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RAMBLING



By DICK O'BRIEN

As Will Rogers used to say, I read in the papers the other day where a fellow returned a book to its rightful owner, a book which he had kept for several years. He reported that he had got religion. Sometimes we doubt such a testimony but surely no one could doubt such evidence as this. Any person who returns borrowed books surely will have no trouble getting into heaven. . . . And that reminds me I MUST return that one to Leland Hannah at Munday which I borrowed from him the last year we were pastor there. . . . Like all other preachers I am often called upon to write recommendations for friends, if a certain group of my friends ever want to be recommended as book-keepers I am going to write the most fervent and sincere recommendation I have ever produced, and mean it, too. . . . I have lived long enough to learn that the girl who is temporary loser in a beauty or popularity contest, is usually a permanent winner in the end. About the shortest route to becoming thoroughly unpopular is to win a popularity contest. . . . We are writing the column in a cozy room of the beautiful Crazy Hotel in Mineral Wells where we have been for a week. Since we came down we have met some old and valued friends who have brought back to our minds things about which we had not thought in years. There are so many questions and answer programs on the radio these days, and lists of questions to test your general knowledge in newspapers and magazines, that we have decided to try one on our seven readers. The following named articles were in general use 25 years ago and any boy or girl of ten or twelve who could not have immediately told you what each object was and its use would have been considered a moron. Try it on yourself and then test such high school juniors and seniors or even college students as you may have access to, and I think you will be surprised at the changes that have come within the lifetime of some of us who are not so old ourselves. Give yourself a credit of 10 for each correct answer.

1. What is a singletree, a double-tree, a whiffletree?
2. What part did the shafts play on a buggy, and what is a fifth wheel?
3. What is the difference between a single buggy and a double buggy?
4. What is a coupling pole? and what is meant by the running gear of a wagon?
5. What is a clivis? A breast yoke? A backband? A crupper?
6. What is a tug? A hame? A hamestring? A belly-band?
7. What is a check-line? A martingale? A dash-board? A spring-seat?
8. What is a Georgia stock? A double-shovel? A bull-tongue?
9. What is a buzzard wing sweep? A solid sweep? A mold-board?
10. What is the difference between

EVENTS TO COME

- May 2-3—Meeting for associational officers in Training Union, Waco
- May 13-16 — Evangelistic Conference, Seminary Hill.
- June 3-4—48th Commencement, Hardin-Simmons U.
- June 4—Summer session registration, H-SU.
- June 12-16—Southern Baptist Convention, Baltimore.
- June 24-30—West Texas Assembly, Camp Lueders.
- July 2-12—Texas Baptist Encampment, Palacios.
- July 8-10—Girls Camp, Lueders.
- July 9-19—Ruidosa Encampment.
- July 9-17—Menard Baptist Encampment, Menard.
- July 10-12—Boys Camp, Lueders.
- July 21-26—Southwide Training Union Assembly, Ridgecrest.
- August 24—Close of Hardin-Simmons summer school.

SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED FOR EVANGELISTIC RALLY

Among the speakers at the Texas Preachers Evangelistic Conference, which meet at Southwestern Seminary from May 13 through 16, will be R. G. LeTourneau, nationally prominent machinery manufacturer and marked leader among Christian laymen.

Other out of state speakers include Drs. W. R. White, Oklahoma City; Robert G. Lee, Memphis, Tennessee; Roland Q. Leavell, Southwide chairman for evangelism, and T. L. Holcomb, secretary of the Sunday School Board.

Dr. Geo. W. Truett is scheduled to appear for three addresses, speaking just before noon each day. Dr. L. R. Scarborough will speak Tuesday night.

State Evangelists Hyman Appelmann, Jesse Yelvington, C. Y. Dossey, McKinley Norman, and Geo. W. McCall will all have a part in the program. Dr. C. R. Matthews, state chairman for evangelism, will make the opening address of the conference. J. W. Bill Marshall will speak on college evangelism. Dr. W. T. Conner will discuss Regeneration, Bill Marshall will tell of college evangelism, and Missionary Willis J. Ray of San Antonio will talk from the district viewpoint.

Dr. J. Howard Williams, state convention president, will open the Thursday morning session with the challenge, "Texas for Christ."

Other pastors invited to speak include Fred Eastham, Kyle Yates, F. B. Thorn, Marshall Craig, I. L. Yearby, E. D. Head, Ralph Grant, L. E. Rambo, M. A. Jenkins, C. E. Hereford, S. G. Posey and J. M. Dawson.

Song services will be led by Harry Wootan, I. E. Reynolds, H. P. Black, R. H. Coleman, Robert Jolly, Edwina McNeely, and J. B. Christian. John Josey, Roland Leath and Clarence H. Johnston will be pianists.

DR. SCARBOROUGH IN REVIVAL MEETINGS

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and of the Southern Baptist Convention, recently returned from a revival meeting at the Baptist Temple, in Houston, Dr. T. C. Jester, pastor. This was a ten-day simultaneous meeting with 46 churches participating. Dr. Scarborough reports that 115 people joined the Baptist Temple, and that the total number of additions throughout the 46 churches was more than 1,400.

Following the meeting in Houston Dr. Scarborough went to Oklahoma where he preached in three Indian Baptist churches. Dr. Scarborough delivered the ordination sermon of an Indian student in the Seminary, Brother Louis King, at the First Baptist Church of Bowlegs, Okla.

ARIZONA SECRETARY VISITS IN CALIFORNIA

Dr. H. A. Zimmerman, state secretary of Southern Baptists in Arizona, recently visited in the San Joaquin Valley Association in Southern California. He reports a splendid fellowship and a definite desire to affiliate with the Arizona convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Zimmerman writes enthusiastically in the Baptist Beacon of Arizona of a vision of the Southern fellowship reaching from ocean to ocean.

BAIRD CHURCH ANNOUNCES REVIVAL MEETING

Baird Church has set August 11, second Sunday of the month, as the beginning of their summer revival. Pastor A. A. Davis was invited by the church to do the preaching in this meeting. The church instructed the pastor to secure a singer to assist in the meeting. The singer has not been named as yet. A great spirit prevails in the church and a deep spiritual anxiety about the meeting is evident.

MEXICAN MISSION TO HAVE BENEFIT SUPPER

In order to raise money toward a new house of worship for the Mexicans of Abilene, the young people of the Mexican mission will sell food at the mission grounds after 6 P. M. Saturday, April 20. Everyone is invited to visit the mission and have a part in this worthy cause. Pastor Pedro Hernandez states that tickets will be 25c each.

SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY TO HAVE 102 GRADUATES

Fifteen states and one foreign country are represented in the 1940 graduating class of Southwestern Baptist Seminary. There are 42 students from Texas; 13 from Oklahoma; 10 from Alabama; seven from Arkansas; six from North Carolina; five from Florida; four from Tennessee; three from South Carolina; two from Mississippi; one each from Georgia, Kentucky, Washington, and New York; five from Louisiana; and one from Brazil.

The following graduating students are from Texas: J. T. Bolding, Louise Butler, Frank C. Dutton, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. P. Johnson, and James N. Morgan, from Fort Worth; Will T. Dansby, Juanita Gover, and Grace Wilson, Dallas; Arlene Black, Center; Geo. H. Borwin, Lampasas; Frank B. Burreas, Italy; J. W. Caldwell, Amarillo; Milton Chambers, Arp; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Clark, Hamilton; E. W. Cofer, Bellville; James Dixon, Grand Saline; Eileen Ellis, Galveston; Waller M. Ethridge, Huntsville; Murray Fuquay, Wheeler; Woodrow Harris, Sweetwater; Louise Hash, Ballinger; Clarence Howell, Olton; Mrs. J. M. Hays, Goldthwaite; Gracie Knowlton, Waxahatchie; H. M. Lewis, Jewett; Fred A. McCaulley, Waco; C. E. Meredith, Burleson; Cleon Morrison, Telephone; C. Y. Roberts, Greenville; Bernes K. Selph, Hubbard; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Smedley, Seminary Hill; Rogers M. Smith, Houston; Gerald Trussell, Clifton; Ferman R. Weedon, Brownwood; Opal Walker, San Saba; Norma Wilson, Charlotte; Meredith E. Wyatt, Sulphur Springs; Mrs. Meredith E. Wyatt, Cleburne.

H-SU VOLUNTEER BAND THRILLS HATCHEL CHURCH

By Mrs. Harold Russ

Inspiration, spirituality and added interest were all a result of the visit of a group of nine young people from Hardin-Simmons University to the Hatchel Baptist Church on Sunday, April 14. The students gave programs on Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night. These workers, composed of young preachers, volunteers for special service, laymen and women, took charge of the Sunday School classes, giving Sunday School teachers a rest and recruiting inspiration, and also helped in the rendering of the programs in the Training Union.

Each program consisted of two five to seven minute talks by a boy and a girl, followed by special music, then a 15 minute talk by a preacher, who closed the program in the appropriate manner. Each program was on one subject, for example, "The Victorious Christian Life."

There were three additions to the church at Hatchel by letter. Large crowds showed the interest of the people and the pastor found several unenlisted Baptists and unsaved people in the congregation who had never been to the church before.

Pastors, if you want to be revived together with your church members, if you feel the need of a variation from your every Sunday program; invite this group of young people from Hardin-Simmons campus to your community. They visit homes, make friends and endeavor themselves to your people in general and you will be showered with requests for their return. There is no remuneration expected except expenses.

Then think, what are our churches doing to help the student preacher who is not a pastor? You have provided a school, but yet he cannot get a balanced training without a chance to preach the gospel, as experience, before a church. The student preacher is longing for a place to serve. Give him a chance!

NEW MEXICO TO HAVE SERIES OF SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETINGS

Instead of holding one state Sunday School convention, New Mexican Baptists will have a series of associational meetings from April 15 to 26. Each meeting will be an all-day service with inspirational addresses and conferences.

The faculty for the nine meetings includes Andrew Allen, Herman L. King, Wm. P. Phillips, Mary Virginia Lee, and A. V. Washburn of Nashville; Secretary Harry P. Stagg, Albuquerque; Mrs. F. B. Malone, Lubbock; Mrs. W. H. Crowder, Shawnee; and Mrs. W. A. Perryman, Dallas.

PLANS LAUNCHED FOR SENIOR DAY PROGRAM

Thirty-five hundred high school students are expected to attend the annual Hardin-Simmons high school senior day festivities to be held this year on April 27, it was announced this week.

The annual field day, sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Societies of Abilene Baptist churches and honoring senior classes of all high schools and junior colleges, promises to be the best yet observed.

Every organization on the campus and the entire faculty will be out in full force to welcome the seniors, their parents, sponsors and friends. Each department of the university will be open for inspection and visitors are urged to take their time and see all.

Hundreds of letters have been written to Women's Missionary Societies, pastors, and high schools. If for any reason the sponsor of any senior class in high school or junior college fails to receive a letter, the class is requested to come. Visitors are requested to write Harry Hays at the University stating the number coming.

Activities will begin with a musical program in the auditorium at 10 o'clock. An organ recital will be featured attraction, with further entertainment furnished by either the Cowboy Band or the University Symphony orchestra.

Johnny Regan is director of the events on Parramore Field to be presented from 10:30 to 12 o'clock. Main event will be a Parade of Beauty, including all girls who have a page picture in this year's annual. Novelty stunts will be given by the Cowgirls, Cowboy Band, and other campus organizations.

Barbeque will be served to all H-SU students and high school guests at 12:15 behind Mary Frances Hall. The local W. M. U. and other H-SU friends are furnishing the meal.

The band or orchestra will give a program in the auditorium immediately following lunch. Exhibits of the various departments will be on display from 1:30 to 3:30 o'clock.

Highlight of the afternoon's entertainment will be the intra-squad football game between the White Shirts and Gold Shirts. The game will be called at 3:30.

Cowgirls will receive the visitors on the campus. Zona Horn, president, will serve as the head of the reception group.

Prof. Arrant is chairman of the faculty committee to meet the sponsors of the visiting groups. The number of students expected to attend this year will be the largest of any former entertained on the campus.

H-SU VOLUNTEERS APPEAR AT POTOSI APRIL 14

A high spiritual hour and a revealing vision to young people of what youth can accomplish resulted from the visit of a group of the Hardin-Simmons Volunteer Band with Potosi Church April 14. Special music and addresses were presented by a group including Dalton Keith, David Crow, Howard Johnson, Abe Hester, Jr., Duane Parker, Dorothea Campbell, Martha Rigney and Juanita Taylor. Pastor S. L. Tidwell and the Potosi Church commend the H-SU volunteers to the churches of West Texas.

STATE EVANGELIST IN COLORADO CITY REVIVAL

Evangelist Hulon Coffman of Dallas is in a revival this week with Second Baptist Church at Colorado City. The meeting starts off with good crowds and interest, states Pastor Scott W. Hickey. There were two additions and three professions Monday night. Services will continue for two weeks.

MARSHALL COLLEGE IMPROVING BUILDINGS

A remodeling program, which will be completed by the end of the current school year, is in progress at the College of Marshall. The cost of the improvements will be around \$5,000. The dormitories are being remodeled into harmonizing colonial style, with complete renovation of the interiors. The auditorium and corridors of the administration building will have new hardwood floors and the walls will be redecorated. Dr. F. S. Groner is president of the college.

HOST MISSIONARY BIDS WELCOME TO WACO

By M. O. Cheek

On a map of Texas, draw a straight line connecting Beaumont and Lubbock. Do the same with San Antonio and Greenville. Four right angles are formed and in the center is Waco.



W. A. HARRELL
Field Secretary, Sunday School Board, Nashville

Waco will be the center of Texas Baptists during May 2 and 3, when Training Union officers and workers from all parts of the state meet here for the purpose of perfecting plans and energizing programs for the taking of Texas for Christ.



DR. FRANK H. LEAVELL
Student Secretary, Sunday School Board.

Three fully loaded cars from each of the 109 associations would mean an attendance of 1,635. We shall be keenly disappointed if you decline our invitation. You will be less efficient if you fail to come. Goldoni wrote, "He who never leaves his country is full of prejudices." By eliminating one letter we have, "He who never leaves his country is full of prejudices." This is certainly applicable to the Training Union worker of today.

Waco, the hear of Texas, in the heart of Texas, an din the hearts of Texans, welcomes you!

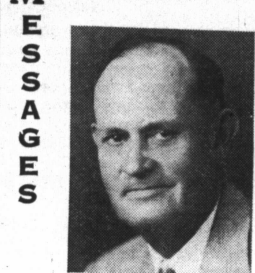
CLYDE CHURCH ORDAINS FOUR NEW DEACONS

Sunday afternoon, April 14 at 3 o'clock, Clyde Church was the scene of a beautiful and impressive ordination service. Brethren R. P. Adams, Archie Pee, M. H. Green and Amon Petty were ordained to the office of deacon in the presence of a great crowd of people, representing several churches.

At the time Clyde Church is pastorless, and Pastor L. S. Tidwell of Potosi Church was elected to preside during this ordination service. The meeting was called to order by Deacon Butler of Clyde, who in turn introduced Pastor Tidwell. The council was called and 32 pastors and deacons from Clyde and sister churches composed the body. The council was duly organized, Brother Tidwell as moderator and Deacon E. F. Butler as clerk.

Pastor A. A. Davis of Baird was selected to examine the candidates. Pastor C. A. Powell of University Church, Abilene, was named to preach the ordination sermon. Deacon E. F. Butler lead the ordaining prayer, after which came the laying on of hands. Pastor L. S. Tidwell gave the charge to the candidates and Pastor F. A. Hollis of Putnam gave the charge to the church. In conclusion, the four candidates with their wives were presented in the hand of fellowship and a fine spirit prevailed. It was a great service, long to be remembered.

MISSIONARY



We had a good Training School with Brother Fred Moreland and his church at Lueders. Two conversions and 45 awards issued.

We attended three workers conferences the past week. Fisher, Jones and Sweetwater. All of them were well attended and had good programs. We were sorry that we had to miss Cisco and Callahan. Will get to you next month, brethren.

Rev. Cecil McBeth taught a training school with his church at Johnson Chapel the past week. He carried three Hardin-Simmons students out with him and four courses were taught. Thirty-six awards were issued.

Brother Fred Porter reports that he had a good day with his church at Tye Sunday. Two additions by letter and five people rededicated their lives.

The church at Blair called Brother Charley Williams as pastor last Sunday. They had two good services and the work is going forward out there.

I was with Brother Clebert Jones and his church at Admiral for an all-day service Sunday. This is a good rural church and the pastor is leading in a good way.

Remember this is Mission Month and we are hoping every church in the district will make an offering to missions. Do not fail in this.

We are planning for 21 cars going to Waco on May 2 and 3, form our district. Some associations would like to carry more than three, but the quota says three from each association.

We have a good line of study course books now. We can supply nearly any book. If you contemplate a study course and want to rent the books, we wish you would let us know a week or so in advance.

JAPANESE GIRL DRAWS CROWDS IN ABILENE

Itsuka Saito, Hawaiian-born Japanese girl, charmed and thrilled three Abilene audiences in appearances this week. Following the monthly meeting of First Church Brotherhood, of which she was guest, she addressed a crowd filling First Church auditorium Monday evening. Tuesday morning she spoke at Hardin-Simmons chapel and in the afternoon addressed the District 17 W. M. U. convention. Miss Saito is a student at Southwestern Seminary and plans to return to do mission work among her own people in Hawaii. Although she condemns the military clique which controls Japan, her address arouses sympathy for the Japanese people and she speaks feelingly of her own kin who do not know Christ.

BAIRD PASTOR TO HOLD MEETING IN BASTROP COUNTY

With four Baptist churches cooperating, Elgin, McDade, Mt. Pleasant, and Prewitt, Pastor A. A. Davis of Baird has been named as preacher in the meeting to be held under a large tent on the premises of the Elgin Standard Brick Manufacturing plant, five miles east of Elgin, Texas. Elaborate plans are being made to make this a supreme evangelistic effort in that section of the state. Pastor Davis is a native of Elgin and this section, having been licensed to preach by the Elgin Church 17 years ago. Singer M. A. Hudler of Austin has been named as the singer in this meeting. The meeting is to begin June 30 and run through three weeks.

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STUDENT AID

As the West Texas Baptist has been prepared and printed this week, the W. M. U. convention of District 17 has been meeting across the street. For mission activity, not only abroad and in major home fields, but in many of the personal and intimate ways which only the gentle mind of a woman would devise, the Woman's Missionary Societies have excelled for the more than half century of their organized effort.

A noteworthy phase of their work which we men frequently do not know of is their very valuable aid for worthy students in our Christian schools of higher education.

Especially noteworthy is their Margaret fund for college education of the children of missionaries. One of the greatest of the crosses of our foreign missionaries is that their children have to be reared in an alien environment and separated from their parents to complete their education. On their meager salaries they are not able to afford college training for their children. Here the W. M. U. helps, not only with money but with maternal solicitude for their spiritual well-being also.

Quite as important are the scholarships which are provided to educate worthy youth from their own neighborhoods. Having known their wards from childhood in most cases, mistakes are seldom made and a surprisingly high percentage of these scholarship students develop into consecrated and active Christian workers.

The money thus spent is repaid the denomination a hundredfold. If the W. M. U. did nothing else their efforts would be well spent.

THE AMBASSADOR TO THE VATICAN

In reply to a communication from the Federal Council of Churches protesting the appointment of Myron C. Taylor as a "personal representative with rank corresponding to that of ambassador," the President is quoted as replying, "There was of course not the slightest intention to raise any question relating to the union of the functions of church and state, and it is difficult for me to believe that anyone could take seriously a contrary view."

As a matter of fact, the view that this diplomatic venture is seriously taken as a step toward erasing the plain line of demarcation between church and state is held, not only by Baptists, but by denominations having representation in the Federal Council of Churches and by other Protestant and related bodies. It is also evidently so construed by Catholics, both in Rome and in America, where the move has been hailed as a step in recognition of the Catholic viewpoint, which, historically has ever upheld the temporal power of the popes.

The time is not far distant when the Southern Baptist Convention convenes. This incident must not be dismissed from our minds by that time, at which we expect the Convention to sound a ringing declaration on the subject. The road by which our forefathers climbed from religious persecution to religious freedom was too difficult and bloody for us to lose one inch of the ground by yielding to sneering false charges of bigotry.

THE BY-PRODUCT OF A WAR

When one listens to Itzuka Saito as she gives an interesting outline of the history of Japan, showing how the Japanese people have come to be the kind of folk they are, there is one thing which, out of her racial politeness, she does not say, that has a most momentous bearing upon the times in which we live and the problems that confront us today.

She tells how the Japanese people, aroused from their isolation by the strategy and daring of Commodore Perry in 1853, and by the impact with western civilization which followed, hastened to become modernized in commerce, industry and education. But, she adds they still cling to their old religions, or, having lost faith in idol gods, they became skeptical and atheistic.

The full story is that, in those two formative decades in the history of modern Japan, the American Christians were engaged in bloody fratricidal war with its resultant poverty, hate and self-centered activity.

By the time the reconstruction period was over, the plastic mind of the Japanese had set—in the east of imperialism and military glory; set for a series of conquests which have brought them, undefeated, down to this day.

A small fraction of the money and the lives destroyed in the Civil War, if invested for Christ in the Japan of that generation, might have turned the tides of history.

It would be fruitless to recount this now but for the inescapable fact that the Past is the schoolmaster of Today, and that we are careless scholars.

If it is too late to amend our blunder regarding Japan, it is not too late to enter doors elsewhere which are now swinging ajar for a strategic hour.

We cannot undo the wars of yesterday, nor heal all the myriad ills which have followed in their train. But we can recall their eternally mounting costs when we are tempted into other wars of today or tomorrow. Leaders of the Sixties would have scoffed at the thought that a war between the American states in their day would result in a ruthless, heathen conquest in Asia two generations away. Neither do we know what might be in the lap of the future, nor what may be the momentous products if we should become victims of hate.

NEWS NOTES

Rev. Guy Self is preaching in a revival at Calvary Church, Vernon.

Rev. A. R. Posey was supply preacher at Trent on April 14.

Rev. J. J. DuBose preached at Truby last Sunday.

Members of Clyde Church are planning to repaint their church building.

New Mexico pastors will hold a three-day evangelistic conference, May 13 to 15 at Portales.

Dr. Fred Eastham of First Church, Wichita Falls, is assisting in a revival at Commerce.

The next meeting of Floyd Association workers will be at Flomot on May 9.

Rev. A. Hope Owen of Albuquerque is leading in a revival at Iowa Park, assisting Pastor T. L. Kilpatrick.

Woodrow Harris, director of music and education in First Church, Sweetwater, is assisting in a good revival in East Grand Church, Dallas.

J. M. Cook of Abilene was guest speaker for the Mitchell-Scurry Association Brotherhood meeting at Wastella, April 16.

Over 1,800 were added to Houston churches during the recent simultaneous revival, more than 1,000 of whom came for baptism.

Pastors A. A. Brian of Levelland and Earl Landtroop of Lorenzo were principal speakers for the Lubbock Association Brotherhood April 15.

A downtown gospel mission has been established in Vernon with Rev. F. P. Hale, a member of the First Baptist Church in charge.

Dr. Edward Jenkins formerly of North Carolina is temporarily located at Abilene and is available for supply and revivals.

Dr. McKinley Norman will assist Pastor W. T. Hamor in a spring revival at Winters next week. Rev. Harold Russ, H-SU senior, will lead in the song services.

The men's quartet of Hardin-Simmons rendered programs last Sunday at Tuscola and Miles. The girls quartet appeared at Colorado City. They also sang for the Sweetwater worker's meeting Thursday at Tye.

Rev. Dick O'Brien of Stamford was guest speaker for the Midland Brotherhood April 15. The senior Brotherhood is sponsoring a junior body and the Monday meeting was a combined gathering.

Texas Baptists led in the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for Foreign Missions with \$61,770. Virginia came second and North Carolina third. The Texas gifts were over \$1,000 short of last year.

Dr. J. B. Tidwell of Baylor University was principal speaker for the Rannels Association Training Union Federation at Ballinger Sunday afternoon, April 14. A. J. Bell, blind violinist of H-SU played for the meeting.

Byron Fletcher, Frances Landers, and Leta Rue Riddle of Hardin-Simmons are assisting in a Training Union study course at Rotan this week. Pastor L. L. Trott and two local leaders complete the faculty.

Judge E. S. Cummings, Brotherhood president of District 17, was principal speaker for the laymen of Brady Association in a meeting at Brady Tuesday evening, April 16. "Old Paths" was the subject of his address.

Pastor Chas. A. Powell, assistant pastor Clyde R. Campbell, Missionary J. Henry Littleton, and Rev. Joe Mayes are the faculty conducting a Sunday School training course at University Church this week.

There were 18 additions to West Side mission, Sweetwater, in the revival led by Rev. Norman Shafer, H-SU freshman. All the new members were converts coming for baptism. There were also 15 rededications. The mission gave the young evangelist a shower of groceries and First Church friends joined in a cash offering.

April marks the completion of four years service of Pastor O. A. Hendon in Hylton Church, and eight years in the ministry. Sunday School attendance has continued good during the winter, as has both morning and evening church attendance. Hylton

Church has service on the first and third Sundays.

Reports from New Mexico state that crowds are unable to find seats at both morning and night services at First Church, Hobbs, where Rev. B. N. Shepherd is pastor.

Missionary J. Henry Littleton will assist Pastor A. J. Bristow in a revival at Calvary Church, Abilene, beginning April 21 and continuing two weeks. Services during the week will be at 10 and 7:30.

The South Side Brotherhood will have their monthly meeting Friday evening, April 18, at 7:30. Pastor W. C. Ashford will bring the inspirational message dealing both with preparation for the coming protracted meeting and the building program. Special music is being arranged by the committee.

Pastor T. J. Sparkman will do the preaching for an eight-day revival at Lamar Street Church, Sweetwater, from April 21 to 28. Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lane will direct the music. Services Sunday morning will be broadcast by station KXOX, 1210 on the dial.

Dr. Otto Watts represented H-SU at the Christian Education centennial at Southwestern University, Georgetown, last week-end. He was accompanied by Wayne Evans, president of the Hardin-Simmons chapter of Alpha Chi, national scholarship society, who with Dr. Watts attended the state meeting of the society, which was also held at Southwestern.

Dr. N. A. Moore reports a record Sunday School for a regular service at Odessa, April 14. There were four conversions during the day and Dr. Moore, supply pastor, baptized eight at the evening service. Rev. W. W. Rivers of Center will preach at Odessa next Sunday.

Cedar Gap Church recently honored the three oldest members, Mrs. J. H. Robinson, Mrs. T. W. Stephenson and Mrs. T. W. Kidd. Pastor M. E. Hall and former Pastor J. F. Wood of Clyde paid tribute to the veterans and a birthday dinner was served on the grounds.

Book Reviews

Expository Preaching, by Jeff D. Day. Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids; 123 pages; price \$1.00, cloth.

Here is a book which the reviewer seized eagerly, although he never expects to do any preaching, expository or otherwise. But Dr. Ray is more than a professor of homiletics. He is an apostle of sanity and common sense, ever keeping his feet on the ground. Under this technical-sounding title, Dr. Ray has produced a little book which is rich in kindly philosophy and original humor. It proves to be a valuable text, not only for young preachers—and older ones as well, but a worth while help for every earnest Sunday School teacher.

The last chapter on "Pulpit Scripture Reading as a Method of Exposition," is worth the dollar. If Dr. Ray succeeds only in teaching a few of his students to read Scripture as well as he does, he will not have lived in vain.—E.D.

Saving America to Save the World, by Dr. Roland Q. Leavell. Fleming H. Revell & Co., London. Price, \$1.00.

I have read with great interest and profit the recent volume published by Dr. Roland Q. Leavell on the above subject. There are twelve chapters covering a wide field. The discussion is vital, important and pungent. Every chapter rings with the truth and is impassioned by a fired heart. All who read will be profited and inspired.—L. R. Scarborough.

PROGRAM

West Zone Sunday School and Training Union Meeting, With Blackwell Church, April 21
2:30—Song and Prayer Service, Billie Buchanan.

2:40—Sunday School as Evangelistic Agency; Locating Possibilities, Woodrow Harris; Winning and Enlisting, John Walker.
3:20—Business.
3:20—Special Music, David Church.
3:30—Sermon, W. T. Sparkman, Norton, Texas.

"Many people are willing to work in the church, but only in an advisory capacity."

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

April 21, 1940

By Hight C. Moore

MICAH'S VISION OF PEACE

Read Micah

Study Micah 4:1-5; 5:2-5a

The vision of Micah is no less vital in our day than it was in his day. The goal of peace is still a worshipping and warless world. But the guarantee of peace abiding must be found in the transformation of human character. The way to peace is thus wide open to every individual in all nations who will accept and embrace Christ as King; for he alone by making the bad good and the good better can regulate life by the Golden Rule and usher in the Golden Age.

1. The Picture of Peace (Micah 4)
Seek the kingdom of peace.

Read these verses to find the source of peace and read them to discover the secret of peace.

The Source of Peace. Out of Zion issues the law which will be for many peoples. It may be long in realization but will come in the latter days. It will be committed to the churches of Christ as typified in the mountain of Jehovah's house, high exalted among men. It will be featured by evangelism and ingathering as pictured by the stream of inflowing peoples anxious to know the ways of God and to walk in the paths of righteousness. In its beneficence Zion shall send forth the law of the Lord to enlighten, uplift, and save. Then the world's Messiah will be the world's Master. Then brotherhood shall be universal and war shall be both a lost art and a dead science. The world goal is not a saved people only but a redeemed planet where no man's home and happiness will be molested and every man without coercion may worship according to the dictates of his conscience.

The Secret of Peace. What marks and makes the only peace that actually and permanently pacifies? It must be essentially religious, centering not in government or industry, but in the cause of true religion as symbolized by the mountain of Jehovah's house. It will so appeal to the heart hunger of mankind that all nations shall be attracted to it. It will be enlightening, for men will be learners, not so much of each other, as of God whose word shall be their law and whose will shall regulate their conduct. Jehovah will be the recognized arbiter between nations; that is, international affairs will be adjusted not according to selfish interests, but according to divine purpose. Consequently his kingdom will inaugurate a peace which will transform the engine of war into the constructive tools of peace. Militarism shall disappear and war shall be but a red splotch on human annals. Prosperity will be assured the individual, the family, the neighborhood, the nation, when fear and falsity are out of the way. There will also be full religious liberty so that the best of the good will be the freest of the free.

2. The Prince of Peace (Micah 5)
Serve the Prince of Peace.

Note here:
Prophecy of the Prince of Peace.

His coming is foretold. He comes to Israel, the chosen people of God. He is to be born in Bethlehem, though a little town, in the land of Judah. (The forecast became fact as Matthew 2:6 records).

Personality of the Prince of Peace. His humanity is asserted, for he must be a descendant of David. His deity is declared for he antedates creation and is eternal. His sovereignty is assured, for he shall be "ruler in Israel" over all the earth and the universe.

Preparation for the Prince of Peace. When Micah prophesied, the world was not ready for the Messiah. Indeed, the Chosen People were unprepared for his advent. The captivity of the tribes and their bitter experience in alien lands would turn their eyes heavenward for a deliverer. The restoration and return to Jerusalem would follow before "the fulness of times" when God would send forth his Son.

Program of the Prince of Peace. When he comes what will he do? He will stand. He will shepherd. He will strengthen. He will sustain. He will stabilize so "they shall abide."

Power of the Prince of Peace. His greatness and his goodness are interlinked and illimitable. His greatness girdles the globe. His goodness brings the "peace that passeth understanding" and endures forever.
Exalt Christ and Establish Peace
Christ and Religion. "The mountain of the house of Jehovah."
Christ and Revelation. "The law and the word of the Lord."

Christ and Education. "He will teach us."
Christ and Government. "He shall

judge among many peoples."
Christ and Justice. "He shall—rebuke strong nations afar off."

Christ and Industry. "They shall beat their swords into plowshares."

Christ and Prosperity. "Every man under his vine and under his fig tree."

Christ and Character. "People shall flow unto it."

Christ and Conduct. "We will walk in his paths."

Christ and Destiny. "They shall abide."

GOLD IN THE GOLDEN TEXT

And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.—Micah 4:3.

When the Prince of Peace reigns in the hearts and haunts of the human race, what then?

(1) Weapons of war will be changed into implements of industry. If the sword litters the poppy field with crosses and the plowshare fills the grainfield with good crops, why not beat the sword into the plowshare? Why put metal into a spear when the pruning hook is needed to dress the vineyard?

(2) Nations will cease battle and cultivate brotherhood. The lifted sword throbs with hate, threatens with destruction, causes a shiver of fear and dread. Down with the mailed fist, and out with the open hand.

(3) Militarism will become a lost art and a dead science. War profits are eliminated. War spirit is gone. War teaching is needless. Close up the schools of war and open wider the schools of peace!

Daily Bible Readings

April 22. A Message of Comfort. Isaiah 40:1-5.

April 23. The Messenger of Comfort. Isaiah 40:6-11.

April 24. God's Care for a Nation. Deuteronomy 8:1-6.

April 25. God Encourages a Church. Revelation 2:8-11.

April 26. The Lord Sustains the Individual. Psalm 27:1-6.

April 27. The God of All Comfort. II Corinthians 1:3-7.

April 28. A Benediction of Comfort. II Thessalonians 2:16-17.

SENTENCE SERMONS

By O. D. Henley

It is better to live a charming life than a charmed life.

You can lead souls to hell, but not through hell.

The devil's clouds have no silver lining.

It is easy to be hard on the other fellow.

God's desires leave nothing to be desired.

Moaning is not mourning.

Satan sponsors sin.

Dreary miles are long miles.

More are deficient than efficient.

Soft soap produces foam instead of lather.

Some are nervous, others are nervy.

Only crowns that are fairly won deserve to be worn.

A good deed means a great deal.

Love beautifies.

Every generation needs regeneration.

Dry-eyed repentance often leads to dried-up religion.

Ideas produce ideals.

God makes no foolish claims.

The faithless become the disobe-dient.

Heartaches produce headaches.

Spiritual comas are common.

God never conscripts.

Friends bring inspiration or ruination.

The desire for a good living often eliminates all desire for a good life.

Denials disprove nothing.

It is easier to back into sin than to back out.

It doesn't take a farmer to raise cane.

Many of the best men are the worst managers.

Some have a sense of humor; others have neither sense nor humor.

PROGRAM

Stonewall Workers Conference, Aspermont, Tuesday, April 23
10:00 Devotional, Rev. Emory Scott.
10:30 Sermon, Rev. J. C. McBeth.
11:00 Song and prayer.
11:15 Sermon, Rev. C. E. Wainscott.
12:00 Lunch.
1:00 Executive and W. M. U. Board Meetings.
1:45 Business.
2:00 Sermon, Rev. J. C. Parks.

Christian Education

By Eva Rudd, Instructor
Hardin-Simmons University



What is the attitude of college men and women toward religion? "Religion is considered a vital part of everyday life by the majority of college men and women; in fact, 88 per cent of all students interviewed very forcefully declared that they considered religion necessary to living." So says Who's Who Among Students, reporting on a poll of 4,839 students from 563 American colleges. "The almost universal opinion among college students is that the teachings and precepts for which religion stands are not only vital, but indispensable in everyday life." One young lady said, "Religion is life—the translation into activity of our beliefs and interpretation of God. It is an all-pervading influence; therefore our everyday life should rightly reflect our relationship to God." The general trend among college students is toward the idea that religion is worth little to one unless it affects every area of one's thinking and living and attitudes.

The Who's Who student, the poll revealed, chooses as his first selection in literature the Holy Bible. His thoughts on any question, political or otherwise, seem to involve his spiritual beliefs. He believes "more religion" is one of the most vital factors for the solution of the problem of peace in the world.

This report shows the trend of student thought; and what a challenge it is to education. Education should recognize and satisfy this student need. Christian education aims to do just that; the Christian school has the opportunity of meeting this need. Education is an acquirement for life; it is a companion which does not forsake, which no enemy can alienate; at home a friend, in solitude a solace, in society a benediction; it chastens vice, it guides virtue. That it be the right kind is vital to the individual and to society. Surely it should be Christian.

The aim of Christian education is to make men love and glorify their Lord and Savior. This is the earnest desire of the Christian teacher.

God to thy teaching delegates the art
To form the future men: the care be
thine,
No shape unworthy from the marble
start,
Reptile or monster; but with just
design
Copy the heavenly model, and impart,
As best thou canst, similitude
divine.

Arnold said, "To give a man a Christian education is to make him love God as well as know him; to make him have faith in Christ as well as to have been taught the facts that he died for our sins, and rose

again; to make him open his heart eagerly to every impulse of the Holy Spirit, as well as to have been taught the fact . . . that he is the Lord and Giver of spiritual life." Christian education aims to lead to Christ and to a surrender to his will.

Youth needs and wants this, and many find it in Christian schools. Hear the students' own comments. Following our glorious revival at Hardin-Simmons University, one student declared, "In recent months I had become troubled over the life I was leading. I was never satisfied, but had to be going—doing something all the time. When I rededicated my life to Christ, peace came and trouble drifted away like a cloud. Now I am contented and happy." Another student, who had thought he could not remain in school, but who had stayed and had been saved during the meeting, expressed with much emotion this thought, "Just suppose I had not returned this semester! I would not have found Christ." A young lady said: "I feel sure that my life will be a better and more worthwhile one because of that wonderful meeting." A young man: "For my personal happiness and for the good of Hardin-Simmons, I am grateful for the results of the meeting." The feeling of all was expressed by the student who said, "The revival was one of the greatest things that ever happened to Hardin-Simmons University, and to me personally." Yes, the college student wants a practical, everyday religion; and he is finding it, and with it he finds peace and happiness.

DISTRICT SEVENTEEN

Report on Missions for Quarter
Ending March 31st, 1940

Committee members on missions, 88	
Societies using the Circle Plan, 17	
Societies holding meetings for discussion and planning, 19	
Missions chairmen in Young Peoples organizations, 40	
Number Missionaries home on furlough, one: Mrs. B. L. Lockett, Abilene.	
Courtesies to missionaries home on furlough, 5	
Number of letters to missionaries from women, 22; young people, 3	
Boxes sent to Missionaries by women, 5	
Volunteers for Foreign Service, 5	
Johnny McLaughlin, Leon Mabry, Mr. Murdock, all of Sweetwater, and Gladys Hardy, and Faye Galloway, of Abilene.	
Volunteers for Home Service, 1	
(Name not given, but was reported from First Church, Cisco).	
Monthly Missionary Programs: Women, 253, young people, 172.	
Special programs for women, 25, young people 20.	
Societies observing the special season of prayer, 34	
Women attending, 1275	
Young People attending, 366	
Mrs. Ed Hahn, Mission Chairman, District 17.	

"WHEN OTHERS FAIL, YOU MUST CARRY ON"

Preparation had been made to hold a week of revival in the Mexican mission in Abilene. For that work we had invited Brother Hank, an expert, to come to Abilene and help us. We asked him if he would, we would like to have the seven words of Christ Jesus spoken at the Cross explained.

His answer was yes, but only that much did we have when it was time to start on March 18. We had expected great things. His not coming gave us an inspiration for we know now what the Lord wanted us to do. It was our task to satisfy the desire of many souls. So we carried on.

Every night brought people, never too many, but a house to satisfy any preacher. We had help from Jose Gonzales, a church member; Loyd Corder, pastor at Big Spring; Manuel Gonzales, missionary of our association at Sweetwater; and Silvanio Lara, from Coleman, missionary in that association. Pedro A. Hernandez started the spiritual feast and ended with the baptizing of six souls who asked to be baptized on the day when Christ arose.

Our church of humble people, who are but a mission of yours, thank you for your prayers and plead that you do not stop.—We want a larger house of worship.

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HISTORIAN FURNISHES CORRECTED BOARD LIST

On the front page of the West Texas Baptist of this date, in dealing with the passing of our great and lamented Prexy Sandefer, the statement is made that at the time of his election to the presidency of Simmons College in July, 1909, that the following constituted the Board of Trustees of the college: "K. K. Leggett, Clabe W. Merchant, J. H. Parramore, Dr. J. H. Burkett, Dr. L. R. Scarborough, Dr. C. C. Coleman, Dr. R. T. Hanks, B. W. McCarty, Jesse Scott, Eugene Wood, and Geo. S. Anderson." There is error in this statement.

The Board of Trustees usually consisted of 17 members, divided into three classes, whose terms expired every three years; and the Sweetwater Baptist Association arranged these classes, and each year at its annual session elected one class.

I have before me the minutes of the association for the year 1909, held at Colorado City, October 7th to 10th.

These minutes, page 11, shows the following as members of the Board:

"Time expires 1910: Geo. S. Anderson, Abilene; J. C. Burkett, Midland; Geo. L. Paxton, Abilene; J. M. Cowden, Midland; Jesse Scott, Abilene.

"Time expires 1911: J. B. Ashburn, Stamford; C. W. Merchant, Abilene; C. W. Cowden, Abilene; L. R. Scarborough, Waco; R. C. Crane, Sweetwater; C. C. Coleman, Abilene; K. K. Leggett, Abilene.

"Time expires 1912: M. H. Compere, Abilene; R. T. Hanks, D. D., El Paso; J. H. Parramore, Abilene; J. E. Chandler, Abilene; Eugene Wood, Abilene." Except for any changes which were made by the association in the class whose term expired with the session of the association at the above date, October, 1909, the above, constituted the full and complete Board of Trustees at the time that Prexy Sandefer was elected in July, 1909. And there was but one change made.

I have not the minutes at hand for the year 1908, which would show the names of the trustees whose terms expired in 1909. But I have at hand the minutes for the year 1907 which shows the names of the trustees whose terms were slated to expire in 1909, and these were exactly the same brethren as named above in the class of 1912, except that the name of J. E. Chandler takes the place of Dr. L. W. Hollis, all of the others being re-elected.

I fail to find the name of B. W. McCarty listed as a trustee at the time in question.

The statement follows in the West Texas Baptist after giving the names of the trustees as quoted from its columns above: "That all of the trustees are now dead except Scarborough, Coleman, Scott, Wood and Anderson."

By way of explanation it may be said that the personnel of the Trustees was so arranged as to locate a quorum of the trustees in Abilene, so all business of the college coming up could be taken care of by the quorum always to be had at Abilene, without the necessity of calling on the out-of-town members to come to the meetings.

While I was a member of the Board of Trustees when Prexy Sandefer was elected, yet I was not present at the meeting for the reason (mainly) that I had no notice of the meeting.

As a matter of fact, I was a member of the board for several years before Dr. Sandefer's election and for a number of years afterwards, and attended such sessions as I was notified of and was called on to attend.

It follows, from the above, that R. C. Crane was a member of the Board of Trustees of Simmons College at the time that Dr. Sandefer was elected president, though not personally present when that action was taken; and it may be added, in closing, that he always cooperated most loyally with that great builder.

And it may be inferred that R. C. Crane is not dead.

Yours for keeping the record straight,
R. C. CRANE.

Sweetwater, Texas.

BAIRD CHURCH IN TRAINING SCHOOL AND BIBLE SCHOOL

Pastor A. A. Davis of Baird announces a B. T. U. Training School in intermediate work is in progress with this church now. The book, "The Meaning of Church Membership," is being taught, with classes each evening, 7 to 8. Mrs. W. T. Payne and Mrs. W. B. Atchison are teaching the book. Fine interest prevails in this week.

Beginning at 8 p.m. each evening the regular Spring Bible School meets in session. This is a regular feature of the program of Baird Church—a Bible School twice a year—one in spring and one in fall of year. The book for study in this school, now under way is the Book of Romans. The pastor is teaching the school.

STONEWALL WMU HOLDS QUARTERLY MEETING

By Mrs. G. C. Tarrance

"Let your light so shine" was the theme of the day at the quarterly meeting of the W. M. U. auxiliary to the Stonewall Association, which met with the Swenson Church April 5, with our president, Mrs. George Thomas of Peacock presiding.

There were five societies and one other church represented, with an attendance of 30, also two of our pastors and one layman were present.

All the associational officers and committee chairmen were present except four. Each one present gave an interesting report of the work in this association.

"Let your light so shine" through: Personal Service, was given by Mrs. G. E. Aycock of Aspermont. Directed personal service is one of the great services that is being accomplished in our missionary societies. We do not have but one of our young people's organizations in this association. Mrs. F. T. Whitaker, our young people's leaders, is working on her job and we expect to have that work going in a great way soon.

Miss Barbara Williams gave an account of the house-party given for the girls of this district, and ask that we show more interest in our young people's work. Mrs. R. S. Respass reported three societies studying "A Guide to Daily Bible Study" by Mrs. Theron J. Fouts. Mrs. F. F. Clack of Peacock gave a report and a talk on mission study. We are not only studying the books sent out by the state, but are also studying other mission books. We are proud of the work that is being done for our Margaret Fund students as given by Mrs. H. C. Robertson of Johnson Chapel Church. This association sent boxes of clothing to Buckner Orphans Home, and did other benevolent work this quarter. Mrs. Tom Cooper of Girard always brings a good report.

We appreciated having our district missionary, Brother Henry Littleton, and his wife with us. Brother Littleton brought the message at the morning hour. The Scripture lesson was John 4:35, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already unto harvest."

The afternoon session opened with devotion led by Mrs. J. L. Chenault of Aspermont. The presidents of four of the local societies gave their reports, and we are glad to say that the work seems to be on the upward trend this quarter.

The women of this association gave our president a love gift for which she expressed her appreciation.

ON TO WACO!

At Stamford: L. B. Harden, president of District Convention No. 17, says, "Our District will send 21 cars to Waco for the state Baptist conference."

At Amarillo: The drivers of cars from the Palo Duro Association to the Waco conference are as follows: C. R. Garst, Borger; Mrs. Herman Cole, White Deer, and Mr. Arthur Nelson, Pampa.

At Clint: "I plan to attend the state Baptist meeting in Waco, May 2 and 3," writes Vernon Yearby.

At El Paso: Rev. A. L. Leake, pastor of the Highland Park Baptist Church, will take a carload of people from that section of the state to Waco, May 2 and 3.

At Plainview: L. A. Claborn, associational director for Floyd County Association, writes, "We have just completed all arrangements for the trip to the Waco conference, May 2 and 3." There will be three and maybe four carloads of people from this association. The drivers of the cars are as follows: Rev. Lowell Ponder, Quitaque; Rev. A. L. Shaw, Lockney, and Rev. Noel V. Guice, Crosbyton.

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TEXAS HELD FIRST STATE TRAINING CONVENTION

By T. C. Gardner

This is the second of a series of stories on the history of the Baptist Training Union. Dr. Gardner will have another in an early issue.—Ed.

In a former story of the history of the Baptist Training Union, we stated that the Baptist Training Union had its beginning in an atmosphere of prayer. It was a group of young men who were members of the Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, who were conducting a prayer meeting, composed of only young men, where the idea was presented to set up an organization composed of both young men and young women, that would have as its aim, training in church membership.

When the first Training Union convention met in the Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, on September 9, 1891, the following churches were represented:

Fort Worth: Broadway, First Baptist, North Fort Worth; Dallas: First Baptist, Washington Avenue, Second Baptist, Oak Cliff; San Antonio: First Baptist, Alamo Baptist; Abilene: First Baptist; Terrell: First Baptist; Bonham: First Baptist; Henrietta: First Baptist; Waco: First Baptist; Galveston: First Baptist; Birdville: First Baptist; Corsicana: First Baptist. New Hope Baptist Church, Ask Creek Baptist Church, Pleasant Run Baptist Church, Tennessee Baptist Church, Enon Baptist Church, and Rehoboth Baptist Church.

The sessions of that first convention began at 7:30 Sunday night, September 9, with Rev. J. C. Wingo of Abilene, preaching the convention sermon.

It was not known on January 7, 1891, that the young Baptists of America would meet for a convention any time that year, therefore, the Texas convention had been planned even before the national convention was organized.

It was in July, 1891, when the B. Y. P. U. of America was organized in Chicago, Illinois. Nearly 3,000 delegates participated in the organization. The national organization arrested the attention of the Baptists throughout the world. The name chosen at the Chicago convention in July, 1891, was B. Y. P. U. of America. It is interesting to note that this convention continues to meet and to function under the same name that it adopted in 1891.

When the young Baptists of Texas met in Fort Worth on September 9, 1891, they adopted the name of B. Y. P. U. Convention of Texas, with Dr. T. S. Potts as the first president, and Dr. J. B. Cranfill of Waco, first vice-president.

Dr. A. E. Baten, the father of the Training Union work wrote the following statement in 1892: "Soon after the State B. Y. P. U. Convention of

Texas was effected, a very lively discussion of the movement began in our Baptist papers and continued for a while with great enthusiasm. Some of our most pious brethren thought the movement unwise and even dangerous. They expressed themselves in vigorous English, but in the main, the discussions were conducted in a kind, fraternal spirit, and in a few months all opposition to the movement subsided. And, now, so far as I know, there is no adverse feeling against this work. The Baptist churches throughout the state of Texas are rapidly falling in line by organizing unions and enlisting their members."

It seems from the records of Dr. Baten that he wrote the above statement immediately after the B. Y. P. U. Convention had met in Detroit. In discussing the Detroit meeting, Dr. Baten said, "The National union is only a little more than a year old, and yet, its recent meeting at Detroit was the largest gathering of Baptists that ever assembled on the globe. The best feature of the meeting is that it was Pentecostal. The Lord opened the windows of Heaven and poured out a blessing on that vast assembly—5,000 delegates—the momentum of which will, no doubt, be felt by the Baptist denomination until the end of time."

It appears from the best available records that Dr. A. E. Baten should be recognized as the father of the Baptist Training Union work in America. It is also interesting to note that the first state to organize a convention, composed only of young Baptists, was in the Long Star State of Texas. That convention has met annually since it was organized and will meet in its 50th Anniversary Session on November 21, 22, 23, 1940, in Dallas, Texas.

We note from the records an interesting report of the growth and development of the Training Union of Texas for the first ten years:

Year	Unions	Members
1890	17	215
1891	23	411
1892	31	730
1893	39	790
1894	61	1251
1895	76	1577
1896	91	2315
1897	112	2759
1898	124	2930
1899	132	2975

To be sure the organization was known then as the B. Y. P. U. and was only composed of young men and young women.

KING'S GARAGE

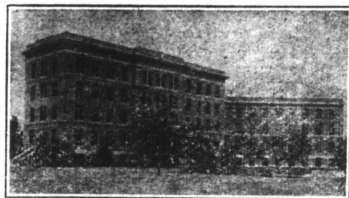
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South Side, Abilene, To Follow Meeting With Building Program

SOUTH SIDE LAUNCHES PROGRAM TO ERECT EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

South Side Church, Abilene, contemplates erecting an educational building costing between \$12,000 and \$15,000, which will accommodate 950 in Sunday School and be so arranged as to facilitate the work of the Training Union organization. Two committees have been appointed: a building committee composed of the following, Guy Lee, Gus King, L. A. Muston, Mac Walker, Hubert Hays, J. C. Crowner, Lewis Rowell, F. A. Wilson, Harold Cloud, Ivan McKee, Harry Hayes, Oren Elmore and A. R. McClure; building finance committee: Sam Pollock, B. F. Jones, Bryan Bradbury, R. A. Glenn, Oscar Matlock, E. Elliott, O. E. Hayes, Edd Shaw, Rupert King, Joe Hagins, H. V. Richards, Henry Antilley and Henry Sanders. It is hoped to have the building ready for use by Promotion Day in October. There will be a group of men on each of the above committees representing the W. M. U.

H. PAYNE PREACHERS ORGANIZE FOR MISSIONS

A. V. Bradley, Council President
A. A. Palmer, Vice-President
This report will give you some idea of the mission work which the student preachers of Howard Payne can do. We feel that there is entirely too much unemployment among our preachers and too many communities that are going without any kind of religious services. I would like for pastors and leaders to study this report and possibilities of covering this District by the brethren who are unemployed in active church work.

There are 110 ministerial students in HPC this semester. We have complete report of 102. The figures will be based on this number. There have been 130 enrolled for the year. Some have graduated.

Of the 102 preachers, 24 are freshmen; 26 are sophomores; 29 are juniors; 22 are seniors.

Fifty-two are not married; 50 are married. Fifty-seven are not ordained; 45 are ordained. The average age of the preachers is 25.03 per cent years.

There are 18 preachers who have full-time work; nine who have half-time; eight who have quarter-time. We need more preachers preaching every Sunday.

Many of these brethren are very worthy of work; they are men who have had some experience in the work. Some are just beginning in the work.

There are nine associations in District No. 16; there are several communities in each association where there are no services of any kind; some churches have died and have become practically mission points. These can be reached by these preachers with cooperation from the association twice each month by furnishing car expenses. These preachers could work and build up the work by summer; then conduct revivals there in the summer. This is not a movement to organize more churches, but to resurrect some that are dead and to establish regular preaching at various neglected places over the associations. We have the preachers, you have the places to preach; we can get the two together by hard work.

We are going to have one hundred preachers at evangelistic conferences in May.

We have already made arrangements for the third floor of the girl's dormitory at the Seminary for one hundred preachers to stay in free. These rooms are unfurnished; we will use cots. If we can get these preachers places to preach, then carry them to the conference and get the Spirit of Evangelism and then come back and conduct revivals in these mission points we will have a new day of rural evangelism in rural evangelism in this district.

This is the organization set-up for this work: This is to be permanent. The president of the Ministerial Council, a faculty advisor of the college, and the District Missionary be a local committee in Brownwood. The association chairmen of evangelism in each association to be committee-men-at-large, and this will be one big committee covering the district. These chairmen in the associations already know the conditions in their respective fields. This will assist us greatly. Also the district missionary is doing great work now in placing these men at various points. We have his full cooperation. In Brown County a local business man has agreed that his Sunday School class will pay the expenses on one car each month, which will be about \$4 per month. The

SPRING MEETING BEGINS SUNDAY AT SOUTH SIDE



REV. P. D. O'BRIEN

A two weeks protracted meeting will begin April 21 at South Side Baptist Church, Abilene, with Rev. P. D. O'Brien, pastor of First Baptist Church, Stamford, doing the preaching. Charles McLaughlin will direct the music with Mrs. F. J. Pruitt and Lynn Yeagan, pianists. Services will be held daily, 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Brother O'Brien will also speak over KRBC at 8:15 each morning from April 22 to 27, bringing the morning devotional message, with Mrs. Clyde Stayton and Miss Rama Dell Robinson singing.

W. C. Ashford, Pastor.

Rambling Remarks

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"setting" a cultivator and "tuning" a piano?

The purpose of this test is to give the old folks a break. Here is your chance to show up the youngsters, and as they would say it if it were the other way round, wow them with your wisdom as you explain the meaning of the above terms. And when you note how many college graduates make below 20 on the test you will realize more than ever that the horse and buggy days are gone forever. Good luck, old folks!

Dear Editor:

The column for this week was begun several weeks ago, and providential interruption hindered its completion until today. I did not have time to re-write it so am appending this explanation. We wish that those who read the column this week would write us a card and suggest other terms used in the yesteryears, but strange to modern ears. I think it would be fun to relive those good old days through the column.—P. D. O.

WITNESSING FOR CHRIST

By Edward B. Jenkins, D. D.

In one of our cities a travelling man came into a hotel to secure a room for the night. To his inquiry he was told that every room had been taken. A portly gentleman standing near-by kindly offered to share his room with the travelling man. The offer was thankfully accepted.

When they went to retire the portly gentleman knelt and prayed, and mentioned his guest in his petition very kindly. In the morning his host informed him that it was his custom to read the Word of God each day and to pray before he began the duties of the day. The host then read the Word and prayed. Then he gently pressed upon his guest the privilege of his acceptance of the Christ as his personal Savior. This the travelling man did. A soul had been led to the Master.

The guest wondered who it was this humble ambassador of the Lord resembled. It occurred to him that he looked like a member of President Wilson's cabinet. When cards were exchanged before parting, to his amazement he read: William Jennings Bryan, Secretary of State.

In Proverbs 11:3 we read: "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever."

church at Rockwood has contributed \$10 to this work. The Brotherhood there will pay \$1 per month to help pay gas and oil of a car to the Coleman County Association. Let individuals, classes, or churches in each association sponsor this type of missions in the association. If some one is already preaching at a mission point, it will not be touched by us; if some one in the association will agree to take a mission point and work with it we will be glad for him to do the work. We want everybody preaching. Our Aim: "Every preacher preaching by May." Our Goal: "A hundred Howard Payne and Brown County preachers at evangelistic conference in May."

IMPORTANCE OF TRAINING UNION TO THE CHURCH

By Arthur DeLoach

When we speak of the importance of the Training Union to the church, someone will immediately raise the question, why be concerned about the church? Among the many answers that may be given we will only mention two. First, because Jesus died for the church. Paul tells us in Eph. 5:25 that Christ loved the church and gave himself for it. If an organization is worth dying for, certainly it is important. Second, because it is through the church that the world is to be won to Christ. Christianity has always gone forward through organized effort, and the church is Christ's chosen organization for this all-important task.

Therefore, it is highly important that we build throughout the length and breadth of the land, great soul-saving, heart-searching, churches through which our people are to be trained and taught to do all things whatsoever He has commanded.

Now, the question to be answered at this time is, How can the Training Union help in this important task?

Through putting the proper spirit into our churches. All churches are different as individuals are different. One church is dead. We say there is no spirit. No one seems to care. There is no cordial welcome, no life, no aggressive planning. Just the same old thing week after week. It is my judgment that the right kind of a Training Union can do more to awaken and put life and interest into our churches than any organization we have. At this time in Texas there are a number of associational Training Union meetings that are doing more to put life in all of our associational work than any other movement. I know. We need to capitalize on this organization to put New Testament zeal in our churches.

Through training individuals to do important jobs in a worthy way. There is an idea in the minds of some that about all the Training Union does is to help the individual speak in public. I would not minimize the importance of this accomplishment, but this is only one phase of the training that an individual should get. When even a Christian has been given the responsibility that goes with the different offices of a Union and has made an honest effort to carry out those duties, he should be well prepared to take any responsible place in the church life. The pastor has no greater need today than for a group of well-trained people to whom he can commit a worthy church program, knowing that the task will be well done.

Through developing a spirit of Loyalty to one's church. No person is a loyal member of a church who (unless providentially hindered) attends only one service a week. There are altogether too many of our members who think more of their physical and mental recreation than they do the Kingdom of God. Sunday has become, with many a holiday, a time to go places and see things. But if there has been development in their minds and hearts the importance of Sunday School and worship service on Sunday morning, and the Training Union and preaching service on Sunday night, you will have a group of people who will stand by the church at all times. The Training Union can do a great work just here.

Through helping the Sunday School to be able to remain at its important task of teaching God's Word with the assurance that other important matters will be discussed in the Training Union. It is common knowledge that among many denominations there is a tendency away from the teaching of the Bible to social problems. Many of those problems should be discussed, but Baptists believe that they can be discussed in the Training Union and so keep the Sunday School strictly Bible-centered.

Through helping to keep our churches lighted on Sunday night. People are going places on Sunday

night and if all the churches in the land should close their doors they would still go. We must let the world know that we believe in the reality of the Christian religion and one of the best ways is to have great crowds at our Sunday evening services. My observation has been that this is seldom done aside from a wide-awake Training Union. At least that is true in Baptist churches. Every Baptist Church should be open every Sunday night. This can be done through the Training Union.

Through helping our people maintain Sunday as a day of worship. When Sunday is no longer considered sacred by the masses of our people, one of the foundation stones of American civilization has already crumbled. And the only institution that I know anything about that is going to make a serious effort to maintain the sacredness of that day is the church. The person who attends four services on Sunday will have a much better chance of keeping Sunday as the kind of day that will please our Lord. Whether we bow to the world's demand of a secular Sunday or not, depends largely on what we do on Sunday night. The Training Union can build the church and the church can save the day.

Through helping to make the masses of our people conscious of the presence of Christianity. A leading pastor of Texas said a few days ago that only 5,000 of the 35,000 people living in his town were enrolled in any Sunday School, which means that no more than that percentage attend anybody's church. A leading layman of the Southern Baptist Convention said a few years ago that the masses of the people are not opposed to Christianity—they simply are not concerned about it. We haven't even made an impression on them yet. The Training Union can do much to make the people conscious of the presence of Christianity.

MEXICANS REQUEST FOOD FOR ASSOCIATION, MAY 2-5

Mexican Baptists of Sweetwater have requested the churches of Sweetwater Association to assist them in furnishing food for the meeting of the West Texas Mexican Baptist Association which will meet there May 2 through 5, in their quarterly session. Gifts of food or cash may be left at the First Baptist Church of either Sweetwater, Merkel, Trent, Tye, or Abilene, and it will be taken to the mission. Cash may be sent to Treasurer J. J. Toombs, 540 Merchant, Abilene, and if the money is not needed for food it can apply on rent for a sleeping hall.

Rev. Dean Elkins of Nolan is lending a tent for the association meeting, and the Mexican mission will be used as a dining hall.

LUBBOCK OUT OF DEBT

First Church, Lubbock, last week paid the final check on the church debt and plans to have a note-burning ceremony on May 26 with Dr. and Mrs. Campbell present.

More than \$1,000 per month will now be added to a building fund for the construction of an adequate plant at an early date.

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CHURCH BULLETIN SECTION

DRASCO

Of special interest to the people of Drasco are the Sunday services this week-end. There will be a group of students from Hardin-Simmons who will have charge of services. They will be prepared to teach your classes and to help in your unions. We will have good music and speaking. Let everyone come and bring someone.

Harold Russ, Pastor.

HATCHEL

With the good interest stirred to an unusual depth, let us do our part to keep the services of the Lord progressing. We extend a hearty welcome to our new deacon, Brother Sanders and his family.

Harold Russ, Pastor.

SUNSET

At South Fifth and Sunset Drive, Abilene.
Sunday School, 9:45, W. Baker, superintendent.

Morning sermon by the Pastor, 11:00 A. M.

Training Union, 7:00 P. M. Lenora Hitt, director.

Evening sermon, 8:15, by the Pastor.

W. M. S. Tuesday at 3:00 P. M.
Midweek prayer service at 7:30 Wednesday evening.

Our services have increased in number and interest. Let us keep the good work going. Will you be one—"A growing, going, giving, Christian?"
C. N. Gilbert, Pastor.

CROSS ROADS AND PLEASANT VALLEY

By Joe R. Mayes, Pastor

It was really great at Pleasant Valley this week-end. Good crowds and fine interest. Our B. T. U. was a hummer, 48 in attendance, and it looks as if we are going places with that work. Some of us went over to the study course held at Highland Home Saturday and we had a nice time and were profited by going.

Our insurance on our church building was due and we raised the money in the service Sunday morning to pay that, and in the night service we had our Spring Roundup Mission offering. Yes, the time with Pleasant Valley this time was splendid.

At Cross Roads next Sunday, Brother Alcorn will supply for me and I am sure they will have a good time, and they will take the Spring Roundup Mission offering.

I will begin the Clairemont meeting next Sunday and will be there for at least two weeks, I suppose, and I want earnestly to ask the prayers of all who pray, not only for the meeting, but for the two churches of which the Lord has made me under-shepherd.

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IN VARIED ACTIVITIES—

The variety of campus student activities is so great that any Hardin-Simmons University student may find a field of activity according to his or her interests and available time. Publications, with a college annual, the Bronco, and campus weekly, the Brand, attract many. Dramatics are popular, with radio speech courses. The Cowboy Band, internationally known, and the Cowgirl Band is growing in popularity, too. The Y. W. A., B. S. U., glee clubs, choruses, orchestra, ensemble and club groups provide added variety of opportunities for the profitable directing of student energies, under competent faculty direction or supervision.

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