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Rev. Leland Malone, has just completed a tour of the Runnels county association, showing to the churches in this association the stereoscopic pictures of our denominational work in Texas. This good man (he is not related to this editor) is open for work in this section, and any association could use him to good advantage in bringing him to the association for a tour such as he has just completed in Runnels county. His home address is Carthage, Texas.

Rev. John W. Newsom, who was recently elected missionary of the Streetwork Association has arrived on the field and has taken charge of the work. Brother Newsom for the past two years has been pastor of the First Baptist church, Donna, Texas. Brother Newsom is a native of the west and is one of our most successful evangelists and preachers. He is conducting a training school this week with the Walnut Street Church.

Rev. R. A. Scranton, field representative of the Baptist State Board was in Abilene recently and spoke in the morning at the First Baptist Church and at the evening service at the Southside Baptist Church. Bro. Scranton is now touring West Texas with Dr. W. D. Powell, of Louisville, Ky., in the interest of the 1925 program.



REV. C. A. POWELL

The above is a picture of Rev. C. A. Powell, pastor of the College Heights Baptist Church, who has just closed a gracious meeting with his good church. Brother Powell preaches the gospel in its purity and power. At practically every service during the meeting which lasted only one week, there were conversions, and the whole church was greatly strengthened as a result of the services.

SIMMONS VOLUNTEER BAND RENDERS FINE PROGRAM WITH LORAIN CHURCH

(These notes should have appeared in last issue—Ed.)

In our last report we told of a paramour day which we thought couldn't be better, but that one was more of a mental feast, but last Sunday was a real glorious day which was a spiritual feast.

We had with us K. K. Toby, a Japanese student in Simmons who is studying for the ministry, at the eleven o'clock hour. He told a thrilling story of his early life in Japan, his experience with idol worship and how he came to America and found Jesus in the lives of Godly American Christians and his experience of grace and his experience of the call to the ministry. His talk was simple and intensely interesting. If this humble little Japanese boy who has so many obstacles to overcome is learning to tell the story of Jesus and His love we must get busy for God.

At five o'clock p. m. the Inter-mediate B. Y. P. U. had a missionary lesson in which one of the countries studied was Japan, and they were so fortunate as to have Toby with them to talk on the customs of Japan. At the close of one of the little Intermediate girls lifted up her soul in prayer for Toby as he goes back to his homeland to preach the gospel to his people.

At the evening hour the volunteer band of Simmons College had charge of the service, and which was truly an inspirational service. At the beginning we were favored with orchestra music. Some of the performers were of Loraine and others of Colorado and Abilene. First, Miss Naomi Hutton, a senior student in Simmons, gave the introductory, which was a little sermon within itself. Mr. Douglas Carver a ministerial student in Simmons sang a solo entitled "Does Nobody Care."

Next Miss Roberta Turner, the youngest Sophomore student in Simmons (age 16), who is preparing her life for a missionary, gave us a talk on "Life of Preparation." She said in brief, a life is like building a house. We must first have a pattern, and must take Christ as our blue print, and in conclusion she said "we cannot build our life after awhile. We must build today."

We will be so great in the after while, But what are we doing today. Next speaker was Miss Hazel Hutton, though only a senior in High school is a good speaker, and who is also preparing her life for work in Brazil, gave a talk on the "Life of Service," in which she said we must first look and find God's plan for us in our life and then be willing to follow God's plan. She used as an example of being ready for life's service, President Wilson. He always could say "I am ready." When he was called to be President of Princeton University, Governor of New Jersey, President of the United States and when the last great call, "the answer was always, 'I am ready.'"

The song entitled "Ready" was next effectively rendered by Mr. Taylor McCasland.

Last, and the best speaker of all into the congregation when she had a clear call to go to Brazil as a Missionary. Her subject, "God's Plan in Our Lives," in which she talked in such an impressive way of how the world needs us! and said it is not so much the talent that you have but how much of you God has.

There was only a few dry eyes in the congregation when she was telling of the vision God gave her of a lonely swimmer in mid-stream and the words in scarlet across the sky, and how she went down on her knees and then she told God she would leave her home where there was plenty of rescuers and go to Brazil where there are such a few workers. Then every one was asked to bow their heads in secret prayer while the solo, "Have Thine Own Way" was sung.

After the prayer she told the story of the man who said nothing I have in me good for Jesus. Then the girl in her own sweet way asked the fathers and mothers to come who

A Supreme Call to Texas Baptists

O. S. LATTIMORE, President Baptist General Convention of Texas

(I have asked that God indite this message, and if He does, its appeal will be active.)

God is my Father, author of my being, giver of every good thing which I enjoy, preserver of my life, my benefactor every day in a thousand ways I cannot name, Father of my risen redeemer and Lord, and honors me beyond human conception by taking an infinitesimal part of impure carbon and water, such as I am, and confiding to me and others like me the princely privilege of bringing His kingdom to pass in this earth. He offered me this glorious proposition and I accepted it. He said he wanted me for his son, and when I understood, my very soul thrilled at the ineffable fact. He wrote and tendered me adoption,—a joint right of heritage in His kingdom, and while I could not fathom the depths of a love moving Him to such effort, I fell on my face at his feet and gave Him all I had in return myself.

How he has honored all our efforts in these years! As we have tried in various ways—if by all means we might win some. How He has multiplied the results, enlarged our opportunities, extended our vision—brought the world to our own doors, and opened avenues of approach and influence in nearly all the lands of the globe. What hospitals, schools, seminaries, orphanages, missionaries and demanding fields he has given us. Our Master taught by river and roadside, in meadow and mountain, and healed wherever He found those who were afflicted. Truly looking down the ages—perhaps—at us—He said that the things He had done and greater things should be done by those who loved Him. Did He visualize ship loads of missionaries following His little boat across the water? Did He see groups of trained men and women discipling in colleges and in inaries—primarily teaching the way

of life? Did His forward look rest upon greater hospitals and orphanages supported and carried on in His name and for His sake?

Truly these are wondrous days—when broad and inviting are the paths to Christian education and open and beckoning are the doors of hospitals and shelters for the orphans and destitute—When the grip of our country and the influence of our flag upon heathen nations open the way for the going of our missionaries. And how the returns upon all proper investments. What do you and I most desire as returns for life investment? The speedy coming of Christ's Kingdom? The putting forward of all His work confided to us? If we and ours are His, this is our chief desire.

As I sit here and think back I feel that we have done well, better, far better than ever before. But if one single soul can truly say, "I have done all I could,"—how to such and one for brethren I feel deeply that we can and will do more. Why have we not redeemed all our pledges—paid all debts? I do feel that the situation may be summed up in this: We have not wanted to badly enough. We have not taken seriously enough God's prior claim and right to all we have. We have read the statistics as to the large wealth of Texas and Southern Baptists, and then allowed the devil to whisper in our ears that we could withhold and others would make up the needs. Some of us, I fear, have gazed our giving by our neighbors, who did not give enough, and not by our Lord, who gave His all. Perhaps some have hidden local needs till we lost sight of the million of lost human beings on the foreign fields.

Brethren, I thought I had pledged all I could give but I haven't and I am going to come again. What right have any of us to hold back on our own puny judgments while our great Home Board, to which Texas owes a debt which can never be repaid, is straining under heavy bur-

dens? Look where you will in this great state and find a community where God's cause has not felt the influence of the Baylor and our other Baptist schools—and then make up your mind to give more than you thought you could—to help these great christian factors. Consider the thousands of sick and helpless in our own hospitals—the children in our orphanages—and withhold if you can.

I am for a great collection—over and beyond all the pledges and budgets we have subscribed. I want it some time in April. To me there has always been something tremendously religious and inspiring in a collection. Money, to me means myself going to all those places and ways of service, when I cannot go. I can only stay here in Austin, teach a Sunday School class and help personally those few people and things to which I come in contact, but my dollars and tens and hundreds can cross the ocean and see and hear all the wondrous things of China and the land beyond the sea.

They can tenderly nurse the dying—open the eyes and understanding of those who otherwise never would see their risen Lord or know of His death and the cross—care for the aged ministers and speed the message of light. Thank God for collections. Set the dates and let us look away from self and selfish indulgences, earthly wealth and investments, and only recall that we are not our own but are brought with Christ's blood, that the only investments that are underwritten and safely deposited are those Heaven looking institutions. May we not pray that God will stir us to want to give as He wants us to give. Not only the rich—the great—but all of us joyously—thankfully giving as God has given us all the things we have to give back. May the God of all grace move mightily on our hearts and show each of us his responsibility and give us the determination to do our whole duty.

GILLESPIE CHURCH HAS GREAT ALL-DAY SERVICE

All day services were held at the Gillespie Baptist Church 20 miles north of Haskell, Sunday and a large congregation of people were in attendance throughout the day. Lunch was served at noon to all the people and there was a bountiful feast of good things to eat.

Reverends A. L. Teaff, C. C. Sewell, V. E. Boyd and Miss Lena Koler, a volunteer mission and from Simmons College, Abilene, were there and Rev. Sewell preached at 11 o'clock hour. Rev. Luther T. Jenkins is pastor of this church for half time and he is working hard for the upbuilding of the church both spiritually and temporarily. In the afternoon a splendid program was rendered with a number of special songs and good speeches by the B. Y. P. U. of different churches in the surrounding country. The day was well spent and those present enjoyed the day. The Mission Band from Simmons put on a program Sunday night and it was reported to have been an excellent one which was well received by a large congregation.

—Watchman Examiner: Dr. H. K. Carroll, the leading statistician of the country, has just made public his annual count of the religious denominations. The total number of Protestants in the country he gives as 28,021,953, an increase of 366,336 over 1923. The Roman Catholics he gives as 15,995,964; this is the number of estimated communicants. The Jews who are recorded in congregations number only 357,135. Since there are more than 2,000,000 Jews in New York City alone, this will show how general the drift of the Jews from their faith is. Among the Protestant bodies the Methodists lead with 8,700,007 communicants, as against the Baptists who have 8,227,225 communicants. Last year the Baptists gained 88,093 and the Methodists 79,974. The next below the Baptists in number are the Lutherans, who have 2,803,642.—Word and Way.

Rev. George F. Brown, who has been pastor of the First Baptist Church at Hobart, Oklahoma, has accepted the call of the First Church, Midland, and will begin his work about May 1st. Brother Brown has done a fine work at Hobart and we feel the Midland church is fortunate in securing his service. The workers in the West extend to him a hearty welcome. There is lots of hard work to do in this section of the Master's kingdom and we are glad to have come this way men who know how to fight the devil and who are not afraid to fight.

The people of West Texas will regret to lose Brother Wilmot Daugherty, who goes from Haskell, where he has been serving as assistant pastor, to Keota, Okla. as pastor of the church there. He has already begun his work on the new field.

It would give their all, including their children, to the Master if they were given for them. While a song was sung the offering was given for boys and girls to give their life and talents to the great cause. Many young people responded and one, our Sunday School Superintendent, surrendered to the ministry.

Those consecrated young people had the revival spirit and brought it to us. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.—Mrs. R. I. Lee, Reporter.

CROSS PLAINS CHURCH HOLDS REVIVAL IN NEW CHURCH BUILDING

Sunday, April 5 was the great day with the Cross Plains Church. Pastor Henry Littleton and his good church worshipped for the first time in their beautiful new church building, and all day services were held. The people of all denominations in the town cooperated in a successful revival. The day one to be long remembered. Brother Littleton has been in Cross Plains only a few months, but he has done a great work in these months. The new church building is a beautiful, economical structure with large basement and is adequate to meet the needs of the Baptists in that city for a long time.

The Cross Plains Review has the following to say in regard to the services referred to above. The editor of the West Texas Baptist was present at that day and greatly enjoyed the services:

"Sunday, April 5, the Baptist moved into their new church building for an all day program. The building had not been completed, but practically so. Hundreds of people were there to enjoy the day, including visitors from all the churches in town and many from other towns.

A special musical program was rendered after Sunday School, including congregational singing, special numbers by the orchestra, and special songs. At the eleven o'clock hour, Rev. Littleton, pastor, preached—then came the lunch in the basement, which was one of the most enjoyable features of the day. The ladies maintaining their reputation as culinary artists—and there were plenty and to spare.

In the afternoon, the orchestra again rendered a most enjoyable program, followed by congregational singing.

Then followed by short talks by visiting pastors and friends. Those who spoke were Rev. Brabham and Rev. Collins, of Cross Plains; Rev. Miller and Watson, of Burkett; Rev. Foster, of Dressy; Judge Gilbert, of Baird, and Elder Barr, of Christiane preacher. All made splendid talks, the Review is informed.

At the evening service, Sam Malone, field manager of Simmons College, and editor of the West Texas Baptist, delivered a forceful sermon—and an other special musical program was given, with orchestra, special song, etc. The house was filled to seating capacity and all enjoyed the day very much.

A revival meeting is in progress in the new church building this week and all are invited to attend. Services are conducted by the pastor.

GREAT MEETING AT POST

The church at Post was delighted to have Miss Millie Daniels with them over the week-end to assist in the meeting being held by Brother Henry Weldon and Singer, Lee Stulce. There has been a most glorious meeting, with the church full to overflowing each night and a very large attendance at the morning services. Many souls have been saved and many have come into the church who were converted at other meetings; we have also had a number of additions by letter.

CONSTRUCTIVE MEETING HELD WITH FOARD CITY CHURCH

The meeting at Foard City was a "season of refreshing." The Booster choir under the leadership of Pastor G. Tankersley, adopted as their official song, "There Shall be Showers of Blessings," and showers, both spiritual and temporal, fell during the nine days of revival effort, two services being practically rained out. Two outstanding features of the meeting were the enthusiastic and soulful singing of the Booster Choir and the Bible reading campaign which totaled 221,000 verse in eight days.

The pastor and Deacons Halbert, Stone and Owens were loyal, making a hundred per cent on attendance while the elect ladies excelled each other in attendance and active interest. The preaching by Evangelist Scott W. Hickey was constructive and Spiritual, though sometimes scorching, and the church and pastor testify to the constructive effect of the revival effort.

This is Brother Tankersley's second year at Foard City and he is leading well. It seems now that he will soon have a new church in which to build a standard Sunday School and an A-1 B. Y. P. U. The church showed its appreciation of the pastor by contributing its quota toward his expenses to the Southern Baptist Convention and filling his car with good things to eat, besides a liberal cash offering and his salary to date.

REV. NEWSOM AT CHAMPION CHURCH

Rev. John W. Newsom preached for the Champion church Saturday night and Sunday, in the absence of the pastor, who was in meeting with his church at Foard City. We were also glad to have with us editor Sam Malone. The services were well attended, although the Saturday night service was somewhat disturbed by a light shower of rain.

Our B. Y. P. U. met at 6:30 with almost every member present. At the close of our program, after a talk by Bro. Newsom on Life and conditions in Mexico, five young people surrendered to God's call for service wherever it might be.

Sunday, April 19 the B. Y. P. U. from Mt. Olive church rendered a program for us at 3:30. At 6:30 the Juniors of our church had charge of the hour and rendered a program to the other unions, and a number of visitors. Our unions are growing. We have had fifteen new members within the last month.

The Ladies Home Journal recently published an article by Harry Emerson Fosdick preaching modernism. Pastor T. W. Calloway of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., wrote the editor of the Ladies Home Journal asking if he would publish a reply from some evangelistical Christian, and the editor replied that arrangements had already been made for such reply and that it was to be written by Dr. Clarence E. McCartney, president of the Northern Presbyterian Assembly. If the Home Journal leaves Dr. McCartney unhampered in his writing, we may expect some interesting reading. We have not the slightest objection to the publication of the writings of modernist infidels by popular magazines provided they will also publish the writings of evangelistical Christians on the same subjects. Truth has nothing to fear in an open, fair fight.—The Baptist Advance.

DR. POWELL OF RICHMOND TO SPEAK IN ABILENE, SUNDAY



DR. W. D. POWELL



REV. R. A. SCRANTON

SPEAKS ON NEEDS OF CHINA IN CHAPEL TALK

Rev. Joseph Fielder, a graduate of Simmons who has been doing missionary work in China for five years, spoke to the student body in chapel Wednesday morning, the time set aside by all Baptists schools to give their chapel to missionary endeavor. Mr. Fielder was here visiting this week in company with his wife.

Statistics which showed the illiteracy, ignorance and need of the Chinese people formed a good part of the speakers talk. In beginning he said that he could tell no jokes as most speakers do, but he had heard a joke. "Those people where I have been cannot laugh," he said, "and it is about those people that cannot laugh that I wish to speak to you."

The many people in the Oriental country, the thousands that surround the newcomer, giving him a feeling of being lost, were described by the speaker. Of the four hundred million people in China, three hundred and twenty million are illiterate, the visitor showed. Of the ninety nine million children of school age, five million are in school, and one hundred and twenty five thousand are in mission schools.

The process of converting the Chinese is one of a tedious educational process, said the speaker. They have no background of Christianity and this must all be taught, before they can have faith in the doctrines. These people have not only to overcome their beliefs, but still encounter persecution, he said.

There has lately been great opposition to the mission schools by the government schools, according to Rev. Fielder. A crisis is coming in three years which will determine whether the church school can live at all or must work hard and fast and accomplish all possible.

"We need men who are fearless and women who are fearless greater than we have ever needed them before," was the appeal for workers made by the speaker in closing.

Rev. J. E. Billington has resigned as pastor at Crowell. We understand he has been called by the Lockney church and also a church in Oklahoma, but has not given a decision regarding these calls. Brother Billington has done a fine work during the few years he has been at Crowell. A new \$50,000 church building is just being completed and the general work is well organized. Tom Bell is chairman of the pulpit committee.

Diligent search is being made for the two men who slugged and robbed the Rev. R. V. Tooley, pastor of the Methodist church at Sylvester. The robbery occurred right after the close of the Monday evening service, and it is stated the minister was in a serious condition for a while. The citizens of Sylvester made up a \$500 reward for the arrest and conviction of the guilty parties.

The beautiful new church building at Knox City has been completed and pastor Woody W. Smith and the church have just closed a fine meeting in the new building. Evangelist Joe English did the preaching in the meeting.

Dr. W. D. Powell of Richmond, Va., special representative for the Foreign Mission Board, will be in Abilene Sunday, April 26 to deliver two addresses in the interest of the spring round-up for home and foreign missions. Dr. Powell will preach at the First Baptist church Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock hour, and at the College Heights church at the evening hour.

Dr. Powell, in company with Rev. R. A. Scranton of Plainview, field representative for the State Board, are making a tour of West Texas, speaking daily at different sections. Dr. Powell is one of the outstanding Baptist ministers of the South. He was ordained to the ministry in 1874 and was foreign missionary to Mexico for seventeen years, preaching in fourteen of the seventeen states of the republic of Mexico, and instituting thirty-one churches, though he was never pastor of any church in Mexico. He has preached in twenty-nine states of the United States and has participated in the dedication of 671 churches. He has also been instrumental in receiving about \$5,000, 000 in subscriptions and cash for special objects in the denominational work of Southern Baptists. Dr. Powell is seventy-one years old, but speaks with vigor and mental vivacity and his optimism is contagious.

WRITER URGES PRAYER FOR LUEDERS ENCAMPMENT

We want FIFTY or more of you to write us that you will obligate yourself to pray daily and definitely for our Lueders' Baptist Encampment speakers until, and through the Encampment which begins about the middle of July next. If you desire the names of those on program write me at Stamford, Texas, P. O. Box No. 388.

If any difference, above all pray daily and definitely for Dr. Geo. W. Truett, who is speaking daily, morning and evening throughout the entire encampment. There are no doubt, as we peer into the future, there will attend this third annual encampment, the largest number of people that ever attended a similar gathering. God's hand is leading. He started this encampment for literally thousands will attend in the providence of God. You, dear good mothers, fathers, grandmothers, grandfathers in Israel, who have lived a natural life if sixty years—here is the opportunity of your christian lives to speak to Jehovah for Brother Truett—that he may have burning access to the very presence of our elder brother, Christ Jesus, until he can get the message from Jesus that Heaven wants the mighty concourse of people to have through him, that he, Brother Truett, may have the spell of the Holy Spirit, hour by hour, until the very fire of the Holy Ghost may be in his soul, and in his voice, and in his message to the people. Pray out of your souls for the entire personnel of those responsible for the program and for those rendering this encampment for wisdom, for characterizes the whole teaching and whole training and whole recreation of the ten days camp.

FIFTY of you write me THAT YOU obligate yourselves to pray DAILY thus for this encampment—and if you go on to heaven prior to the encampment, talk to God for it. PLEASE WRITE ME THAT YOU WILL DO THIS and sign names and addresses plainly. YOU can render such a service as may help, in all your life prior you have not. OUR thousands of young people need just the messages that will follow surely in the wake of just such praying as you can do.

Mr. W. H. Wright, P. O. Box 388, Stamford, Texas

FIRST CHURCH AT GRAHAM HAS GREAT MEETING

Pastor McKinley Norman and the First Church at Graham, closed a wonderful revival meeting in which there were, up to within three days of the close of the meeting, over 90 additions to the church, 5 of the number being by baptism. The Graham Leader makes the following comment on the meeting:

"While Graham has always been noted for its good churches and church going people, it is unusual to see people rush to the church before the time for the opening of the services as is being done each evening at the Baptist Church, where a revival is in progress. The church is filled by 7:45 each evening and to get a good seat it is necessary to come before that time.

The singing is fine. Mr. and Mrs. Blankenship have organized a "Booster" choir, composed of the Juniors and intermediates of the Sunday School, in addition to the main choir. The platform has been enlarged to about twice its original size and the people are enjoying the good singing each evening. The meeting will continue until Sunday evening and people from all sections of the county are expected to join in the remaining services.

Rev. B. F. Thorn brings most excellent messages at each service. He is a pleasing and forceful preacher. Rev. G. W. Black says he will work for him being an excellent preacher. To all the old timers in the county this will suffice, for they know that Bro. Black is a good judge of good preaching. The multitudes have been enjoying the messages from evening to evening. His subject in the morning (Friday) will be on Home. He would be glad if families could come together. He has a message on Home that everybody should hear."

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Pastor Henry Weldon of Post City, who recently finished his field at Simmons, and moved on to the field at Post City, has been in a great meeting with his church. Lee Stulce of the First Church, Abilene led the singing. A writer in the Post City Post has the following interesting comments on the meeting:

"Are you attending? If not you are missing a great lesson, Rev. Weldon, pastor, being directed by the Holy Spirit, is doing wonderful preaching, and Bro. Stulce, singer, is rendering great service for his master. His special songs are wonderful, inspiring, uplifting. There is especially a special favor with the writer 'Praise Me Lord Jesus.' How many of us can truthfully say that? How many are willing to pay the price and say, here Lord Jesus, use me, make me a winner of souls, just have Thine own way with me Lord. Let's awake from our sleep, some are going out into the great eternity without God. O, my friends the harvest is great and laborers are few. Let's work while 'tis day, for the night cometh when no man can work. Praise an out pouring of the Holy Spirit upon our lives, that will disturb it from center to circumference."—Mrs. T.

Rev. Leland Malone, has just completed a tour of the Rannels county association, showing to the churches in this association the stereoscopic pictures of our denominational work in Texas. This good man (he is not related to the editor) is open for work in this section, and any association could use him to good advantage for a tour such as he has just completed in Rannels county. His home address is Carthage, Texas.

Rev. John W. Newsome, who was recently elected missionary of the Sweetwater Association has arrived on the field and has taken charge of the work. Brother Newsome for the past two years has been pastor of the First Baptist church, Donna, Texas. Brother Newsome is a native of the west and is one of our most successful evangelists and preachers. He is conducting a training school this week with the Walnut Street Church.

Rev. R. A. Scranton, field representative of the Baptist State Board was in Abilene recently and spoke in the morning at the First Baptist Church and at the evening service at the Southside Baptist Church. Bro. Scranton is now touring West Texas with Dr. W. D. Powell, of Louisville, Ky., in the interest of the 1925 program.



REV. C. A. POWELL

The above is a picture of Rev. C. A. Powell, pastor of the College Heights Baptist Church, who has just closed a gracious meeting with his good church. Brother Powell preaches the gospel in its purity and power. At practically every service during the meeting which lasted only one week, there were conversions, and the whole church was greatly strengthened as a result of the services.

SIMMONS VOLUNTEER BAND RENDERS FINE PROGRAM WITH LORRAINE CHURCH

(These notes should have appeared in last issue—Ed.)

In our last report we told of a paramount day which we thought couldn't be better, but that one was more of a mental feast, but last Sunday was a real glorious day which was a spiritual feast.

We had with us K. K. Toby, a Japanese student in Simmons who is studying for the ministry, at the eleven o'clock hour. He told a thrilling story of his early life in Japan, his experience with idol worship and how he came to America and found Jesus in the lives of Godly American Christians and his experience of grace and his experience of the call to the ministry. His talk was simple and intensely interesting. If this humble little Japanese boy who has so many obstacles to overcome is learning to tell the story of Jesus and His love we must get busy for God.

At five o'clock p. m. the Inter-missionary B. P. U. had a missionary lesson in which one of the countries they studied was Japan, and they were so fortunate as to have Toby with them to talk on the customs of Japan. At the close of one of the little Intermediate girls lifted up her voice and sang a beautiful hymn and he goes back to his homeland to preach the gospel to his people.

At the evening hour the volunteer band of Simmons College had charge of the service, and which was truly an inspirational service. At the beginning we were favored with organ music. Some of the performers were of Loraine and others of Colorado and Abilene. First, Miss Naomi Hatton, a senior student in Simmons gave the introductory, which was a little sermon within itself. Mr. Douglas Carver, a minister, led the singing. Some sang a solo entitled "Does Nobody Care."

Next Miss Roberta Turner, the youngest Sophomore student in Simmons (age 16), who is preparing her life for a missionary, gave us a talk on "Life of Preparation." She said in brief, a life of preparation is a life in which we must first have a pattern, and must take Christ as our blue print. In conclusion she said "we cannot build our life after awhile. We must build today."

We will be so great in the after-awhile. But what are we doing today. Next speaker was Miss Hazel Hatton, though only a senior in High school is a good speaker, and who is also preparing her life for work in Brazil, gave a talk on the "Life of Service," in which she said we must first love and then be willing to carry out God's plan. She used as an example of being ready for life's service, President Wilson. He always could say "I am ready." When he was called to be President of New Jersey, President of the United States and then the last great call, "the answer was always, 'I am ready.'"

The song entitled "Ready" was next effectively rendered by Mr. Taylor McCasland.

Last, and the best speaker of all was Miss Naomi Hatton, who has had a clear call to go to Brazil as a Missionary. Her subject, "God's Plan in Our Lives," in which she talked in such an impressive way of how the world needs us and said it is not too much the talent that you have but how much of you God has.

There was only a few dry eyes in the congregation when she was telling of the vision God gave her of a lonely swimmer in mid-stream and the words in scarlet across the sky, and how she went down on her knees and then there she told God she would leave her home where there were plenty of rescuers and go to Brazil where there are such a few workers. Then every one was asked to bow their heads in secret prayer while the solo, "Have Thine Own Way" was sung.

After the prayer she told the story of the man who said nothing I have in too good for Jesus. Then the girl in her own sweet way asked the fathers and mothers to come who

O. S. LATTIMORE, President Baptist General Convention of Texas

(I have asked that God indite this message, and if He does, its appeal will be effective.)

God is my Father, author of my being, giver of every good thing which I enjoy, preserver of my life, my benefactor every day in a thousand ways I cannot name, Father of my risen redeemer and Lord, and honors me beyond human conception by taking an infinitesimal atom of impure carbon and water, such as I am, and confiding to me and others like me the princely privilege of bringing His kingdom to pass in this earth. He offered me this glorious proposition and I accepted it. He said he wanted me for his son, and when I understood, my very soul thrilled at the ineffable call. He wrote and tendered me adoption—a joint right of heritage in His kingdom, and while I could not fathom the depths of a love moving Him to such offer, I fell on my face at his feet and gave Him all I had in return—myself.

How he has honored all our efforts in these years! As we have tried in various ways—if by all means we might win some. How He has multiplied the results and opened opportunities, extended our vision, brought the world to our own doors, and opened avenues of approach and influence in nearly all the lands of the globe. What hospitals, schools, seminaries, orphanages, missionaries and demanding fields has given us. Our Master taught by river and roadside, in meadow and mountain, and healed wherever He found those who were afflicted. Truly looking down the ages—perhaps at us—He said that the things he had done and greater things should be done by those who loved Him. Did He visualize ship loads of missionaries following His little boat across the water? Did He see groups of trained men and women—primarily teaching the way

of life? Did His forward look rest upon greater hospitals and orphanages supported and carried on in His name and for His sake?

Truly these are wondrous days—when broad and inviting are the paths to Christian education and open and beckoning are the doors of hospitals and shelters for the orphans and destitute—When the grip of our country and the influence of our flag upon heathen nations open the way for the going of our missionaries. And how the returns upon all proper investments. What do you and I most desire as returns for life investment? The speedy coming of Christ's Kingdom? The putting forward of all His work confided to us? If we and ours are His, this is our desire. As I sit here and think back I feel to say that we have done well, better, far better than ever before. But if one single soul can truly say, "I have done all I could," how to such one and all will do more. Why have we not redeemed all our pledges—paid all debts? I do feel that the situation may be summed up in this: We have not wanted to badly enough. We have not taken seriously enough God's prior claim and right to all we have. We have read the statistics as to the large wealth of Texas and Southern Baptists, and then allowed the devil to whisper in our ears that we could withhold and others would make up the need. Some of us, I fear, have gazed our giving by our neighbors, who did not give enough, and not by our Lord, who gave His all. Perhaps some have hidden local needs till we lost sight of the million of lost human beings on the foreign fields.

Brethren, I thought I had pledged all I could give but I haven't and I am going to come again. What right have any of us to hold back on our own puny judgments while our great Home board, to which Texas owes a debt which can never be repaid, is straining under heavy bur-

GILLESPIE CHURCH HAS GREAT ALL-DAY SERVICE

All day services were held at the Gillespie Baptist Church 20 miles north of Haskell, Sunday and a large number of people were in attendance throughout the day. Lunch was served at noon to all the people and there was a bountiful feast of good things to eat.

Reverends A. L. Teaff, C. C. Sewell, V. E. Boyd and Miss Lena Koler, a volunteer mission worker from Simmons College, Abilene, were there and Rev. Sewell preached at the 11 o'clock hour. Rev. Luther T. Jenkins is pastor of this church for half time and he is working hard for the upbuilding of the church both spiritually and temporally. The afternoon service did program was rendered with a number of special songs and good speeches by a number of enthusiastic workers for the B. Y. P. U. from different churches in the surrounding country. The day was well spent and those attending were greatly edified. The Mission Band from Simmons put on a program Sunday night and it was reported to have been an excellent one which was well received by a large congregation.

Watchman Examiner: Dr. H. K. Carroll, the leading statistician of the country, has just made public his annual count of the religious denominations in the country he gives as 28,021,953, an increase of 366,356 over 1923. The Roman Catholics he gives as 15,995,954; this is the number of estimated communicants. The Jews who are recorded in congregations number only 357,135. Since there are more than 2,000,000 Jews in New York City alone, this will show how general the drift of the Jews from their faith is. Among the Protestant bodies the Methodists lead with 8,700,007 communicants, as against the Baptists who have 8,227,225 communicants. Last year the Baptists had 15,995,954; this is the number of estimated communicants. The Jews who are recorded in congregations number only 357,135. Since there are more than 2,000,000 Jews in New York City alone, this will show how general the drift of the Jews from their faith is. 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DENOMINATIONAL LOYALTY

The West Texas Baptist is glad to publish in this issue an article written by Dr. F. S. Groner, state secretary, in reply to the article in last issue, "Some Texas Baptist Needs," written by Rev. J. O. Heath.

In the first place, there are some things that will never be settled, and settled right until it is voiced and approved in the open halls of the convention.

In the second place—Our silence, in this terrible theological conflict will be taken as an indication of doubt and compromise.

In the third place—it would act as a bulwark against further spread of loose Bible interpretation.

In the fourth place—it would unify and strengthen our great world-army of pastors, evangelists and missionaries.

In the fifth place—it would supply what is seriously needed right now, and that is, the spiritual interpretation of the chief, fundamental scriptural terms.

You have not asked me for my opinion, but I feel better since I have given it. Keep up the fight till the CONVENTION COSES.

IS AMERICA CHRISTIAN? A brilliant young Indian student said to an American fellow passenger bound for India: "When I came to England I was a Christian as a result of my mission school."

MORE ABOUT BAPTIST PRONOUNCEMENTS The Baptist Messenger, official organ for the Baptist of Oklahoma, has put up a consistent fight for a full, plain, open, clear cut declaration of the fundamentals of the faith at the next meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In last week's issue of the Baptist Messenger appeared an article by Brother A. W. Reeves, pastor of the First Church at Hamlin, which article we believe, represents the attitude of a majority of our brethren throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Convention date is drawing near, when a convolve of representatives of the mightiest and most potential religious organization on the face of the earth will gather at Memphis.

Permit me to express my deepest appreciation for your endless contention and agitating one of the most vital needs with reference to the unity of our great Baptist Zion on the chief fundamentals of new testament orthodoxy.

The religious world is seething with a mixture of truth and error. The great daily papers and some of the leading magazines are becoming mediums through which, these subtle suspicions, conjectures and denials of the infallibility of the word of God are carried, clothed in the garb of truth, to literally thousands in this day of modernism and social Christianity.

In our silent and meditative moments, do we all agree that the line of demarcation between the professing Christian and the world is coming to be more obliterated with the passing years? And there can be but one reason for it, and that is, a dead conscience on the matter of the eternal verities of the world of God.

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It is evident from the editorial, that the Editor of the paper, one of our beloved and loyal brethren, in whose fidelity we all believe, does not approve of the spirit or of the reckless statements of this article.

This writer spoke at a West Texas rally held in Simmons College Chapel a few weeks ago, and was advised while attending this rally that Brother Heath was having a good deal to say in criticism of the work, and it seemed that nothing was being done to suit him.

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SWEETWATER ASSOCIATION

JNO. W. NEWSOM

I am now on the field as Missionary of Sweetwater Association. I began my work the 15th. I am very anxious to get in touch with all the pastors on the field, all the Sunday School Superintendents, Presidents of W. M. S. and E. Y. P. U. workers.

I was with the Lamar St. Baptist Church of Sweetwater last Sunday; there were three people saved, three joined the church, two for baptism.

Brother E. K. Daugherty has his hand on the situation pretty well. It is being talked that the church will build a pastor's home and that Bro. Daugherty will move on the field.

Rev. C. W. Tankersley preached for the people at Trent, Sunday at 11:30 o'clock and also at the 8:00 hour. The brethren report two good sermons during the day.

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J. C. Parks, Missionary

The West Texas Baptist gets better all the time. The West Texas news itself is more than worth the price of the paper. I am sending, in six new subscriptions this week; I think twenty-four is the most I have sent in at any one time.

The people of the association are very busy at this season, we had one of the best fifth Sunday meetings at the Highland Home Church we have ever had.

At McCauley the first Sunday the B. Y. P. U. of zone No. 2, rendered a program. The following took part: Roy Hennington, church clerk; Hazel Dick, Pastor C. E. Dick, Mrs. W. H. Stephenson, Miss Lena Gruben, Mr. Chester Johnson and Phil J. Little.

The following courses were given: Junior, Intermediate and Senior B. Y. P. U. Manuals, "What Baptist Believe," "S. S. Manual" and the "W. M. U. Manual."

The same courses will be given in zone one and three just as soon as we can get to them.

Pastor J. C. Parks is in a meeting now with his church at Rotan, Texas.

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BROWNFIELD ASSOCIATION

The W. M. U. of the Brownfield Association had a very interesting meeting at O'Donnell the fifth Sunday in March.

The President, Mrs. Walker of Tahoka, presided. Splendid talks were made by several women of the different churches on different phases of the W. M. U. work.

We came away feeling that we were indeed glad to have been there.

The Ladies of the Brownfield Baptist church have just completed a home mission study book and are planning on taking up another mission study book in the near future.

The Tahoka Baptist Ladies are very very enthusiastic over their new church building that is being erected. They pledged nearly \$1,000, and have already paid almost half of it; however, they are not neglecting the denoument study book on account of their home work.

A new missionary society has recently been organized at Gomez, with Mrs. D. D. Johnson as president. We are expecting a good work from this society.

Pastor T. V. Neil and the First Church, El Paso, have begun the erection of a new church building. The old building will be made into a hospital.

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RUNNELS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WINSETT REVIVAL AT WINTERS RESULTED IN 89 ADDITIONS

Last Sunday night closed the series of revival services at the First Baptist church. Rev. "Jack" Winsett brought a wonderful message twice each day and as an influence and result from these Gospel Sermons we expect to, not only, raise the standards in our city, but also to meet us in the judgement.

There were eighty-nine united with the church during the ten days of special services, one offered herself for special service and large numbers reconsecrated their lives to Service for Christ—determining to let the Winters people see Jesus in their everyday lives.

Last Sunday afternoon at three thirty o'clock, fifty-six were buried with Christ in Baptism—Picturing Christ's burial and resurrection to over one thousand people. Still others are waiting baptism which will be next Sunday.

452 in Sunday School Last Sunday There were 542 in Sunday School last Sunday, 15 star classes, 12 Honorably mention classes and several one-hundred per cent classes. This shows that real Sunday school work is being realized in our church. You be in your place next Sunday and let's bring the number to five hundred. Glad to have all new pupils.

NEWS NOTES

Rev. Joe R. Mayes of Seminary Hill will finish his work at the Southwestern Seminary in May and will begin work June 1st as missionary for the Del Rio-Uvalde Association.

The girl's dormitory at Burleson College, Greenville, was recently destroyed by fire. The large building was practically new, and the loss is estimated at \$100,000.

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Our people in the West will rejoice with the First Church, Stamford that their pastor, Dr. W. C. Moffitt is able to be back in his pulpit after a severe illness lasting several weeks.

Pastor Ross A. Smith and the First Church, Lamesa, are in the midst of a gracious meeting. Pastor Smith is a great evangelistic preacher and we are expecting to hear great results from this meeting.

The work at Lamesa is making great progress under the leadership of Rev. Ross A. Smith. Two weeks ago there were 118 in the B. Y. P. U. and an attendance of 376 in Sunday School.

Dr. C. L. Truett, father of George W. Truett, died recently at White-wright, at the age of 90 years.

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, President of the Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, has recently published a book, "A Search for Souls." The book was published by the Sunday School Board at Nashville.

A South Dakota Judge holds that the Board of Education of Faith, S. Dak., has authority to expel any student who leaves the school while the Bible is being read—Baptist New Mexican.

The work is making satisfactory progress at Miles under the leadership of Brother V. E. Stokes. The Sunday School is making especially active in its work. Rev. D. Ruiz, Mexican evangelist, spoke recently to the brethren at Miles and a nice sum of money was raised to help buy a car for him.

Pastor O. L. Powers and the First Church, Wichita Falls, Texas, are striving to reach the 2,000 goal in Sunday School by May 31st. The attendance April 5th was 1393.

The writer had the pleasure, Sunday morning of worshipping with the First Church, Sweetwater. The pastor, Dr. L. G. Morony, was at Hamlin in a revival meeting, and the editor preached at the Sunday morning hour. Dr. Powell filled the pulpit at the evening hour.

MOUNTAIN PEOPLE CAN BE ENLISTED IN WORK How the unenlisted communities of the Cumberland Valley region in Kentucky are being evangelized and developed through the efforts of an evangelist and a personal organizer is told by Dr. L. C. Kelly, Baptist pastor at Pineville. For many years the pastors of that section have been studying the situation, but not until last spring, following the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, did the pastors and laymen get together on a program and select competent workers to lead in the task.

As a result of this getting together and starting things, many of the communities have been revolutionized within eight months, it is reported. Weak, struggling churches in populous centers have been developed into strong, self-supporting, contributing congregations, while other evangelistic and enlistment meetings put on in the more sparsely settled communities have resulted in the organization of churches and the inauguration of what promises to be a very prosperous work. New houses of worship have been erected, Sunday schools organized, the new converts put to work, and a budget in support of both local work and the general missionary enterprises of the denomination subscribed. Many of the churches of this section are now supporting full-time pastors.

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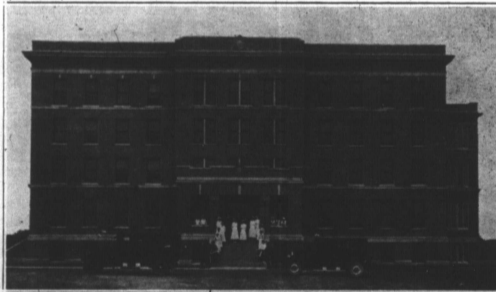
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HASKELL W. M. S.

The Missionary Society met Monday at the church in an all day meeting. The executive board met at 10:30, and at 11 o'clock Mrs. Kirkpatrick led the devotional from the book of Esther, several ladies reading scriptures from this book. At 12 o'clock we were served lunch in the basement by the Lucile Reagan Circle. At one o'clock the meeting was opened by singing "O, Zion Haste." Mrs. Whitaker led the devotional from the 32nd Psalm. Mrs. Lawrence presided over the business session, and splendid reports were made by the following chairmen:

Sunbeams—Mrs. Ed Fouts.
Missions—Mrs. Kirkpatrick.
Personal Service—Mrs. Ed Sprrows.
Mission Study—Mrs. Reynolds.
Finance—Mrs. Gilliam.

Personal Service—Mrs. Clanton.
Mrs. Kirkpatrick, in her usual instructive way led the program from the Royal Service, with the following subjects discussed:
"Roumania"—Mrs. Bailey.
"A Roumanian Heroine"—Mrs. H. B. Conner.
"God's Unit in Jugo-Slavia"—Mrs. Laurence.
"Work in Spain"—Mrs. A. J. Smith.
"Work in Russia"—Mrs. C. Couch.
Some things for which to pray—Mrs. Whitman.

After special prayers for all our Mission Fields the meeting was adjourned.

a while and see the patients, recovering from a terrible experience in this institution, as they heartily partake of the delicious peaches, berries and other fruits with a real relish, they would realize just what their good deed means to the institution.

The Clyde women, on presenting the fruit stated that the women were still responding to the request of the leaders of the church and that much more would be added to the collection before they were through.

SIMMONS COLLEGE

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Trustees Elected

Two new trustees were chosen and one confirmation was made at the meeting of the board of last week. Mr. Bert Lowe of Winters and Mr. A. H. Murchison of Vernon were elected, and the election of Mr. R. L. Penick of Stamford was confirmed. The election of these men is really made by the Sweetwater Baptist Association, but the wishes of the board are always observed.

This makes a total of thirty-four trustees now on the board. Two more will be elected before the summer quarter begins.

Remodeling Anna Hall

Work was begun Monday morning on the remodeling of Anna Hall into a modern two-story fireproof library building by contractor E. C. Lewis, who also has the men's hall contract. The project will be finished at a cost of \$20,000.

It is expected that the building will be ready for occupancy about the first of September, according to C. R. Hale, foreman in charge of the work. The entire interior of the building is being torn away and fireproof partitions and stairways are being installed. Mr. Hale said that the outside of the new building would probably be stucco or otherwise beautified and kept in keeping with the other new buildings on the campus.

Students Give Pageant

"Christ in America," a missionary pageant, was presented by some twenty-nine Simmons College girls at the First Baptist Church at the Woman's Missionary Union, Wednesday evening.

"America," Miss Cora Gooch dressed in white with an American flag draped about her, marched out bearing a lighted torch and told of the beautiful Christian ideals that as a nation we are trying to realize. Then representatives of the various mis-

sion fields came one by one and told what they had found in America. Some even telling how they had been disappointed in our missionaries, or in the way we neglected the foreigner in our country. Despite all of the disappointments, they insisted that they must have our help. Each girl representing a mission field, or country, was dressed in a representative costume and carried a flag of the country.

Students Win Debate

A unanimous decision was given the Simmons debaters, Lawrence Fitzgerald and Woodie Featherstone, over the representatives of Louisiana Baptist College, J. M. Boyet and W. J. Dorman in the last college debate of the year held in the Abilene Hall auditorium on Friday evening of last week. The question for debate was: Resolved, that the United States should recognize the Soviet Government. Simmons took the negative side of the question.

Dr. Atwood in Chapel

"The spiritual fiber and integrity of a people" were defined as the basis of prosperity by Dr. Atwood of Quanah who spoke in chapel Tuesday morning, using a famous business man as his authority for the statement. The expansion and proof of this theory formed the speech made by the visitor. Using illustrations, he analyzed his subjects in the few moments allotted him in such a satisfactory manner that Prexy declared it a "very fine speech."

B. S. U. Secretary in Chapel

The usual Thursday morning chapel service featured the Rev. John Caylor, newly installed secretary of the Baptist Student Union of Texas, who succeeded Dr. Joseph Boone.

Cowboy Band At Hamlin

Appearing for the first time in the new body on the big Reo bus, the Cowboy Band went to Hamlin Monday afternoon for a concert at the Hamlin Opera House, under the auspices of the band organization of that city.

The members of the band attended the evening service of the First Baptist Church revival meeting, after which the program was rendered to a very large and enthusiastic audience. Several of the numbers were encored and the complete program was received cordially.

Rev. Leon M. Gambrill has closed his work as pastor of the First Church, Haskell and has moved to Oklahoma City, where he becomes educational director of the First Church, Oklahoma City. Brother Gambrill did a fine work at Haskell and it is with regret that the western section of the state gives him up.

STAMFORD FIRST BAPTIST W. M. U.

The Woman's auxiliary of the First Baptist church had the privilege of having Mrs. M. J. Booth, Religious Educational Director of Simmons College, Abilene, with them Monday and Tuesday in all day meetings at which time she conducted the study of the book, "In Royal Service," by Fannie E. S. Heck. The sessions began at 9:30, closing at 3:30 and lunch was served in the basement at noon with Circle No. 2 with Mrs. J. W. Dehoney, chairman, providing the same on Monday with Mesdames H. A. Carter, E. L. Howard and Tom Elliott serving. On Tuesday the ladies enjoyed a picnic lunch. The study was greatly enjoyed and very instructive to all present. At 4 o'clock Tuesday Mrs. Booth met with the ladies of the W. M. U. at Avoca in a splendid meeting.

CLYDE W. M. U. GIVES SANITARIUM FRUIT SHOWER

The W. M. U. of the Clyde Baptist church gave the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium a fruit shower a few days ago that brought joy and gladness to Superintendent Campbell, the nurses and the many patients in the institution. Commenting on the affair, Mr. Campbell said: "I do not know of a more appropriate gift these good women could have made. The fruit is of the very highest quality and can be served to the patients with the knowledge that it is pure home grown fruit that far surpasses the store bought fruit. We are indeed grateful to these good women for their kind remembrance of us."

Of course the Clyde fruit is of the best variety. The Clyde country is the California of Texas when it comes to raising fruit and vegetables. There were about sixty-five quarts of fruit in the collection brought by these good women. A group of the women, headed by Mrs. L. E. Mayfield, wife of the pastor of the Baird church, came over and brought the "shower" along with them and took a look at the sanitarium. We feel sure if these women could look in every once and

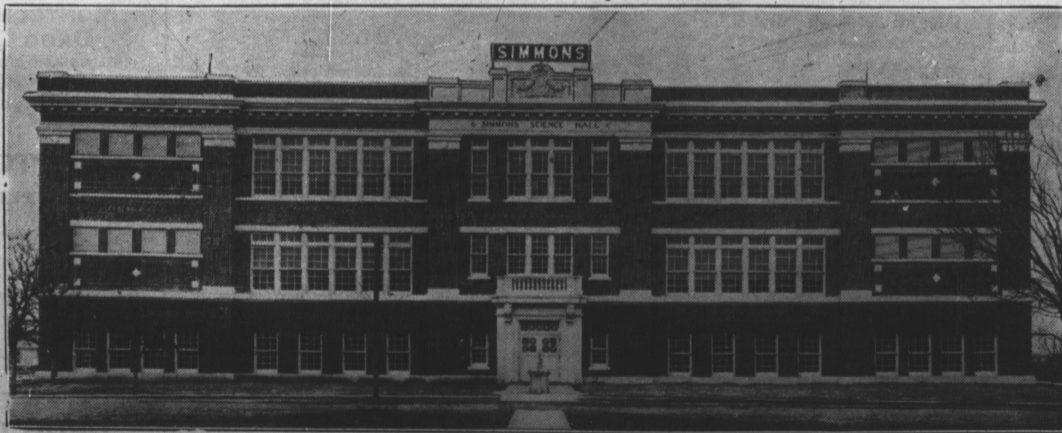
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