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RAMBLING REMARKS

Dick O'Brien

I have just finished a pleasant and inspiring hour perusing the minutes of the Sweetwater Association for the past year. This is truly a great association, with many great churches and other institutions, aggressive pastors, laymen and women; a challenging program, and a great spirit. If Judge Crane writes a complete history of the association I want the first copy that comes off the press. Our association, the Mitchell-Scurry, along with several others of West Texas, is a child of this mother organization. . . . The first effort at publishing a district minute is being made by district eight. W. S. Garnett, clerk of the Big Spring association, compiled the information and it is now in the hands of the printer. The minutes will be ready for distribution early in January. The printing is being done by the Whiskey Printing Company of Colorado, which has printed more Baptist minutes than any other print shop in Texas. . . . Rev. H. B. Naylor will give up his work at Spade in order to give more time to the West Side church at Big Spring, where he was recently called as pastor. This will leave only two pastorless churches in this section as far as we know, the churches at Spade and Pleasant Valley. . . . Recommending a preacher to a church or a church to a preacher is delicate work seeing it is the Holy Spirit who makes men overseers of the flock of God. Yet we are sure He often uses human agencies in getting churches and preachers together. We know of two or three preachers who are available for pastoral work. They are good men, excellent pastors and men of experience. We are delighted to call their names to the attention of churches looking for pastors and then depend on the Holy Spirit working the matter out for the good of all concerned and for the glory of God. . . . Often the less men think the more they talk. Rambling remarks may fill space in a paper but they are out of place in the pulpit. . . . We had a most interesting program in our monthly workers meeting here at Colorado last Tuesday. No subjects were assigned. Each preacher on the program was simply listed for a sermon. Each left free to select his own theme. The experiment proved revealing. There were five sermons during the day, and they dealt with practically every type of subject and ran the whole gamut of homiletical presentation. The preachers in order were: H. E. Naylor, A. C. Hardin, Lawrence Hays, James Easterwood and G. W. Parks. The first message was devotional in its nature, the second inspirational, the third distinctly doctrinal, the next a consecration sermon, and the last was practical. It was a study in homiletics without any studied or premeditated plan of procedure. . . . We are to meet with the Snyder church on January 14, 1936 for our next monthly meeting. Brother R. R. Cumbe, of Dunn, was kept away from the Colorado meeting on account of a funeral, and Lawrence Hays had to leave before we closed to assist in the funeral. . . . Our Mexican mission work is making definite progress. Brother Gonzales is planning to move to Snyder where he will be nearer the center of his field. A shower of food and clothing is being collected for him and his family. Either the Snyder or Colorado church will receive for safe keeping articles for this shower and see to it that it reaches the proper place.

MINISTERIAL STUDENTS AND WIVES MEET

An organization of wives of ministerial students, the Priscilla Helpers, met Wednesday, December 11, at 2:30 p. m. in the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Atwood, 2110 Grape Street. Christmas atmosphere prevailed in the decoration and program, with Christmas Tree as the center piece for the table; there was great joy and lots of fund with the unwrapping of gifts. Service was opened with song and prayer, followed by a talk on "Value of Drama in Religious Services," by Mrs. Alexander. Rev. Finis Williams, Rev. Ernest Bowman, Rev. W. P. Kirk, Miss Bessie Meese and Miss Patsey Jean Young were the characters in the play that was given; a two-act play "Faith and Works," given under the direction of the Hardin-Simmons Fine Arts department, and directed by Miss Meese. Billie Alexander gave a reading "Just Before Christmas," and the program was closed by the (Continued on page four)

WRITER EXPLAINS NEW STATE LIQUOR LAW NOW IN EFFECT

Prohibitionists all over the state of Texas will watch with interest the workings of the new liquor laws for Texas, passed by the recent called session of the legislature. In order that these dry voters may know something of the new law we are publishing a digest of the law made by one of our press writers.—Editor.

The liquor control bill enacted recently at the last special session of the legislature and promptly signed by the governor prohibits the sale of hard liquors except in unbroken packages. It cannot be sold by the drink to be consumed on the premises where sold. This includes all liquors containing an alcoholic content of more than 14 per cent. Beer and wines containing an alcoholic content of less than 14 per cent, may be sold by the drink.

The law creates a liquor control board of three members to be appointed by the governor. This board is to appoint a state administrator. The members of the board are paid an annual salary of \$600 each and the state administrator a salary of \$5,000. The members of this board and the administrator have been appointed.

Dealers Must Respect Law
Texas liquor dealers must toe the mark under the new regulatory act or face cancellation of permits and prosecutions.

Furthermore, the liquor traffic will be pretty much a Texas-owned business with large chain groups outlawed. "The theory of this law," said Elbert Hooper of Austin, counselor for a conference committee in preparing it, "is control of those engaged in the manufacture, transportation and sale of liquor. Cancellation of license is the strongest enforcement weapon."

Every commercial handler of liquor will be licensed. An exception is permission for an individual to import one quart for personal use. It is exempt from state tax.

A package store permit entitles the holder to sell hard liquor in sealed containers. Sale by the drink is not permitted. Beer and wine retailers may sell those types of liquor up to 14 per cent by the drink if permitted under local option.

Package stores and beer and wine retailing stores and beer and wine retailing for consumption on the premises are not allowed on the same location. Licenses for package stores may be forfeited if the holder permits consumption of liquor there and of beer and wine retailers if they possess whiskey on the premises. Hotels are permitted to have a package store segregated from beer and wine dispensaries. Packaged liquor may be delivered to guests in their rooms, but its consumption in the beer or wine dispensaries is banned.

Cancelled Permits Is Penalty
The penalty for violating the act provides for suspension or cancellation of the license, in some instances summarily, a fine of \$100 to \$1,000 and a jail sentence up to one year. No felony offense is provided and the Dean Law, former State prohibition act, is repealed.

Permits may be denied an applicant who uses alcohol to excess or habit-forming drugs, who has been convicted of violation of a State liquor law, who has been provided with funds or has a financial connection with a liquor manufacturer, wholesaler or dealer, or for any reason the board may deem in the public interest.

Must Be Citizen 3 Years
Individuals seeking a license must have been residents of Texas for three years. If a corporation, 51 per cent of the stock must be owned by Texans who otherwise are qualified to hold a license.

No one person or corporation may hold more than five package store permits. Each licensee must post \$1,000 to \$25,000 bond as a guaranty of obedience to the act or the rules of the board.

Wholesalers are responsible for the payment of excise taxes. All persons possessing liquor must file within 30 days from Nov. 16 an inventory of stocks and pay the taxes.

Failure to render liquor for taxation subjects it to confiscation and the owner to denial of any type of permit. Commercial storage of liquor in dry areas is prohibited.

Spirituous liquors are taxed 80c a gallon, wine up to 14 per cent 2c, from 14 to 24 per cent 5c and more than 24 per cent 50c; natural sparkling or artificially carbonated wine 25c; malt liquors more than 4 per cent 15c and beer of 4 per cent or less \$1.24 a (Continued on page four)

Pastors Retreat Meets Here Jan. 13-17

W. M. U. OF DIST. 17 HOLD MEETING IN ABILENE THURSDAY

The W. M. U. of District 17 held its winter board meeting December 12 in the home of the president, Mrs. R. M. White, in Abilene.

Representatives were present from Callahan, Cisco, Fisher, Stonewall, and Sweetwater Associations and many subjects of importance to the work were discussed.

The opening devotional was conducted by Mrs. J. F. Clark, Abilene, who spoke of Christ as the central figure of the Bible, quoting Matt. 1:21, "Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins"; and Peter's confession, "Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God." She made the plea that as Christians we live lives true to the name of Christ.

Reference was made to several board members who were detained at home by illness, including Mrs. Geo. L. Paxton, Mrs. O. H. Cooper, and Mrs. J. S. Tierce.

Mrs. J. E. Burnam, chairman of mission study, urged associational chairmen to hold mission study institutes during the winter, these all to head up in a district institute in Abilene in February. Schools of missions are urged in the churches. A start was made by the observance of the week of prayer for state missions. The new plan of mission study awards was explained. Hereafter no certificates nor seals are to be given and the report should show the number of classes doing three hours of study, each member reading the book, preferably before the class is held.

Mrs. H. J. Hanks, corresponding secretary-treasurer, presented the encouraging fact that the associations are all well on the way toward meeting apportionments, Cisco having paid all theirs in addition to supporting a native worker in China.

The recommendations of the methods and finance committee were read by Mrs. D. W. Arnette, chairman, and since a few changes were made, they will be printed in full next week.

Mrs. J. B. Buckley, young people's leader, announced dates of stewardship declamation contests and stated that literature may be secured from Mrs. Olivia Davis, Dallas. It was recommended that the camps at Lueders be held again, one for boys the first of June and for girls in July.

Mrs. Ed Hahn spoke briefly on missions. Words of greeting were appreciated from Mrs. C. M. Caldwell, who (Continued on page four)

UNIVERSITY CHURCH WILL BE HOST TO DISTRICTS 8 AND 17

The Missionaries of Districts 8 and 17 have arranged to have a joint pastors' retreat this winter, the meeting place to be with University Church, Abilene. The date of the meeting will be January 13-17. The missionaries are now working on the program, which will include some of the best Bible teachers and preachers in the South.

The entertainment, as usual at these meetings, will be bed and breakfast furnished free, with each visitor furnishing his own dinner and supper.

The pastors' retreats were started a few years ago by Secretary J. Howard Williams. These meetings were designed to give the busy pastors in each district an opportunity to meet together once a year in a few days of Bible study, prayer and fellowship.

The meetings have proven to be one of the most popular that the pastors have.

The other churches in Abilene, together with the Baptist institutions in the city will join with University Baptist Church in furnishing entertainment for the visiting pastors. It is expected that the attendance on the meeting will be large.

B. T. U. PROGRAM RENDERED AT BUNGER

When the associational B. T. U. of the Throckmorton-Young Association met at the Bungee Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, December 8, Miss Audra Knight of the First Baptist Church, Graham, as program chairman, conducted a service that was a spiritual feast to all present. Stewart A. Newman, pastor of the Loving Church, led the opening prayer. Eugene Outman, also of Loving, sang, "I Am Satisfied With Jesus," with Mrs. Glenn Shahan, of the Oak Street Church, Graham, at the piano. Glen Shahan read the devotional reading.

A report of the B. T. U. convention was very ably given by Miss Adelle Long of Graham. Bro. Dale Thorn, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Graham, delivered the inspirational address on the subject, "Jesus is All." Besides the churches mentioned Jean and Throckmorton were represented, the latter by Rev. J. C. Scott, missionary of the Throckmorton-Young County Association. Among the preachers present were: Rev. B. A. Roark and J. P. Stevenson, both of Graham.

ELMDALE BAPTIST CHURCH HAS B. T. U. STUDY COURSE

A B. T. U. Study Course was put on by the Elmdale Baptist Church last week, Dec. 9-13, with the following books being taught: Rev. Bill Arnett, a student in Hardin-Simmons, taught "Growing a Church" to the young people and adult group, with twenty-seven taking the examination. Miss Mildred Gardner, Intermediate B. Y. P. U. leader of the church, taught "The Meaning of Church Membership" to a group of sixteen intermediates. The "Junior V. P. U. Manual" was taught by the Junior Leader, Mrs. Ralph Antilley. There were eleven enrolled in this class. Mrs. T. L. Nipp taught "Mission Stories" to a group of five Beginners and Primaries.

The interesting thing about this study course is that there were fifty-nine enrolled and fifty-nine took the examination. Others are planning to study the books at home and take examinations later.

Ralph Antilley is the B. T. U. director.

All phases of the church work are getting along very well. An offering was taken for Buckner Orphans Home at the close of the service last Sunday which amounted to about twenty-five dollars.

Our pastor, Brother Nipp, preached for the church at Moran last Sunday and Sunday night. Brother Roy Shannon, a student in Hardin-Simmons and pastor of the Fairview Church in Jones County, preached for us in the absence of the pastor. He brought us two inspiring messages. An offering was taken at the close of the morning service for the Lottie Moon Fund which amounted to about twelve dollars.

NO PAPER CHRISTMAS WEEK

As is our usual custom we WILL NOT issue a paper Christmas week. The next issue of the paper will appear on January 2. We again wish for our readers a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

In spite of the mist and the mud, members of the W. M. S. of the Tahoka Baptist Church and some of their husbands braved the elements and sprang a surprise on the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. George A. Dale, on a recent night. To make a long story short, the pastor and wife got an old-fashioned pounding.

George L. Paxton

By Geo. S. Anderson



GEO. L. PAXTON

COLD CHECKS

W. S. Garnett

The newspapers had a pathetic story the other day of a foreign-born woman from somewhere in the Balkans who went confidently into a New York bank and asked for money. She had no account, no checkbook; she had merely heard that that was the place where money was kept and, needing some, she went quite simply to get it.

The newspaper readers had a good laugh at her expense, but it is highly probable that many others are doing something rather similar and much more stupid. They go on trying to draw out of the bank of life funds they never thought of putting in.

Some are trying to draw out happy homes when they have never been willing to deposit the self denial, the work, the sympathy, the consideration for others, and the patience which are necessary.

Others would like to cash checks and draw out friends from life's bank, when they have never thought of depositing friendship. One who would have friends must first be a friend.

Others bemoan the fact that they cannot cash large checks for happiness when they have opened no "happiness" account in life's bank. They have given no happiness to others. They have not brightened the lives of children nor lifted the load of the aged nor shared the burden of the suffering, but have searched selfishly for happiness for themselves alone. Happiness is not manufactured by turning a mill. All real happiness coming our way is that which is reflected to us from those to whom we have brought happiness.

per hundred members.

If the church will have a plan by which each member has a chance to give to missions each month, they will give far more than this.

FOURTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH BIG SPRING

Bulletin For Sunday, December 22

SUNDAY—
9:45—Sunday School.
11:00—Preaching Service. Text: "Man Goeth to His Long Home."
6:15—B. T. U. Meeting.
7:15—Program of Christmas Music by the Choir.
MONDAY—
4:15—Meeting of the Girls' Auxiliary at the church.
6:30—Meeting of the Y. W. A. at the church.
8:30—All Circles of W. M. S. meet at church, business and visitation.
WEDNESDAY—
6:45—Teachers' meeting; Teacher training class.
7:30—Prayer meeting, studying 3rd chapter of Matthew.
FRIDAY—
7:15—Choir Practice.
7:15—Boy Scout meeting.

NOTES FROM LAST SUNDAY

Eleven new pupils were enrolled in Sunday School. Mrs. T. A. Brown united with the church by letter. Mrs. Brown came from San Angelo, and is living at 1801 Johnson. The Sunday School attendance last Sunday was 308. We were glad to have Mrs. Hart Phillips with us Sunday Evening.

The Lottie Moon Christmas offering for Foreign Missions reached \$225 Sunday. Other offerings are still coming in.

COMING EVENTS

The following are some of the things that are on our church calendar for the first part of 1936. Some of the dates are tentative. Keep this list and do not let anything interfere with your getting the benefit of these meetings.
January 13-17—Pastors' Retreat, meeting at Abilene.
January 20-24—S. S. Training classes, leading to diploma.
February 16-23—S. S. enlargement campaign, directed by Brother Lites of Dallas.
February 23-30—Revival meeting for men, sponsored by our men's Brotherhood, led by laymen H. L. Wren and Bob Key.
March 17-18—District Convention, held with Fourth Street Church.
March 22-28—Revival meeting for Young People.
April 4-12—B. T. U. Campaign, led by T. C. Gardner.
April 19-May 2—Revival Meeting for all the church.
Let us all begin now to work and pray and plan for great things for Christ in 1936.

MISSIONS IN DISTRICT 17

J. D. BRANNON, Missionary, 2126 Swenson St., Abilene, Texas, Phone 6415

COMPARATIVE REPORT OF ASSOCIATION

Here is a report of the Association of District 17 showing their gifts to the Cooperative Program for November, 1935:

Association	No.	Chr.	No. Giv.	% Giv.	Amt.	Per Cap.
Callahan	16	4	25.0%	\$37.06	1.6c	
Cisco	37	10	27.0%	284.07	3.4c	
Fisher	21	14	66.6%	113.59	4.7c	
Haskell	25	9	36.0%	172.97	4.3c	
Jones	31	10	32.2%	90.20	2.2c	
Stonewall	15	6	40.0%	33.15	3.0c	
Sweetwater	34	17	50.0%	656.58	7.4c	
Totals	179	70	39.4%	1387.64	4.3c	

OTHER COMPARISONS

Districts in Texas that have District Missionaries averaged in November 31.9% their churches giving to the Cooperative Program. Districts without Missionaries averaged 24.9%. Associations with Associational Missionaries averaged 30.8%.

District 17 averaged 39.4%.

J. C. PARKS MOVES TO ROTAN

Rev. J. C. Parks, who for some time has been pastor at Sardis and Cross Roads in Fisher County, has also accepted the Gannon church and has moved to Rotan.

NUGENT CALLS PASTOR

Last Sunday the Baptist church at Nugent called Brother Arvil Richardson, of Hardin-Simmons University, as pastor.

Remember the Pastors' Retreat, to be held at the University Church Abilene, January 13-17. Every Pastor should be present, if possible.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR CHRIST
Christ was God's Christmas gift for me. Shall I not make a worthy offering during this season, to carry out His last command to me, as a Christmas gift for Him.

GOAL FOR DISTRICT 17 IN COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GIFTS
During the convention year of 1935-'36 it is hoped that District 17 will give to the cooperative program \$30,000.00. This will be about \$1.00 per member. This means that each church should average at least 1-3 cents per member, every month.

During November several churches went beyond the 1-3 cents, but the average of the District was exactly

Thursday afternoon, December 12, 1935, at 1:15 o'clock, Geo. L. Paxton passed quietly away at the family residence, 902 Sayles Boulevard, Abilene, Texas.

He was conscious to within one hour of his going, and was surrounded by all the members of his family. His wife, Mrs. Mattie Warren Paxton; son, Geo. L. Paxton, Jr.; daughters, Mrs. Herman Pender, Abilene; Mrs. Dan Moody, Austin, and Mrs. Weaver Moore, Houston; brother, Guy Paxton, Abilene, several grand children and other relatives.

Brother Paxton came to Abilene in 1889 and engaged in the hardware business as salesman for the firm of Cameron & Phillips. He was married to Miss Mattie Warren, Rev. R. T. Hanks, officiating, in 1892.

In 1894 he purchased the stock of hardware, owned by Cameron & Phillips, and from that date he at once became one of the leading business men of Abilene and West Texas.

This little tribute to his memory, however, is not intended to give a history of his life, but rather to mention some of the many virtues that he exemplified throughout the more than 45 years he resided in Abilene.

To know Geo. L. Paxton intimately was to love him. I am sure it is not too much to say he was the leading citizen of Abilene from the standpoint of service rendered. He was always glad to do anything in his power to make Abilene grow and become a better and larger city. The welfare of his city received from him at all times prompt and careful consideration.

As a member of the board of trustees of Hardin-Simmons University and as president of the board for many years he rendered the institution a service, if ever equaled by any one else, certainly never excelled. His membership on the board of Trustees of the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium from the beginning of its history to the time of his passing was always helpful and cheerful.

On Friday afternoon before he passed away the writer spent an hour with him, and while he was very sick, the interest that he manifested in Hardin-Simmons University and the Sanitarium was beautiful. He wanted to know all about the paying of the debts of both, the plans for the future and everything that would interest a real trustee, one who had put much of a great life into the making possible of the two institutions.

As a church member Geo. L. Paxton approached as near what we believe Jesus Christ intended a man to be as is possible for a human being to become. He was always in his place, and gladly took upon his shoulders every duty and responsibility that his church asked him to assume. He was always happy in seeing its interests advanced. Often he said to the writer: "I love my church more than anything in the world but my family and God."

It was as a friend that I prized Geo. L. Paxton most. For 41 years we worked side by side in the First Baptist church. For thirty-four years we served together on the Hardin-Simmons University board of trustees, for eleven years we served together as trustees of the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium. I helped to make him a deacon, and in that capacity I saw him tested, and always to prove his real worth. We belonged to the same fraternal organizations, we worked together in the Sunday School, and on many occasions it was my privilege and pleasure to be his partner in canvassing for funds to help our little city. Always and in every relation of life, Geo. L. Paxton exemplified the Christian spirit and by his gentle thoughtfulness, made one know that he had, in reality, taken Christ as his model.

A great business man, a great citizen, a great churchman, a great friend, a great Christian statesman, a great husband and father, has been called to his reward.

The world is better because he lived and moved among men. We shall miss him.

TWIN BABIES DIE

Our readers will sympathize with Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Tierce, in the death of their twin babies, James Smith and Amette Jo, who died a few days after birth at the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium. The funeral of both children were conducted from the First Baptist Church, Winters, with Pastor W. T. Hamor officiating. Brother Tierce is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Aspermont, Texas.

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THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

The Christmas season is again upon us. For some time the secular magazines have brought reminders that the glad season is approaching. The radio broadcasts have begun to take on the season's atmosphere and civic and religious bodies have set machinery in motion looking toward the care of the less fortunate in our midst. We always approach this season of the year with a mingled feeling of sadness and gladness—sadness because of the millions all over the world who are in want and who are not able to have the bare necessities of life. And then, the fact that so many people desecrate the high and holy purpose of this season of celebration—the coming of the Prince of Peace to bring salvation and deliverance to a world steeped in sin—is enough to bring sadness to those who try to follow in the foot steps of the wonderful man of Galilee.

On the other hand Christmas is a season of joy and gladness. Ever since that night nearly two thousand years ago when the angels from heaven rang out the tidings of joy because of the coming of the Son of God to earth, there have been multitudes on earth who have come to the Christmas season with joy and gratitude because of the redeeming love and grace of God that prompted Him to bring to earth this supreme gift to man. Back of the motives today that prompt us to give gifts to our friends and loved ones is that spirit of love that brought God's gift to man. "And God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Paul tells us that love never fails. We are now living in a changing, restless world. Revolutions on every hand are bringing changes and there comes an uneasiness when we think of the ultimate outcome of this changing order. But back of all this bickering and biting and distrust being manifested throughout the world is the never failing power of love. If it be true that "love never fails," then there is hope and assurance that fundamental ideals of the Man of Galilee will eventually permeate the restless world, and men will beat their swords into plowshares and will learn war no more. There is a wide difference in views as to how this blessed condition will be brought about, but the followers of Christ everywhere can reverently approach the Christmas season with the assurance of God's immutable word that that time will come. So, dear readers, let us approach the glad season with assurance in our hearts that we have a changeless Christ in a changing world, and that He shall rule until He puts every enemy under His feet.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

On December 5, the West Texas Baptist began the twelfth year under its present management. The first "West Texas Baptist" had its beginning in Abilene over forty years ago. For many years the paper went under that name. For a short while there was no paper published in Abilene and when a new publication appeared in 1905 it bore the name of "The Western Evangel." Dr. J. M. Dawson, now of the First Baptist Church, Waco, was at the helm of the paper in those days. In 1921 the paper was sold to the Baptist Standard, and for three years this section was without a religious paper. In the Fall of 1924 the "West Texas Baptist" was again launched under its present management.

For the editor these have been strenuous, yet happy years. During these eleven years the editor has had varied work in connection with editing the paper. For two years we served as field representative for Hardin-Simmons and the Baptist hospital, taught journalism in the university for two years and for four years was instructor of Bible in the university. During these years, along with the other work we have conducted over thirty revival meetings and have traveled on an average of 20,000 miles annually, and during the entire eleven years we have been pastor of one or more rural churches.

A religious paper has been maintained in Abilene through all these years because it was thought such a publication was needed to help promote the Kingdom work in this vast expanding empire. We hope to see the paper continue just as long as there is a need for it in serving the cause of Christ.

As we approach the Christmas season we wish to express our sincere appreciation to the friends who have contributed in any way to the success of the paper. We wish for you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We would join with our pastors and other workers throughout this section in a renewed determination to do our best to the end that the Gospel of our Lord and King shall be carried to the uttermost parts of the earth and that His will be done.

LET GOD BE GOD

We endure much suffering willingly if we can only see the purpose in our suffering. Parents sacrifice all for the benefit of their children, and gladly. A mother plunges into the fire to save her child. Her hands and face are terribly burned, but she rejoices that the child was saved. But suppose property is lost or suffering comes, seemingly by accident, when we did not plan it or see the purpose in it? Then we rebel. We are not willing for God to know more than we, or to deal with us in ways we do not understand.

It is what we cannot understand, and which therefore seems meaningless, that irritates us and makes us rebellious. For this reason the greatness, wisdom, power, and eternal span of God's purpose become a stumbling block to the natural man. If He would do nothing beyond that which we understand we would acquiesce. But we object to His being a God. We have not become willing to surrender to a God whose ways are past finding out.

Everyone who trusts himself with God, willing to follow although he is careful about our conduct in storms.—W. S. Garnett.

It is through our helplessness, sorrow, and trouble that God becomes visible to the world. As long as all goes well with us we need no God. We are equal to the needs. But when things get beyond our control, when we are overwhelmed and let God come in and give us deliverance and peace, the world can then see God's work. We must be careful about our conduct in storms.

Devotional Thoughts

THE TONGUE

"God made the tongue, and we may be sure He made it for some good purpose. What is its good purpose?"
"He made it that we may pray with it," answered one boy.
"To sing with," said another.
"To talk with people," said a third.
"To recite our lesson with," replied another.
"Yes, and I will tell you what He did not make it for. He did not make it to scold with, to lie with, or to swear with, to say unkind or foolish or impatient words. Now, think every time you use your tongues whether you are using them in the way which pleases God."
—Selected.

INFLUENCE

Once in the Bureau of Standards in Washington, a tiny tube containing less than two-thousandths of an ounce of radium was accidentally dropped on a hardwood floor and broken. With a camel's hair brush they swept up the radium. Then they washed the floor to get the rest of it. But enough remained to render another washing necessary, this time with acidulated water, and still another with soda water, and a fourth time with hydrant water. Each yielded about four hundred dollars worth of radium. Finally a carpenter came and scraped the floor. Three years later the shavings were burned, and the ashes found to be strong in radium. It is almost impossible to get rid of human influence for good or bad exerted.
—Forward.

"NEGLECTING THE GIFT THAT IS WITHIN US"

In a recent magazine article on the growing of flowers a writer points out that one may as well pull up the plants and throw them away as to neglect them. The final result is the same. This principle may be carried over into our spiritual experience. Many are neglecting their moral and religious development who would be horrified at the thought of putting Christ out of their lives. Yet they are unwittingly doing by their neglect what they would never do deliberately. Was this not one thing that Jesus meant when He said, "He that is not with Me is against Me, and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth?" We do not have to become atheists in order to lose the power of faith and to fail to appropriate the blessings of Christ's presence in our lives. When the Psalmist prayed, "Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation," he was not praying that his soul might be saved. He had not lost salvation, but he had lost its joy. Indifference, apathy, neglect—these things are as dangerous to the soul as the grosser sins against which we are on our guard. They are inevitably destructive of the joy of the Christian experience.—Christian Observer.

HOW TO EMPTY THE FEWS

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Through the dark and light the same,
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When our traveling days are done;
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Where the shadows never fall,
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—R. E. L. Harris, in The Christian Index.

A BITTER REAPING

He was a tenant farmer. From time to time he renewed his lease. He had worked long hours, year after year, and had made the farm a model of its kind.

One day the agent mentioned to him that the owner would require the farm for his son, who was about to be married. The farmer was greatly upset, and made a number of offers in hopes that his term would affect the owner's decision. It was in vain. The day drew near when he had to vacate the home, and then he did something that he had decided upon in his weeks of angry brooding. He gathered seeds of all the pests of the farmer, and when it was dark, moved up and down over that fertile, clean soil, casting into it this rubbish.

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THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

The Christmas season is again upon us. For some time the secular magazines have brought reminders that the glad season is approaching. The radio broadcasts have begun to take on the season's atmosphere and civic and religious bodies have set machinery in motion looking toward the care of the less fortunate in our midst. We always approach this season of the year with a mingled feeling of sadness and gladness—sadness because of the millions all over the world who are in want and who are not able to have the bare necessities of life. And then, the fact that so many people desecrate the high and holy purpose of this season of celebration—the coming of the Prince of Peace to bring salvation and deliverance to a world steeped in sin—is enough to bring sadness to those who try to follow in the foot steps of the wonderful man of Galilee.

On the other hand Christmas is a season of joy and gladness. Ever since that night nearly two thousand years ago when the angels from heaven rang out the tidings of joy because of the coming of the Son of God to earth, there have been multitudes on earth who have come to the Christmas season with joy and gratitude because of the redeeming love and grace of God that prompted Him to bring to earth this supreme gift to man. Back of the motives today that prompt us to give gifts to our friends and loved ones is that spirit of love that brought God's gift to man. "And God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Paul tells us that love never fails. We are now living in a changing, restless world. Revolutions on every hand are bringing changes and there comes an uneasiness when we think of the ultimate outcome of this changing order. But back of all this bickering and biting and distrust being manifested throughout the world is the never failing power of love. If it be true that "love never fails," then there is hope and assurance that fundamental ideals of the Man of Galilee will eventually permeate the restless world, and men will beat their swords into plowshares and will learn war no more. There is a wide difference in views as to how this blessed condition will be brought about, but the followers of Christ everywhere can reverently approach the Christmas season with the assurance of God's immutable word that that time will come. So, dear readers, let us approach the glad season with assurance in our hearts that we have a changeless Christ in a changing world, and that He shall rule until He puts every enemy under His feet.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

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As we approach the Christmas season we wish to express our sincere appreciation to the friends who have contributed in any way to the success of the paper. We wish for you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We would join with our pastors and other workers throughout this section in a renewed determination to do our best to the end that the Gospel of our Lord and King shall be carried to the uttermost parts of the earth and that His will be done.

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We endure much suffering willingly if we can only see the purpose in our suffering. Parents sacrifice all for the benefit of their children, and gladly. A mother plunges into the fire to save her child. Her hands and face are terribly burned, but she rejoices that the child was saved. But suppose property is lost or suffering comes, seemingly by accident, when we did not plan it or see the purpose in it? Then we rebel. We are not willing for God to know more than we, or to deal with us in ways we do not understand.

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"God made the tongue, and we may be sure He made it for some good purpose. What is its good purpose?"

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"To sing with," said another.

"To talk with people," said a third.

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Once in the Bureau of Standards in Washington, a tiny tube containing less than two-thousandths of an ounce of radium was accidentally dropped on a hardwood floor and broken. With a camel's hair brush they swept up the radium. Then they washed the floor to get the rest of it. But enough remained to render another washing necessary, this time with acidulated water, and still another with soda water, and a fourth time with hydrant water. Each yielded about four hundred dollars worth of radium. Finally a carpenter came and scraped the floor. Three years later the shavings were burned, and the ashes found to be strong in radium. It is almost impossible to get rid of human influence for good or bad exerted. —Forward.

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For Thy ever-abiding presence
In the stress and strain and strife.

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In the kingdom of the Lord,
For the joys of Thy salvation
And the wonders of Thy word.
For the fellowship of brethren,
Through the dark and light the same,
Who are always bearing blessings
In the Master's gracious name.

For the hope that's set before us
In the Gospel of Thy Son,
For the fullness of Thy glory
When our traveling days are done;
For the life beyond the River
Where the shadows never fall,
And the Lord of Life forever
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—R. E. L. Harris, in The Christian Index.

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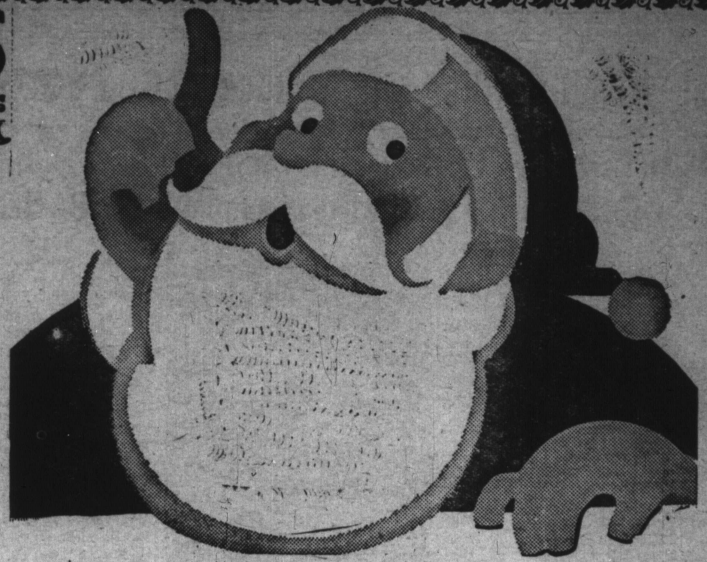
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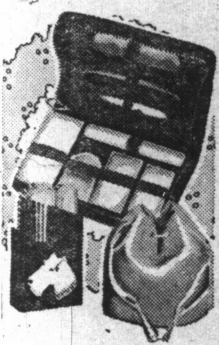
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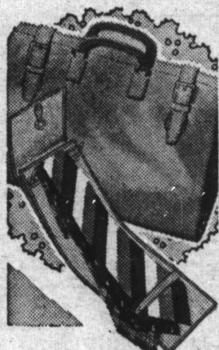
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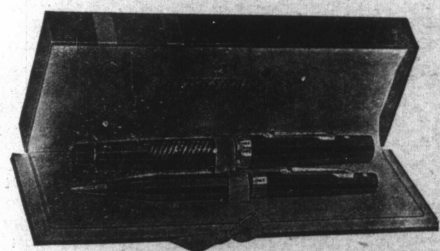


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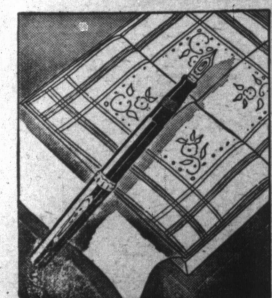
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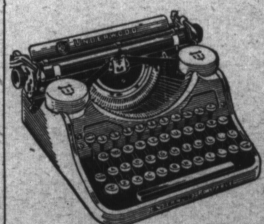
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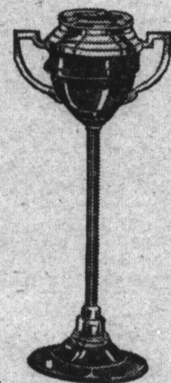
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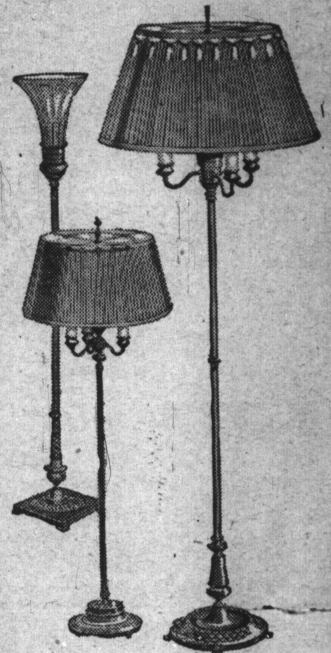
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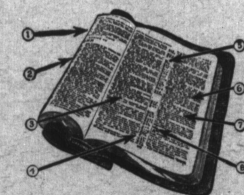
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Hardin-Simmons News

W. M. U. Discusses Gift For H. S. U.

Recommendations that the Woman's Missionary Union of the 17th Baptist district raise \$1,000 during the coming year for a Hardin-Simmons university student fund was proposed at an executive meeting of the group, held Thursday in the home of Mrs. R. M. White, 1642 Ambler Avenue.

The general contribution would replace various funds which the individual associations have been attempting to raise.

The board also set the date for the annual district conference as April 28 and 29 and the place as the University Baptist church of this city.

Mrs. White, as president, was in charge of the business hour. Reports from the following standing committees were heard: Mrs. J. E. Burnam, mission study; Mrs. N. A. Moore, education; Mrs. Ed Hahn, missions; Mrs. H. J. Hanks, corresponding secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. D. W. Arnette, methods and finance.

Mrs. J. F. Clark gave the devotional.

Assisted by Mrs. D. M. Matthews, Mrs. R. N. Richardson and Miss Louise King, Mrs. White served lunch to the following: Mrs. W. J. Hembree, Mrs. Grover Little and Mrs. F. T. Whitaker of Jayton; Mrs. George W. Thomas of Ranger; Mrs. D. G. Reid and Mrs. J. D. Bradshaw of Roby; Mrs. Hahn of Swenson, Mrs. John Cook of Putnam; Mrs. V. W. Tatum of Clyde; and the following from Abilene: Mmes. T. A. Mayfield, C. C. Stewart, C. M. Caldwell, C. C. Compere, J. B. Buckley, Burl King, Arnette, Hanks, W. C. Ashford, Bert Low, S. J. T. Williams, Moore, Burnam, Willie Baker.

WMU OF DISTRICT 17 HOLD MEETING IN ABILENE

(Continued from page one) served several years as district president.

Mrs. E. B. Atwood, publicity chairman, made an appeal for better cooperation in the W. M. U. department of the West Texas Baptist and this was pledged by most of those present.

Mrs. N. A. Moore, education chairman, stated that five associations reported last quarter. Incomplete figures showed 172 students in Baptist schools. It was urged that catalogues of Baptist colleges be placed in all high school libraries. There were 52 reported. Boxes sent to students, 32.

A recommendation was offered and after considerable discussion was passed to the effect that all existing associational funds be combined into a Hardin-Simmons student fund, for which a goal of \$1,000 was set for this year. The use of this fund is to be left to the discretion of the authorities of the school.

The annual district meeting was announced for April 28, 29 at the University Church, Abilene.

Assisted by Mrs. D. M. Matthews, Mrs. R. N. Richardson, and Miss Louise King, Mrs. White served a delicious luncheon to both out of town and local members. Appreciation of her delightful hospitality was expressed by a rising vote. At the close of the session the board surprised Mrs. White with a Christmas gift in token of appreciation of her faithful service as district president.

The roll of those present included the following women:

Mrs. W. J. Hembree, Jayton; Mrs. Grover Little, Jayton; Mrs. F. T. Whitaker, Jayton; Mrs. D. G. Reid, Roby; Mrs. J. D. Bradshaw, Roby; Mrs. Ed Hahn, Swenson; Mrs. George Thomas, Ranger; Mrs. John Cook, Putnam; Mrs. V. W. Tatum, Clyde; Mmes. P. A. Mayfield, C. C. Stewart, C. M. Caldwell, J. B. Buckley, Boyd King, C. C. Compere, D. W. Arnette, H. J. Hanks, W. C. Ashford, Bert Low, S. J. T. Williams, N. A. Moore, J. E. Burnam, Willie Baker, E. B. Atwood, all of Abilene.

MEETING OF MINISTERIAL STUDENTS' WIVES

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singing of Christmas Carols by Misses Mary Frances Moore and Maxine Higdon accompanied by Miss Clara Grisman.

Refreshments were served to Rev. and Mrs. Roy Young, Kirk, Alexander, Pitts; Dr. and Mrs. Moore, Atwood, Mrs. Taylor, Fulgham, Anding, Shannon, Young, Jackson, Howell, Arnett, Scott, Hough, Mrs. Nora Levy, Rev. Williams, Bowman; Misses Neece, Moore, Higdon, Grisman, Young; and Patsy Jean Young, Billie Alexander, and Billie Jay Young—Mrs. J. W. Arnett, Reporter.

In a psychology course in "How to Study," a student at the University of Minnesota made F. In all other courses, he made a grade of B.

Funeral Is Held For Miss Irma Campbell



Funeral service for Miss Irma Campbell, Hardin-Simmons university instructor who died early Friday, was held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the First Baptist church. Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, pastor, officiated, assisted by Rev. Willis P. Gerhart, Episcopal rector, and Dr. R. N. Richardson, vice-president of the university.

A large group of friends and students of Miss Campbell attended the service at the church, and the interment in an Abilene cemetery, under direction of the Elliott Funeral Home.

Out-of-town friends who were here for the service were: Mrs. Exa Ford, Glenn Floyd, Rotan; Mrs. Lucy Tracy Haynes, Merkel; Mrs. Sallie T. Castles, Anson; Jack McKay and Jack Sublett, Ballinger; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Caldwell, Albany.

Two brothers of Miss Campbell, D. M. Campbell of New Orleans and Lucien Q. Campbell of Hattiesburg, Miss., and their families left Sunday, returning by automobile to their homes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(Continued on page two) would as a business transaction, entitle those who paid them to the blessing of God, but that the inbringing of the tithes in a proper spirit would effect such conditions that prosperity would naturally follow.

Bring in the Better Day

(1) A Day of the Divine Presence. "The Lord whom ye seek—the messenger of the covenant, whom ye desire." He is the Son of Righteousness. Without him the world remains in darkness. When he shines upon our hearts the shadows flee away.

(2) A Day of Cleansing. "Like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' sope." The dress of sin must be taken out before the silver and gold in their purity can be minted and marketed.

(3) A Day of Consecration. "They may offer unto the Lord." If he is with us in mercy, we ought to be with him in gratitude. If he cleanses our corrupt natures, we ought to consecrate our renewed lives to him.

(4) A Day of Test. "I will come near to you in judgment." The severest test we can stand is that of the divine presence.

(5) A Day of Fidelity. "Me—mine ordinances." We must be faithful to God first and foremost of all. Unless we are true to him, we cannot be true to any one else. But if we are right with God we cannot go wrong with others.

(6) A Day of Restoration. "Return unto me." The paths of sin at length lose their charm. The prodigal touches the bottom in famine in a far country.

(7) A Day of Benevolence. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." Selfishness is declared to be the essence of sin. The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. We starve our souls because we tie hard and fast our purse strings.

(8) A Day of Blessing. "If I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing." Heaven is rich and ready. Alas that our hearts have been shut and silent. Nor may we expect the open heaven windows until we open our hearts and hands. He is not likely to pour out a blessing upon us until we pour out our gifts at his feet.

Home Daily Bible Readings

Monday—A Better Day Foretold. Malachi 3:1-12.

Tuesday—A Day of Restoration. Jeremiah 31:10-14.

Wednesday—A Day of New Covenant. Jeremiah 31:31-34.

Thursday—A Day of Forgiveness. Psalm 32:1-7.

Friday—A Day of Blessedness. Matthew 5:1-12.

Saturday—Preparing for the Day. Luke 3:2-9.

Sunday—A Day of Righteousness. Isaiah 11:1-10.

Germany is using a motor fuel which contains a large amount of alcohol distilled from potatoes.

Josef Hoffmann To Be Here Feb. 27

Josef Hoffmann, famous pianist, will be presented in the Hardin-Simmons auditorium Feb. 27, as the third offering of major artists being brought to West Texas this season by the Hardin-Simmons university artist course.

"He is the greatest pianist of our time," wrote Samuel Chotzinoff in the New York Post, following Hoffmann's latest concert at Carnegie hall.

The noted pianist virtually lives in his music; it is his sole concern. The praise that he receives from countless sources concerning his greatness as a musician is overshadowed by the musician's own modesty. "After a concert I come home and think—I think mostly about how badly I have played," Hoffmann said, and in all sincerity.

Student Volunteer Group Plans Meet

Session To Be Held Dec. 29 In Indianapolis; 3,000 To Attend

In less than a month between two and three thousand students will be gathering in Indianapolis for the 12th quadrennial convention of the Student Volunteer movement. This group will include representatives from some five hundred colleges of Canada and the United States and a dozen foreign countries. It is because of a genuine interest in the World Mission of Jesus Christ that they are coming together for five days of study, fellowship, and prayer.

More than 4 men and women from Canada, the United States, Great Britain, Japan, Korea, China, Mexico and other countries will speak from the platform or lead seminars. Toyohiko Kagawa, Richard Roberts, Baez Camargo, Induk Pak, John Mackay, T. Z. Koo, and the Archbishop of York are among the outstanding leaders. Seminars and personal interviews will offer to the delegates varied opportunities for knowing these notable men and women.

The program of the convention will be in three main divisions: platform hours for a sequence of addresses; seminars for an intimate exchange of thought between delegates and leaders; and special informal features during each afternoon. The platform hours of the convention will be built around these themes: Two Basic Realities: Our World—Our Christ; Christianity and Its Rivals in the World Today; The Christianity Which the World Needs; Missions and World Peace; Toward a Christian World Community; The Cross of Christ and the Need of the World; The Achievements of Yesterday; The Tasks of Tomorrow; The Revelation of God in Jesus Christ; The Divine Constraint of Christian Missions.

Seminar groups, numbering from 50 to 100 delegates each, led by experts on the subjects studied, will meet for an hour and a half each day for consideration of some of the liveliest problems now confronting the Christian world community. A few of the 30 seminar topics are: "The Christian Fellowship and Industrial Problems," "The Christian Fellowship and Non-Christian Religious Groups," "The Christian Fellowship in Relation to Current Political Trends," "The Christian Fellowship and Problems of Race," "The Christian Fellowship and World Peace," "The Adequacy of the Christian Faith for Human Needs," "Noteworthy Methods and Movements in Contemporary Evangelism," and "Missionary Methods and Projects for Our Colleges."

"Operation at One," a play by Maude Taylor Sarvis, who was for 15 years a missionary in Nanking, China, will be presented on two afternoons. This drama portrays the conflict between the spirit and ideals of those who would build through violence and of those who would build through love. Special music hours will be one of the most engaging features of the convention. An attraction to many will be the denominational suppers planned for Sunday night, December 29.

A New Year's Eve party is being planned which will bring together all delegates in one big room. "Folk songs, games, fun, and fellowship will characterize this hour. A watch-night worship service will follow. This will be brief, but the inspiration of it will extend far into the New Year.

Dr. L. W. Payne, professor of English at the University of Texas, said that Mark Twain was the most thoroughly American author because he could represent every part of America. He described Twain's life and objected only to his philosophy.

WRITER EXPLAINS LIQUOR LAW NOW IN EFFECT

(Continued from Page One) barrel, a reduction of 26c from the present levy.

Revenue Fixed at \$4,000,000. Three-fourths of the tax income goes to the old age pensions and the remainder to the school fund. The annual revenue is calculated at more than \$4,000,000.

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Liquor package stores: Outside city limits \$100, in cities of 5,000 population or less \$100; 5,000 to 25,000 \$250; 25,000 to 75,000, \$350; more than 75,000 \$500.

Wine package stores: Outside city limits \$20, in towns of 2,000 population or less \$20; 2,000 to 5,000 \$30; 5,000 to 10,000 \$40; and more than 10,000 \$50.

County judges will continue to issue licenses for retailing beer and light wine. The fee is \$30, except for a reduction to \$5 for railway dining.

A woman candidate for a master's degree in archaeology at Brown is probably the oldest co-ed in the country as she is 81.

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