Lagos on the 42nd day. In spite of the rationed water supply, the days of suspense and anxiety, I thoroughly enjoyed my first time at sea. The lovely moonlit waters, the star-studded sky, and "blackout" on board ship all lent an air of enchantment and mysteriousness to the voyage. Then there were several pleasant personalities in the passenger list that made the long travel anything but dull.

In all my wildest imagination I had never dreamed that Africa could be so lovely! The beauties of nature seem to reach their maximum here, but it is like a "diamond in the rough." Brilliant blossoms, clinging vines, green trees of every size, shape and fashion, grass carpets, and a gillion other forms of nature make their proper contribution to the picture. In our yard we have banana plants, orange, grapefruit and lime trees. It is more fun to dash out and pluck the kind of fruit your hunger pain calls for. Of course, I can never describe the loveliness of the place, for it is simply impossible to do it justice, so I send to you a cordial invitation to come visit me.

Our house is located on an elevation overlooking the large native city of Iwo. So far it has been delightfully cool. I have slept under two woolen blankets every night since I came up country from the coast city. However, this is winter so such pleasant climate is not lasting. Our house is large, airy, and very comfortable. We have all bath room accommodations, screened bedrooms, and dining rooms. As yet we do not have electricity, but the house is wired and we hope to have it in the near future. We have a cook who prepares good food, and who knows just what we like. A boy does all our laundry, our mending, and sewing. Another boy cleans our room, makes our beds and polishes our shoes. Really, about all I do without help is breathe.

You should see the dispensary that Nurse Smith has charge of, for it is a very nice one according to African standards. We have a ward for women, one for men, and two private rooms. The office where all patients come for treatment is rather spacious, very clean, but it has not a single screen. No one here seems to think anything about it though, but personally I prefer screens even if the English do not care for them. This is vacation time, so the work is not so difficult. I am very thankful for this, for the nurse here plays the role of doctor in that she diagnoses the case, orders the drugs and just such as the American doctor does. The native nurses carry out all the orders ,give the treatments and medicine, and keep charts. I have seen patients with tropical ulcers, yaws, malaria, G. C., leprosy, worms (internal and external), pneumonia, and whooping-cough. Sulfapyridine and sulfanilamide are two very popular treatments. Worm medicine and quinine are also very important.

The First Baptist Church of Iwo is a rather elaborate building, but it is native in every respect. They sing, pray, preach and teach in Yoruba, so as yet I have not heard very much at the services. Yesterday I rode a bicycle two miles to a small church in the rural section. Yesterday afternoon I walked four miles through "jungle" trails to a church. I thoroughly enjoyed the hike and lovely sight along the way. Even though they sing in the native tongue, they sing songs that are familiar to me so I hum along and feel as religious as they.

Every one of the missionaries ride bicycles, so I am learning to do likewise. From the neck down my body bears the marks of my efforts, but I have learned to ride fairly well. The poor natives take to the bushes when they see me coming, for just as surely as I look at one I run into him. The other night I was riding along being so careful to go straight, for the road was filled with women with heavy loads on their heads—well, without a moment's notice I ran a poor old woman off into the ditch. She could not speak English and I could not say a word in Yoruba except "you are welcome," "good evening," and "goodbye," so to be on the safe side I said all three of them in a very humble tone of voice. I think she forgave me, so I went on my way running everybody else out of the road, for after that little episode the wheel was wobblier than ever.

I have not had a single line of news from America since we came. We hear the news every day, and on the Fourth of July we heard Mr. Roosevelt speak. I have never heard a message of his that created within me such a spirit of patriotism as that one did. I must confess it positively made me homesick. We are expecting letters this week for an American boat is due.

It is tea time, so I will run along. I sincerely hope that everything is well with you and that I may hear from you very soon. Maybe the next letter will be without error in typing, for along with learning to play tennis, to speak Yoruba, ride a bicycle and several other tricks, I am trying to learn to type.

Sincerely yours,
MILDRED D. SMITH.

P. S.—Thanks again for the lovely farewell. I shall never forget it.

PROGRAM

Quarterly-Annual Meeting, Haskell Associational W. M. U., Knox City, October 7

10:00—Song, "Jesus Saves."
10:05—Devotional, Mrs. S. E. Stephens, Goree.
10:15—Digest of year's work, Mrs. Bob Speck.
10:30—Reports of local presidents.
11:00—Young People's work, Mrs. J. S. Tierce, Knox City.
11:10—Special music.
11:20—Message, Mrs. J. B. Buckley, District President, Abilene.
12:00—Lunch.
12:30—Executive committee meeting.
1:00—Devotional, Mrs. J. O. Bowden, Munday.
1:10—Report of Standing Committees: Educational, Mrs. H. W. Finley, Knox City; Missions, Mrs. C. A. Powell, Rule; Personal Service, Mrs. Mable Derr, Weinert; Benevolence, Mrs. D. Van Pelt, Weinert; Stewardship, Mrs. B. M. Whitaker, Haskell; Periodicals, Mrs. G. C. Cowan, Rochester; Bible Study, Mrs. W. R. Terry, Rule; Mission Study, Mrs. W. A. Strickland, Munday.
Report of corresponding secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Hob Smith, Rochester.
Election of officers.
Announcements; minutes.
Adjournment.



ARE YOU IN HARMONY WITH PAUL IN THIS?

By C. C. Andrews, Baird

"And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified" (I Cor. 2:1-2).

"Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend" (I Cor. 8:13).

"It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nŏr anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak" (Romans 14:21).

"But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection; lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I, myself should be a castaway" (I Cor. 9:27).

"And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (II Timothy 4:4-8).

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13-14).

PASTOR SPEAKS HIGHLY OF EVANGELIST CROUCH

"I want you as pastors and churches to know Evangelist Truman L. Crouch, one of God's noble and faithful servants in the field of evangelism," writes Dr. Melvin C. Edison, pastor of First Church, Luling, in an extended and highly commendatory letter.

"I know this man from personal experience," he continues. "He came to my church Sunday, August 10, and preached for three weeks with more than 40 additions, and they are still coming upon profession of faith, for baptism, and by letter and statement. Our church and city were greatly revived, and Luling is not an easy place to have a revival. When Brother Crouch came to me, it was upon the fine recommendation of Dr. W. R. White and others, I had never seen him before, but I found him to be all and even more than he was recommended to be. Before leaving us, my church voted his return next year, April 12 to May 3."

SWEETWATER ASSN. MEETS AT SWEETWATER CHURCH

The 57th session of Sweetwater Association will be held in First Church, Sweetwater, Thursday evening through Friday evening, October 9 and 10. Rev. Cooper Waters of Merkel will preach the annual sermon at the opening session and Rev. Clyde will deliver the missionary sermon at will delive rthe missionary sermno at the close of the Friday morning session.

Friday evening Rev. Douglas Carver of University Church, Abilene, will bring the report on Christian Education, which will be followed by a program from Hardin-Simmons.

Dr. James W. Middleton of San Angelo will represent the state board at the morning hour and Chaplain Leroy W. Raley of the 45th Division will speak on national and international righteousness at the close of the afternoon meeting.

ALBANY PASTOR IN REVIVAL

Rev. H. M. Weldon is in a meeting with the church at Hemphill. Rev. Ernest O. Mills, returned missionary from Japan, spoke Sunday morning and night, September 21, showing pictures of Southern Baptist work in that country. Sunday, September 28, Rev. H. D. Blair, associational missionary, precahed.

NEW RECRUITS FOR AFRICA

On September 16, Mr. and Mrs. Lavell Seats, of Arkansas, were appointed as missionaries to Africa. These young recruits received training at Southwest Baptist College and William Jewell College, of Missouri, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, of Louisville. They will sail for Nigeria just as soon as passage can be arranged.—F.M.B.

Life is like a cafeteria. There are no waiters to bring success to you. You must help yourself.—Watchman-Examiner.

S. S. ZONE LEADER DISCUSSES PROBLEMS

By Mrs. V. L. Merritt

A full year's work in Sunday School Zone 1 was rounded out in the annual meeting held with Hodges Church. Programs for the year were climaxed with "Problems and Possibilities of the Sunday School.

H. G. (Blondie) Smith, superintendent, after an extensive visitation program and intnesive study of Sunday School work in the 10 churches of Zone 1 during the year discussed in minutest detail problems confronting Sunday School workers and in many instances offered timely solutions to these problems.

Quoting Mr. Smith: "Our problems are alarming; chief among them is that Christian people are indifferent. As individuals we should take an inventory of self to see if we are fit subjects for the work we have been chosen for. Are we choosing teachers and officres that are spiritual and fully prepared; who feel a definite call to the teaching service and are consecrated to the task or do we choose them because of friendship?"

In closing, Superintendent Smith added this admonition to every local superintendent, "Know where you are! Are you using the material God has issued you?"

In discussing "Possibilities of the Sunday School," Rev. J. B. Bradford said: "Christian workers should take advantage of opportunities just as the devil takes his. Enroll, enlarge, teach the plan of salvation, and WIN boys and girls. If presented with firmness of spirit the Truth will be accepted."

'Study God's Word for if we do away with it we lose every source of winning souls. Character is moulded by love and not by force. Law forces will not eliminate crime. Win by Truth and Love."

Dr. Atwood described the Sunday School as the one teaching agency and recruiting army of the church.

H. G. Smith, Frank Mundy, and Mrs. V. L. Merritt were unanimously elected to fill the offices of superintendent, assistant superintendent and secretary, respectively, for the new associational year.

The executive committee, composed of the officers named above, has selected as Watchword for the ensuing year the term "Personal Responsibility." The initial program for the new year will be presented by Hodges Church at Shiloh October 5, 3:00 p.m.

"MISSIONS IN MY STATE"

This is the name of the State Mission Day program prepared for Sunday, October 26. Two copies of the program, a poster, a letter from Dr. Holcomb, one from Dr. W. W. Melton and your Sunday School secretary has been sent to every superintendent in the state by the Sunday School Board, and then offering envelopes for a "Birthday Offering for Christ," together with other helpful suggestions, have been sent to each superintendent by our state mission secretary.

May we urge the pastors and superintendents to study all of this material very carefully and make October 26 the best State Mission Day that has ever been observed in Texas or the South. If any superintendent failed to receive this material write the Sunday School Department, 310 Baptist Building, Dallas, Texas.

EFFECTIVE SOUL-WINNER IS BURIED IN ABILENE

Jentry Holmes, retired Baptist minister, died Friday morning following a fall from the eighth floor of an Abilene building. He had been compelled to give up preaching as the result of injury to his throat from gas inhaled while with a hospital unit in France in 1918. For several years he had been in precarious health, spending much of his time in veterans hospitals.

When he was compelled to give up preaching, he turned to personal evangelism, and did a remarkable work in that field. He was a leader in the establishment of Calvary Church, Abilene.

Surviving are Mrs. Holmes and two sons, Jentry Scott and Paul, ministerial students in Hardin-Simmons.

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FROM COMMUNISM TO CHRISTIANITY

By Edward B. Jenkins

We met him at a preacher's conference. He was born in Russia and after the revolution he became a young pioneer. He had been indoctrinated with the communistic propaganda. One day his father, fearing for his life, decided to take his family and go to Canada. After much red tape and delay he was able to leave the land of the Soviets.

This young communist had lived in sin, and professed to believe there was no divine being. One day he heard the Gospel and the Holy Spirit convicted him of sin. He was miserable and restless. Yet at this time he did not believe there was a God, but within his soul he knew there must be a higher power. In his helplessness he surrendered his heart and life to the Lord Jesus Christ. Today he is a student in one of our Baptist institutions preparing himself for the ministry, yet at the same time pastor of a Baptist church. He is married and has three beautiful children. "What hath God wrought?"

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, and holy nation, a peculiar people that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into the marvelous light;

"Which in time past were not a people, but now are the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy" (I Peter 2:9-10).

SOUTH PLAINS PASTOR RESIGNS TO ENTER SCHOOL

Rev. J. O. Hux has resigned work in the South Plains and has moved from Lamesa to Plainview to enter Wayland College. In less than a year at Lenorah, the church erected a new building, changed from fourth to half time, added 42 new members and raised the salary of the pastor from $15 a month to $40. A union Sunday School with an attendance of around two dozen was divided and the Baptists have over 50 and the Methodists around 40. Rev. R. Elmer Dunham of Big Spring assisted in the summer revival.

Following a mission revival led by Rev. Hux at Welch, a B. M. A. church disbanded, giving their building to a new, convention-affiliated church for the assumption of a small debt. He assisted in other revivals during the summer at Wolcott school house, and at Munger and Pride Churches, with a number of conversions at each of these meetings.

I Go A-Fishing

By O. D. Henley

We have the instance in the Bible where a group decided to go fishing (fishing being their means to make a living). Peter, himself a fisherman, determined to go along. In Texas, fishing is at best only a sport.

Whatever Paul did, he found something about it to remind him of his relation to God. Yet, he was no fanatic. Jesus found in life's commonest experiences illustrations of the deep things of God.

He who is afflicted with the fishing "fever" might as well go and get over with it. Having the urge to go, though actual fishing conditions were abnormal, I went to the river for an hour or so. I didn't catch any fish, but I did draw a few conclusions from some of my experiences.

I had to have bait to have courage to go. So I caught some crickets that had disturbed at church services lately. They won't bother again. In getting my tackle, I killed some mice which had ruined some stuff in the garage. They won't bother any more. Maybe life experiences may be like that. It is good riddance to get some people and some institutions out of the way. It may take all kinds of people to make a world, but it would be a much better world, if many of the kinds were not here.

When I reached the river I soon put in my hook. But the first place didn't satisfy me, so I moved. But I still saw better places ahead (I thought). So, I kept going much of the time. Better looking places may beckon, but closer contact may ruin the view, or, each place sought may prove to be no Eden. The imagination that somewhere else is a better opportunity may lure us on to our disappointment, or even injury. Opportunities are personal, inner, and not surface growths.

Out in the water, I saw a stick about four feet long, caught against the end of a log. The current divided near the log. The stick was so evenly caught that it could not go by on either side. How like life. There are always currents affecting us. None have a clear channel, or easy sailing. Ceaselessly we are bound to deal with the unseen forces.

I don't doubt that there were some fish in the stream. But not having started to be gone long, not having my expectations of success too high, I soon quit and went home. I'll never know what I might have caught, if I had kept fishing. To accomplish much, we must keep everlastingly at it. It is easier to faint than to finish.

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